

# LIBERTY ABATE NEWS

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Hello Liberty! As I write this in mid February its damn cold outside, and Spring seems like a dream waiting to come true. But we just have to hang on a little bit longer, for it will surely arrive and we will be out riding again. To keep busy, how about attend one of the events hosted by our brothers and sisters in another chapter? For instance, our neighbors at Embrass Valley are having their anniversary party in Tuscola at the Double A Saloon on February 20th with a chili cook-off at 2pm. They would love to see you there. And still on is State Seminar, Springfield, at the Northbrook Inn February 26-27, always a fun and educational experience. A few weekends visiting other chapters events will make the winter go much faster.

**State Board News-** The Board of Directors meeting was held in Springfield on the 13th of February. As usual lately there was a lot of discussion on the budget, as we have a loss of revenue from event cancellation and other factors. One area of expense is the state newsletter. As you probably know, the last year the newsletter was online only. In December it was decided to send out 4 issues a year of the printed version. The question is, do you prefer printed or is online ok? This issue will be brought up at our next meeting, which is February 21st at the Moose in Mattoon. Come out at 1:30 and make your opinion be heard.

**Social Media-** A new push by Legislative coordinator Ski and PR director Chris Hansen is expanding ABATE's presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. One new feature can be found on facebook live is This Week in ABATE. Featuring Legislative news and updates on what is going on throughout the state, with chapter activities being highlighted. Check it out Wednesday at 7 pm. Also, are you on YouTube? We need everyone to subscribe to ABATE's channel, the more subscribers the more exposure we have and the more features that YouTube unlocks. It is painless and free. This is all part of the PR effort to increase our membership, which in turn will help out all those who ride in the State of Illinois.

**Legislative news-**We are watching HB 682 and HB 36, both of these bills deal with the TA trailer license plate fees. The first bill would charge a fee of \$118 once, it is a one time lifetime fee. The second would change the fee back to the \$18 fee it was before the increase. We are seeing which bill has the best chance of passing, and will support any decrease in these fees. Another bill is SB70 and HB 720, which would create a \$76 plate for off road vehicle to use on any road that is 55 mph or less and not a state highway. Let us know if you have any thoughts on this issue.

**Anniversary Party!** As some have been asking, yes it is still going to be held, probably in March, stayed tuned the details will be announced as soon as possible.

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