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Official Michigan Rider Newsletter

April 2026



Region 11 with some of the summer tour committee members at March meeting with guest speaker Muhammed Smiddi (District Director for U.S. congresswoman Lisa McLain).

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Michigan Rider
DEADLINE

Monthly Deadline is

The 12th of each

month.



The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

Gotta love Michigan, Yesterday was almost 70 degree, today was mid 40's now tonight may get freezing rain here and snow up north. Man am I ready for summer.

You may have heard that we had a bit of a victory in court with this insurance fiasco. The fight is not over as anything can happen such as appeals and legislative activities that we are going to be vigilant watching for things to come through Lansing. There will be more to come regarding this issue. If possible make sure you can get to a region meeting as I am sure Bear (our legislative director) will be briefing the legislative officers in your region about what happened.

Going back to my report from last month when I mentioned that I attended the motorcycle assessment team conference and told you they were going to make a report to turn over to the Governors Traffic Safety Action Committee.

Wow did they come up with a bunch of ridiculous ideas. Apparently another organization came in the day after I was there and had a bunch of made up data and ridiculous claims and the team bought it. Now all over this report it talks about a nationwide helmet bill. As you can imagine I will NOT take this lying down.

Next week I am attending that Governors Traffic Safety Committee meeting and I will set them straight on the real stats. This other group claims that they estimate 20-30 lives per year could be saved if we had a mandatory helmet law. There is no data only speculation that this is true. Some people find data that fits their ideals. ABATE of Michigan uses Michigan State Police stats. You can't get better stats than that. Why do people think they need to tell others what they can and cannot do. We are motorcyclists we want freedom. Freedom to choose what we want to wear and freedom to choose what we don't want to wear.

OK that rant is over. As you can probably tell I get a little wound up when somebody wants to take my freedoms that we fought for 37 years to get. I am 60 years old I do not need a baby sitter telling me I have to strap a piece of tupperware

on my head. I have had many friends die wearing helmets. Helmets do not save you if you have been run over by two cars. Helmets do not help you if you are impaled by tree branches after running off a curve.

Just know that a few of us are still in Lansing fighting to keep the laws in our favor. We have Dondi our lawyer and Noel our lobbyist working overtime right now helping us. Thanks to both of those guys. Thanks to all you members. Without you being a member we couldn't do what we do.

Thanks again and hopefully next month we can get back on the bikes and feel the wind in our face.

Gary



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Chris Conner
Riding Since: 2010
MRF Member Since: 2024
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Quote: "It's either freedom or death."

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Drawing: Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

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Call: 269 435-2058

*Anyone interested can purchase these tickets it's not limited to ABATE members.



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

I think Spring is here. One day it is, the next day it isn't, but its getting here.

This will be my last report as state secretary. Debra Townsend will assume that roll at the end of March. The phone number will remain the same but we will have a new PO Box. The new address will be PO box 19 Sheridan, Mi. 48884. Debra will do a great job. Please support her and work with her as you have with me thru the years. I will still try and submit motorcycle news relevant to our issues as they come up. I am also hoping to pay more attention to my neglected motorcycles.



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The following people supported Abate, Mike Ward, Awareness donation. Scott Rydman became a Sustaining Member and a Legislative Supporter. Jeff and Brandi Painter became Life Members.

The under eighteen membership is going well! If you have a young person under eighteen, sign them up as a member. Hopefully it will get them interested in motorcycles, or get them more interested than they already are. If nothing else it will provide them with the insurance.

Ride defensively!

Eric



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ABATE OF MICHIGAN

JUNE 12-14, 2026

50th Anniversary Celebration Continues

FIELD MEET

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Annual

Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairelane St.

Harrison, MI

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ABATE Field Meet

ABATE of Michigan's state field meet is being held this year at very little cost to the participants. Participants traditionally only pay for the cost of tickets, food and beverage.

As an ABATE supporter, we would like to offer you or your business the opportunity to receive recognition by helping sponsor the field meet.

The Field Meet will be held – June **12, 13, 14**

Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairlane St.

