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Our 2023 Raffle Bike Fundraiser was a success thanks in part to Region 7's efforts selling the most tickets. Jinx sold the winning ticket and Shelby Roy sold an impressive 50 books of tickets! - *Region 7's Jinx, Tim and Shelby Roby.*

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Our Mission Statement

ABATE of Michigan Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving motorcyclist rights, promoting safe operating practices and raising motorist's awareness of motorcycles in Michigan.

Vision: ABATE of Michigan Inc. will work diligently to increase the penalties to anyone who injures or causes a fatality to a motorcyclist or their passenger and will work with other organizations in order to preserve the universal right to a safe, unrestricted motorcycling environment on a state and national level.

ABATE of Michigan, Inc. will expand into other areas, grow in membership and work with other organizations.

ABATE is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the overall rights and promoting the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists.



The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

WOW! that was fast. Just last month I had mentioned in my report that we needed to get our dormant regions back up and running. In the last two weeks I was informed by Woody (our Operations Officer) that we have a new RC for region 21. I want to thank Craig Brown for stepping up to fill that position. Also want to thank David Etherton for stepping up to take the RC position in region 4 and last but certainly not least I want to thank Travis Graham for taking the RC position for region 2. I am asking all members that live in those regions to please attend a meeting or 10 to support these guys I am sure they can use the help. Even if you don't live in those regions feel free to go to one of their meetings. I am sure they will welcome you. We still need RCs for regions 1, 17, and 19 so if you or someone you know would consider taking the RC position for one of those regions please contact Woody.

There isn't much going on in Lansing right now with the primaries and elections going on but I want the membership to know that Bear and his legislative guys including Jim, Vince, Butch, Herb and myself have been to Lansing quite a few times. I know Bear has been there almost every week talking to our legislators. Jeremy has been working behind the scenes as well. Have you contacted your legislators recently or at all? Contact them and talk to them at their office or at their coffee hours whichever you can. Let Bear know if you talk to any of them and what was said so

he can keep track of who has been contacted and what was said. There is an election coming in November and we need to know who to vote for. If they support us then we support them. I don't care if they are republican or democrat, if they support us then we support them. Offer to put signs out for them or ask if they need something else done. Believe it or not they will remember when they get into office who helped.

Thanks for being a member of ABATE of Michigan and riding season is almost here so be safe and look twice save a life
Gary



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<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Publications/CitizensGuide.pdf>



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Region Photos

Region 6



We had a surprise visit from our new President Gary Kopta and wife Debbie. Region 6 RC Merry Garrett and LO Cricket at the Swap meet in Crump



Region 6 RC Merry Garrett & New RC Region 21 Craig Brown at the Swap meet in Crump



Region Bike Nights

Region 3

May 13 - Aug 26

Bike nights at Fallen
Timbers 13901
US 31, Beulah MI 49617
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Memorial day

Region 11

April 23

Sunday is Bike Day
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Call: Rich 586 524-6907



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

Spring is in the air!

I guess the ground hog was right this year. At least for the moment. Things change fast in Michigan.

I would like to say thank you to the new RC's of Regions 21, Craig Brown, Region 2, Travis Graham, and Region 4, Dave Etherton. Thank you all for stepping up and giving a shit. Please give these RC's your support and attend a meeting!

I've been told that all the cabins at the Field Meet are rented out, so if you were planning on a cabin, you will have to make other arrangements. I will have Field Meet tickets available till May 31st at the reduced rate.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month! If your Region has any anything planned to promote Motorcycle Awareness, get a picture of it and send it to Woody or Merry. At the Field Meet, all the Regions who participated will have their Region # thrown in a hat. A Region will be randomly draw and they will get a trophy.

The Pizza and Pop event has been rescheduled for October. The Freedom Rally is scheduled for June. We are still working on a definite date. I will pass on the details when I get them.

The push for electric vehicles by the Feds has slowed down a bit. 120 Congress people sent the EPA a letter, based on feed back they received from constituents and businesses, to eliminate the 2035 emissions deadline. Manufacturers state that customers are not interested in purchasing a EV at present for various reasons. Several states have step backed from following California's emission standards, based on public opinion and feasibility. Connecticut's original bill would have fined non-compliant vehicles \$25,000 a day! Yikes! They are still working on something but what that is will remains to be seen.

The European Union is considering banning any sort of repair on a vehicles more than 15 years old. That would include body work, brakes, transmissions, and engine repair.

If you remember



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Ann Margaret, she is still riding her motorcycle at the age of 82.

The board has several future projects in the works with the goal of increasing membership, getting the ABATE message out, and "Letting those who ride decide." I will give future updates as these goals get closer to fruition.

Awareness donations this month are, Tim Hojna, Tim Walberg, K. Colley, Abe Lawson, Bernie Scott, Randy Moffett Tom Boyd, Karen Forsberg & Mike Poage. Life Members are Tim Hojna and K. Colley. Thank you all for your support and dedication. Welcome to new and returning members!
Eric

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING ABATE OF MICHIGAN MEMBERS

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Is Green the New Gray Area?

By Mark Buckner

Executive Director – Motorcycle Riders Foundation

For as long as I can remember – which is getting to be a LONG time! – those of us who love riding motorcycles and have devoted a large part of our lives to preserving and protecting our way of life have been telling anyone who would listen that the enemies of motorcycling don't just want to pass more and more restrictive laws where we're concerned. Their ultimate goal is to get us off the road entirely. A prime example of this is the recent push to outlaw internal combustion engines, just one of the issues the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and our partners in the state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the motorcycle aftermarket are fighting head on.

So why are internal combustion engines under attack? The Biden administration is calling for one in two new cars sold in the 2030s to be fully electric. Federal incentives intended to prop up 'green' proposals have been pushed through Congress. In some states, these initiatives have become all the rage, calling for the elimination of all internal combustion engines and the end of fossil fuels as an energy source. California's plan to ban all internal combustion engines by 2035 is the most obvious of these, while similar plans have been launched around the country and the world. On the surface, that might sound bleak for those of us who love our gasoline-powered bikes, cars, trucks, and boats, but there may be good news on the horizon. As more research is coming to light from a feasibility, a financial, and an environmental perspective, initiatives targeting zero greenhouse gas emissions are being reexamined.

The Connecticut state legislature, like their counterparts in California, initially targeted

the elimination of internal combustion engines by 2035, but has now decided to pump the brakes, killing Senate Bill 1145 which would have set unattainable greenhouse gas emission goals. Part of that bill would have penalized non-

compliant parties up to \$25,000 PER DAY for not meeting stated objectives, labeling the penalties as a 'tax'. Other uncoordinated decarbonization 'roadmap bills' are still being considered in Connecticut, but the all-out push to join states like Massachusetts, California, and others is on the decline. Ohio is pushing back as well. Their state legislature recently passed House Bill 201, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. HB 201 prohibits state agencies, counties, or townships in Ohio "from restricting the sale or use of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle." It also specifically prohibits a state agency from adopting the California emissions standards for motor vehicles. ABATE of Ohio played a major role in getting this law on the books. In northern Europe, Norway, which had targeted zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, is likewise backing off on its plan as its feasibility becomes less certain.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't be concerned about pollution. We absolutely need to address these issues, especially in our major cities. But the outright elimination of vehicles powered by fossil fuels is not the answer.

