

CHAPTER BUSINESS

Officer resigns from her positions - Tanya Arnold resigned from her three positions.

Joel Wannemacher has state bike raffle tickets available which the grand prize is a 2013 street glide. Remember - the more tickets we sell the more money that comes back to the chapter. East Central Region wants to host a party next summer in the Decatur area. Joel attended the organizational meeting and will be forth coming with more details.



Currently Liberty has 128 members.

Activities officers are now Paul Weber and Nicole Scott as the position was vacated by Tanya.

Products officers are now Carol Wannemacher and Bonnie Brunson as the position was vacated by Tanya.

Our new website is up and running. Make sure you check it out! If you haven't visited the website it can be found at:

<http://libertyabate.org/>

The chapter voted to sell ad links for \$20/link to help fund the monthly maintenance costs of the website.

You will see changes with the newsletter as I am the new officer since Tonya vacated the position. If you have an email address please let me know at onfire@consolidated.net so I may email the newsletter to you. This will save our chapter money in postage, paper, and envelopes. Sorry Marlys, for those who don't

know, she is a member and happens to be a postal carrier.

Let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter or anything you need posted.

FUND RAISING

This is not an ABATE sponsored event but I want to include this announcement because it is one of our members.

Bourbon Tour and Tasting May 25 - 27, 2013 for Ryan Monfort (Pam Ferguson's son). Meeting for breakfast 8 am at Lincoln Garden Family Restaurant at 703 W. Lincoln Ave. in Charleston, IL. Going to Elizabethtown, KY which is about 240 miles. The group is staying at Baymont Inn and Suites and you need to make your own reservations. If you have questions you may contact Joe "Doug" Monfort at 268-3063.

SAFETY TIP

Inspect your motorcycle before you ride - motorcycles don't wear out overnight, of course, but a daily check of your machine's general condition and fluid levels can make your ride a safe one. A pre-ride check should be a quick and easy inspection of critical components:

- Lights
- Tires and Wheels
- Fuel and Oil
- Cables and Suspension

Lights -

Check your headlight, turn indicators, tail light, brake light, and horn.

Tires and Wheels -

Check your wheel rims for dents and cracks. Make sure that the spokes are tight and straight. Check tire pressure when the tires are cold and inflate them to the tire manufacturer's specifications. Check for sufficient tire tread. Remove any objects stuck in the tire treads that might cause a puncture.

Fuel and Oil -

Check the engine-oil level according to the instructions in the owner's manual. And remember to check your fuel supply.

Cables and Suspension -

Check the cables and controls. Squeeze the clutch to feel if it is operating smoothly. Squeeze the front brake. It should feel firm and keep the motorcycle from rolling forward when pushed. Check the rear brake in the same way. Check the suspension for smooth but damped movement. Follow the instructions in your owner's manual to adjust the suspension for the load you will be carrying and the type of riding you will be doing.

- reprinted from Motorcycle RiderCourse Student Workbook Riding and Street Skills from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation

This pre-ride check is especially important if your bike has been stored during the winter months.

**ACTIVITIES**

4-13-13 Moonshine Run leave Roadhouse at 9 am (I heard a rumor Hardly Angels Motorcycle Riding Group for Women may be joining us. This is a sight to see a bunch of women riding bikes.)
 4-14-13 Liberty monthly meeting at the Moose at 1:30 pm
 4-20-13 Blessing of the bikes/Shakedown Run leaving the Ice House at 11 am
 5-5-13 ABATE of IL Awareness Ride to the State Capitol
 5-11-13 Membership Drive at Cross County Mall 1 - 5 pm
 5-19-13 Windshield Wash leaving Lytle Park at noon

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