Harrison, MI 48625

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 a 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 June 1, 2026

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

\$100 Bronze \$250 Silver \$500 Gold \$1000 Platinum

Make checks payable to ABATE of Michigan:

Mail to Secretary of ABATE of Michigan, P.O. BOX 99, Constantine, MI 49042-0099

In order to receive recognition the check must be received by June 1, 2026



Legislative Report - Ed "Bear" Schuitema

Wow, its been a month and by the grace of God and the appellate court system our insurance issue has been fixed.

Now the bad part it could still be over turned if the insurance companies appeal it or if they introduce legislation to change the decision.

As it stands right now you can stack coverages to get your medical taken care of. i.e. you take what the motor vehicle involved in the accident first, when that coverage is used up, you can move to your car insurance if it's more than the motor vehicle.

There are some concerns that will need to be addressed as it moves forward, but it's a start.

The files area on the web sight have a list of coverages you should have on your bike and car. uninsured /underinsured motorist coverages plus unlimited pip on your car for starters.

Questions call me it is a complex issue that may require it. 231-907-0710

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.



State Events Chair - Merry Garrett

Good morning hope you are looking forward to spring and summer months. I know I am.

Field Meet is coming quickly. I'm already waking up in the middle of the night with ideas an updates I need to share with you all.

Pre-sale Field Meet tickets are now available thru your RC's if they don't have any give me a shout I'll get some to them.

Golf carts will be available to rent again. You will need your homeowners policy NUMBER only at the Field Meet to rent one. Thinking the prices will be the same but if there are changes I'll let you all know. Please call with your reservation for a four or two seater.

734 652 9739 and let me know.

Band is set up for Saturday night. DJ for Friday so let's dance the night away. I posted on

Facebook a link you can check the band out Bike show and trophies are planned by Region 6, bike games will again be Region 15, Tiny has the Too Gun Challenge planned. Scavenger hunt on Friday night, hopefully a dunking booth!!! Who would you like to see get dunked?! Bring your cash as we are using this as a special fundraiser. Come prepared with your pitching arm. Vern has plans to dunk someone a

lot. lol.

Lots of vendors are contacting us and we will have the barn again so we are all set for any kind of weather.

Nice restrooms and showers. We will have porta John's in the campground All campsites have full

hookups. If you

didn't come last year you missed a great time. Tony aka pinhead will be there.

I have an awesome idea for all the members. A way to meet other regions and win a gift. So that's all I'm saying. You have to be there to see. We will need workers so please, please volunteer!!!! It makes everything run smoothly and I don't worry so much!!!! Again just message me, call me or pony express works too! I will see you all there and look for updates next month.

Happy spring.

Merry



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State Events Coming up...

State Field Meet

50th Anniversary Celebration Continues

June 12 - 14

418 Fairelane Street

Harrison, Michigan.

Cash Raffle

October 3rd 2026 @ 6PM

Sanilac County, Evergreen Park

4731 VanDyke Rd.

Cass City, Mi. 48726



Michigan

Confederation of Clubs

The MCOC represents motorcycle club members and individual motorcyclists alike to fight for everyone's freedoms and rights as bikers. We work with and support ABATE and MRF to ensure what we all enjoy - the freedom of motorcycling without discrimination.

To join and support the MCOC contact

Trash at: destrecke/@msn.com

FB: <https://facebook.com/michigancoc>

Web: www.mcoc.us

Membership: Clubs\$100/year

Individuals\$ 20/year

Individuals Membership includes a patch and member card

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ABATE March Puzzle

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6:30pm

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Meetings: First Sunday
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at Lucky Thumb

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May - Oct. at
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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

Region 11

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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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Lawton

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Meetings: Saline

4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American

Legion Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny

Bob

Meetings: Saline
American Legion Post
322 - 4th Sunday of the
month 4 pm

Region 16

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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you know rides and
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you and help bring the
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Sunday of the month@
2pm

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Jones Ave, Monroe

Region 19

Bill Stewart

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Meetings: 1st Tues
7:00pm

The Shark Club
6665 Highland Road
Waterford 48327

Region 20

Steve (General) Graves

Phone 810 471-5588
Meeting last Sunday of
Month 2 PM

Region 21

Interim RC - Vern

Shock

Meetings TBD

Region 22

RC - Greg Bennett

"Break Down"

Phone: 231 620-6243

Meetings: 1st
Wednesday of the
month at the Laughing

Horse Saloon at
15888 Lindy Rd
Thompsonville, MI

Region 23

Ted Calabrese

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Meetings: 1st Sunday
of every month at

1pm at Ray's BBQ in
Grayling



Region Reports



Operations Officer

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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

SNOW - SNOW - and more SNOW.