Regarding the general public's opinion on an all-electric solution, many people are less than enthusiastic about moving away from gasoline-powered alternatives. According to



the Sierra Club, in 2022 66% of car dealerships do not have an electric vehicle for sale. We can only assume that's because there was no market for them. Today, thousands of car dealerships around the country are pushing back on the Biden plan, saying they can't sell the electric vehicles they already have in stock. Car manufacturers are backing off as well, curtailing production of new EVs. Why is that?

First and foremost, electric vehicles are expensive. Some studies suggest that people who can afford to buy all-electric cars represent a finite group, and that many of those consumers have already purchased an EV car or truck, meaning the available pool of buyers is shrinking. Also problematic is that due in large part to the high cost of battery replacement, there is a very small market for used electric vehicles. Basically, no one wants to buy them knowing that a big repair bill is headed their way. While battery technology will likely improve in coming years, as of today that technology and questions about the cost of building a sufficient charging infrastructure are major concerns for consumers.

Finally, we should never forget that for the 'nanny state' crowd, going all the way back to Ralph Nader and the original safety-crats of the 1960s, the mantra has remained the same. That being, where safety is concerned, the public can't be trusted to make their own decisions or manage their own risks. In other words, these fine folks think they're smarter and better equipped to make policy decisions than us mere citizens. In their delusionary 'Road to Zero' world - where there will be zero accidents and zero fatalities - the best way to get there is to get rid of what they consider to be dangerous activities - like riding motorcycles. Eliminating internal combustion engines could go a long way towards achieving that goal.

Just as we have since the 1980s, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is standing up for motorcycling, fighting against issues like the elimination of internal combustion engines, and we need every concerned rider to join us in our mission. If you're not already a member of the MRF, my only question to you would be 'why not?'

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MRF State Rep - Tom "Jinx" Rahn

Hello again from the Mitten State! Well, January is over and so is another annual ABATE of Michigan State Seminar. The weather kind of kicked our butt this year as we had sleet, snow, and wind to hell wouldn't have it! It hurt our attendance but those that came made the best of it! Our family got there around 3ish to settle in and get ready for our Friday meetings. Jinx, Bear, and Tamera helped with the MRF table, working the ticket roll for a beautiful blanket that was being auctioned off for the MRF for the weekend. MRF meeting consisted of all the assistant state reps that were in attendance, along with our VP Jay Jackson. Jay brought in some good insight on what the MRF as a whole is working on and what is needed of us in 2024. Jinx, Tamera, and I are working on the state member list to update it so we can be back on level playing field. Saturday's breakout sessions were a blast as always, learning as much as you could. The biggest breakout took place later in the "hallway" with Congressman Tim Walberg; it was as if a celebrity walked in. After we all shook hands, Jay included, we chatted a bit and got ready for our LO session. Opening with Jim Rhoades going into the history of ABATE, opening the door to Congressman Walberg. With a standing ovation, the Congressman talked about Washington, the current state, a bit of old days, and the relationship with all of us. It was a true honor to listen as he spoke of things that I had not heard before of his years of coming to MI Seminar. However, it was nothing compared to how he ended his time. Congressman Walberg took his precious time to call out ABATE of Michigan's outgoing President, Vince Consiglio, and presented him with a flag flown over the US Capital, and a written speech he spoke on the house floor to commemorate the many years and dedication for Motorcycle rights he fought for. It was a very somber moment witnessed by all. Now that seminar is over, ABATE of MI has new leadership. Congratulations Gary Kopta. Along with new board members, there were a few changes in the MRF assistant state reps. Tamera spoke with all of them and determined what our focus is going to be for the upcoming year. Issues from autonomous vehicles, ethanol,

membership, anti-profiling, and right to repair will be a major focus for us this year. We are finalizing the details for our annual pizza and pop luncheon event at the capital. This is always a great way to build relationships with legislators and staff year after year.

Jinx attended the ABATE of OHIO yearly seminar. Congrats to them for passing HB 201. The details are listed in the article by Mark Buckner. We appreciate our neighbors to the south. February 25 found the MI MRF crew at the Spring Flint swap meet. There was our newest member, US Senate Candidate Mike Hoover, shaking hands and spreading the word on the top issues we are fighting in the MRF. His and our presence was very well received, signing petitions and handing out MRF trifolds, signing up a few new members, and pushing issues important motorcycle riders. It was a great time!

The 15th Annual Michael "BOZ" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway May 20 & 21, 2024, if anyone is interested in going, please see your Regional Assistant State Rep and they will forward it to Jinx. Regional Assistant State Rep list can be found on our website under the MRF Tab. Also, this year is the 40th Anniversary of the Meeting of the Minds, will be held in St. Louis, MO. September 25-29 2024... Mark Your Calendars! Some other events to mention: March 30 is the COC fundraiser in Waterford. Talk to Jinx for more info. April 6 will be the MRF Fund Night spaghetti dinner put on by Region 7, it's always a good time with great food. That's all the news for now.

Thanks for giving a shit!!

Tom "Jinx" Rahn
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I hope this article finds all of you well. There has been a whirlwind of great people stepping up, reaching out and getting involved. As you will see regions 2 & 4 are up and running. Other regions have made changes and those that are working on changes. Watch for updates as regions are getting fired up for an awesome spring kickoff.

The first RC and AC call was amazing thank you to all that attended. A lot of input, interaction and feedback. Social media has been blowing up Thank you to all the people and regions that have stepped up their presence, as we have seen the direct impact from these efforts. The state web page has also gotten updates, check them out, for the product store under the officer reports click on products and on Sally's picture it will take you directly to the online store.

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH.

If you can help the RC with getting the cities and villages to do the Proclamations, please reach out to your RC as these need to get on the agendas this month to make the MAY date. Watch for the Press release that will also go out to the media for May also. Regions across the state are planning MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS EVENTS in May. Watch the Rider, webpages and Facebook for those flyers and encourage support. The Traveling trophy challenge for all regions during Awareness

month is up for grabs. Get with your regions and if you don't have something planned get on it. Remember to send me your picture proof to enter the drawing. The drawing will be done on Saturday at the field meet.

With a short summer, calendars are filling fast there are so many events available opening up opportunities to sell raffle tickets, If your region needs help at an event reach out there are plenty of our ABATE family that want to help. Reminder we all are working toward the same goal.

Please support the STATE FIELDMEET (June 21st – June 23rd), Early Bird tickets are available till May 1st contact your RC or Eric for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the gate. Multiple vendors will be available. To include a food vendor and well known, new RC Dave aka "THE BIG WEEN".

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

We are off to a great start in 2024..

Thank you all for your support.

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The Field Meet will be held – June 21, 22, 23 at

Sturgeon Valley Campground

15274 Trowbridge Road

Wolverine, MI 49799

Four levels of sponsorship are available

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum

Sponsors will also be recognized at the Saturday evening activities and will be mentioned in the next issue of the Michigan Rider. Any business that donates as a Silver supporter will receive one month's free advertisement (business card); a business that becomes a Gold Supporter will receive ¼-page ad and any business that becomes a Platinum Supporter will receive a ¼-page ad for 2 months

All checks must be received by May 1, 2024 be recognized at the event.

Yes, I want to help sponsor the Field Meet. I am enclosing a check for:

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Region Coordinators & Meeting Info

Region 1

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.

