

LIBERTY ABATE NEWS

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Hello Liberty! Fall has fallen! The weather has cooled, the days are shorter, but the work of ABATE of IL doesn't stop. As always, we are out there protecting the rights of Bikers, regardless of what you are riding. There were a lot of very fast moving things happening on the legislative front during the fall veto session, which we are on top of. So let us start with legislative news.

Legislative News- As you may know, when the Energy bill was signed into law, there was very specific language that motorcycles were not included as part of the incentives that applies to all other electric vehicles. Right now you are saying, I do not want an electric motorcycle or intend to buy one. Why the fuss? The Governors office response was we are focusing on primary transportation. So to the government, your bike is not important in the transportation mix. Those pesky new autonomous vehicles cant see you, well you are not primary, so we will simply get rid of the motorcycles. Ridiculous? Remember at the start of pandemic, how one signature on an executive order wiped out your constitutional rights of assembly and free travel. It could happen again, to us, the motorcycle rider, in the interest of safety, the greater good, call it what you will.

As of right now we are working on repairing the Energy Bill by introducing SB2940, which would change the language that excludes motorcycles. As a stop gap measure, we introduced and passed with bi-partisan support, Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act. This act does include motorcycles in the transportation mix, thanks to State Senators Stadelman and Barickman for working on amendments to the act to address our concerns.

Social Media- #motorcyclesareprimary. Keep using it! This has had a tremendous impact on our legislators, letting them know what all of us who ride are thinking. And keep up to date on issues on Facebook, ABATE of IL.

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.

Upcoming Events- November 14th, meeting at the Moose in Mattoon. Elections!
December 11th. BOD meeting in Springfield, all are welcome to attend, we will have elections and Christmas party after.

December 19th Annual fruitbasket assembly at Carey Paxton's. Introduction of new officers. Watch for times.

January 21-22 State Seminar in Springfield. Meet others from around the State.

February 19th, Anniversary Party at the Moose. Details coming soon.

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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"The Constitution only guarantees you the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself." Benjamin Franklin