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

Meeting March 5, 2026, called to order at 6:31 by Van. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Van followed by a moment of silence for our troops. Treasure report was read by Ann. Motion to accept by Denise, seconded by Ken, motion carried. Woody attended our meeting to announce that Debra Thomison will be the new secretary, replacing Eric who is retiring from position. Woody also gave update on legislation and MRF changes. Paul gave

safety blip "While you are out and about in your cage put yourself in a motorcycle frame of mind". As our turnout was low we postponed voting on shirt designs and other topics till our next meeting, April 2nd at Torch Riviera.

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

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

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance and followed by a moment of silence. Region 5 would like to send our condolences to the friends and family of James "Rodeo: St John as he passed away on Feb, 21 2026 after a hard fought battle with cancer, He;s in gods hands now.

We were All informed by red "Rabbit: Sherman that our state Rep, Will Snyder will be attending our next

meeting on April 12th. at the Dirty Dog. Please be respectful and watch your language,

Don't forget about the euchre tournament on March 28. Sign -up is at 11 am and rules explained at 11;45 and the games begin at 12;00, Open to the public at the dirty dog ,

Having a bike night and DJ more information to follow, we need donations for the membership bash in may. the date for the Rodeo has been changed to Aug, 19-23

Be aware while out riding and watch your surroundings.

Gail Fowler. Region 5 Secretary.

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

Today is March 10,2026 who would have believed we went from icy snowy cold weather to having my house windows opened and aired out on March 9. It was a beautiful day. I'm sure I probably heard a few bikes starting up and getting on the road. As a matter of fact at our meeting on Sunday there were two bikes that said yeppers it's time!!!

Boy do Cody and I miss that part of our lives but staying involved with ABATE has helped us to continue our time here in earth.

There are some new

development going on at the legislative level. A video has been making the rounds. Please understand that this is a good thing but to wait for the final word from Bear and Gary. Just hold on. It's happening finally!!

We have a board meeting on the 22nd of March. We will be discussing the new year as a whole. Gary will be setting up committees. If you would like to be on a committee we can all use volunteers. The state events especially can always use workers to help our events run smoothly. If you need me to bring up anything at the board level please contact me!!!

The month of May is going to be a very busy time for us at region 6.

We start off with Bubbas Mother Day swap meet. We work the back gate for bubba and it seems our guys enjoy meeting the folks coming in!!! We also have our booth and tickets for State Raffle to sell. Mich does a great job and so does Marty out on the floor. Hope to see everyone there. There is also the bike show. Randi and Doug's crew usual bring in a lot of gold for our region. So come out and vote

Next will be at Bubbas place for his annual bike show and ride. A two day event with music and food!! We set up a booth and meet some great people!!! Not to mention the bikes that come out. I especially enjoy the cars going by beeping their horns not being mean but basically thanking us for the fun.

Then on May 30 is our awareness/membership run. As I mentioned we will meet at Pipes on Pinconning Rd. Rain or shine come on out. We have shelter in case that nasty word RAIN tries to ruin our day.

One final thing. It pays to come to a meeting. Membership is growing but we are also giving out free state raffle tickets. Yes FREE. You buy our 50/50 tickets, we give out the cash but then draw tickets to win a raffle ticket. And who couldn't use \$10000 dollars. So come and see a great bunch of folks

Don't forget to get your presale filed meet

tickets. It's coming together as I write this. Soon to be sunny and warm
See you all soon
Merry.

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

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting March 1, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2pm. Pledge, moment of silence for the troops, and prayer by Paul M.
Meeting attendance 21 people.

Secretary Report - read February minutes added information for October names to be submitted for voting in November for officer positions. Motion to accept with amendment by Ice Man / support Bob B.

