

LIBERTY ABATE NEWS

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Hello Liberty! Can you believe its August already? Where is the summer going? Hopefully you have had time to participate in some of the many motorcycle events that happen around the area. Your Liberty chapter had several events in July which put the name of ABATE out there for the public to see.

Happenings- July 3rd saw us participate in the annual July 4th parade in Mattoon. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the float. The weather cooperated and we had a much cooler ride then in previous years. July 16 and 17 we had a booth set up at Bagelfest. Although the weather on Friday was a bit soggy, we still were out there, talking all things ABATE and selling some of our Bike raffle tickets. ABATE's annual Bike raffle is one of the main fundraisers for us, so we appreciate all who participate in it. You help with the fight for Biker's Rights and you could come away with some sweet prizes. Only \$5 gets you a chance to win a new Harley! Can't beat that anywhere. We also signed up several new members,

State Board News- Have you been to a State Board meeting? They are open to all members in good standing. This is where the direction of ABATE of IL is voted on, each chapter gets one vote. Sometimes the issues are clear cut and easy, and at times there is much discussion on a topic. However, we always strive to remain civil at all times and follow Robert's rules of order.

Coming Up-Camp New Hop Run. Although not an official ABATE event, we have traditionally been associated with it and it supports a great local cause. August 14 is the date, so come on out and support Camp New Hope. More info can be found on Facebook. Another event we all need to support is the Bike show to benefit St Jude, a favorite cause in memory of Griff Brunson. In case you are unaware, Griff was a founding member and past president of Liberty Chapter. Stop by Spanky's and have a good time in memory of great man.

State Board Meeting- August 14 Springfield IL at the Route 66 Hotel at 1pm

Backwoods Biker Bash- Once again we will be meeting at the 4H grounds in Sullivan for annual get together, August 27 and 28. Plenty of camping space is available for those who want to stay over, or just come out and spend the day. We will be having a DJ on Saturday night, and a ride during the day.

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

"Freedom, in any case, is only available by constantly struggling for it" Albert Einstein