

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!

**THERE WILL BE NO MAY MEETING, MAY 21ST
WE WILL HAVE AN OFFICER'S MEETING –
EVERYONE IS WELCOME! THEN RIDE TO THE
REST STOP TO WASH VEHICLE WINDSHIELDS
FOR MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS. SEE LAST
PAGE FOR DETAILS.**

President –

Liberty ABATE officers meet with several mayors to sign a proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness month for 2017.



Liberty Products officer Bonnie Brunson, President Glenn Brunson, Mattoon Mayor Tim Gover, Activities officer Henry McGee, & Public Relations officer Valerie Tucker



Liberty President Glenn Brunson, Products officer Bonnie Brunson, Charleston Mayor Brandon Combs, Activities officer Henry McGee & Public Relations officer Valerie Tucker

Liberty also received signed Proclamations from Neoga Mayor Tony Kepp by Vice President Dennis Arnold and Humboldt Mayor Peggy Poorman by Secretary/Newsletter officer Susie Hexum.

Well I made the Safety and Awareness Rally on May 7th. Left as scheduled from the Local on 45 at 9:30, as Heritage member Lawrence joined in, we rode to Shelbyville and met up with Brother Daryl from Old River and Dave Myers from Liberty as we ventured on to Taylorville meeting up with 5 members from Midstate. A cool start but a beautiful day it turned out. The attendance was down, guess many had better things to do on this beautiful day. The state ABATE had lots of T shirts, vendors, and food set up for the crowd. At 1:00 we had a motorcycle parade from DOT to the Capital downtown. As we listened to many speakers on motorcycle awareness and safety factors. Well ya just had to have been there to get the whole feeling of this event. An awesome day. Ya'll ride safe and ride often!

- Glenn Brunson, President

Legislative report –

There have been some developments on a bill in the Illinois House that ABATE is opposing- HB2402 is a noise law that limits the decibels motor vehicles can put out at certain speeds and distances. This bill was originally only targeting motorcycles but Rep Mitchell has since amended it to include all motor vehicles including ambulances and fire trucks. This is an attempt to make it more palatable since now everybody is included. Abate still is in opposition, and we will be keeping a close eye on it. As of the end of April it has been referred to Rules committee. In my last discussion with Rep. Reggie Phillips, he assured me that he is in opposition to this bill.

Have you heard of the Motorcycling Profiling Project? Have you been a victim of motorcycle profiling? If you go to the website motorcyclingprofilingproject.com there is a confidential survey that you can take and report

your experience. The website has some good information on profiling around the country. For instance, did you know that in Louisiana, 17 bikers were arrested for wearing bandanas? The cases cited show why an anti-profiling bill is needed at the federal level. Check out the website for these and other reports.

State Board news

Our state secretary-Paulette Korte has resigned her post and the Board voted to appoint Kathy Brush to fill the vacancy. Thankyou Kathy for stepping up and volunteering!

We have a new chapter! Ten Mile Creek with 29 members was granted a charter. Good luck and congratulations to our new chapter. The chapter is, along with Liberty, in the East Central Region, with Scott "Scooter" Carter and Brian "Homer" Pratt as our EC Coordinators on the Executive Board. We now have 60 chapters statewide.

State party news - I have state party tickets available. We also will be giving away some tickets, the chapter has several free ones, be at the next chapter meeting for an update. Next year, 2018, the Board voted to go ahead on the idea of having a music festival type of event adjacent to the party venue. This would be open to the public but the ABATE campground area will be separate from the festival and will be as it is now, members only. The festival will include several acts, a ticket price of \$40.00 was talked about, but still too early to tell. It will depend on the acts. There will also be festival sponsors, food and beer vendors, the whole works. Buying a ticket to the state party, at \$30.00, will include admission to the festival. Stay tuned and any further information will be passed along.

As the riding season heats up there will be more and more opportunities to get out and ride. Stay safe, look out for others and always, always make sure you and your bike are ready for the journey ahead. Stay Safe!

- Joel Wannemacher State Board/Legislative Officer Liberty Chapter



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Activities –

May 10 - will be the Supper Ride leave at 6 pm. We are meeting at The Local on 45.

May 15 – Membership Drive & Appreciation Evening from 6-9 pm at The Local on 45. This is for members only.

May 21 - is windshield wash. Officers' meeting at Lytle Park at 11 am then ride to rest stop on I-57 S. All membership is welcome to the officer's meeting.

June 10 – Family Day at the Lincoln Log Cabin from 12-6. Meat will be furnished but bring a covered dish.

June 22-25 State Abate Party Menard County Fairgrounds Petersburg, IL

June 25 – Highway 45 Cleanup at 1 pm at The Local on 45 – weather permitting

Non-ABATE activities –

May 13 The Local on 45 is having the Spring Fling Camp New Hope ride. It will be a southern ride. Details to be announced.

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-

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-Glenn Brunson Liberty's webmaster

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NEXT MEETINGS

May 21, 2017 at Lytle Park in Mattoon, IL at 11 am. After meeting ride to the rest stop for the Windshield Wash for Motorcycle Awareness.



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