

**CHAPTER BUSINESS**

An officer's meeting was held on May 19 at Lytle Park. Officers present: Alan Ferguson, Susie Hexum, Nicole Scott, Twila Simpson, Evelyn Weber, & Paul Weber. General members present: Don Gravel, Doug Monfort, & Ryan Monfort .

There was no business to cover. At noon we rode to the southbound rest area on I-57 for the windshield wash from 1-3 PM. Cathy Curl was waiting for us at the rest stop. Darryl Best dropped off Lisa Best to help us and he went and worked on the northbound. The northbound rest area was staffed by Crossroads and Old River Chapters.

We washed 50 windshields. We gave out 10 brochures to motorists, who did not want their windshields washed.



Here we can see Cathy Curl working pretty hard for the cause. Come on Cathy stretch!

Afterwards we went to Witt's Smokehouse (one of our website sponsors) and enjoyed a good meal.

Get your merchandise here! The products ladies have announced the following merchandise:

2013 Anniversary T-shirts	\$9
2012 Anniversary T-shirts	\$5
Cozies	\$2
Patches	\$3

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If you have an email address please let me know at [onfire@consolidated.net](mailto:onfire@consolidated.net) so I may email the newsletter to you. Let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter or anything you need posted.

**SAD NEWS**

Please keep Don Gravel's family in your thoughts as they have had a death in the family.

**ACTIVITIES**

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**

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.

**Sunset Ride**

June 29 with sign up 3 - 3:30 pm at Donnie's Place in Mattoon, IL. Take in a beautiful sunset and it is open to the public. Pass it around.



### **Chics - N - Charge Ride**

July 6, 2013 with sign up 12 - 1 pm at New It'll Do in Arcola, IL. This should be a fun time and it is open to the public. Spread the word.

### **SAFETY TIP**

Visibility is a key element of your street strategies and making yourself visible to others is your first step. Many motorcycle accidents are a result of motorists not seeing a motorcyclist until it is too late. Because motorcycles are smaller than automobiles, they are more difficult to see and their speed is more difficult to judge. In fact, automobile drivers often are not looking for motorcycles. It is your responsibility to make yourself "seen" to communicate your presence and intentions to other road users. There are several things you can do to accomplish this:

- clothing - wear bright clothing & reflective material on your clothing
- headlight - ride with your headlight on high beam during the daytime
- signals - communicate with other drivers by signaling your intentions
- brake light - a flashing light is more visible than a steady one
- horn - use your horn to gain attention, but don't rely on it
- seeing - the active part of visibility is your looking for and seeing the things that can affect you (gathering information through your eyes).

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

### **MEMBER APPRECIATION**

This is a new feature which Glenn Brunson created. The idea is to increase our attendance at the meetings. Each month in the newsletter we will randomly select a member. If you see your name listed in the newsletter and come to the next meeting - the chapter will buy you a beverage of your choice. So the lucky winner for the June meeting is:

**Don Dow** - come on down - you are the winner of a free beverage, of your choice, at our June 9 meeting. You must show up to our June 9 meeting to collect your prize.

### **OFFICERS**

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### **NEXT MEETING**

**JUNE 9, 2013 1:30 pm at the Moose lodge in Mattoon, IL**