

Vice President -

As one might imagine, motorcycle thieves are most active in the summer months, with the most bikes stolen during July (5,544) and August (5,397); the fewest were stolen during February (2,147) and December (2,475), when they're typically garaged for the winter in roughly half the nation.

The top five motorcycle brands reported stolen, which together amounted for 75.6 percent of all bike thefts during 2011 were: SURPRISINGLY>> #1 was Honda #2 Yamaha 3# Suzuki #4 Kawasaki and #5 Harley Davidson.

The states with the most stolen motorcycles reported was #1 California with 5,927 #2 Texas 5,005 #3 Florida 3,927 and #4 Indiana 3,114. Concurrently, the states reporting the fewest stolen motorcycles were in areas having much harsher and longer winters, including Alaska, Vermont, South Dakota, Wyoming and North Dakota, the latter with just 21 bikes pilfered during 2011.

So looks like best is to stay with Harley Davidson and enjoy riding in Illinois.

GLENN >> LIBERTY'S V.P/ Webmaster.

There are more airplanes in the bottom of the ocean than there are submarines in the sky. Seriously...

Liberty thanks everyone who purchased a State of IL A.B.A.T.E raffle ticket, let's try again next year. Congratulations to the winners.

Here are the results for the 2016 ABATE of Illinois BIKE RAFFLE winners, drawn on SEPT. 4, 2016 at the Springfield mile race.

1st - 2016 H/D HERITAGE SOFTAIL - KEN BURDEN PHOENIX, AR

2nd - 2016 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 110E - EILEEN PAQUETTE AVA, IL

3rd - 2015 YAMAHA TT-R 110 E - HAROLD DOBER LADD, IL

4th - \$400 - ERICKA WINKLER SPRINGFIELD, IL

5th - \$300 - EAH LERNER HERRIN, IL

6th - \$200 - JOHN PAKENHAM MENDOTA, IL

7th - \$100 - JAMIE RICHARDSON SPRINGFIELD, IL

8th - 5 Year ABATE Membership - KURT HUSEN MACHESNEY PARK, IL

Congratulations to all the winners. And thank you for supporting ABATE.

BIKE RAFFLE COORDINATOR

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From Left to Right: Bonnie Brunson, Joel Wannemacher, Henry Magee, Susie Hexum, Carol Wannemacher, Gary Reynolds, Annette Smith, and Steve Benjamin

Activities –

Sept. 17 – Sunset Ride – Canceled

Sept. 17 – Special Olympics Parade

Non – ABATE Ride:

Sept. 17 – fundraiser for Gavin sign in at The Roadhouse

Sept. 18 – Highway 45 cleanup meet at The Local on 45 at noon – Canceled if highway is not mowed

Sept. 23-25 – Backwoods Biker Bash at Moultrie County 4H Grounds Sullivan, IL – bands, bike show, bike rodeo, and camping

Oct. 8 – Bag Tournament at The Local on 45 with sign in at 2 PM

Nominations so far:

President – Glenn Brunson

Vice President – Dennis Arnold

Secretary – Susie Hexum

Treasurer – Carol Wannemacher

Membership – Cathy Curl

Public Relations – Twila Simpson (she declined)

Legislative/State Board – Joel Wannemacher
 Activities – Gary Reynolds, Henry Magee
 Newsletter – Susie Hexum
 Products – Bonnie Brunson, Carol Wannemacher
 Safety & Ed – David Myers
 Webmaster – Glenn Brunson
 Sgt. at Arms – Alan Ferguson, Henry Magee, David Myers
 Nominations are still open. Elections will be in November.



