

ABATE of Michigan

Fighting for the rights of all motorcyclists since 1976

Riding free since 2012!!

Official Michigan Rider Newsletter

August 2025



Region 7's Scoot & Shoot - 2 of the winners!

Stan (L) was the Helmet Toss winner and Chris (R) was the Golfing winner.

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*abateofmichigan.org/
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html*

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The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

I hope your getting some riding in before the season is over.

On June 25th I had the privilege along with my wife Debbie and VP Butch Brown to escort the Vietnam Moving Memorial Wall from RayC's HD in Lapeer to Darbee Farm Soccer Field in Caro. US Navy Veteran Larry Kovacs coordinated the escort and told me he couldn't have done it without the help from Butch Brown.

Because of the help Butch gave ABATE of Michigan recieved a Thank You in the brochure given out at the event.

I have been on a few escorted runs before but I've never seen the amount of people standing along the route waving the American Flag along with the fact that people in cars were pulling over out of respect and there were a few soldiers saluting as we rode by.

On this day it didn't matter if you were Republican or Democrat. We all were there to honor the 58,320 people whose names are on that wall. If only this country could be this united on more issues maybe there wouldn't be this much anger in our country. People can't even talk about politics within their own family without it turning into an argument. We all need to get back to how it was years ago where you could agree to disagree without the personal attacks. Everyone can have an opinion. The soldiers on the wall were fighting for someone to be able to be free to think and say whatever they wanted to. It's called freedom and it's something we all have in this country.

OK my lecturing is over let's get to ABATE stuff.

Right now our elected officials are in their districts, walking in parades, kissing babies and shaking hands thinking about their next election. Feel free to approach them and let them know who you are and what our

concerns are. They all want your vote so they will listen to you. Don't be shy just walk up to them. Remember they are people that live in your area so you mean something to them.

Our 50x50 membership program is struggling. Please remember how many new members you sign up and drop me an email so I know who the top 3 recruiters are. Don't forget your awards that will be handed out at the field meet next year.

Lastly, Don't forget to sell sell sell those bike tickets. Those tickets pay our lobbyist Noel to help us in our fight with this insurance atrocity in Lansing. Without Noel you would still be required to wear that piece of tupperware on your head. The man does get things done but this insurance mess is definately an uphill battle and we need all of you to contact your legislators when this time is right. More on that at a later date.

That's all for this month thanks for listening to me rant.

Ride safe

Gary



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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:

trash@icvmcni.com

Membership

www.mcoc.us

w Clubs\$100/year

UNITED WE

w Individuals\$ 20/year

RIDE

Individuals Membership includes a patch and member card

Annual Membership Dues

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- Single 1 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$31.50

- Couple 1 Year Membership

On line Newsletter

\$46.50

- Couple 1 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$51.50

- Single 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$41.50

- Couple 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$71.50

- Single Life Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$390.00

- Couple 1 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$51.50

- Couple 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$73.00

- Couple Life Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$705.00

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a member today!!

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current members - in the
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* Enjoy fun Region & State
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throughout the year!

Join or Renew your membership by mail -
Or - Call our office to process your membership
by using your C/C or PayPal account on our
website

[https://abateofmichigan.org/
membership%2Fjoin](https://abateofmichigan.org/membership%2Fjoin)

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IT DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT YOU RIDE
WE ALL RIDE
FOR
FREEDOM OF
THE ROAD



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

Greetings!

I hope you are getting some riding in during the middle of this summer season. While your out riding the countryside, if you see something that might be of interest, get a picture of it and send it to Silla, or Eric. We are always looking for pictures of events, or nice scenic pictures on a day ride. You are encouraged to submit motorcycle related editorials that are fit to put in the Michigan Rider as well. You can also send those to Silla or Eric.



A reminder that all proposed by-law changes and intentions to run for the Board, must be post marked no later than October 1st 2025. You can send this to the PO Box 99 Constantine 49042.

