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Reppin' it at State Seminar 2026 (Representatives & Members Phil Green, Greg Alexander, David Martin, Tim Kelly, and Amos O'Neal)

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The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone, looks like we may have turned a corner with the weather. It might get up into the low 40's this coming week. Makes all of us a little happier.

What a start to ABATE's 50th year. It started with a fantastic seminar at the end of January. Merry and her committee did an outstanding job. The hotel had a few hiccups but if your handling that many rooms and that many people all at once you are going to have issues. There was some unforeseen circumstances with previous tenants that were out of our and the hotels control. Things happen. We also recruited a very influential member in Representative Amos O'Neal. Thanks for joining Rep. O'Neal from the Saginaw area which is the 94th House District. Except for the few hiccups I heard nothing but good things about the seminar and the hotel. Hopefully we can get back in there next year and everything will go better. Some even said it was the best seminar they have attended in years.

After the seminar we had our Pizza and Pop event at the Capitol. Bear told me we had over 50% of the politicians represented by staff and even had quite a few show up. We also recruited another very influential member in Representative Tim Kelly. Thanks for joining Rep. Kelly from the Saginaw Township. He represents the 93rd House District. We also had many ABATE members show up to greet their elected members which was fantastic to see.

Yesterday I had to go down to Lansing and get questioned by a panel of people from out of state called the motorcycle assessment team. I was there all day and the questions were all about what ABATE does for motorcycle safety. I was pleased to let them know everything we do from teaching the high school drivers ed students to the lane filtering bill to being instrumental in passing the bill back many years to make

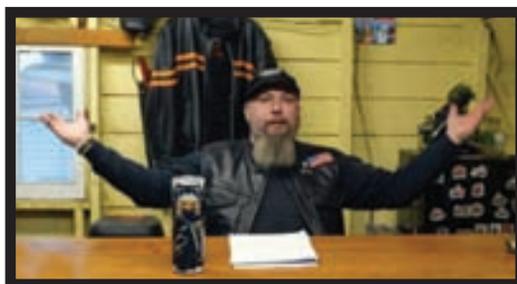
additional fees from renewing your cycle license and plates to go to motorcycle safety. The members of the panel were from Idaho, Oregon, Maryland and couple from Virginia. They were very nice and they are going to put a report together to turn over to the Governors Traffic Safety Action Committee to help us make the streets safer for us. That's what we all want, so it's nice to find people willing to help.

Thanks for being a member and lets make our 50th the best year ever.



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Gary





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Secretary Report - Eric Eads

Another Seminar is in the history books. It was a good time, and I believe we all learned something. There are four ABATE Members who have 50 plus years in ABATE. Three of the four were at the Seminar. Fly, Vince Consiglio, and Jim Rhoades attended. Dentine Toth who couldn't attend was also honored. Quite a legacy and accomplishment belonging to ABATE for 50 plus years!

The proposed by-laws all passed. The candidates running for the Board were all elected. Debra Townsend was appointed as a Trustee by the Board. There will be a new products person. I will update that as information becomes available. The website will be updated to show the changes. Region 5's Members of the Year were left out of the January issue of the Rider. My apologies to Al and Gail Fowler, Region 5 Members of the year for not being listed earlier.



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The Cash Raffle tickets are now available. Each current ABATE Member will receive a ticket in the mail. You can return the ticket to address listed with your ticket. You are not required to purchase the ticket, but I would encourage you to return it with \$10.00 per ticket received. I would also encourage everyone to sell as many tickets as you can. 1st prize is 10K, with a total of 18K in prizes, and 5 chances to win.

Field Meet tickets are now available from your RC. Same place as last year. Show up. Have some fun for 3 days!

The European Union is pushing to expand mandatory safety inspections on motorcycles even though their own study shows inspections do nothing to enhance safety, and maintenance issues are almost never the reason for an accident. Be wary, that doesn't happen in the USA. What happens in Europe has a way of happening here in a few years.

There are 2 bills in Congress that would do away with California's waiver to enact their own air quality standards. HR 2218 and S1072 would have one EPA standard set for the entire country, ending California's waiver and restoring national consistency.

Dan Scheuneman became a Life Member. Mike Poage, Robert Lackie, Barry Martin and Paul Hofner donated to Awareness. I have kinda lost count, but I think this is the 15th consecutive year that Mike Poage has donated to Awareness. Harry and Karen Briar made a substantial general donation to ABATE of Michigan.

The Skeleton Crew M/C renewed their Sustaining Membership for another year.

Eric



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State Events Chair - Merry Garrett

Hello everyone. Can I please say what a great job I have being the chair of State events.

The SEMINAR was the greatest. The members made me laugh and cry. But I've been told I'm a cry baby. It was like -17 below and it was dang cold but you came out and supported.

We did the hippie seventy theme and I can say most folks dressed the part. We had photo ops, 1970 games, 1970 music and best of all the history corner.

What was that you say??? Well Gary Kopta had some great pictures and newspaper articles!!! We set up a corner for members to see what has been done over the years but mostly in the beginning!! Pictures of Jim, Vince and Fiz were on display, oh the memories we all got to see. Thank you to Gary and others that made that happen.

The silent and live auction was big again. Some even said it lasted too long BUT I got done with 15 minutes to spare before the music started. And we made money for the state. Which we needed.

Region 10 had the most members in attendance and won a pretty cool trophy. But there were a lot of regions that came and represented their little piece of the state. Just as long as everyone had a nice time I'm good

Butch And Danny Brown started a new fun crazy omgoodness watermelon challenge. Want to find out what it was all about. Ask any member (KIM) that was there. We laughed a lot!!

Breakout sessions went well we had a few new ones that we haven't done before. The History of ABATE , Autonomous vehicle, Flocks and How to build membership and retain members. We try to have a few new ones every year but it's important to have Legislative, MRF, Dondi's Wisdom. In fact you requested two hours and we made that happen.

