

# **LIBERTY ABATE NEWS**

## **JANUARY 2021**

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**Good bye 2020!** We made it through a rough year for everyone concerned, and no one is sad to see the year, the turmoil, and the uncertainty gone, but ABATE is still here, fighting for you! Our activities and legislative agenda for the year were all cut short due to covid restrictions, but we are ready to take up the fight for Biker's rights once again.

**State Board News-** At our last Board meeting, which was held at the Praireland Chapter's clubhouse in Decatur and on Zoom, a new state coordinator was elected. Congrats to Ryan Hubbard and assistant coordinator Kathy Brush. Also debated at length was an increase in dues. As we are coming off of some hard times for a lot of the membership, the rate increase was voted down. So renew, sign up a friend, a family member who rides, still only \$25.00. Also discussed was a return to the state newsletter being mailed to the membership, and it was decided to mail four issues out in 2021. As this is a very expensive endeavor, (about \$3000. per mailing), it did cause some concern on the issue of our budget, so all chapters will need to step up to help fund the return of the printed page.

**Other Happenings-** Liberty had our annual Fruit Baskets for the local senior centers at Carey Paxton's studio on December 20th. Thanks to all those who showed up. Baskets were delivered to Life center in Toledo, Palm Terrace in Mattoon and to the Charleston VFW to give out to our well deserving veterans.

**Upcoming events-** February 14th at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield will be the annual state swap meet. Come on out, find some bargains, meet some friends. ABATE of Illinois State Seminar February 26-27. If you are signed up to go, the Chapter has covered your seminar fee of \$20.00. The banquet fee is up to you to pay and is also \$20.00. This needs to be paid in advance so there is a count of how many will be attending. Send into the State office, or give to any officer and we will forward it.

To see the latest news, schedule updates, pictures from events, go to [Libertyabate.org](http://Libertyabate.org), or Liberty ABATE on Facebook. Please check out our sponsors on our web page.

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In person at our monthly meeting or at any event. You can also contact any officer and we will set you up. The website has contact details.

**Sponsor of the Month- JT Muffler**, see them for all your exhaust needs, tell them Liberty sent you!

**"Its not nearly enough just to exist...Every man must seek his own way to make himself more noble and realize his own true worth. You must give some time to your fellowman. For remember, you do not live in the world by yourself, *your Brothers are here, too*"** Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Albert Schweitzer.