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Don't forget, **July 30th** is the deadline to return any unsold raffle tickets back to Sherri. She does not want to have to chase anyone down for failure to return Bike Raffle tickets on the due date.

Advanced tickets are available for the Bike Raffle giveaway in Harrison on September 6th. You can get them thru Eric, Merry, or your RC. More information is available on the website or in the Michigan Rider.

Austin Texas has begun robotaxi service with Tesla's, with self driving software and human safety monitors. There have been the usual mishaps since implementation. The State of Texas is investigating and may propose more regulations to enhance safety.

Lane splitting is now legal in Minnesota. Michigan has a proposed bill that would allow lane filtering. Your homework assignment is to know the difference between the two.

In case you didn't know, Buell Motorcycles is alive and well in Grand Rapids. They currently have 5 hand built models available. If you are interested, there is more information available at Buell Motorcycles. <https://www.buellmotorcycle.com/>

ABATE of Indiana celebrates a 50th birthday this year! Happy Birthday to ABATE of Indiana!

Mike Boyle donated to Awareness. Several donations were made in memory of James Parsell, whom we lost in May.
Sandra Stewart became a Life Member.

Ride Defensively.

Eric

Are you interested in joining the fight for Motorcycle Rights?

Where is your Region?

County Boundaries By Region

Region 1) Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton

Region 2) Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac

Region 3) Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

Region 4) Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Ilse, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena

Region 5) Mason, Lake, Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo

Region 6) Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay

Region 7) Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac

Region 8) Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry

Region 9) Ionia, Clinton, Eaton Inghan

Region 10) Gratiot, Saginaw

Region 11) Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb

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

Region 13) Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

Region 14) Livingston, Washtenaw

Region 15) Wayne

Region 16) Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco

Region 17) Marquette, Dickinson, Menominee, Delta, Alger

Region 18) Lenawee, Monroe

Region 19) Oakland

Region 20) Genesee, Shiawassee

Region 21) Osceola, Clare, Mecosta, Isabella, Montcalm



Scan the code
for meeting
and contact
info.





Operations Officer - Dave "Woody" Berg

Happy Summer 2025!

As we all know, ABATE OF MICHIGAN is coming up on 50 years fighting for motorcycle rights, Raising Awareness, and Rider education.

Our Regions, The Membership in those regions are what has helped spread the word and keep the organization alive.

Our current regional alignment was made almost 50 years ago and over that time, things have changed, population has shifted.

A committee is in the process of being put together to look at possible scenarios (what counties to shift). We are looking for your input on putting together Regional Realignment.

Logistics is a huge part of this program, being able to stay relevant and grow. It is my wish that this program will help revitalize some of the regions that are struggling and to those that are not to give them more room to grow.

I also want it to be very clear this will not happen overnight, I am looking toward a six month timeline.

Thank you all for everything you do.

Woody



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We Want You



To Ride with Us! Join ABATE of Michigan

ABATE of Michigan, Inc. (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) is a non profit organization dedicated to preserving the rights and promoting the safe operating practices of Michigan motorcyclists.

ABATE of Michigan is a freedom of choice organization: believing that the rider is best able to decide the type of motorcycle to ride, and the type and extent of safety gear worn. Our primary objective is to monitor motorcycle related legislation and encourage all members to become politically involved. Through public forums, writing letters and meeting elected representatives ABATE of Michigan members have the opportunity to speak their side of the issues and educate others on the needs of Michigan motorcyclists. ABATE works to get legislation and funding for riders education program throughout the state. These programs train thousands of new motorcycles each year.

Courses are also offered for the experienced rider. In addition, ABATE members have staged and participated in events raising tens of thousands of dollars and collecting much needed items such as food, clothing and toys for local communities.