The hotel had some computer glitches but worked very hard to correct them. Things

happen! Then because it was so darn cold outside, the hotel's heater couldn't keep up in the pool area. So unless you wanted to get out of the pool soaking wet and then freeze your tushy off it had to be shut down. Things happen. I for one don't care for the cold and was

far too busy to worry about it. It's very hard to find hotels that let us do what we do. This hotel bent over backwards to welcome us. So if these were some of the issues I say there was plenty of other things to do. This was our first year back at this location and if I go by the sheets members filled out most were happy with the location and the seminar. Not perfect but what is. I took lots of notes and made lots of lists!!!!

So with that being said 2027 is already off to a great start. It will be set in the 1800s with the wild Wild West!!! Can you image the fun. My committee is already gathering the things to make it even better than this year. Are you in???? I'll be there and will be waiting for you!!

I have presale field meet tickets. If your region needs some please let me know. I got you. I'll mail you some to sell at the discounted prices.

As always thank you for attending thank you for voting thank you for making ABATE one of the best organizations ever.

Also thank you so much for voting to make me Member of the Year. It is an honor.

Sincerely
Merry Garrett

And her marvelous awesome great committee.



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*Region & State Event
Photos*



Hanging out at Pizza and Pop 26, with (LtoR) Representatives Beson, Martin, and Alexander

Jim Rhoades, Ed Schetter (ABATE of Ohio), Jay Jackson (MRF VP), Gary Kopta (ABATE of MI President



More pics on page 25

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Awareness - Leroy Cuykendall - Big Sexy

Hello, ABATE members. It's been a hard winter but before you know it, we will be out on our bikes. What's coming up right now? Is our swap meet which is a great opportunity for us to be out there to show or talk to people about Awareness so remember your signs remember your bumper stickers . We're going to be out there on our two wheels real soon and we need to make sure everybody has pay attention to us once again so if anybody has any classes or talk about the classes to people as you're out in the Bike swap meet get with me if you need me to be there I will be there for you. Do you want to learn how to do classes you got schools interested in us being there reach out to me I will help you do a class I got videos. I have been talking to Gary and we are setting up to make our own video real soon as in the process so with that in mind, maybe you have someone that would like to be part of this video get in touch with me. We can have a video with our grandchildren. Our children awareness month is coming up in the month of May maybe we'll do a contest. I'll get back with you or get with me and we'll discuss what kind of contest we can do. It's in the process. Thank you for giving this shit and remember get those signs out there. Get those bumper stickers on those cars. Let's go to the swap meet sell some bike tickets and talk about Awareness ! Thank you for giving a SHIT! Leroy. your Awareness chair.



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Legislative Report - Ed "Bear" Schuitema

Well, it's almost Valentines Day. the seminar is past and was well attended, if you didn't learn something or have a great time it's on you.

Pizza and Pop is also past while it almost died before it started, as they cancelled session at about 4 pm on Monday, we managed to feed 154 people including over half the reps and 10 senators and several staff including the house Sgt. at arms.

Legislation we are actively pursuing SB365, a lane filtering bill, brought to Senator Jonathan Lindsay, By Congressman Tim Walburg and the AMA.

We have several meetings scheduled to try to get an insurance fix.

June is coming with the Field Meet as well as the Freedom Rally, both looking to be bigger and better than last year.

Make sure you get out and meet your reps at a coffee hour near you.

Ed "Bear" Schuitema



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LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Meetings are every 3rd Thursday@ 9AM at the House office building. Parking at the Capitol White House



The new 2026 session begins on the second Wednesday in January each year at noon, as per the state constitution.

Contact our Legislative Officer Dave "Bear" Schuitema with any questions. 231 907-0710

Visit legislature.mi.gov for live streams, schedules, and bill tracking Michigan Legislature.

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6:30pm

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Meetings: 1:00 pm

Second Sunday
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Bay City

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Meetings: First Sunday
2PM, Nov.-April
at Lucky Thumb

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Bevens Rd. Deford

May - Oct. at
Evergreen Park 4731
Van Dyke Rd., Cass
City

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Meetings 1st Sunday of
the month at 3

Evergreen Tavern in
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Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar,
May July

Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr,
Jun, Aug

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Meeting:

1st Wednesday of the
month at 7pm.

Chicky's in Almont:
March, May, July,
September &
November.

Total Sports in
Harrison Twp: April,
June, August, October
& December.

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4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American

Legion Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny

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Sunday of the month
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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

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2pm

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Region 19

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Meetings: 1st Tues
7:00pm

The Shark Club
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Waterford 48327

Region 20

Steve (General) Graves

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Meeting last Sunday of
Month 2 PM

Region 21

Interim RC - Vern

Shock

Meetings TBD

Region 22

RC - Greg Bennett

"Break Down"

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Meetings: 1st
Wednesday of the
month at the Laughing

Horse Saloon at
15888 Lindy Rd
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of every month at
1pm at Ray's BBQ in
Grayling



Region Reports



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REGION 1 - Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton RC - Todd Wloszczynski
No report this month.

REGION 2 Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac RC - Bernie Winicki
No report this month.

REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Charlevoix RC - Van Dunson

Meeting February 4, 2026, called to order at 6:50 PM by Mark. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave followed by a moment of silence for our troops. Secretary report was read by Mark. Motion to accept by Gina seconded by Denise, motion carried. Treasurer report was read by Mark. Motion to accept by Gina seconded by Denise, motion carried. Our Club Liaison Denise, who is also Public Relations, asked if she could post Club Bike Nights on our Facebook page. This was tabled for further discussion at our next meeting. 2026 T-shirts new design due by 3/1/26 and sponsors
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due by 4/15/26. We are looking for someone to chair the Awareness Committee.

