

# LIBERTY ABATE NEWS

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Hello Liberty! The riding season is in full swing, get out and ride! But as always, watch out for other motorists, and always assume they do not see you. As you go on runs or just out and about, remember that alcohol is involved in the majority of accidents. Please ride smart out there.

**Happenings-** Thanks to all those who helped with the July 4th parade and the float decorating on Friday evening. We were well represented and received many favorable comments. Thanks to Gary Reynolds and Gary Jr. for spearheading this event. Also a shout out to Gardner Excavating for use of their truck and trailer.

**Social Media** -Keep up with the latest events and happenings and watch This Week in ABATE on the first Tuesday of the month and then every Wednesday, at 8pm brought to you by Josh "Ski" Witkowsky and Chris "2.0" Hansen. Also check out the State website for info and updates at [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org).

**Legislative-** After the passage of SB 38 which lowered trailer plates to \$36, the people on your ABATE legislative team are not to busy patting ourselves on the back to go on to the next challenges. Upcoming issues in the pipeline include- Il Gaming Board harassment of Bars that host Poker Runs or benefits. Agents have threatened pulling licenses because of association with Motorcycle Clubs. Also we are looking to modernize motorcycle lighting laws to include the latest advancements in LED Lighting and get red and blue legalized.

**State Board News-** A new computer program and consultant was hired at our last meeting on June 19th, This will update our membership records and improve access and online sign up and renewal. The present system in use is a DOS based system running on a 25 year old computer. A big Thank You! to Lincoln Land Chapter for stepping up and donating the \$6080 for the first years fees.

**Coming Up-** Bagelfest on July 16 and 17. Liberty Chapter will have a booth set up at Peterson Park. If you can, come out and volunteer for a bit, even an hour would be appreciated. We will be selling our products, and this is the main event to sell bike raffle tickets. Also this is a good event to spread the word on ABATE and what we do. We will be starting on Friday at 4 pm. and on Saturday at 1 pm. Hope to see you there!

**Scholarships-** We still have a \$500 scholarship available to any Liberty family member to help with secondary education costs. See [Libertyabate.org](http://Libertyabate.org). for the application. The State also has a scholarship available see [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org) for details.

**Member News-** Sad to say we lost recently a long time member-Fred Irby. He was a great supporter of Liberty. Our membership officer recently resigned for personal reasons, and we will need someone to step up to fill this important position. Also our activities officer transferred to Praireland chapter, good luck to Josh Shuey over there. To see the latest news, schedule updates, pictures from events, go to [Libertyabate.org](http://Libertyabate.org), or Liberty ABATE on Facebook. Renew online through [Libertyabate.org](http://Libertyabate.org) or [abate-il.org](http://abate-il.org). By mail-PO box 1502 Mattoon IL 61938

In person at our monthly meeting or at any event. You can also contact any officer.