ABATE of Michigan enables you to become educated both politically and in safe riding practices. ABATE offers you activities and the brotherhood of fellow motorcyclists. ABATE fights for the rights of ALL motorcyclists to

ensure that we and our children will be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. ABATE of Michigan is open to everyone 18 years or older having an interest in preserving personal freedoms and sharing our goals. Owning a motorcycle is not necessary. Members receive a newsletter covering important issues and information on local, regional and national events. (One newsletter per household). Membership fees & donations are NOT tax deductible. Membership fee is nonrefundable.

ABATE of Michigan invites you to join us and help make Michigan the best place to ride in the USA.



H.R. 1 - Motorcycle Tax Credits - Passed In Final Bill

07/09/2025 8:00 AM

The recently passed H.R. 1 legislation signed by the President includes a provision that will directly benefit those who purchase new motorcycles made or assembled in the United States. Interest paid on loans for qualifying new motorcycle purchases will now be tax-deductible.

Here are some important points to note. The deduction has a cap of \$10,000 and the benefit phases out based on increasing income levels. The change creates an "above-the-line" deduction for vehicle loan interest, meaning it reduces your adjusted gross income before calculating your taxable income. The position of the deduction is important because it will be available to most taxpayers, even those who do not itemize deductions. The bill states that vehicles impacted must be "manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways" and are "a car, minivan, van, sport utility vehicle, pickup truck, or motorcycle." This policy is temporary, with an expiration in 2028. If you are in the market for a new bike over the next three years, be sure to do some research to see if this new policy will benefit you.

There are diverse policy issues and priorities addressed in this bill. As the voice of the street rider in Washington, D.C., the Motorcycle Riders Foundation applauds the inclusion of this tax provision. Policies that foster the growth of motorcycling while supporting American manufacturing are something we can stand behind.

*American Made/Assembled Motorcycles
Reporting 2025 Production*

Full Production Motorcycles:

Buell Motorcycles
Harley Davidson Motorcycles
Indian Motorcycles
Zero Motorcycles

Bespoke/Boutique/Limited Production Motorcycles:

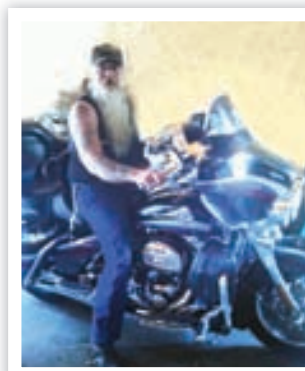
ARCH Motorcycle
Boss Hoss Cycles
Cleveland CycleWerks
Combat Motors Motorcycles
Curtiss Motorcycles
Janus Motorcycles
Lightning Motorcycles

****Examples not intended as fully comprehensive**

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Dates To Save

Bikers Inside The Beltway 2026
Washington, DC
Embassy Suites Alexandria Old Town
May 18 - 19, 2026

42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield
September 24 - 27, 2026



State Event Coordinator - Merry Garrett

Good day from your state events chair

The Bike Raffle Weekend is around the corner. Same place as the Field Meet. Please look for flyer in the Rider.

We will have golf carts for rent again.

Presale tickets are available.

I would like to thank everyone who put forth the effort to support the Field Meet. Now to sell bike tickets and attend the bike raffle weekend.

Region 6, bike show. Some great trophies being made as I write this article.

Region 14, doing the awesome bike games again. Thank you guys.

Region 5, top gun challenge. This was a big hit at the Field Meet so we will repeat it. Come and show us your skills.

Region 3, cans for PAC. Thank you Gina for returning all those cans.

Beers \$2.00.

Water and pop available \$1.00.

We are hoping to have ice available.

If you don't have to leave you can party more with all of us.

Food truck will be there again. Woot woot. He was a big hit.

Products trailer set up to get you what you need. If you didn't get your Field Meet shirt those will be there to purchase.

Vendors vendors vendors!!!

We will need workers of course for security, beer tickets, beer tent, set up, clean up 50/50 sellers and anything I think I might need. lol.