Motion was made by Gina and seconded by Dave to order bike night plaques. Motion carried. March, April and May's meeting has been moved to the 1st Thursday of the month, due to restaurant being closed on Wednesday. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2026, at Johnnys Torch Riviera at 6:30pm.

REGION 4 - Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Île RC - Dave Etherton
No report this month.

REGION 5 - Mason, Lake Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo RC - Larry BamBam Peters

Meeting opened with pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence. No bike raffle this year, trying something new with cash raffle instead, Drawing held on Oct. 3. Passed, 18 and under can be members. Looking to have a Euchre tournament

on March 28th, mor info to follow. Also, trying to get Re. 5 back to what it used to be.

Membership Bash for Reg 5 on May 2, need donations, having cornhole tournament weather permitting \$5 sign up fee. Also, Motorcycle Run any questions contact Ran at 231 343 4331.

Dirty Dog will be our home base and honorary membership to Cindy motioned an passed. Meetings will be held at Ruby Cree, High Tower an 7 mile more info to come. I would like to thank Ded Durose for taking minutes for me at the meeting. If I've missed anything important, my apologies, first time as new secretary. Gail Fowler.

REGION 6 - Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay RC - Merry Gerrett

Good evening friends. It's been a cold cold winter and I'm very much looking forward to spring.

Our meeting in January was small but mighty. The weather was bad and I made the promise when I became the RC to not put any member in danger driving to a meeting. Of course I have the hubs who drives me everywhere. I'm a lucky girl.

We discussed rides and events we want to attend. We will be adding more I'm sure.

Awareness/Membership drive: May 30th

Memorial run/Cornhole tourney

July 18

Both of these runs will begin and end at Pipes Grub and Pub in Pinconning. A flyer is being made as I write this and will be in the Rider soon. Watch for it.

We will attend Bubbas Mother Day swap meet in Midland and his event on Memorial Day weekend. I will share his flyer on our Facebook page.

Meetings will continue to be at Baileys at this time.

Cricket will have a full scaled report and a guest speaker at our meeting Feb 15 hope we see some of you there

Presale Field meet tickets are now available. Let me know if you want yours at the discounted prices. We won the most members last year!!! I posted the flyer on FB and it will be in the rider. Question let me know

State Raffle tickets are also available to pick up at a meeting and sell them please. No bike this year instead it is a cash prize. Flyer in the Rider and FB

We now have a youth membership to offer to our families. I have the tri folds and will be handing them out. These memberships include the \$3500 accidental and dismemberment insurance. Of course we never want you to use it but it's a comfort that you can have if anything would happen.

Supportive membership is also available to individuals, businesses and clubs. I would like to get one of these for our region. But we have to vote on it. So come to our meeting.

Joan called and said she has taken care of our MRF regional membership at a cost of \$100. Hoping to see more of us support this great organization. Forms are available at meetings.

Thank you to all that attended the seminar. We had a spectacular time and can't wait for next year.

Let's do this let's make 2026 our best year yet with events, rides, dinners, picnics, bike nights and meetings

Come on spring time we need some sunshine

Peace from me to you.

Merry.

REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac RC - Tim Polk

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting February 1, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2pm. Pledge, moment of silence for the troops, and prayer by Paul M. Meeting attendance 18 people.

Secretary Report - read January minutes added election information for October/November that was discussed in January to minutes. Motion to approve as read with amendment by Butch / support Parcus.

Treasurer Report - updated members with expenses and income from January. Motion to accept as read by Butch / support Paul.

Awareness Program - Butch will be conducting a meeting at 1pm March 1st, before our regular meeting at 2pm. Will be discussing getting our awareness program back on track. Anyone interested needs to attend this meeting.

Legislative Update - During the January seminar, there were several House Representatives in attendance at the legislative breakout session on Saturday. These gentlemen all are members of Abate. They provided good information for the session attendees. Butch and Gary did go to Lansing in January and the legislature is slowly resuming their agenda. The DNR is beginning

to resurvey State Land.
There are some residential homesteads that have built structures on State Land.

Old Business - At the Seminar awards Jeff Rich was awarded a certificate/cash for selling the most bike tickets overall for Abate. Region 7 was awarded a certificate/cash for the most bike tickets sold by a region.

MRF Spaghetti Dinner in March members are asked to donate live auction items and desserts.

New Business - Tim has field meeting tickets for June weekend of June 12th. Tickets cover cost for gate - camping - bands etc. All region event flyer's are available for distribution to the general public. Tim also has the state cash raffle tickets for members to sell.

Butch and Danny Brown are collecting old Evergreen or Harley Davidson t-shirts to have a quilt made for the October State Raffle and Carved in Stone Event. Need 14 t-shirts and bring to next meeting on March 1st. Butch is working work with Sherri on getting band for the state cash raffle.

Shelby notified the region that she will be retiring from the treasurer position, along with membership and other duties she was performing on June 1, 2026. We need someone to volunteer for these duties for the region until elections are held in

October/November.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bob / support Butch.

We had the Triathlon event after the meeting with a delicious pot luck. All funds raised go to the region's Awareness Program. Winners for the events were Parcus for the Ball Drop, Barb/Butch for the Washer Toss, and Bob for the BB Gun Shoot. Overall winner for total points was Parcus.

Upcoming Events:
March 28th - MRF Spaghetti Dinner - Farmer's Tavern in Ruth - 3pm until 9pm.
April 22nd - Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup at Evergreen Park - 5pm
May 3rd - Awareness Ride & Meeting at Evergreen Park.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the meeting and participated in our Annual Triathlon! Also, Thank- you to Everyone who brought food for the potluck afterwards! Lots of great food! Hope to see you all at next months meeting, we'll have numerous things to discuss. Don't forget, we will be having elections in November for any region 7 member who would like an officer's position. I need to know by October 1st. We got to the mid-30's yesterday and that really got the ich going for riding season! God Bless and be Safe, till next month, Tim.