Treasurer Report - updated members with income and expenses from February. Shelby received the seminar room credit for the over charge by the hotel. Shelby informed the members that she will be resigning her region position after the May 3rd meeting instead of June 1st.

Awareness - Butch had meeting at 1pm with whomever was interested in working with the Awareness for the region. Need to let Tim know of anyone who wants to put large awareness signs on their property. We will be hosting an Awareness Ride on May 3rd, noon from Evergreen Park.

Legislative - Pizza & Pop in February had a good turn out. Bear and others attending meetings for insurance issue with our representatives behind the scenes. Ice Man spoke on Senate DFS Reporting for members to look into.

Old Business - MRF Spaghetti Dinner on March 28th, at Farmer's Tavern in Ruth, reminder for members to bring live auction items and desserts.

Reminder to get State raffle tickets from Tim. Butch is working with Sherri to

have the state pay for the band at the raffle drawing as Evergreen Park.

New Business - April 22nd is our trash pickup date at 5pm. We will have a pot luck on this day after the trash pick up is finished.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bob B / support Ray N

Upcoming Events:
April 22nd - Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup starts at 5pm Evergreen Park
May 3rd - Awareness Ride & Meeting starts at noon Evergreen Park
June 6th - Rest in Peace Ride & Meeting at Evergreen Park
June 12 & 13th - State Field Meet Clare County Fairgrounds, Harrison.

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

Region 8 Updates & Upcoming Events

We are still holding our meetings on the 2nd Sunday of the month @4pm. Meet at the BC Pizza in Door (1628 142nd Ave, Door MI, 49323). All are welcome to join.

Gilmore Booth – September 12
A unanimous vote was approved to host a booth at Gilmore on September 12th, for the Ford Model A Days.

Membership Update
We have successfully

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enrolled 2 new members, bringing us to 40% of our membership goal. Great progress—let's keep it going!

We will meet for breakfast Blessing of the Bikes Vet Escort – May 16th
We will be providing a veteran escort to Blessing of the Bikes. The exact meet time is still being confirmed.

Veteran Escort to Hart – August 22nd
We will escort the Vets to Hart MI, for the Demolition Derby. Additional details will be shared as the event approaches.

Season Opener Poker Run – May 30
Our Season Opener Poker Run will take place across all four Region 8 counties. Please see the attached flyer for current information—more details will be coming soon.

REGION 9 - Ionia, Clinton, Eaton, Inghan RC - Nick Henry

Hello Region 9
I reaped Region 9 sustaining membership to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation . I am happy that I was able to do this to support this important motorcycle rights organization in our nation's capital. I hope to do this every year, But I can only do it with the help of members and the general motorcycling community. The MRF working on HR3385 the federal definition of a motorcycle,

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you would think that it would be an easy thing to define ,but with all the vehicles out there that are looking like near a car sporting motorcycle plates you can see why this is an important piece of legislation. In my opinion these autocycles need their own classification. ABATE of Michigan is working on a number of issues here in Michigan , you can see what is being worked on by logging into www.abateofmichigan.org. I was able to get in the first ride of the year with The Wild Injuns , let the good times roll!
Nick
Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Amy Penny

March 1, 2026
-Meeting called to order at 3:02pm.
-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
-Minutes from last meeting were read.
-Treasurers report was given
-MRF report was given.

-Legislative Report was given: we need everyone to go to the ABATE page and do the “Call to Actions”. Rep Harris, chair of the insurance committee, is trying to get a meeting to discuss a compromise for insurance reform. Work continues on the definition of a motorcycle.
-It was announced that the passport book needs more

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participants to advertise in the book. Please reach out to committee if you know of someone who might be interested.

-The Flint swap meet was a success. 85 raffle tickets were sold along with signs.

-It was reported that we have already sold more raffle tickets so far than we did all last year. The cash prize is really going well.

-Field meet tickets are now on sale. Amy will have them at the next meeting. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 a couple pre-sale. At the door they are \$35 single and \$60 a couple.

There will be day passes for \$15 per day.

Location once again at the Clare County fairgrounds in Harrison. Full hookup camping is available.

-Raffle tickets for the King size T-shirt quilt are now available. \$10 ea or 5 for \$20. Get your tickets at the next meeting.

