

LIBERTY ABATE NEWS

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Hello Liberty! Welcome to Summer! As we take off on all our trips and happenings, please be aware of all the other traffic out there, and always assume they don't see you, cause that is to often the case. And please be aware of the number one cause of motorcycle accidents- alcohol. Ride smart, ride safe! And save the partying for when the motor is off and the bike is parked.

Happenings- Are you ready to Party? State Party that is, which will be held in Petersburg Il at the Menard County Fairgrounds, a short and scenic 30 minute ride north of Springfield. The dates are June 24-27th. There is a full slate of bands, rides, contests and adult activities planned, so how about come out for the day, or the weekend. Still only \$30. (In advance). Free camping! Contact any officers for tickets.

Social Media Do you Facebook? 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. Prefer the YouTube? ABATE has a channel there also.

Legislative-WE DID IT! After 19 months of hard work with numerous phone calls and in person meetings, ABATE was able to get passed SB38, which will lower those trailer plate fees to \$36, starting on January 1st. Thanks to all who took a minute to fill out a witness slip or send a note to our representatives to pass this bill. It still has one hurdle to pass, signing by the Governor. But this is expected shortly. Another victory, not as flashy as the trailer plate bill but still important from a safety standpoint is the passing of HB656, passengers must be able to touch one footrest. So no more riding on the tanks or too small to touch at least one peg. Did you know that up till now there was no requirement in state law to touch a peg? This oversight is now corrected. This is all a reminder to the membership that this is what we do, fight for the rights of Bikers throughout the State, no matter what you ride. A lot of time and effort was put in by your ABATE Legislative Team, volunteers all, to get this passed.

Scholarships- Did you know that ABATE has scholarships available through the State and our Liberty chapter? If you have a relation that is going on to any secondary school, be it community college, trade school or traditional 4 year college program, check out the applications on our website, libertyabate.org. and the state website. There is a \$500 scholarship waiting for someone to claim!

Sponsor of the Month- Hall's Painting, give Mike a call for all your paint projects! To see the latest news, schedule updates, pictures from events, go to Libertyabate.org, or Liberty ABATE on Facebook. Renew online through Libertyabate.org or 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.

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