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry RC - Tara Hendee

A.B.A.T.E. Region 8 is excited to welcome some new members to our growing Region 8, as we gear up for another active riding season. We are currently in the thick of planning our season-opener. A multi-county poker run, which will span all four of our counties and bring riders together to kick off the year in true biker fashion. (Flyer attached)

This season, our goals include having at least one Region 8 member attend local bike nights to represent A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan, as well as setting up informational booths at a minimum of four events. We are also actively exploring additional community events where we can connect with riders and the public to promote motorcycle awareness, safety, and the rights of motorcyclists.

Meetings:

The 2nd Sunday of each month @4pm

BC Pizza in Dorr

1628 142nd Ave

Dorr MI. 49323

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the road and at events throughout the season!

REGION 9 - Ionia, Clinton, Eaton, Inghan

RC - Nick Henry
No report this month.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw
RC - Amy Penny

ABATE REGION 10 MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2026

- Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes from last meeting were read.
- MRF report was given.
- Legislative Report was given, Pizza and Pop scheduled for Feb 3rd. The lane filtering bill looks good to pass.
- The seminar was a great success with many Region 10 members attending and sporting their 70's costumes. Region 10's donation for the auctions raised \$1460 towards our rocker. Also awards for most in attendance and the Watermelon Crawl trophy was awarded to our very own Kim MacLennan. Gary and Vern retained their positions on the board. Bob and Kim MacLennan and Lois Shock were voted on as Board members. Debra Townsend was voted as Trustee and will fill the Secretary position in the near future. The theme for next year's seminar will be the 1800's.
- It was announced that Region 10 is currently the largest Region in Michigan and currently has the most new members. Great Job Everyone.
- The Spaghetti dinner for March 21's is looking for silent auction donations. Dinner is from 4pm until 8pm at Ghost Town Saloon. Dinner is \$10 per person. All proceeds go to ABATE of Michigan and MRF.
- There was a motion and support to move from Evergreen Tavern to TBD for Region meetings every other month. Motion carried. Watch for new location announcements.
- Many members of Eagles of Redemption

attended the meeting and joined ABATE.

-We are looking for volunteers to help with a booth for the Flint Swap meet on February 22nd. It runs from 12-6pm. This is a Region 10 event.

-Please note the April meeting will be on April 12 instead of the 5th at Ghost Town Saloom.

-Upcoming events:

February 22nd, Flint swap meet.

March 21st, Spaghetti dinner, Ghost Town
See calendar of events for more.

-The meeting adjourned at 4pm.

-Next meeting Sunday, March 1st at Woody's in Merrill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

REGION 11 - Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb
RC- Arnold Schneider

Greetings from Region 11.

TO ALL REGION 11 MEMBERS: AT THE END OF THE YEAR, 2026, I AM STEPPING DOWN AS RC. SO WE WILL NEED A NEW RC FOR 2027. PLEASE CONSIDER STEPPING UP TO FILL THIS POSITION.

On February 4, we had our monthly meeting at Total Sports with a summer tour update meeting prior.

The 2026 Summer tour book production continues to be coming along well. The plan is to have books available for purchase at all participating establishments by the middle of April.

Plans are also underway for our 1st event of the year (the MRF Spaghetti dinner on April 4). Flyer is in the Michigan Rider and all corresponding Region 11 FB pages. It is also published in Cycle Fish and the MI confederation of Clubs.

The annual blessing of the Bikes at American Legion Post 4 in Mt Clemens is on April 26. This is a great bike blessing event. Region 11 will have a booth set up. See flyer on Region 11 FB page.

Oscar
Interim RC
Region 11.

REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski

Sunday February 1st, 2026

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joylynn started meeting with a quick review of the Seminar. Dondi did a Break Out Session with F.L.O.C.K. and Insurance issues. We sold our Silver Coins to a winner from Region 14, Johnny Rotten. Our Region Rocker was more than \$4000 and all the Board Members were voted in again and issues on the ballot were all passed.

Eric with MRF Report - There isn't much to talk about with Congress not being in session that much. Read up on Autonomous Vehicles, Federal Highway Association and bill proposals active and call your office reps to share your thoughts on matters that care to you.

Joy with Treasury Report - We had a simple month, still setting good. We sold the silver and that was the bulk of our earnings in January.

Joylynn with Events - We have another day planned for the Region 12 Annual bowling Event. Open to anyone and kids, two games of bowling, pizza, pop and shoe rental for \$20 per person. This will be at South Lanes in Three Rivers 12-2 pm. See flyer in Rider. Can RSVP or show up day of with cash please, checks ok too.

We discussed the rest of the year's meeting dates. Our meetings are usually the 1st Sunday of the month. We changed April, July and Sept to the 2nd Sunday those months. So dates are: 3/1, 4/12, 5/3, 6/7, 7/12, 8/2, 9/13, 10/4, 11/1, and 12/6.

Field Meet will be June 12-14, 2026 at the Clare County Fairgrounds. I have presale tickets for Singles \$30 and Couples \$50 and at the gates it will be \$35 and \$60. There will also be a Day Pass for \$15 with no camping.

Indiana of ABATE will have the Boogie 46th Annual Event July 16-19, 2026 at Lawrence County Recreational Park. 99 Moore Lane, Springville, Indiana 47462. Open to ABATE members or non members.

We have the new Raffle for this year and it is for Money, not a Bike. Tickets are \$10 each and I will have some to sell and hand out to sell. See me or text/call/email me.

We drew for the incentive drawing and Gary "Cheesy" would have won if he were present. We drew for a 50/50 and a patron in the bar won.

We drew for a Money Raffle ticket and a patron in the bar won.

Gary motioned to close and Dan seconded it.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski.

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie

Hello region 13!

Another great seminar is in the books! Great to see all the old (and new) faces! Next up Field meet! If you want to buy the Presale tickets get in touch with me I have them. I also have the State Raffle tickets!

We opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a moment of silence.

Our Treasurer Was absent. Jinx filled us in on what the MRF is doing. They are supporting us in our position of the lane filtering bill and the insurance bill.

We are working on our poker runs! We decided on getting some tumblers with the event name date and what place it is. that way it would be something that they use and not just sit around collecting dust. We need door prizes and sponsors for all three events. In the AC world Richard sold 10 signs and bought 10 more to sell! If you need signs get in touch with me or him!

Our Road Capt. Bumper says that it won't be long now before we are back on two wheels! Now is the time to go over your bike and start replacing (or upgrading

the things that you need! Let's make sure that they are ready to go for when the weather breaks!

Till next time! Think warm thoughts!
Dano.

**REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw
RC - Shiny Bob**

No report this month.

**REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC - Shiny Bob**

Thank you to Arsenal H-D in Waterford for the donation to the seminar, also Martha and others, our meeting is 4th Sunday of the month Saline American Legion Post 322 after reg. 14, this year instead of motorcycle raffle there will be cash prizes, tickets available for sale at the meeting, Spring is on the way, watch for pot holes, keep your Cool, stay warm.
Johnny.

**REGION 16 - Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona,
Iosco, Montmorency, Alpena
RC- Jesse Gordy**

No report this month.

**REGION 17 - Marquette, Dickinson,
Menominee, Delta, Alger
RC - TBD**

Wanted!!...If you ride a motorcycle or anyone you know rides and enjoy the freedom of choice. We are Reuniting the region and spreading the joy of ABATE to the UP. We want to hear from you and help bring the region back strong.
Please feel free to reach out to Woody – State Operations Officer, he will help with the process.

Call Woody: 231 884-2192
Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com.

**REGION 18 - Lenawee, Monroe
RC- Leroy Cuykendall III**

A lot has happened since the last Rider Report in December.

We had our regular monthly January meeting, and then it was right off to the annual winter Seminar.

The Seminar was well attended and as usual the weather was typical Michigan!

Jay Jackson, the VP of the MRF got himself a serious education on Insurance in Michigan.

Brian Walters and Tammy Reece were the Region 18 Co-Members of the Year for 2025.

Congrats you two! The work and time you both spent for ABATE was noticed and very much appreciated by the Officers and members alike.

We had 14 folks attend the Feb. Meeting. We are still on track with keeping our meetings to an hour or less. Things are shaping up for Awareness Month in May.

May 2nd will be our annual Awareness Ride.

May 23rd will be our annual John Cronk Memorial Ride.

In between those dates there will be random days we will meet at various places, such as M-50 and Telegraph Rd., to wave our road signs to raise awareness and to BE SEEN!

Follow our Region 18 Facebook page for times and dates.

The Repubs and Dems will be having their Conventions soon. So that means the Candidates will be hitting the Campaign trails. That's where we come in.

So far Region 18 has supporters in all of our Districts except two.

Region 18 is comprised of the 28, 29, 30, and 31 House Districts. Along with the 16 and 4th State Senate Districts.

Laura Perry is running for the 31st House District. We must push her over the top! We lost that seat in the last election by less than 1%!

Region 18 could be the difference in that race. Quite frankly we should have been the difference in the last race and getting Dale Binecki elected. Regardless, we are where we are.

I met with Marcie Grzywacz who is running for the State Senate seat in the 4th District. After the meeting with her she is solid for ABATE of Michigan. I met her at a Town Hall meeting with Congressman John James who is running for Governor. At that Town hall meeting I sat down with the Congressman and got him up to speed

with Auto Insurance here and what we have been up against. He in turn hooked me up with his campaign manager. After exchanging contact info him and I will be having further meetings as things move forward.

Big changes are coming for Michigan in the next election its time for Region 18 to have the impact we have been in years past. These Mid Term Elections will have lasting effects on all motorcyclists for years to come, both State and Federal.

If we are who we say we are it's time to put up or shut up.

You can rest assured your Legislative Officer is JACKED UP and READY! Peace, SMASH.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

Report from Region 19 For the March, 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider

The 3rd of February saw serious low temperatures, snow showers and general sloppy conditions. But the weather did not keep Region 19's loyal members away from the Shark Club. The group convened at 6:00 for some great food which hit the spot all up and down the table. Chip kindly shared some of his nacho with Hess, providing an unexpected treat to go with Hess's fish tacos... thanks, Chip! Eating completed, RC Bill called the meeting to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of

Allegiance after which Bill provided his opening comments:

- Bill (and his wife Sandy) attended the ABATE Seminar held 23-25 January in Saginaw. Bill reported that the event went well (despite challenging weather conditions) with good accommodations, interesting sessions and a well-run Auction that made some money for the organization.

- Seminar attendees were especially pleased to welcome MRF Vice-President Jay Jackson who spoke about MRF's legislative priorities for the coming year:

- The passage of legislation to ensure the continued manufacture of internal combustion engines.

- Legislation to prevent profiling of motorcyclists, with special concern regarding language that would equate innocent bikers with criminal gangs based only on similarity of certain items of clothing or other aspects of appearance (tattoos).

- Pursuit of changes to renewable fuel standards limiting ethanol content in gasoline blends to no more than 10%.

- Legislation that would protect the rights for both individuals and non-OEM shops to repair and modify motorcycles.

- Promote education and awareness for bikers as well as the general public.

- Include a mandate that autonomous

vehicles must detect and respect the presence of motorcycles at all times and under all conditions.

- Monitor distracted driving.

- Oppose federal standards for motorcycle exhaust systems.

- Jay also explained that the Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Act expires in 2026 and must be reauthorized for the next five years.

- New legislation written as part of this reauthorization must address all of the above primary concerns while also not infringing on other aspects of motorcyclist rights.