-Spaghetti dinner scheduled for March 21st at Ghost Town is still in need of silent auction items. You can drop them off at Ghost Town or contact Amy and let her know what you have. Dinner is from 4pm until 8pm at Ghost Town Saloon, \$10 per person. All proceeds go to ABATE of Michigan and MRF.

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

-Upcoming events:

March 21st, Spaghetti dinner, Ghost Town

April 24-26, Maple Syrup festival in Shepherd

May 23rd, Alma Highland festival parade

May 30th, Spring Fling ride

June 12-14, Field meet in Harrison

See calendar of events for more.

-The meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.

-Next meeting Sunday, April 12th at Ghost Town

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 March 4, we had our monthly meeting at Chicky's with a summer tour update meeting prior. Muhammad Smidi, district director for Congresswoman Lisa McLain, was our guest speaker.

The Summer Tour book binder was dropped off at the printers with an anticipation completion time of 3-4 weeks.

Our next meeting is April 1 at Total Sports at 7pm.

Our 1st regional event is April 4 (MRF spaghetti dinner) at American Legion Mt Clemens Post 4. See flyer in the Michigan Rider for further details. Hope to see alot of you there to support the MRF.

Oscar

Region 11 RC.

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

Sunday March 1st, 2026,

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joy with the Treasury Report. We will have our bowling event to help raise money this month.

Bear with the MRF Report - March 2026 Bikers Inside the Beltway is coming up May 18-19, 2026. Important because new highway bill will be written this year. When we aren't involved we lose. Make sure you contact your Rep when more information

becomes available.

European Union is pushing for periodical tech inspections even though studies show tech defects are not the cause in accidents by less than 1-2%.

The majority of accidents, as in the USA, are rider behavior, road debris and infrastructure, not mechanical problems. Pay attention because what happens in Europe often happens here.

Calls to Action - H.R.1566 (Right To Repair Act) and H.R.3385 (Federal Definition of a Motorcycle). These are high priority bills for the MRF. These bills now go to the House Energy and Commerce Committee where more debate and amendments may happen. Very important to go on MRF website in order to answer Call to Action and see a synopsis of the bills.

Bear's Quote of the Month - "When buying and selling are controlled by Legislation, the first thing to be bought and sold are legislators." P.T. O'Rourke

Update H.R.3385 (Definition of a Motorcycle) MRF sent a letter to the House Energy and Commerce Committee to advance H.R.3385 which would update the nearly 60 year old definition of a motorcycle. MRF is not against auto cycles or innovations in vehicles. We just think they should be in a separate class than motorcycles.

Joylynn with Events - The

April 2026

Region 12 Annual Bowling Event is Saturday March 14th, 2026 at 12 pm to 2 pm at the Three Rivers South Lanes bowling alley. \$20 cash per person for 2 games, shoes, 2 slices of pizza and a glass of pop. Go to have some fun for a good cause. Open to members and non-members.

Antique Motorcycle Club of America we will be May 17th at 9 am to 3/4 pm in the Centerville fairgrounds. Joy and Joylynn will be there to sell raffle tickets, shirts, signs and gain new members.

We will be at the Niles Burn Run on July 25-26th to hand out tickets and add members. Gary and Joy would love some help if anyone wants to keep them company.

We drew a 50/50 raffle and Ryair B. won. We drew the incentive drawing and Max C. would have won if he were present. We drew for a MFR membership and John M. won. We drew for a Money Raffle ticket and a patron in the bar won.

Linda motioned to close and Joy seconded the motion.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski.

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

Hello region 13!
We opened the meeting at 12:10 with the pledge of allegiance followed by a Moment of silence.

We had a special Guest at our March meeting Sharon Reiner joined us and is looking for our support for her run for the US Congress! She is running against Tim Walburg Sassy gave us her treasurer report and we are still in a favorable spot.

Jinx filled us in on what is going on in Lansing. We are working on getting a new bill number for our lane filtering bill. We will let you know more about that as it develops.

On the MRF front Jinx needs us to go to the MRF website and there are a couple of call to actions that need to be filled out (if you haven't already done it). one is to reclassify side by side three wheelers (ones with a steering wheel) as cars and the other has to do with electric cars.