Drawing for bike will be before the band starts. Region 10 has graciously paid for the band. If you can donate per region or individual it goes toward your rocker.

The event is a great venue, the fair committee were very happy with how nice the place looked when we went home. So thank you to all. If you have ideas, complaint or concerns let the committee know. I know it's early in the month to do the drawing but next year will be later in the month. Hoping at the same location. So let's do this!!!!

Seminar is in the works so there will be more later but just a little hint. It's our 50th year. And that, if you can remember was in the 70's.

So the theme will be 70's and costumes. More on that later!!!

Again I have the best Committee members and Board that show great support to make this happen.

Merry Garrett
State Event coordinator



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Region Event Flyers

ABATE of Michigan REGION 11 and REGION 7

**SUMMER TOUR
END OF THE YEAR PARTY
September 21, 2025**

Roadhouse 19

6020 Emmett Rd,

Yale, 48097

810-387-4837

**Party Starts 1:00 PM
FOOD 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
PRIZES START @ 3:00 PM**

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in this book is why we can continue with the book.
Your Purchase is a way of saying thank you.
This makes it easier for us to keep them in the book.
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**FOOD WITH PURCHASE OF BOOK
CASH BAR**

ABATE of Michigan, Region 7
Invites you to our
"CARVED IN STONE"
Camp - Out Weekend !!
Oct. 3, 4 & 5, 2025



**At
Evergreen Park**



Come out & have some fun, help us raise funds for the Region 7
Memorial for our deceased members. There will be fun & games,
Music, and this is also our Trip Run Weekend, so bring a New, Un-
wrapped Trip or a fun donation.



Community Run Fire
Games (if Chance)
Bucket raffle and more!
Funds raised goes to up-
keep of the Region 7
Thunder Riders Memorial!
Watch for updates on Fac-
book @ ABATEofMichigan
Region 7

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The Citizens Guide to the Michigan Legislature:

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



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48081

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Explore our ABATE of Michigan website at: www.abateofmichigan.org for
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ads, our monthly Michigan Rider Newsletters, Chain of Events calendar, Document
downloads, Maps, Bylaws, Products, MRF, State Events, Legislative updates, Membership
forms and online renewal....Everything you need!



We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ABATEOFMICHIGAN>



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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Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com.

Region 2

Interim RC

Mike Amacher

906 430-2620
mamacher1979@gmail.com

Region 3

Van Dunson

Phone: 231 676-0760
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Meetings: Johnny's Torch Riviera at 12899 Cherry Rd, Rapid City, 1st Wednesday of the month

Region 4

Dave Etherton

231 818-5277
Etherdav@yahoo.com

Region 5

Dan Tiny Patterson

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Meetings: 1st Sun 1pm

Region 6

Merry Garrett

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

Bay City

Region 7

Tim Polk

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tpolk3966@gmail.com
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

Region 8

RC - Tara Hendee

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Meetings second Sunday
of the month
Location TBD

Region 9

Nick Henry

RC & Treasurer
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Region 10

Vern Shock

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Meetings 1st Sunday of
the month at 3
Evergreen Tavern in
Hemlock
Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May
July

Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun,
Aug

Region 11

Arnold Schneider

Phone: 810- 334-8600
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region11rc@gmail.com
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.

Region 12

Eric Eads

Phone: 269 435-2058
Meetings: 1st Sunday of
the month 1pm
Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13

Dan "Dano" Kenzie

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Meetings: 1st Sun 12
noon

7901 Benn Rd
Parma, MI. 49269

Region 14

Shiny Bob

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Meetings: Saline
4th Sunday 4pm
Saline American Legion
Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Johnny Rotten

whitefieldj1979@gmail.com
Meetings: July 20,
Aug 17th 3:00 pm
VFW POST 9568
39270 W.Huron River
Dr. Romulus

Region 16

Jesse Gordy

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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Region 18

Leroy Cuykendall III

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Meetings: 1st
Sunday of the month@
2pm

VFW Post 1138 400
Jones Ave, Monroe

Region 19

Bill Stewart

Phone: 248 802 7221
harleyhippy@comcast.net

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

REMINDER

**Monthly Deadline
for updates is
the 12th of each
month.**



Region Reports



REGION 1 - Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton RC - TBD

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REGION 2
Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac
Interim RC
Mike Amacher
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No report this month.

