

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Want to thank many business and individuals who help make Liberty ABATE's 28th Anniversary party a fun successful time. Individuals who helped to sell raffle tickets were Tom Simpson, Julie Ann McCleary, Local on 45, Valerie Tucker, Perfect Image, Carey Paxton, Donny's Place, Triple Nickle, Oasis Club Melody Ann Colbert, Hickory Ridge Outfitters, East Side Package, Tank, Mike Hall, Chris Lindsey, and many others. Thanks to Dave Foote of Mattoon Moose Lodge for letting Liberty use his place of business and for the food he provided. Thanks to all others who provided food and treats for the evening. Thanks to the band The Mudwinders who did a fabulous job of playing and entertaining. Thanks to all who brought donations for the auctions and Tito for doing the auction.

Raffle ticket winners were:

1st prize Ruger Lc9MM - TODD REARDON

2nd prize Henry golden Boy .22 Rifle - TOM SIMPSON

3rd prize - \$50.00 gift card winner was BILL KEARNS who donated it back to Liberty for toys for tots.

50/50 won by TYLER JOHNSON who donated it back to Liberty for toys for tots.

The winner of our wheelbarrow full of stuff fun was SHEILA CARTER.

Congratulations to you all and many thanks to everyone for coming and having fun celebrating Liberty ABATES 28th Anniversary.

By Glenn Brunson

State Board-

News from the Capital

By Joel Wannemacher State Board/Legislative

On Wednesday March 04, I was in Springfield for ABATE Legislative day. Many of our ABATE brothers and sisters were there as well, meeting with as many of our legislators as possible. I had the opportunity to meet with Reggie Phillips, our 110th district representative. I went over

the bills that ABATE is supporting, and happy to report that we have a friend in Representative Phillips. He was on board with support for our bills. I also had a good meeting with Tom Bennett of the 106th district, he too was very supportive of our bills. It was overall a very productive day, with many connections made that bodes well for ABATE and the fight to protect your rights and be proactive with motorcycle issues. There was also a reception hosted by ABATE, to which we invited all the legislators and their staff. We had a good turnout, highlighted by a visit by ABATE member Governor Rauner. Here are the bills that we are supporting-

HB 4105 This bill would legalize blue dot taillight lenses.

HB 3538 This is the poker run bill, it clarifies some of the language in the original poker run act.

HB 3626 This bill deals with reckless driving, running someone off the road, which would then fall on the one at fault to pay for damages. As the law is now, if you are run off the road intentionally or not, you have to pay for damages yourself. This would make the one at fault pay for damages.

HB 3944 Legalizes accent lighting on motorcycles.

There is one Senate bill we are opposing SB 1948, which gives tax breaks to E-15 gasoline. We have a problem with E-15 in that it voids manufactures warranties, and has never been tested as to its effects on engines. ABATE is not against ethanol, we just want alternatives available.

Spring is on the horizon and soon we will be back out there on the road, I think all of us are ready for this winter to end.

Ride Safe!

Liberty Abate welcomes Robert and Joy Bacon from Mattoon who have become members of Liberty Abate. Welcome aboard and enjoy your membership!



Activities-

April 11, 2015- Moonshine Run we will meet at the Roadhouse at 9 am with kickstands up at 9:30. Head to Moonshine for a burger!

April 12, 2015- Backwoods Biker Bash committee will be meeting at 11 am at The Local on 45

April 25, 2015- Blessing of the bikes and shakedown ride we will meet at Lytle Park at 11 am with kickstands up by 11:30 am. This is the time to get your bike ready for the riding season!

DATE CHANGE

2015 Motorcycle Awareness Rally - April 26, 2015

Due to a reenactment of Abraham Lincoln's Funeral in downtown Springfield on May 3rd, the ABATE of Illinois Motorcycle Awareness Rally will take place on April 26, 2015.

All efforts have been exhausted in an attempt to keep the rally on the originally scheduled date, but, in the end, it had to be moved.

The rally will begin with a gathering at the IDOT building on Dirksen Parkway and continue with a motorcycle parade to the State Capitol.....

Glenn Liberty Abate webmaster

May 9, 2015- Membership drive at Peterson Park during car show.

Make sure to check out our website. If you haven't visited the website it can be found at: <http://libertyabate.org/>

We can be found on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/liberty.abate>

Merchandise-

- Safety Green Shirts \$13
- 2014 Anniversary Party Shirts \$12
- Ladies of Liberty Shirts \$10
- Suntan Santa Shirts \$5
- Fleece Headbands \$8
- Patches \$3
- Koozies \$2

Photos-

I received a suggestion from a member – send in your photos. Examples are first bike and current bike, first rally, kids/grandkids wearing liberty clothing, etc..... I will try to get them into our newsletter.



Susie Hexum and her old bike.



They Say It Is Your Birthday.....

- Kenneth Corrie 4/6
- Al Volk 4/6
- Scott Strohl 4/11
- Becky Williams 4/25
- Carol Wannemacher 4/26
- Alan Ferguson 4/28
- David Barnes 4/29

Memberships due in April-

Leann Chupp
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Michael Edwards Sr.
Jeff Jenkins
Julie Jenkins
Christopher Robertson
Thomas Shrock



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NEXT MEETING

April 12, 2015 at the Moose Lodge in Mattoon, IL. Officers meet at 1 PM and chapter meeting at 1:30 PM.

IN MEMORIAM

In February we lost a beautiful Liberty ABATE member, Ryan Monfort. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