On the RC front we are working on our 3 events for this year. Our first one will be the Run for The region/ Motorcycle awareness run which will be on May 16th at the Proud Vets club house. The second run will be our annual PAC run on Aug 1st also at the Proud Vets. Both of these flyers are available at the ABATE of Michigan website. Our third event this year will be the second annual Special Olympics Run held in conjunction with the Proud Vets. The kids last year had a blast! They loved the bikes and the bike show! That one will be held Aug 22nd (place to be determined) Watch for updates on that one. We are working on a 4th event for next year Pretty excited about this one! More on this as it

develops!

Our awareness director Buttons says we are going to have a booth at Hudson leather at both of their events. She is also going to try and get a couple of more places to set the booth up.

Our Road Capt. Bumper keeps promising that the weather will get warmer! well so far all it has done is tease us warm for a couple of days then goes back cold (but I guess that's better than being cold all the time.)

On a Parting note The Proud Vets lets us hold our meetings at their Club House (great group of guys) Well every month on the second Friday they have a Pork Chop Dinner with sides. Then on the Last Friday of the month they do Hot dogs. Well the hot dogs are changing! After much thought and discussion The NEW last Friday meal will be A MYSTERY! could be tacos. Could be hamburgers or Swedish meatballs could be a lot of things! if you happen to be out and about on that day and the conversation goes like this, where do you want to go eat? I don't know where do you want to go? Come on out and find out! All the proceeds for both of these Dinners goes to Youth Haven Ranch.

If anyone would like a flyer on these events please drop me a line and I will get one to you!

Till next time! Think warm thoughts!
Dano.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob

Shiny Bob has the Cash Raffle tickets and Field meet tickets.

March 22nd we will be discussing some event dates and times for this summer.

March 28th is Region 14's Taco party.

Everyone is welcome and it's donations at the door.

REGION 15 - Wayne Interim RC - Shiny Bob

Taco Party March 28, 1-4 pm donations accepted, thanks Tony reg 14, meetings on 4th Sunday 4 pm American Legion Post 322 Saline Mi Watch for distracted drivers, and pot holes, ride safe, 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

Hey Region 18.

We started right on time at 1400. Our meeting was attended by 18 folks. We had two guests. Amber and Jessica. Thanks for coming, hope to see ya'll again. We have renewed 2 prior members. Welcome back Jimbo McHone, and John Manor. Thanks for still giving a shit!

Our new Youth memberships are doing really well. If you know anyone with kids under 18 that would like \$3500.00 of Accident Insurance for \$10.00 a year, sign them up! The memberships are from birth to 17. All you need is one of the new Purple Trifolds. I am not aware of any policy that is that affordable. If there is one out there please let me know.

The Danny and Kathy Yench Awareness Ride will be May 2nd.

We will meet at the Veterans Park by the River Raisin.

1599 N. Custer Rd. Monroe 48162

Meet at 11AM, kickstands up at Noon.

The Big John Cronk Memorial Ride will be May 23rd.

We will meet at the Iron Horse Grill in Dundee.

388 E. Monroe St. Dundee 48131.

Both rides are \$20 Per rider, \$30 per couple.

Under new business we discussed the attending the Lenawee County Fair, and whether we will be doing another Ace's and 8's Ride. Viking has agreed Lord will and with the permission of his wife to camp at the Fair and over watch our site. The Ace's and 8's, should it happen, will obviously be a slimmed down version of what it was in the past. I had thought about asking permission to rename the Ride the "Mike Campbell Memorial Ace's and 8's Ride" since he wanted to do that for years! Then I thought, Shit I better ring him up since I think he is still kicking? It's kind of humbling to think back to those days and remember the fellowship we all had. To remember those who were with us then and all the work they did to make this one of the best Regions in the State, and to solemnly reflect back on those that have gone before us.

Your Legislative Officer and Secretary have met with 2 candidates for Governor, 1 candidate for Mich. Atty. Gen., 1 candidate for Michigan House, 1 candidate for Michigan Senate, 1 current State Senator, and 3 current State House Reps in the last 32 days. The upcoming elections will have long lasting effects on out State. It's time to get busy!