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

Meeting was held at the Rapid city Tavern outside

Operations Officer

Dave “Woody” Berg

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and called to order at 18:08 hrs by Van.

The pledge was recited by all, followed by a moment of silence.

Van extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance and this will be a quick meeting so we can enjoy bike night

Mark was absent so no meeting minutes.

Treasurers report: Presented by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Karen second by Denise. Discussed, motion carried.

Legislative reported by Woody. Nothing is really happening. The insurance bill has stalled. Woody says to support the PAC fund.

Karen opened a discussion regarding a mobile sign that had been discussed at a previous meeting. We have a trailer to move this sign where ever we need a big sign such as corners, parades etc. Denise made a motion to approved funds to get this sign accomplished, motion was seconded. Paul said that

he would help with the sign.

Nothing new from Gina on products.

Nothing new from Denise on membership.

Greg stated that everything seems to be all set for the party. One band backed out so he got another for a few more dollars.

Karen will check the past meetings to see how much we allocated for the party and get back to Ann Marie. Deciding on the fees for the camping... electric sites is more. Day passes will be available as well. Get with Woody or Greg regarding fees and availability. The dates are July 25-27. This will be held at the Interlochen Eagles campground. Greg is setting up all kinds of fun. Greg states that he will need help. Get with him for donations for the silent auction.

Camping tickets for the drawing in September are available for pre-sale. See Ann Marie.

Woody states the Coho Parade in Benzie/Honor is Aug 23 at 1 pm. Get with Woody if you can help. He also states the fair in Kalkaska is Fri. Aug 1st at 10 am. We need bikes and drivers with extra helmets to play the road kill game with the kids.

The next meeting will be August 6th at Rapid City Tavern at 6pm.

Region 3 summer bash is July 25, 26, 27
The fair in Kalkaska
The DYSUN Ride is August 1st and 2nd
The bike raffle party is September 5th and 6th

Last but not least our long time Abate member "POPS" was here and we were able to celebrate his 84th birthday with songs and cake. Happy Birthday Pops.

Meeting adjourned at 18:33 hrs.

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

REGION 5 - Mason, Lake, Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo
RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson

Our meeting is late this month due to holiday weekend, so just a few reminders, Biketime campground starts July 16 and volunteers are always needed! July and August meetings will be held Hightower at 1 pm, Sept, Oct, and November meetings will be at 7 mile inn. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

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

Greeting my friends. Hope this beautiful warm hot rainy cold weather is good for you. I know the riding weather has been top notch because we are seeing a lot of bikes.

The field meet was a blast. The new location worked out well. The fair was happy with our event and have been invited back next year.

Everything went well.

I want to thank our region for all their help and hope you had a good time.

We went to the Freedom Rally in Lansing. Lots of people there supporting our rights!! Our LO committee works so hard with not much glory. So if you see Cricket, Bear,

Woody, Jeremy or anyone else that fights the fight, say "thanks for giving a shit!!"

We have our memorial run July 19, please join us. Rick and Joan Lawrence have a great run planned. Kickstands up at Baileys at 12:30

The bike raffle weekend is coming up and we have presale tickets for the event. Hit me up for yours. It's again at Clare County Fairgrounds in Harrison again. This event is open to the public so bring some friends. Golf carts are available to rent again. Two seater \$105 and four seater is \$115. Reserve them soon.

Hope the bike ticket sales are going strong. Jerry and Mich. have been selling them like crazy. We have a few bike nights to attend. Need more info, want to help out or just want to sit with me and people watch let me know!!!