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-

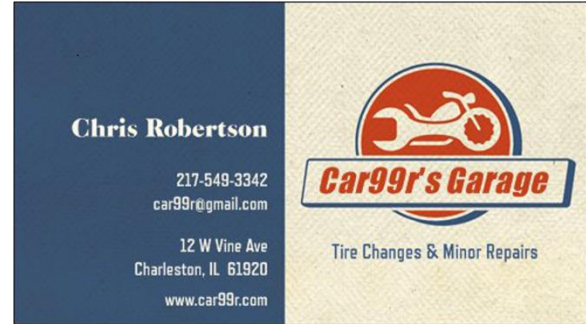
- Hoodies \$25
- Long Sleeve Shirts \$20
- Sleeveless Shirts \$15
- Safety Green Shirts \$13
- 2016 Anniv. Party Shirt \$10
- 2015 Anniv. Party Shirt \$10
- 2014 Anniv. Party Shirt \$5
- Ladies of Liberty Shirts \$10
- Fleece Headbands \$8
- Patches \$3
- Koozies \$2
- Yard Sign \$5

Chris Lindsay submitted an amendment to Liberty's by-laws to add Webmaster as an officer:

The Webmaster shall maintain the Liberty Chapter website. The Webmaster will work in conjunction with all Liberty Chapter officers in order to post to the Liberty Chapter website items of news, events, and activities important

to the membership. The webmaster shall work with the sponsors of the website and be responsible for reporting all monies collected to the Chapter Treasurer.

The amendment was accepted by the membership during the meeting.



Legislative –

A few things we are watching on the Federal level are the following bills:

H.R. 4673 **WE OPPOSE**-The Renewable fuel utilization, expansion and leadership Act. Also known as the REFUEL ACT would expand the availability of E-15 fuel by handing out grants for pumps and storage tanks to be used with renewable fuels such as E-15 and higher blends of gasoline. As many of you may know this fuel cannot be used by anything but flex fuel cars and trucks, and cannot go in your bikes or any small engine, but there is constant pressure to expand the use of these fuels. There are no Cosponsors of this bill from Illinois.

H.R. 5180 **WE SUPPORT**-Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016. This bill would cap ethanol at E-10, no mid-level blends.

H.R. 1861 and S.127- **WE SUPPORT**-To stop funding for Motorcycle only checkpoints. These bills have 4 Illinois Cosponsors

H.R.21-**WE SUPPORT**-Comprehensive testing of the effects of E-15 on engines.

With Congress on recess till September 6th there is time to make your position known to your representative on these issues. If you have internet access it's very easy to leave a comment at shimkus.house.gov/contact for our 15th district representative John Shimkus.

Here is the 2017 General Assembly Agenda for Illinois-these are what we will be working on in the coming year.


1. Promote and protect the Cycle Rider Safety Program.
2. Promote and protect off road riding resources.
3. Work with local governments to prevent ordinances that would place restrictions on motorcycle sound different from state code.
4. Prevent discrimination by establishments based on whether a patron rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle attire.
5. Oppose rising levels of ethanol in our gasoline.
6. Oppose all mandatory helmet laws, whether for adult or children.
7. Support the addition of Blue accent lighting.
8. Support legislation for a Motorcycle lemon law.

IDNR received \$1.5 million from the federal government for an off road park in Sahara Woods by Harrisburg, IL.

Webmaster –

Please check out ALL our sponsors’ business cards on www.libertyabate.org. Pay them a visit, let them know you seen their business card on Liberty’s web page as they sponsor us.

The Liberty Scholarship Application is available. The deadline for application submission is Jan. 1, 2017.



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Brian Prah	10/15
Steve Benjamin	10/17
Steve Romine	10/18
Thomas Schrock	10/19
Michael Greenwood	10/20
Cathy Curl	10/21
Mark Esarey	10/25
Jennifer Hooker	10/30
Bobby Tipton	10/30

Memberships due in October –

- Dennis Arnold
- Geoff Boyd
- Wendy Brown
- David Duggins
- Todd Gardner
- James Jenkins
- Mark Neff
- Jim Short
- Jeremy Smith

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NEXT MEETING

October 9, 2016 at The Local on 45 with officers meeting at 1 PM and membership at 1:30 PM.

