

Greetings Midstate,

Wowie, it's cold!! As I type this it is 18 degrees outside! I am ready for spring!

By the time you all read this, Christmas and New Year's will have come and gone for another year. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Not a lot going on right now so this should be short. I hope you have marked your calendars and made plans to attend our **4th Annual Bowling Tournament. It is January 23rd at the Olde Bowl in Taylorville. We will sign up at 1:00 and bowl at 2:00. It is a 9 pin tournament and it is open to the public. Anyone can bowl and you do not need to be a league bowler to have a chance to win. We will have an attendance drawing, bucket raffle and Supermario Speedwagon will start rockin at 7:00. It is \$15 to bowl 3 games and we will pay out 5 places each game (based on 60 bowlers). This has proven to be a fantastic party the last 3 years so come out and do your part to make sure that continues. If you have questions you can call me at 217.827.0325 or email me at mikesmith@wisefinanceloans.com . I look forward to seeing you there!**

The State Seminar will take place on January 15th - 17th at Northfield Inn, Springfield. Check out the website for details. This is a very informative seminar and a great chance to meet and talk to your A.B.A.T.E. Brothers and Sisters from around the State. You can also check out our Chapter website for a list of events, pictures of past events and links to other sites.

Our next meeting will be January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Taylorville K.C. Hall. It would be great to see you there.

Well, I think that is all I have for now. If you have questions, comments or suggestions regarding this article or any of the things your Chapter is doing, drop me a line or attend the meeting. We welcome all feedback from all of our members! This is your Chapter; make it the best it can be!

Until next time, RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE!

Carry on...

Smitty