Baileys is having bike nights on Thursday nights. I haven't made it there yet as June was a busy month for this old lady and her family. So let's try to stop out for a bit and say hi to Randi and Doug.

Have ideas for some things to do, have ideas for winter fun, have ideas to make our region better!!! Bring it to a meeting and let us know. The members are what matter.

Let the sun shine

Let the wind blow

Let the rain stay away when we want to ride

Let the bad word winter stay away as long as possible

Peace
Merry.

REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac
RC - Tim Polk
No report this month.

**REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent,
Allegan, Barry
RC - Tara Hendee
Email: tarame7789@yahoo.
com**

**Phone: .616 589-1551
Meetings second Sunday of
the month
Location coming soon.
No report this month.**

**REGION 9 - Ingham,
Eaton, Clinton & Ionia
Counties
RC - Nick Henry
No report this month.**

**REGION 10 - Gratiot,
Saginaw
RC - Vern Shock**

Hello region 10 and 21.
We are about the middle of
July already. How did that
happen already? There isn't
much to report this month.
We had our annual region
poker run today. A lot of
new people and old people
we haven't seen in a while.
Was a great ride with about
200 miles. I want to thank
each and every person
that helped and showed
up for the ride and after
party at Lumberjack Park,
who always goes above and
beyond for our region.

Next meeting will be at
Ghost Town Saloon August
3, at 3 pm.

ALL tickets sold and unsold
need to be turned in at that
time. Ride safe, the season is
going by fast.

If you would like the buy
presale tickets for bike raffle
/ end of summer party, buy
your tickets at the next
meeting. Anyone that buys
the presale tickets will ride
free that day.

Enjoy the summer while it
lasts.

Vern Shock
Region 10/21 RC.

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

Region 11 August Events:

August 2: Ricky D
Memorial Ride

August 16: First Annual Get
your Stamp Ride

Next meeting is August 6 at
Total Sports at 7pm.

Be safe and enjoy the
summer weather!

OSCAR.

**REGION 12 - VanBuren,
Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass,
Joseph
RC - Eric Eads
No report this month.**

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

HELLO REGION, 13!!

Wow July already.
Seems like we just left
spring behind us yesterday!
Not a bad turnout for
being July 4th weekend. We
need the tickets back at the
August Meeting! they will
be turned in the following
Monday!

We had an update from
Herb. Not much is going on
in Lansing but that doesn't
mean that we are not busy.
Look up your reps' coffee
hours or town meetings
and let them know that they
have motorcyclists in their
area that do pay attention to

what is going on.
Jinx updated us on the MRF
and the importance that
they play in DC and the
importance of keeping up to
date with the call to actions
and becoming a member.
We have 2 events in August.
The flyers are out there on
several Facebook sites and
some places around the
region.

The first one is on August
2nd which is the PAC run.
The Proceeds will go the
MMPAC, so please attend
Sign up at 11 kick stands up
at noon!

The second one is a new run
that is being held with the
Proud Vets and that one is
our Special Olympics charity
run. That one is going to
take place on August 23rd.
We will have vendors and a
ride in bike show. The CMA
will be doing a breakfast at
10am. Registration will open
at 11 with kickstands up at
noon!

On September 27th we
have the Run For the
Region. Same as always,
registration opens at 11
with kickstands up at noon.
This run is to help with the
region funds. If we want to
do stuff, we have to have the
funds to do it.

Buttons will be at a couple
of places in August with
the Region 13 booth. One
is Heats custom cycle in
Stockbridge and at the end
of August we will be at
Hudson Leather.

Sorry if I missed anything
trying to get my bike going
for the run tomorrow. Till
next time!

Ride safe,
Dano.

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

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. Russell of the Scorpions has Cancer and we need to keep him in our prayers. Dawn, Secretary- we had a good turnout for Region 14's bike show.