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Meetings: 1st Sun 1pm

Region 6

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Meetings: 1:00 pm
Second Sunday
Baileys Bar and Grill
Bay City

Region 7

Tim Polk

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Meetings: First Sunday

2PM, Nov.-April

at Lucky Thumb

Motorcycle Club 7394

Bevens Rd. Deford

May - Oct. at Evergreen

Park 4731 Van Dyke Rd.,

Cass City 2nd Meeting

2nd

Saturday 4PM at

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Meetings 1st sunday of

the month at 3

Ghost Town Saloon in

Elwell

Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May

July

Evergreen Tavern in

Hemlock

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun,

Aug

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Region 11

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Meetings: First

Wednesday of every
month

Chicky's Paradise
downtown Almont
between speedway and
Dollar General we start
at 7:00 pm.

Last Wednesday of every
month

Total Sports Production
drive Harrison Township
next to (I 94) we start at
7:00 pm.

Region 12

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Meetings: 1st Sunday of
the month 1pm

Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13

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noon

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Meetings: Saline

4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American Legion

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Region 15

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dates and times

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Sunday of the month @

2pm

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Region 19

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Meetings: 1st Tues

7:00pm

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Region 20

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REGION 1 - Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton 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 2 Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac RC - Travis Graham

As most know Region 2 is back up and running. Would like to introduce to you all the team. RC- Travis Graham Treasurer- Kelly Graham SGT in arms- Mike Kik Area Coordinator- Bernie Winicki We still have spots open. We need a Legislative officer and more Area Coordinators. We are still working on a meeting date and will keep

everyone informed on the date. Region 2 will be successful and we are going to need help doing so. We are working on planning some events, if anyone has ideas please share. Please be patient with us as we work our magic for our community of riders! Looking forward to some great times and getting to know everyone. Thank you Travis Graham & The crew!

REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford RC - Van Dunson

Meeting was called to order by Van at 18:32. Van led the pledge, recited by all followed by a moment of silence.

Van read a review of last months meeting. Motion by Denise to approve, second by Patricia. Discussed and carried.

Treasurers report was presented by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Gina second by Denise. Discussed and carried.

Our legislative girl Anita

stated that the new date for the pizza and pop in Lansing is on October 2, 2024 and June 12 is the Freedom Rally. Blessing of the Bikes in Baldwin in May and Regions 5 and 8 are having a booth set up there. She went to a Region 5 meeting and was very impressed. There will be some veteran escorts in the future, stay tuned for dates and times. Woody spoke of MRF and encouraged all to fill out the questionnaire to assist Illinois with their helmet bill. He stated that Connecticut is also facing a helmet bill. If your not a member of MRF please join, see Woody for and application or use their QR code.

AC Ken is absent
AC Kortnee is present via phone. Congrats on the new grandchild Kortnee. In the AC meeting, (Anita attended in Kortnees absence), it was stated that moving forward the focus will be on awareness, education, and legislative. If there are any region needs let him know. There is a move to unify all the regions regarding all forms that are used, any that we want included in that to send in, the recruit flyer has been re-done. All the RC's were given a task to do something in May for awareness. Take pictures of the event and submit to be entered into a drawing for the traveling trophy, which will be drawn at the field meet. AC Patricia - she has stepped up to be the Manistee AC.

Thanks.
Papa Smurf is in the warm weather..riding.

Karen has been in touch with Manistee regarding the ride. The flyers are done and will be handed out, Please put them out. Everything will be staked in the next two weeks. We will be missing the road construction..but have no worries as Greg is our road captain and will be a great guide. We have bike blessings at both locations. Gina and Karen will be working on setting up in various places to raise awareness.

Public relations - nothing at this time.

Products - Gina has nothing new at this time.

Denise has a membership list and has been encouraged to reach out to those who expired to see if they can't be interested in renewing their membership. She states that she has been going to various places to meet people and encourage them to join Abate. You rock Denise!!

Woody stated that Regions 2 and 4 are both starting up again and will have meetings soon. Welcome back!

If you haven't looked at the state web page recently, go look as there have been some changes. A color coded county/region map has been added with a list of regions and the counties in that region.

Sponsor links have been outdated, but business owners of those who sponsor/support Abate can have their link posted for free. This is helpful to all. Get it submitted. Region 21 has a brand new RC, they need some help with the Maple Syrup festival April 25-28 in Shepard. They are doing awareness, will have a float but need help. Reach out to Craig Brown and offer your assistance.

Saturday March 16th at 5pm, Iron Coffins in Rapid City is having a St. Pat's event. \$5 donation. March 30th at 6pm the MCOC annual fundraiser held at the Scorpions Club house in Oakland County in Hew Hudson. Get with Woody for directions.

Safety blip from Paul...Reminder to check your tires. The tire pressure, check it when its cold. Go by what the owners manual states not by what is on the tire. Thanks Paul.

Party Committee: Greg has a meeting with Twisted Trails in Copemish to see how that area would work for our party. Mark, Ed and Greg will visit them. Our other option is Two Wheeled Tavern. Stay tuned for further info.

2024 T-shirt design has been chosen. Get your sponsors in by next month.

Bike nights for Fallen Timbers starts on May 13, 2024. The other bike nights location to be determined.

Cadillac swap meet is Saturday March 30th from 10-4. Gina and Karen will be there with a booth. If you can help with any part of the day get with Gina.

Mackinaw Rally - June 7-9 It will take more than one region to support this with info and awareness. Working on camping info.

Field meet - June 21-23. Ann Marie has early bird tickets. Get them by May 1st.

If you want bike raffle tickets get with Ann Marie.

Johnny A had a great idea regarding getting more sponsors for Abate. It was suggested that a letter should be written up to hand out to prospective sponsors. Johnny suggested that someone else could do that. It was asked of Karen to do so and Woody stated that it should go to the state so that it could be used in all the regions.

Motion by Ann Marie second by Woody to adjourn.

**REGION 4 - Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Ilse, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena
RC - Dave Etherton**

Hello everyone my name is David Etherton a lot of you know me as the Big Wein. I've been at the field meet the last 3 years. I've been to summer bashes and memorial rides. I have grabbed ahold of the reins of region 4 to help our brothers and sisters of the abate community. My fiancé Crystal Gray is on board with me and taking this adventure together. She will be our regional secretary and our regional treasurer. Feel free to message either one of us at any time about abate and one of us will

respond and get back to you we are a family that works together and grows together just as abate is.

We have our first meeting set for this month to be held at Pub 27 address is 506 n Main Street march 24th which is a Sunday from 1-3 meeting will start at 1:30 and go till 2:30 come early and stay after for a drink and food I hear they have great chicken sandwiches and burgers hope to see everyone there.

**REGION 5 - Mason,
Lake, Oceana, Muskegon,
Newaygo
RC - Cindy "Gizmo"
Meloche**

The meeting opened with the Pledge and a moment of Silence.

CALLING ALL ABATE MEMBERS, we got offered the chance to help Jerry Welcome with some of the events that he is doing with the Vets.

We as ABATE members would escort or chase the V.A. bus from Sippy Flatts to whatever event that is going on.

Here are some of the dates to keep in mind of these events:

May 18th Baldwin Blessings of Bikes

July 13th Day of the Thunderbird Raceway

Aug 17th Thunder in the Creek

Sept. 28th Pheasant Hunt

We want to say Thank you to Anita from Region 3

April 2024

for joining us.

We will be having a booth at the Baldwin Blessing of the bikes May 17-19.

We will be handing out awareness information, selling flags and raffle tickets.

We are also talking with MMC about doing a Family kid camping event for our future Abate members.

Bike raffle tickets on Sale.

We also would like to Welcome our new member, Patty Schuitema, and all the other new members.

Happy Birthday to all Abate members for the months of February and March... Hope everyone had a great Birthday.

Angela Tickle
Region 5 Secretary.