Respectfully submitted by SMASH.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

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

Our March Meeting Report and an Appeal to Region 19 Members

The first Tuesday evening of the month is a great time for a meeting of motorcycle friends. At 6:00 pm on March 3 Region 19 took its accustomed table at the Shark Club for dinner, conversation and the latest news from ABATE and the MRF.

Bill (RC) opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then spoke about his efforts to gain members and to improve attendance at our meetings (see our appeal at the end of this report). Bill also reported the following...

- We have plenty of tickets available for this year's ABATE Cash Raffle.
- Special ABATE memberships now exist for young people under 18 years of age to help attract younger people to our organization.
- Bill received another rocker for our Region 19 Flag at the Seminar.
- We should plan some summer rides (for lunch perhaps?), a cider run in the fall or just go for a ride to get out.
- Tesla has finally

decided to scale back use of the term "Auto-Pilot" to identify its driver assistance technologies. This terminology has proven very confusing to Tesla owners who think that "Auto-Pilot" means "Auto-Pilot" and that the vehicle can drive itself. Many crashes have resulted from such thinking.

Bill ended his report with some words of wisdom. "There are three kinds of people:

- Those who make things happen,
 - Those who watch things happen,
 - And those who wonder what happened!"
- Into which of these categories do YOU fit? Our Treasurer (Speedy) then presented her report:

• Region 19's Treasury is slowly growing following our decision for attendees to (voluntarily) make small contributions each month. The Treasury is therefore more healthy and the Region more able to meet its obligations.

Hess then presented his Legislative Report:

- Lansing remains relatively quiet while ABATE's Legislative Leadership continues to work on the issues with which we are too familiar. There is hope that progress on these issues can be made this year.
- MRF members have received recent emails containing news about two important pieces of Federal Legislation:
 - HR 1566, the Right to Repair and
 - HR 3385 which

updates the federal definition of the motorcycle.

- The email included convenient Call-to-Action links (really just buttons to click) which can also be found on the MRF Website.

- Hess noted that every ABATE member should also be a member of the MRF and should respond to these two Calls-to-Action.

This Report ends with a special appeal to all ABATE members who live in Oakland County:

Region 19 continues to operate with a skeleton crew of officers and active members. With only an RC, a Treasurer and a Legislative Officer our Region is doing its best to keep the wheels turning but is not capable of doing much more than that.

Our monthly meetings function to keep officers and attendees connected and informed, keep our Region afloat financially and preserve Region 19's fragile existence. This situation is brought about by lack of enough active, participating members.

As has been mentioned in previous monthly reports, Oakland County is one of Michigan's most populous, with about 12.5% of the state's residents. Given Michigan's 270,000 bikers, our county is home to more 30,000 riders, each of whom could play an important role in making Region 19 a going concern.

We know that you are out there, reading the Michigan Rider and perhaps considering how you might take part in preserving the freedom of riding motorcycles. We need you now to come to our meetings and to lend a hand to protect that freedom. We and all the riders in Michigan are counting on you!

Region 19's next meeting will take place on 7 April 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 18:35 hrs. at the Laughing Horse Saloon. The pledge was led by Ron, 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 stated that he had spoken with Brickways regarding connecting with the special needs community. He also has met with someone from GTI regarding their special needs clients. We are looking to support them on their fundraisers. He stated that he confirmed with the Laughing Horse to have our Christmas party their again. Greg stated that he and Karen met with the Red Cross the Chili Cook Off. They will get with Karen with the dates of their blood drives as we thought that we could do a ride to Cadillac, support their blood drive and then go to dinner. More to come on that. Discussion was made to have a Region 22 ride sometime this summer, just working on a date

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

Cheyenne read a treasurers report. Karen made a motion, second by Samantha to approve as read. Discussed and carried.

Mary Irene spoke of the t-shirts and sponsors. We are waiting for 1 more sponsor to turn in their money as promised. She will then proceed with having shirts made hopefully in time for the swap meet. She showed us a color copy of the with the changes to the design for the shirts and everyone agreed on it.

Ron has nothing

Karen stated that she is getting ready for the swap meet in Cadillac on April 4th.

Road captain Ty stated to watch out for the potholes on the roads when your riding.