- The MRF works at the federal level to support the rights of bikers across the nation and participation by all ABATE members in the MRF is critical; every member of ABATE of Michigan should also be a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation! If you are not, go to www.mrf.org and join up. Individual dues are only \$35 per year with joint (spousal) memberships at only \$60. Those are great bargains! If you are not a member of MRF, JOIN TODAY!!

- Following Bill's report, Hess presented the Treasurer's Report for Speedy (she was attending the Lapeer HOG Chapter's Officers Meeting at Ray C's). Speedy's report stated that the Treasury is solvent and that our new system of accepting \$5 member contributions each month

solve the PIP crisis; a rider's uninsured/underinsured coverage or the rider's own PIP purchased as part of his or her automobile insurance policy might come into play to help pay for injuries suffered in a motorcycle crash with a car or truck.

- Lots of details remain to be worked out and a meeting among Bear, Mike Harris (the Insurance Committee Chair) and other ABATE legislative folks would be key in getting this concept moving.

- Hess had an interesting conversation with Noel (ABATE's lobbyist) as P&P was winding down. Noel is a bright and experienced guy who fully understands Lansing's legislative arena and was very guarded as he spoke about the PIP situation. He stated that it will be very difficult to make any real progress during an election year because no one wants to rock the political boat.

- Does this mean that year 7 of SB 1's disastrous effects will morph into year 8, still with no progress? Only time will tell.

Region 19 will again on 3 March at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road in Waterford. Dinner at 6:00pm, with the meeting at 7:00. Please come out and join us!!

Submitted by Hess Bates, Region 19 Legislative Officer.

REGION 20 - Genesee, Shiawassee

RC - Steve (General) Graves

No report this month.

REGION 21 - Oscoda, Clare, Mescosta, Isabella, Montcalm

Interim RC - Vern Shock

No report this month.

REGION 22 - Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford

RC - Greg Bennett "Break Down"

Meeting was called to order by Greg at 18:39 hrs. at the Laughing Horse Saloon. The pledge was led by Woody, and recited by all followed by a moment of silence for our military, past and present.

A word of welcome was made by Greg, thanking all who were in attendance. He relayed some of the information that he learned at the seminar. One big thing was that the helmet laws keep coming up and that the law makers are trying to lower the ETOH limit to .02 for motorcyclists only. He noted that Abate is currently short of money as it needs to be held aside for the cash raffle that will be held in the fall. Any ideas for fundraising are welcome. There were several reps at the seminar. Greg also stated that he has been thinking about getting involved with special needs folks and has a meeting with Brickways. Woody noted at this time that if Abate is mentioned on the flyer and or if Abate is sponsored or mentioned, Abate will get 75% of the proceeds. As individuals we can support any event and we can post it on our region page. Greg stated that he will be contacting other regions and visiting them at their meetings so we can support each others pages and events. Greg and Woody spoke of the Youth Membership. As of January 1, 2026 there is an under 18 membership for \$10 per year. They will automatically get the life ins. When they turn 18 they can get an adult membership. There will be some youth events coming. They will not be allowed at an adult only event. Some events will have a time when the youth need to leave. Greg spoke that the Field Meet will be a 70's theme and there will be a dunk tank. The watermelon crawl was spoken of in regards to anyone can get their name on the plaque for doing something silly that was seen and reported. There will also be a capture the flag that can be taken home

and returned at the next event. Greg would also like to see his membership go visit other bike nights and get the Abate name out there. Take some applications with you.

Samantha read minutes from the last meeting. Woody made a motion, second by Gina to approve as read. Discussed and carried.

Mary B read a report from Chey (our treasurer). Karen made a motion, second by Gina to approve as read. Discussed and carried.

Gina said a thank you to all who donated to the camping basket for the seminar raffle.

Legislative: Rob stated that there is not a whole lot going on right now. A friend of his informed him that there is a bill in Florida regarding the gang law. This needs to be watched as they are a proving ground for motorcyclists nation wide.

Mary stated that she has sponsor forms. Please turn in the sponsors by the end of February. Make sure you fill out 2 forms...1 for us and 1 for a receipt for the sponsor. Also make sure to put the sponsors shirt size on our form. A reminder that the hoodies are a preorder. Only 1 t-shirt design was submitted. Karen made a motion, second by Rob to accept the design with changes. Discussed and carried.

Karen discussed the upcoming Chili Cook Off and the need for some help for set up and take down. She also mentioned the upcoming Eriks Ride in May.

Next years seminar theme will be The Wild West.

Woody states that July 16-19 is the Indiana Boogie. He understands that if Michigan shows up as Abate members, we will be treated like royalty.

Dates to remember: May 12.....Taco Tuesday Hooligan kick off ride
May 16.....Eriks Ride
May 30.....Houghton Lake Blessing
June 12-13...Field meet
Aug 21-22....Summer party and parade with the Coho Festival
Aug 29.....Recovery Road Riders annual ride
Aug 31 & Sept 1....DYSON ride
Oct....Cash raffle drawing and Region 7 party.
Dec 5.....Christmas Party with a meeting

Our new product people will be Region 5 members Jim and Julia St.John. Eric Eds has a plan to retire within the year, and another board member has stepped down.

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 19:42.

**REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee
RC - Ted Calabrese**

Our first meeting will be April 5th at 1pm at Ray's BBQ in Grayling. All future meetings to be held at same location. Please mark your calendars.

This is a newly formed chapter. We are actively seeking participants to fill all open positions. All new and existing members are encouraged to attend as we hope to fill all vacant positions at our initial meeting.

We look forward to meeting our newly formed chapter team. See you then!



Region Event Flyers

ABATE Region 12 Annual Bowling Event

March 14th, 2026 12-2 pm

South Lanes Bowling Alley
1147 West Broadway Street Three Rivers, MI 49093

\$20 per person gets you bowling, shoe rental, two slices of pizza and pop.

Please RSVP to Joylynn with a head count for the day.
269-599-1767

This is a family friendly event and open to all, not just ABATE members.