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

Hello Region 6 and all you beautiful people that read what's happening in our region. We've already gotten busy and have an even busier summer coming up

We had a chance to go to Crump at the Silver Derby bar to sell bike tickets February 25. Folks said it's always been a great event and it definitely was. I was thrilled to have Kathy and Craig work the table with me. We also had 12 other members that came out and supported us and the other vendors there. Let me tell you I was sure surprised

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by all the folks, the tables and the sales. I even bought some more stuff. We sold quite a few tickets and signs so it was a great day. I got told I should have brought my wreaths and sold them. Next time!!!

We have our events coming up:
Awareness run
Bubbas Mother's Day event
Memorial Day at Bubbas
That's just May. So get on board and come join us. Sign up at a meeting.

Grab some bike tickets my friends. We need to sell, sell, sell anyway we can. I'm going to a few craft shows this spring and guess what I told the event coordinator what we Abate stands for and they said bring those tickets to sell. So I will Be selling them and hope someone can come out and sit with me.

Field meet discount tickets are now available at the meeting. Let me know if you need yours. We have our trophies for the bike show and the large raffle item. We will need filler stuff for our wagon. See me at the meeting or message me. I have a list. Of course I do I'm a list maker for everything
Golf carts are also available to rent \$115 for a four seater and \$97 for a two seater. You pay when you get there but please reserve one ASAP so we make sure we have enough. You will Need your policy number for your homeowners insurance. I have a list. lol Don't forget the field meet dates have changed to June 21,22,23. If you want a campsite early let me know. I also have a list for that.

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Some of our region are going to the Westbranch shindig and we will miss you. Have a blast. They changed their date just as we did so it's sad it's on the same weekend. We looked forward to going. But the field meet it is for us.

Well I have some news. Some good news I hope. David C Berg aka Woody our operation officer has made new Facebook pages for region 2 and 4. We have received word that both of these regions have a new RC woot woot.

Thanks Travis and David for stepping up and getting these regions back up and running. Check out the rider for their info and when their meeting will be held. Please if you live close to those regions ask to join. If you just want to support the regions join the page. Let's give them all the support we can. It's in the works to go to both regions and give our support. On a nice beautiful sunny warm day to come out and show them we care. So let's do this. It's sad when we see regions not being active or ones that are struggling. We've all been there.

I'm also an admin for Region 19 page and we need an RC to step up and take that region under their wing. Woody and I will help with anything we can.

We will have a new RC for region 21 at the March meeting. Thank you to Region 6 member Craig A Brown for stepping up I know for a fact they will do an awesome job. Again you do not have to live in a region to be the RC you just have to care and make meetings

It is a slow process but like myself I lucked out starting region 6 up again. It already had a great core and it gets better every single meeting. You have the backing behind you, just take that giant step!!

Prayers for Vern and Amy region 10 hope you both are feeling much better
Judy Wallace region 7 had a stroke so send some prayers up for her too.

Spring is acting like it's here but we all know how Mother Nature can be so enjoy it while she's in a good mood!!!

Peace
Merry
RC Region 6.

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

March 3,2024 Meeting minutes

Meeting was called to order at 2 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for our Troops and an Opening prayer by Paul Melcher. Everyone participated.

Gentleman Jim read the minutes from the last meeting, with no corrections to the minutes. A motion by Parkus, second by Julie to accept the minutes as read, motion carried.

Treasurers report was given by Shelby with one expense this month and a little income from the swap meet and clothing donations. Motion to accept the Treasurers report as read by Butch, second by Dean, motion carried.

Butch said that there were no new changes to report, but we did have Rep. Greg Alexander at our meeting, and he talked of new "changes" to our Gun Laws and that income taxes are on the rise. Progress on our insurance issues are at a standstill!

Marlene gave us an Awareness Report, scheduling classes lately have been slow, but should be picking up soon! As of March 10th, Marlene has a class scheduled in Bad Axe!

Old Business: Bob gave us an update on the Passbook with Region 11. So far, they have 80 establishments in seven counties. Great job! Bob and Marlene have been very busy signing them up! Thank you for doing this! We went over what happened at the Swap meet and what we did.

New Business: Paul & Deb Melcher discussed with us details of possibly having a Summer Camp-out & Party at Lucky Thumb on June 28, 29 & 30. So far, we have commitments from 17 members to help with the event. It would be GREAT to see more members volunteering to help out! Paul & Deb are chairs for a committee for this party. There is more planning and meetings continuing and watch for a flyer!

Future Events: April 6th is our annual MRF Fund Night Spaghetti Dinner and Live Auction. Region 7 members are asked to bring auction items(donations) and desserts. Starts at 3 PM, hope to see you there! Our Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick-up is April 24th, starting at 5 PM, meet at Evergreen Park. AWARENESS Ride & Meeting on May 12th. Meet up and ride starts at Noon at Evergreen Park, with the ride ending at Blue Water Inn in Port Sanilac. Meeting after the ride. Rest in Peace Ride is June 1st with our monthly meeting after the

ride. Shoot & Scoot was on July 13th at Farmers Tavern in Ruth. Rustic camping is available. Sign up starts at 10 am.

Motion by Wes and second by Tamera to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Remember to not only do a check-up on your bike before you ride, but also to go over your insurance policies and make sure that you have coverage for Underinsured and Uninsured drivers! It can help you when you least expect it! Until next month, Ride safe, Ride Free! Tim.

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry RC - Robert "X" Meloche

February Region Report
We are actively attending other regional meetings this year so don't be surprised to see our patches in your audience. We'd love to see you at our meetings as well. Speaking of meetings, we are looking for a new home so please check with me or our Facebook page for temporary locations over the next couple of months. We will post details of our events by the end of the month. This is later than we'd have liked, but it's what we can offer. These events will include the May Awareness event, the June Gilmore Vintage Motorcycle event, the July festivities in Muskegon for Bike Time/Rebel Road, and an August ride to from Grand Rapids to the UP. There will be rides in September and October as well. We were able to sponsor a table at a Republican US

Senate debate! This was a successful event for us, and we have received requests to address our organization from several state and federal level candidates.

REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton, Clinton & Ionia Counties RC - Nick Henry

I got a message from Region 21 R.C. that someone in region 9 (Clinton county) was asking about meetings. I messaged back telling him that no meetings were scheduled and told him why, that members didn't want to come to meetings.

I Will meet with anyone in region 9 that wants to meet. If they set up a meeting time and place I will do my very best to be there.

All the information to contact me is in this newsletter.

Pop and Pizza date is set for October 2nd from 10am to 2pm in the Michigan room (House Office building).

Nothing much is happening in the state legislature concerning motorcycles, that I know of.

One thing that caught my eye is that the legislator is again considering tolls on roads.

They say we are 3.9 billion in the red for road maintenance, and tolls would bring in about 1 billion a year. So what about the other 2 billion? How about a per mile road tax and how to collect that tax, and then there's the proposal to raise the gas tax to .74 cents or raise the sales tax by 2-3 cents. You can read the whole article at ABATE of Michigan, Region 9 facebook page.

Ride safe ride free

Nick
Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Vern Shock

Region 10 monthly meeting was held at Ghost Town Saloon in Elwell on March 3rd. Meeting was called to order at 3:05. Pledge was recited followed by a moment of silence for Mark Baars. Dondi was invited to speak about the insurance laws and how it affects motorcyclists. Great presentation by Dondi and was well received by all. Had a lot of new faces with 66 in attendance. It was great to see 41 bikes parked out front at the beginning of March.