I would like to thank the Citadels MC of Michigan who are also sustaining members of ABATE for coming to our bike show. The Citadels MC also have bike nights at Two Lakes Tavern at 110 Walnut Street, Manitou Beach, MI

On Mondays 6 to 9 pm.

I would also like to thank Sally for the plaques for the Bike Show. Sally you do an amazing job.

Sally, Treasurer- We are doing good. Ann, MRF - July 13th is the MCOC at the Scorpions at 26350 Milford, South Lyon at 12pm.

Tim Walberg is running for Congress and needs votes. He is a huge supporter of our motorcycle rights.

Cheryl, Legislation- encouraged us to double check our own insurance coverage, especially the lack of available PIP coverage. The insurance companies are still pushing to reinstate the helmet law as well as trying to raise our rates.

Lane filtering is still being discussed in Lansing and does have support.

Shiny Bob, RC- I would like to thank, Bob, Dawn, John, Pinhead, Tina and Sally for the donations for the raffle baskets for the Field Meet. I would like to also thank everyone that went to the Freedom Rally.

I have presale camping tickets for the bike drawing.

Please keep selling the bike tickets, it's our biggest fundraiser for the organization.

We will do our bike raffle round up at the August meeting.

Please keep supporting other Regions.

**REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC - Johnny Rotten**
No report this month.

**REGION 16 - Crawford, Roscommon,
Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco
RC- Jesse Gordy**
No report this month.

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

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**REGION 18 - Lenawee, Monroe
RC- Leroy Cuykendall III**
No report this month.

**REGION 19 - Oakland
RC- Bill Stewart**

Report from Region 19
For the August 2025 Michigan Rider

Region 19 met on Tuesday, July 1 at Waterford's Shark Club at 6:00pm with most of the regulars in attendance. First things first, we ordered food; the chicken tacos worked for Hess and Speedy while the 5 trillion calories on the nacho platter served further down the table looked really good! Come on out to our next meeting and try some Shark Club chow for yourself.

RC Bill called the meeting to order at 7:10 with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by report:

- Bill thanked everyone for taking the time to attend our meeting. We are living in strange days when it is difficult just to get folks to come out for a bite to eat and to talk biker stuff. Most of us never thought that things would be this way, but so they are.

- ABATE needs to increase its membership and the attendance of its members at their Region meetings. Making this happen is the difficult part and any good ideas would be greatly appreciated!

- Woody (ABATE Operations Officer) has sent a memo to RC's about a possible state-wide realignment of ABATE's Regions, requesting feedback on this topic. Bill did not have detailed information on

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what this realignment might involve but the concept sparked a good bit of speculation around the table.

Speedy reported that two expenditures took place during June including our annual contribution to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the cost of our table at the Waterford Expo. She also stated that the treasury remains stable.

Hess then distributed his LO report and discussed ABATE's recent legislative activities.

1. The Freedom Rally:
• Our LO arrived early in Lansing and visited the offices of his Rep (Mark Tisdell) and Senator (Mike Webber). Hess also made stops in the offices of Carter, Steele and other friends of ABATE to remind these folks that ABATE needs their friendship and support.

• The Freedom Rally itself started at noon, and ABATE's leaders put on good faces as they spoke but appeared frustrated by the lack of progress. Layers of dysfunction in the state legislature make passing legislation to solve the PIP issue very difficult.

• And perhaps even worse, in a meeting with Rep Mike Harris, ABATE leaders were told that our old bill (HB 4809) that would change the "order of priorities" allowing bikers to access PIP coverage from their auto insurance would never be passed into law!

• This was an especially bitter pill given that ABATE has spent 6 years working to advance this very concept.

• It also meant that

ABATE must now find a new path forward in its efforts to resolve the PIP issue.

2. LO Conference Calls: There were two during June.

• The first took place on the 19th and was as grim as the Freedom Rally.