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Kickstands up at 12



\$20 Rider

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REGION 11

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Sunday July 12th, 2026

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Representative David Martin talking with Hollywood (R11) and new member Zack Smith on Legislative issues

Region 7



Butch accepting the trophy for Barbie for the Washer Toss Event



Here's Bob accepting his trophy for the BB Gun Shoot Event!



This is Parcus with his Trophy for the Ball Drop Event

Region 7

And here we have a group picture with their trophies! Parcus had the highest overall score so he got the Overall Winner!!



ABATE of Michigan 50th Anniversary Seminar 2026



2026 Board of Directors and Bylaw Changes

Automatic Board Appointments per Bylaws

According to the organization's bylaws, the following officers are automatically elected to the 2026 Board of Directors:

- President: Gary Kopta
- Vice President: Butch Brown
- Treasurer: Vern Shock
- Secretary: Eric Eads
- Operations: Dave Woody Berg
- Legislative: Ed Bear Schuitema
- Awareness: Leroy Cuykendall III

Newly Elected Board Members for 2026

The following individuals were nominated and have been elected to serve on the 2026 Board of Directors:

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| • Gina Berg | • Ann Tobian |
| • Dondi Vesprini | • Sherri Lecurgo |
| • Tim Polk | • Merry Garrett |
| • Jinx Rahn | • Dan "Tiny" Patterson |
| • Jeremy Bouvrette | • Lois Shock |
| • Vince Consiglio | • Patty Shattuck |
| • Bob Maclennan | |
| • Jim Rhoades | |
| • Kim Maclennan | |

All Bylaw Proposals
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All proposed bylaw
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Region 6) Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay

Region 7) Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac

Region 8) Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry

Region 9) Ionia, Clinton, Eaton, Inghan

Region 10) Gratiot, Saginaw

Region 11) Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb

Region 12) VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph

Region 13) Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

Region 14) Livingston, Washtenaw

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Region 18) Lenawee, Monroe

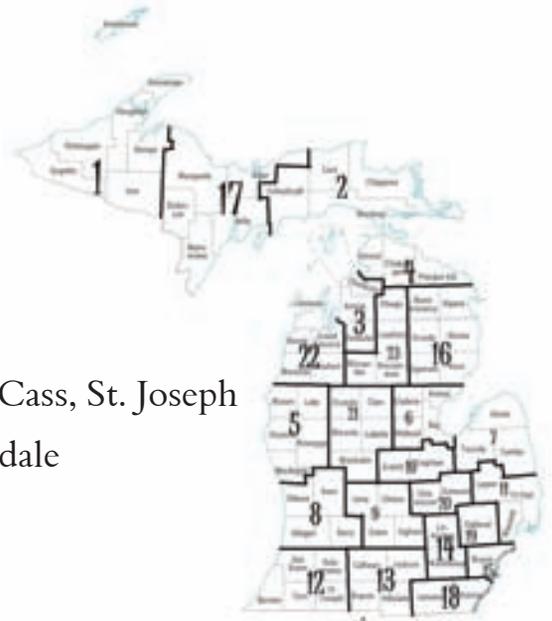
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\$20 per issue	*\$225 for 6 issues	*\$425 for 6 issues	*\$775 per 6 issues
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**Look Twice
Save a Life** 



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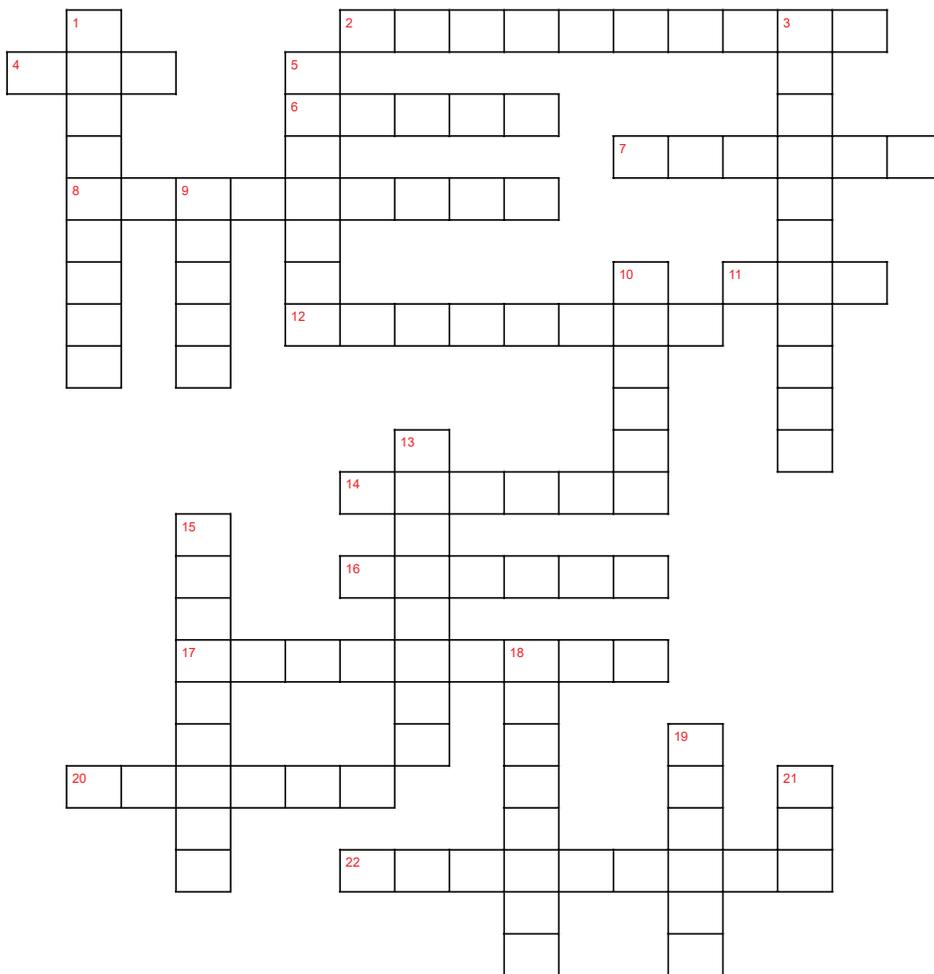
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ABATE February Puzzle