Keep up the good work on bike ticket sales. If you get a pack of 10 sold make sure you turn them in to Bob Shock.

If you plan on attending the field meet, I will have the tickets one final time at the April 7th meeting as I must return all sold and unsold tickets to Pam after the meeting. You must be an ABATE member to attend. \$15 single or \$25 couple to be able to camp for the weekend. Field meet is June 21-23. Tickets at the gate will be \$25 per person. So, get them now.

Illinois is trying to pass a helmet bill and they have never had a helmet law. For those that choose to go without a helmet and go cross state this will affect you. Pay attention to that. Connecticut is also trying to sneak a helmet law into a bill currently. So we need to make our voices heard when it comes to these bills. It should always be let those who ride decide. Any updates will be posted to our facebook page.

We are looking for candy donations for the highland festival parade. Cash or candy donations will work. We almost had enough to make the whole parade route last year. Those wishing to participate in riding the trailer or walking in the parade let us know. The date for that is May 25th.

Spring Fling is May 11th. Details are coming soon for that as it is approaching fast.

Ghost Towns first bike night is May 22.

Weather is turning nice and staying light later. Looking forward to riding with you all this year. Lets have a fun and safe year.

ABATE Region 10 Gratiot Saginaw | Facebook

Respectfully,

Vern Shock.

REGION 11 - Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb RC- Richard "Magilla" Snooks

There is a lot going on in Region Eleven, I will tell you about some that has happened. I will also tell you about some that is going to happen. Region eleven had members at the State Convention March 2nd as well as the Senate Debate March 4th. Our new LO Tommy Smith was loud and proud, he introduced himself and spoke to MIGOP Chair Pete Hoekstra. Tommy left a good impression with Pete and the seed of ABATE was well planted. Senate debate March 4th, Tommy made it there as well. Meet up with Michael Hoover who we all know is running for senate, hopefully replacing Debbie Stabenow. Michael Hoover was a guest at our December 6th Wednesday meeting at Chicky's Paradise in Almont. Senate Debate March 4th Michael seemed to be the pick of the night again. Makes me feel good ABATE Region 11 has made him a friend, I believe when in office he will work good with MRF and ABATE to help riders make things happen.

Here is a Michael Hoover Quote... "You want to be tested?? GO into ABATE OF MICHIGAN and let them decide if you represent America and its values. They love freedom and liberty. Most of them served our nation. They Love America and the only way you earn their trust is if you do too."

When people come into our organization then make statements like that it, makes me very Proud of what we do.

April Events, Packing For The Troops Apr 25th Fern Hill Golf Club 6 – 9 pm. Macomb Gun Show Apr 27th 9 am to 5 pm Region 11 will be there with a booth @ SEARS 14100 Lakeside Cir. American Legion Post 4 Blessing of the Bikes Noon to 4:00 pm. Region 11 will be there with a booth.

Come to a meeting get your flyers, all these events are able to hang on your refrigerator, so you don't forget.

Ride Free, Ride Sober, Ride Safe.

Watch out for those not Watching Out for YOU.

Rich "Magilla" Snooks.

REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, Joseph RC - Dan Dan

Sunday March 3, 2024

Nathan started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan started the meeting with a recap of last months notes.

MRF Report - Nothing to report this month.

Joy with Treasury Report - Bear sold some t-shirts and that brought in revenue. Doing good right now with saving money.

Region 12 will be offering a chance to win a prize with a bike raffle ticket, awareness sign or bumper stick or if someone new signs up for an Abate membership. This will start at the local Bike Night at the Paw Paw Eagles in Lawton. Every Wednesday from 5-9 starting May 15th. Open to members and non members of the Eagles and you do not have to be an Abate member either.

Joy with Awareness - Going to sell bike raffle tickets, yard signs and gaining new members Sunday March 10th at the Wings Event Center Kalamazoo 10 am to 4 pm for the 51st Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet.

Gary with Legislative Report - No bills are in the works for insurance issues. The Capitol will have a Fish Fry at the Bike Rally in June. Discussions of lane filtering and possibly changing to a more strict punishment when you injure/kill a biker.

Eric with Memberships - We are always thinking of ways to bring in new members. Ask everybody who drives a bike, rides on a bike, knows someone that does or cares about our right to ride. \$25 a year and we do so much. Send new members or their info to Eric.

We are thinking about making a day of Bike Maintenance training/info. Bring the family out and learn all the things you need to keep your bike in tip top shape. More details to come.

Joylynn with Events - Annual Bowling for Region 12 is on March 23rd at Noon-2 in Three Rivers at South Lanes Fun Center off Broadway and US 131. It's \$20 per person, with two games, shoes, two slices of pizza and pop. Bring everyone you know. It's fun and helps a great cause. Call or text Joylynn at 269-599-1767.

Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet is May 19th in Centerville fairgrounds. Great place to see different bikes and find needed bike parts. We will sell bike raffle tickets, yard signs and new memberships.

Abate of Indiana Region 1 will have Summerfest again at Boot Hill Ranch August 14-18. More details in the coming months.

We drew for the Incentive drawing and Dawna would have won the pot if she was present. It is only a dollar to earn a chance to make some quick money and show support each month.

Next month's meeting is April 7th 1 pm Paw Paw Eagles

Lawton.

We drew for a 50/50 raffle and someone in the bar won.

We also drew for a bike raffle ticket to give out and Jeff won the ticket.

Nathan motioned to close and Linda seconded it.

Thank you,
Joylynn Wojciehowski.

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

Hello, Region, 13!

Wow what a meeting! Got to see some old members and it felt great to see them again!

We are all hoping to see a lot more old and new members at meetings.

We opened the meeting at 12:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for fallen members.

We had the acting secretary give the minutes from the previous meeting and they were accepted. Just a side note here, we are still looking for a permanent secretary so if you or one of your friends are interested come to a meeting and ask about what all the responsibility are.

Treasurer Sassy gave her report and it was accepted, still in the positive! She's doing a great job getting used to the new duties. Thank you, Sassy!

Herb updated us on the Legislative front in Lansing. Not much happening in our capitol right now but that doesn't mean that we are taking a break. Herb is working

on a series of articles for insurance recommendations for those who might need a little more help with insurance coverage, it can be a complicated issue. We are looking forward to reading those. If you or a friend ride and is does NOT have an endorsement, then PLEASE get one. Statistically 40% to 50% of motorcycle fatalities DO NOT have an endorsement for their license. Not to mention that if you get caught, they will tow your bike and a \$500 fine.

We are in the process of trying to get a motorcycle accident study done. So, if you have a friend or loved one (we hope not) get involved in a motorcycle crash please try to get as much info that you can. I do believe that we are hoping to follow this all the way through to the end, court, fine etc... I know this is something that we all hope does not happen but unfortunately it does. Illinois has had a Helmet bill filed and would like some phone calls made on their behalf. Check out the ABATE of Michigan Facebook page for more info on that. They helped us with phone calls when we needed it now let's return the favor!

Jinx filled us in on the MRF front, they are working on A federal recognition of May being Motorcycle Awareness month. They also have a new call to action regarding the right to repair (H.R. 906) go to their website to learn more and find out how you can make a difference on the federal level.