Rob with Legislation is absent but we understand that nothing has changed.

Woody states that MRF is working on all topics and fighting for our rights at the national level. Karen made a motion to have Region 22 join MRF, second by Gina. Discussed and carried. They will send in the application and money. July 16-19 is the Indiana Boogie and Woody understands that if Michigan shows up as Abate members, we will be treated like royalty. Woody also has discounted tickets to the field meet. Get with him prior to May 1st when the cost goes up. Woody also stated that the purple trifold application is the youth application for Abate of Michigan.

Dates to remember: April 4...Cadillac swap meet
May 12.....Taco Tuesday Hooligan kick off ride
May 16.....Eriks Ride
May 30.....Houghton Lake Blessing
June 12-13...Field meet
July 16-19...Indiana Boogie
Aug 21-22....Summer party and parade with the Coho Festival
Aug 30.....Recovery Road Riders annual ride
Aug 31 & Sept 1....DYSON ride
Oct 3....Cash raffle drawing and Region 7 party.
Dec 5.....Christmas Party with a meeting.

Motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 19:05.

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

No report this month



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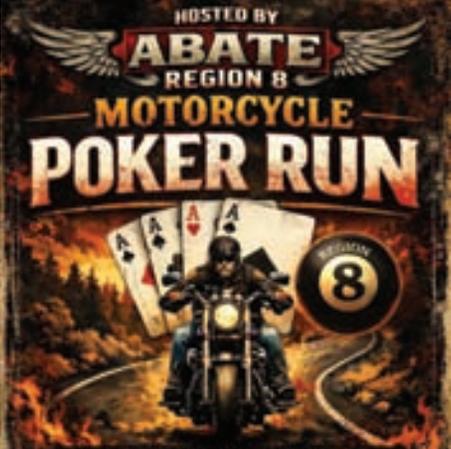
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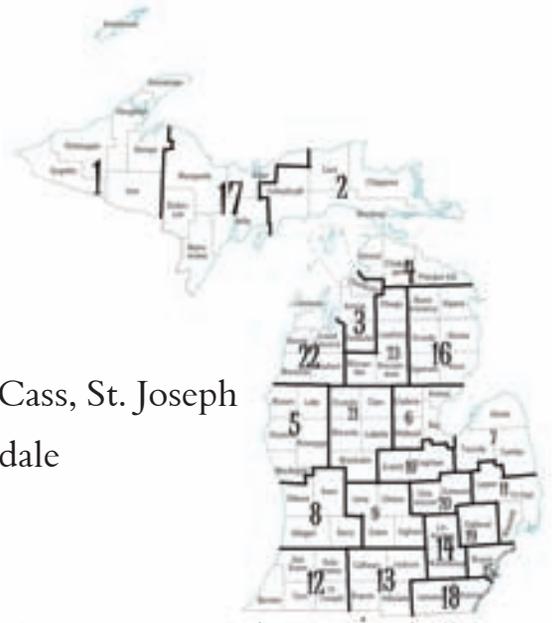
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Date	Region	Region & State Events 2026	Contact
Mar 28	Reg 5	Euchre Tournament	Dirty Dog
Mar 28	Reg 7	MRF Spaghetti Dinner - Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Tim: 989 670-9976
Mar 28	Reg 14	Taco Party - American Legion Post 322 - Saline, Mi.	
Apr 4	Reg 11	MRF - 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 2	Reg 18	Danny & Kathy Yench Memorial/ Awareness Run	
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 8	Blessing of the bikes Vet Escort	
May 16	Reg 13	Run for the Region	
May 16	Reg 22	Erik's Ride	
May 18 - 19		Bikers in the Beltway MRF	
May 23	Reg 10	Highland Festival Parade	
May 23	Reg 18	John Cronk Memorial Run	
May 30	Reg 6	Awareness - Membership Run	Merry: 734 652 9739
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	
July 18	Reg 6	Memorial Ride	Merry: 734 652 9739
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
Aug 22	Reg 8	Veteran Escort to Hart	
Sept 12	Reg 8	Gilmore Booth - Ford Model A Days	
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 3		Tap into The Money Tree Raffle	
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	
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