Across

- 2. What we like to drive
- 4. Where to find a state
- 6. What you do on motorcycles
- 7. We have 23 in Michigan
- 8. We teach this to all drivers
- 11. H-D Logo, part 1
- 12. What state we live in
- 14. Big Name in bikes, part 1
- 16. What we are called
- 17. You move this to drive away
- 20. H-D Logo, part 2
- 22. The "E" in ABATE

Down

- 1. Our Motto, part 2
- 3. Bear is our _____ Officer
- 5. Why we ride
- 9. Who we are apart of
- 10. What everyone needs to do driving
- 13. Big Name in bikes, part 2
- 15. Our Motto, part 1
- 18. The "A" in ABATE
- 19. We fight for this every day
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JOIN NOW

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On line Newsletter

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- Single 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$41.50

- Couple 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$71.50

- Single Life Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$390.00

- Couple 1 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$51.50

- Couple 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$73.00

- Couple Life Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$705.00

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Contact State of Michigan Secretary

Eric Eads

Phone: 269 435-2058

ABATE of Michigan Inc.,

P.O. Box 99

Constantine, Mi. 4941-0099

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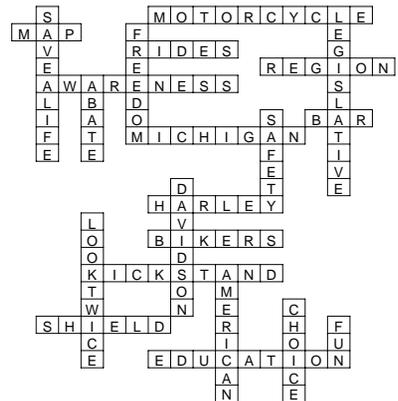
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* Enjoy fun Region & State
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MAKE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW!

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Pre-register (FREE) at www.mrf.org (cut-off May 14)

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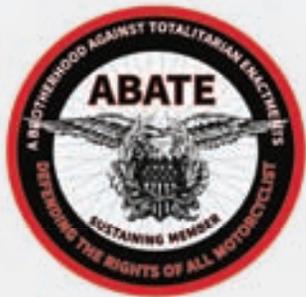


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State Events are highlighted in GOLD

MRF is highlighted in BLUE

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY

Date	Region	Region & State Events 2026	Contact
Mar 14	Reg 12	Annual Bowling Event - South Lanes Bowling Alley	Joylynn: 269 599-1767
Mar 28	Reg 5	Euchre Tournament	Dirty Dog
Mar 28	Reg 7	MRF Spaghetti Dinner - Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Tim: 989 670-9976
Mar 28	Reg 14	Taco Party - American Legion Post 322 - Saline, Mi.	
Apr 4	Reg 11	MRF - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - American Legion Post 4 - Mt. Clemens	Cowboy: 586 746-4765
Apr 22	Reg 7	Adopt-a-hwy trash pickup - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Apr 24 - 26	Reg 10	Maple Syrup Festival	
May 2	Reg 5	Spring Fling/Membership Bash	Bam Bam: 231 769-3185
May 3	Reg 7	Meeting & Awareness Ride - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
May 14	Reg 5	Blessing of the Bikes - Baldwin	
May 16	Reg 13	Run for the Region	
May 18 - 19		Bikers in the Beltway MRF	
May 23	Reg 10	Highland Festival Parade	
May 30	Reg 8	Motorcycle Poker Run	
May 30	Reg 10	Annual Spring Fling	
June 6	Reg 7	Rest in Peace Ride & Meeting - Evergreen Park	Danny: 989 325-1432
July 11	Reg 7	Scout & Shoot & Meeting - Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Tim: 989 670-9976
July 11	Reg 10	Annual Poker Run	
July 12	Reg 11	32nd Annual Observation Run	Cowboy: 586 746-4765
July 15	Reg 5	19th Bike Time	
Aug - 2nd	Reg 5	Hill Climb	
Aug 1	Reg 13	PAC Ride	Dano: 517 414-8183

Aug 15	Reg 11	8th Annual Ricky D Memorial Run	Arnold: 810 334-8600
Aug 16	Reg 5	Reg 5's Family Picnic - Stoney Lake	
Aug 20 - 23	Reg 5	Fall Rodeo - Twisting Trails Snowmobile Club	
Aug 21 - 23	Reg 22	Summer party and Coho Festival Parade	Greg: 231 620-6243
Aug 22	Reg 7	Porcupine Bash - Caro VFW	Tim: 989 670-9976
Sept 19	Reg 10	End of Summer Ride/Book Party	
Sept 23	Reg 7	Adopt-a-hwy trash pickup - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Sept 24 - 27		42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds	
Oct. 2 - 4	Reg 7	Carved in Stone Weekend - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Oct 10	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 10	Reg 10	Color Tour	
Nov 1	Reg 5	Christmas Auction	
Nov 1	Reg 7	Meeting & Chili Cook-off - Lucky Thumb	Tim: 989 670-9976
Dec 5	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting	Tim: 989 670-9976
Dec 5	Reg 10	Christmas Party	
Dec 5	Reg 22	Christmas Party	Greg: 231 620-6243
Dec 6	Reg 5	Christmas Party	

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& RETURNING
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 City: _____ State/Zip+4 _____
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 Phone: _____ E mail: _____

Are you a registered voter? Yes No
 New member Renewal Your Membership number _____

Single \$25 on line \$30 mail* Couple \$45/on line \$50 mail*
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