Under events we had a few brave souls come down from region 8 to fill us in about using their race car to promote safety and awareness aspects of abate of Michigan. Big thank you to Rob Sluiter and the rest of the crew that came down, always great to meet new people! They are looking for up to 50 bikers to help in the parade on May 11th. This year's theme is Bikes and Tulips. If anyone is interested in seeing them race their home raceway is Thunderbird raceway. They even want to take the car to other events so if this is something that you may want to get in touch with him. We also had Sean "General Lee" Lee talk to us about the Blessing of the bikes in Jackson. He invited us to have a booth at the event and the motion passed. Hope to see you There. The blessing is April 20th 12pm - 4pm at 209 E Washington Ave. in Jackson. Our Last guest was Randy Evans. It was great to see him there, Randy is the Veteran Navigator and He is working through the Hillsdale County Veterans Organization. He is trying to connect with veterans in need of services and needs help with finding out how to go about doing it. So, if you or somebody you know needs help in this area, please reach out to him, he can and will help.

Membership we had Returning members Billy and Becky Blair re-up their memberships WELCOME BACK! Buttons will be at the booth at the blessing so if you want to join or Renew, please come on out and see her! (yeah, I will be working the booth also.

In the AC's report the state has asked that we try and get a proclamation from the townships, cities and county boards recognizing May as motorcycle awareness month. Again, if you know someone interested in becoming an AC send them our way, we have a couple of areas that we need to have covered.

Our Road Captain, Bumper gave some words of advice About it being early in the riding season and the cagers are not looking for us, so as always treat them like they are going to aim for us. Make sure you give the bikes a good once over and change any fluids that might need it and make sure you have a good rubber underneath you!

There is a new e-mail SCAM going around, They are pretending to be ABATE board members and regular members. They will ask to send Money, DO NOT OPEN

THIS! You will be contacted directly if there is a money issue. Just jot down the senders info and give it to your RC so we can figure this out. We are going to try a few things new this year and see how they work out. First is We are going to have a monthly dinner ride then once a year we will go to an upscale restaurant. Second a monthly ride to a cool or interesting place, along with this once a year we will have a ride to a fun destination. Depending on where that could be a day, or it could be a weekend. All of these will be decided by drawing a member's suggestion out of a hat. The dinners we will start in April.

Well that's all for this month. Hope to see you at a meeting and at the blessing in Jackson. Till then Ride safe!
Dano.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob

Date: February 25, 2024

Eric Nelson Sergeant of Arms: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Eric Nelson and moment of silence for personal intentions spoken and unspoken. Eric mentioned, "Check with your insurance agent to ensure you have max coverage on your automobiles and bikes."

Meeting start time: 4:14pm Meeting end time: 5:10pm

Amos/Secretary report:

Amos read the ABATE Mission Statement as a reminder to members of what ABATE is about. Amos read the minutes from the January 28, 2024, meeting.

February's meeting minutes submitted to Silla February 25, 2024.

All minutes are available to members for review at each meeting.

February Birthdays: Patricia Roundtree

Field Meet - Single price is \$15.00 and Couple price is \$25.00 and make sure to note their names on the returning portion of the ticket. Pre-sale tickets are due back to Pam by May 1st, 2024.

Saline Craft Show at Middle School on Saturday March 16, 2024. Spot rental for 6ft table \$70.00 to sell Bike Tickets. 7190 N. Maple Rd. Contact Vanessa Mabry on Facebook. Members decided the table rental cost was too much.

Depot Town Bike Nights are on Tuesday night. 4 - 8pm. Region 14 members will attend and will sell Bike Raffle Tickets.

Saline Rotary – Amos will stop in at one of their Thursday meetings to schedule a date for an ABATE presentation.

Ton-Up and Heritage Festival is in August. Region 14 will check on spot or table rentals for both these events.

1st Motion to Accept Secretary report: Sally.

2nd Motion to Accept Secretary report: Eric.

Sally/Treasurer's report: Sally presented the treasurer's report to members.

1st Motion to Accept Treasurer's report: Dawn.

2nd Motion to Accept Treasurer's report: Zack.

Shiny Bob:

June 21st – June 23rd, 2024, the date for the Field Meet and pre-sale tickets are now available for purchase.

Bike raffle tickets are also available. Region 14 members please see me for tickets packs and let us get a jump on our region sales. Drawing on September 28th, 2024, and will be at Tecumseh Harley Davidson. Our region previously committed to helping region eighteen at the event.

Thank you, Amos, and Zack, for your Admin work on our region's Facebook page, to keep our members informed on our region's events and meetings.

Thank you, Bob Kenyon, for knocking it out of the park so far on Bike Raffle ticket sales! Members, please post our Bike show flyer in your communities.

Region 14 will sell Bike Raffle tickets at the Fowlerville Fair. We will have a 15 x 30 space to set up one of our pop-up tents. Sally will order and design plaques for this year's region Bike Show on June 15, 2024.

Iron Saints Browsing event is April 6th. See me for team sign-up information.

Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Report: Ann noted area Bike events. You can find details of each on the Internet.

March 10th Kalamazoo Swap Meet

March 24th Novi Swap Meet

March 19th Monroe Swap Meet

May 5th AMCA Swap Meet

May 9th Worldwide Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride

May 19th Monroe Swap Meet

May 25th Foundation 14 Ride for the Fallen

June 12th the date for the Freedom Rally. Will provide more information as it becomes available.

Pizza & Pop rescheduled for October.

Ann mentioned Lane Splitting Bill and Noel's participation in the Amendment of Insurance.

1st Motion to Accept Legislative/Media/Road Captain report: Amos.

2nd Motion to Accept Legislative/Media/Road Captain report: Bob.

Dawn/Awareness Report: Suggests flushing your brake lines every two years.

Guest Speaker: Michael Hoover is running for Michigan's US Senate seat, and he recently became an ABATE member and has promised to be an ABATE supporter.

50/50: Won by Spanky

Dollar Draw: Won by Nicki

1st Motion to Close meeting: Zack

2nd Motion: Amos

Next Meeting

March 24, 2024, 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Amy (Amos) Bachorek Region 14 Secretary.

REGION 15 - Wayne RC - Bobby Prine

February 18, 2024 Meeting

The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and prayers for troops around the world.

MRF-Pam read a report from MRF titled New Leadership for House Motorcycle Caucus. Legislative-Jim gave us an update. Michigan can vote in person early.

Motorcycles are not covered on any current policy/bills. Jim reiterated that ABATE is "Politically Neutral".

Noel LaPorte to write up intro to new Insurance bill.

Pam asked if there must be a new bill every year. Jim explained that yes, a new bill must be reintroduced each year.

Jim told us that the third Wednesday of the month he goes to Lansing, if you want to go let Jim know.

Pizza and Pop has been delayed until October.

Freedom Rally – A solid date has not been confirmed. Please look for additional information on social media posting for this event.

Guest Mike Hoover running for the U.S. Senate. From his website. : Michael is running for senate as a Republican because he believes the Midwestern values of faith, family, and community are worth protecting, and he aims to bring a fresh and balanced approach to Washington on behalf of our great State. It's time we restore these values: Trust in our government, Liberty in our lives, and the authentic pursuit of Happiness. "

Discussion with the

membership and Mike followed.

New business:

Magoo- told us of the "Cabin Fever party" at the Road Agents on March 23rd at the clubhouse.

MCOOC at the Scorpions March 30, April 5 at the Outlaws on Fenkell.

Clair and Jeremy told us of the Defrost run on April 20th. Last year Pam and George were set up there to sell bike tickets.

J.P. Cycle welcomes us to any of their events to put up a table and sell bike tickets.

Respectfully, Region 15 Secretary Pam Fischer.

REGION 16 - Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco

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

We had a good meeting ,started at 2:05 with Michael Hoover whose running for Michigan Senator. What a great guy , he's totally behind us !!

Then we moved on to our reports .We elected Jason Duncan as our Master of Arms , Kevin Conner as Sergeant of Arms and Sass As Events coordinator. All will do an amazing job.

Mike and Sass hosted a Road Captains meeting prior to the membership meeting. He provided his plans and visions for this year's rides. Gonna be a lot of fun!

Sounds like Sass has hit the ground running with really solid ideas for our events.

Our next road pick up is April 24th at 5:30

on N. Custer . Contact Abby for any further info.

Leroy and Wayne still need new teachers for Awareness classes if anyone can help.

Quote of the month, "There's no way to rule the innocent men. The only power any government has is the power to crack down on criminals, well, when there aren't enough criminals one makes them. One declares so many things to be a crime that it becomes impossible for men to live without breaking laws. " by Ayn Rand

We ended our meeting with a motion to close at 3:10. That makes three meetings in a row not longer than an hour.

We will be starting after meeting rides as soon as the weather is right.

Until next month
Abby.

REGION 19 Oakland
RC - Pete Kazelas

Report from Region 19

For the April, 2024 Issue of Michigan Rider
Report from Our March Meeting

The Region 19 regulars met on the 5th of March at the Old Same Place, 6 pm for dinner and 7 pm for our meeting. We always look forward to getting together, though it's probably true that our meetings are a little different from what goes on in a Region that functions at a higher level than ours.

Having only two officers in place to report their activities, our meetings are more social and less business than is likely the case in other Regions. But the Region 19 folks are a great bunch, friendly and with many years of experience with motorcycles. There are lots of stories about the rides we have enjoyed and rides that we have endured. Seen in hindsight, those ride categories somehow become strangely fused until all that remains is a sense of accomplishment for having done things that only a few can do or will do. Motorcycling provides those countless unique experiences that bind us tightly in shared memories. Maybe that's why we have been riders in the first place; it's a special thing to do with special people who love the sport. Our meetings serve to amplify these feelings and provide opportunities for more shared time together.

Getting back to the news from Region

19, our LO reports that on a single day early in March he was able to carry ABATE's concerns to two local legislators.

First at an in-district meeting held by Brenda Carter, Hess reconnected with the Rep and her staff to thank them for last year's attempt to find a legislative solution to the motorcycle/PIP crisis. While their work did not result in the solution we had hoped for, honest efforts certainly were made. ABATE's friendship with Carter and her staff is a relationship to protect and nurture as we continue to work on this issue.

Later that same day, Hess also spoke with his own Rep (Mark Tisdell) to remind him that ABATE has not gone away and needs legislative help in rectifying the wrong done to 270,000 Michigan motorcyclists with the passing of SB 1. While we have been fighting the PIP issue for five(!) years, the state legislature remains on the hook to help us solve the problem. If it had it been the legislators themselves who had suffered this PIP crisis, you can bet your last penny that it would have taken about two days to find a fix. Michigan's bikers need help NOW!!

On the local front, Region 19 has recently made several appeals in Michigan Rider, asking Oakland County's ABATE members to join us at our meetings and to help manage the Region more effectively. Those appeals have not yet produced the new folks so badly needed. But on the bright side, one of our regular attendees is considering accepting the position of RC! We will need to let this process unfold but hope that good

news will follow soon.

If you are a member of Region 19, please don't be shy; join us on April 2nd at our next meeting, 6 pm for dinner at the Shark Club at 6665 Highland Road, Waterford. The meeting will follow at 7. Hope to see you there!!

Submitted by Hess Bates,
Region 19 Legislative Officer
hessbates@att.net.

REGION 20 - Genesee, Shiawassee RC - Mark Berger

Well, we have had a roller coaster of a winter. With some very nice days to be able to ride, I hope you all were able to get the bike out and blow off the cob webs and winter blues.

Bike Raffle tickets are available for \$10 each. Drawing to be held Sept. 28th 2024

Awareness wrist bands available for \$1 each. They have the "Look Twice Save A Life" saying.

We are looking for Road Captains. If you might be interested contact me. (Bus)
In need of donations for Field Meet Raffle. Anything helps.
Contact Cupcake (Events Coordinator)

We are starting a dinner ride once a month. First one will be before the Rider comes out but the next one will be April 15th @5pm. Iron Horse in Durand. Meet at the restaurant.

Our annual awareness ride will be May 4th. Meet at Burger King in Perry. KSU@ Noon. Weather permitting.

End of Summer Picnic- Sept. 7th @1pm. Main dish and water will be provided. Bring a lawn chair, dish to pass and your own drinks. To be held at mine and Cupcakes home in Byron. Contact me if you need

the address. Hope to see a lot of you there.
Still no word on when the Capitol Bldg. will be reopened. Until next time. Ride Safe. BUS.

REGION 21 - Oscoda, Clare, Mecosta, Isabella, Montcalm RC Craig A. Brown

Hello,

My name is Craig Brown and as of April 1st 2024 I will be the new RC for region 21. Isabella, Clare, Osceola, Mecosta and Montcalm counties.

I'm working hard to try and build 21 back up and get people active again. I lots of work a head of me.

I would like to start by letting everyone know we will be at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival April 25 - 28. Stop out and see us. If you would like to volunteer your time and help with the booth you are more than welcome. Email me or reach out to me on Facebook (ABATE region 21) or text me.

Monthly meetings are yet TBD but I will post it to the ABATE OF MICHIGAN Facebook page

I would also like to thank Merry Gerrett RC for 6 to encourage me to step out and do this. Thanks Merry for the support, truly a mentor! Thank you,
Craig Brown RC.





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Region Event Flyers

MRF Fund Night

(MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION)

Hosted By

ABATE of Michigan - Region 7

Held at

Farmers Tavern

Ruth, MI

April 6, 2024

Spaghetti Dinner

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner with all the fix'ins!

All for just \$10.00 !



Learn more about the MRF and what the organization has done for the motorcycle community! It is just AWESOME!!!

From 3 till 9 pm.

Auction at 6 pm !!!

Lots of items to bid on

For more info call Chelsey at :989-864- 3714 or Tim at :989-670-9976

Fun & Games for ALL! "Shoot" for a chance for a MRF membership for only \$5! Check it out!!

All proceeds go to help support the MRF!

ERIKS MEMORIAL AWARENESS RIDE

IN MEMORY OF ERIK JOHNSEN and ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIFE DOING WHAT THEY LOVE

MAY 18, 2024

\$10 PER PERSON

ALL ARE WELCOME

DUAL REGISTRATION SITES

BOB EVANS - 1964 US 31 - TRAVERSE CITY
REGISTRATION 10am - KICKSTANDS UP AT 11:30

OR

FALLEN TIMBERS - 13901 US 31 - BEULAH
REGISTRATION 10am - KICKSTANDS UP AT 12:30

BIKE BLESSINGS AT BOTH LOCATIONS

We will ride from Bob Evans to Fallen Timbers. Join with the Fallen Timbers group and all ride to Manistee for the placement of 2 signs. We will return to Fallen Timbers for 1 last sign install. At Fallen Timbers we will draw the poker hands, have a silent auction, food specials and open jukebox.





ANNUAL AWARENESS RUN
ABATE OF MICHIGAN
REGION 6 PUBLIC WELCOME

SIGN UPS:
12:00 (NOON)
KICK STANDS
UP: 12:30

\$10.00 A PERSON


MAY 18th

CASH BAR & FOOD

STARTS AND ENDS AT
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Please Join Us For An Awareness Run To Bring The Word To Everyone, Not Just Motorcyclists
A GREAT RIDE PLANNED!

If you have any questions: Mary (734)752-9739

 *Awareness Ride*

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

Start @ City Diner
 220 W. Michigan Hwy,
 Saline, MI.

Come join us for a group ride
 1st Stop - Lunch on your own

Sign up 10am - 11am
 Kickstands up @ 11:30am
 Back around 5pm with dinner @ 5:30pm

Two stops
 approx. 100 miles

Ends at Saline American Legion
 320 Michigan Hwy
 Saline, MI.

Donation of \$15 per person
 Includes meal at end
 drinks available


**ALL MOTORCYCLISTS,
 MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME**

Open to public
 50/50 and a Chinese auction
 Info: Finn @ 734-750-7327

Sponsor of the
 Awareness Ride of Michigan
 Region 6

Fighting for the Rights of ALL motorcyclists
 "DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

ABATE of MICHIGAN
REGION 7
Rest in Peace Ride



June 1, 2024
Starts at Noon from
Evergreen Park
Blessing of Bikes

Ride in Memory of past Region 7 Members
Ride returns to Evergreen park for our
monthly meeting.
Hot Dogs & Water Provided
For info contact Danny: 989-325-1432



Bike Show

Saturday June 15, 2024
 Saline American Legion 320 W. Michigan Ave Saline
 Noon to 4pm

\$10.00 Bike Entry Fee All Makes Models Welcome
Trophies and Raffle Prize Baskets

Including: Flea Market & Swap Meet
\$10.00 Table Rental

Info: Shiny Bob 734-417-1369
Sponsor: ABATE of Michigan Region 14



Region Event Flyers

It's a biker summer campout 2024

Hosted by A.E.A.T.E. of Michigan Region 7

Adults Only
Minimum age 18
No Exes allowed

ENTRY FEE
\$20 per person
\$20 per golf cart

50/50 Raftie

Live Music

Side Opportunities
Scavenger Hunt

Saturday Night

For more information contact: Paul Melcher 248-921-4888 or Tim Polk 989-670-9976
Proceeds benefit Region 7 and A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan

Lucky Thumb Racetrack
7394 Bevens Rd. Deford MI 48729
June 28, 29, 30

Casino Friday and Saturday Night
S.H.C.C. electric hookups only
no water, or dump station
Compsites are first come first served
Rustic tent camping is FREE
No campfires

Community Firepit

- No glass bottles
- No fireworks
- No firearms

Gates open Friday At noon

ABATE of MICHIGAN - REGION 7

SHOOT & SCOOT

JULY 13th 2024

WHERE : RUN WILL START AND END AT THE FARMER'S TAVERN, RUTH MI

SIGN UP : 10 a.m.
COME EARLY AND ENJOY BREAKFAST
ENTRY FEE : \$10.00
All Proceeds go to ABATE of Michigan

RUN IS APPROXIMATEY 100 MILES WITH 5 STOPS.
CHALLENGE AT EACH STOP.

COME CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS! **FREE RUSTIC CAMPING!**

More Info: Marlene at 810-712-1600



State Event

JUST FOR FUN RUN

SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024

Starts & Ends at Saline American Legion
320 Michigan Ave
Saline, MI

Donation \$15 per person
Meal included @ 6pm
Drinks available

REGISTRATION: 10AM - 11:30AM

This is a "Roll the Dice" run

First bike out @ 10:30am
Last bike out @ 11:30am

First bike in @ 5pm
Last bike in @ 6pm

5 stops and approx. 100 miles

Open to the Public

ALL motorcyclists, makes & models WELCOME

Info: Ann 734-790-7927 Sponsor ABATE of Michigan Region 14

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ABATE OF MICHIGAN

PIZZA & POP

When: OCT. 2, 2024 (Wednesday)
from 10:00am-2:00pm

Where: Michigan Room
(In the house office building)

Any questions contact: Ed Bear
(231)907-0710

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Questions? Call:
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**Deadline: August 10th to be in
the drawing**



CHAIN OF EVENTS

****All Region Major Event dates are highlighted in YELLOW ****

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MRF is highlighted in BLUE* *State Events are highlighted in GOLD

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY



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Date	Region		Contact
		Bike Nights	
Apr 23	Reg 11	Sunday is Bike Day - Chicky's Paradise	Rich 586 524-6907
May 13 - Aug 26	Reg 3	Bike nights at Fallen Timbers 13901 US 31, Beulah MI 49617 No Bike night on Memorial day.	
		Region Events	
Apr 6	Reg 7	MRF - Fund Night - Spaghetti Dinner <small>flyer is on line</small>	Chelsey 989 864-3714
May 4	Reg 5	Membership Bash	
May 11	Reg 10	Spring Fling - Details TBA	
May 12	Reg 7	Awareness Ride & Meeting	Marlene 810 712-1600
May 18	Reg 3	Erik's Memorial Awareness Ride <small>flyer is on line</small>	Karen 231 499-4099
May 18	Reg 6	Awareness run <small>flyer is on line</small>	Merry 734 652-9739
May 18	Reg 14	Awareness Run <small>flyer is on line</small>	Ann Tobian 734 790-7927
May 20 - 21		Bikers in the Beltway - DC	
May 25	Reg 10	Highland Festival Parade	
		Freedom Rally - June - TBD	
June 1	Reg 7	Rest in Peace Ride - Evergreen Park <small>flyer is on line</small>	Danny 989 325-1432
June 14 - 17	Reg 5	Spring Rodeo	
June 15	Reg 14	Bike Show & Swap Meet <small>flyer is on line</small>	Shiny Bob 734 417-1369
June 21 - 23		Annual State Field Meet	
June 28 - 30	Reg 7	Biker Summer Campout <small>flyer is on line</small>	Paul Melcher 248 921-4888
June 29	Reg 12	Poker Run Camp-out @ Jeff & Julies	
July 13	Reg 7	Scoot & Shoot - Free Camping - Farmers Tavern, Ruth <small>flyer is on line</small>	Marlene 810 712-1600
July 13	Reg 10	Poker Run - Details TBA	

July 17 - 21	Reg 5	Bike Time	
July 20	Reg 6	Memorial Run	Merry 734 652-9739
Aug 2 - 3	Reg 6	Soto Hacienda	Merry 734 652-9739
Aug 11	Reg 5	Family Picnic	
Aug 16 - 18	Reg 12	Indiana ABATE Reg.1 Summerfest	
Aug 17	Reg 14	Just For Fun Run flyer is on line	Ann Tobian 734 790-7927
Aug 23 - 26	Reg 5	Fall Rodeo	
Sept 7	Reg 10	End of Summer Party - Details TBA	
Sept 26 - 29		Meeting of the Minds - St. Louis Missouri	
Sept 28		Annual Bike Raffle Drawing @ 8am	
Oct 2		Annual Pizza & Pop Luncheon	
Oct 4 - 6	Reg 7	Carved In Stone Weekend - Evergreen Pk	Tim 989 670-9976
Oct 5	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 6	Reg 12	Fall Color Run - TBD	
Oct 12	Reg 10	Possible Color Tour	
Dec 7	Reg 10	Christmas Party @ Ghost Town Saloon	
Dec 8	Reg 5	Christmas Party	
Dec 8	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting - Blue Water Inn	Marlene 810 712-1600
Dec 14	Reg 6	Christmas Party	Merry 734 652-9739
Dec 20	Reg 12	Christmas Party	

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