• The news about HB 4809 was repeated. The concept that bikers injured in crashes could access the PIP from their car insurance has been a cornerstone of our efforts since 2019. That entire idea now appears to be dead and a new approach to the PIP crisis will need to be developed.

• To start this process Bear asked LO's to put their thoughts about the PIP crisis on paper and to email these to him prior to 26 June when a follow up conference call was planned.

• Hess sent his report to Bear on the 25th and copies of that report were distributed around our table.

• That second call took place on the 26th and while the conversation did not produce a specific plan, it did reiterate the concerns and complexities of the issue.

• It is now clear that cooperation, flexibility and wisdom will be required from all parties involved if we are to achieve an equitable solution to the PIP problem.

• As this report is being written, a face-to-face meeting among ABATE's Legislative Officers and other leaders is being discussed. Such a meeting will be required to develop a clear strategy to guide future efforts.

Which brings us to a few final thoughts:

Our organization is going through some difficult times. ABATE is faced with complex challenges and is frustrated by a legislature that refuses to recognize its responsibility to provide effective and fair legislation. ABATE members and leaders must all keep in mind that the PIP and attendant care crises are NOT OUR FAULT!! These problems lie clearly at the feet of those who passed and then signed SB 1 into law. ABATE of Michigan is a small organization of volunteers who have worked hard to solve the problems caused by SB 1 while also managing their own private lives. It behooves each of us to treat our ABATE brothers and sisters with gentle kindness, respect and forbearance as they continue to work on these issues.

Region 19's next meeting will take place on August 5, 2025 at the Shark Club, located at 6665 Highland Rd, Waterford. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 7:00. We hope to see you there!

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

**REGION 20 - Genesee,
Shiawassee
RC - Steve (General)
Graves**

Freedom Rally was good but had low attendance. Fish fry was awesome! Lets make next years Rally even better. ABATE Bike Raffle is Sept. 6th at 8pm. Tickets need to be

Winners of the bike games hosted by Region 14 at the ABATE of Micigan annual Field Meet





Winners from Region 14's bike show.
There was a great turned out!!!



Congratualtions to all the Winners!!!

turned in to your Region RC, Cupcake or mailed in by 7/27.

Legislative: Nothing going on for the time being as they are out of session for the summer. As of now I am semi-retired. Soon to be fully retired. Have healed up pretty much from my bike-deer accident.

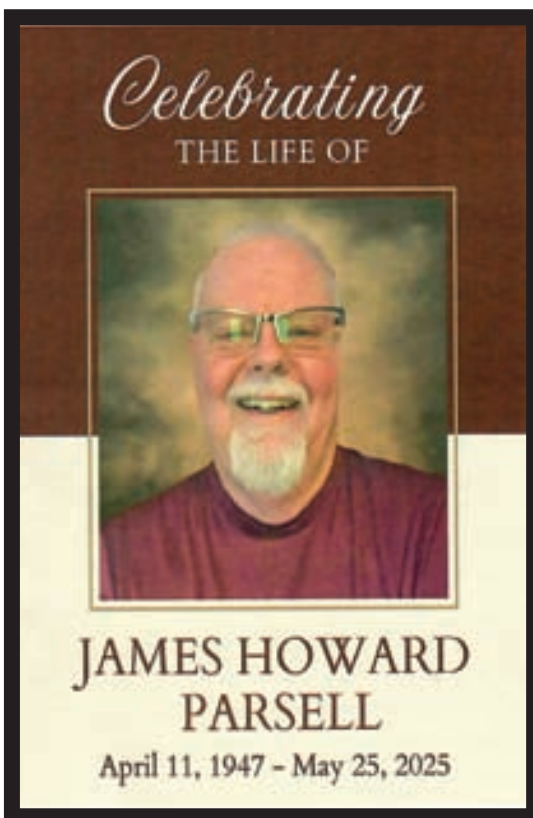
Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

That is all for now. Be safe. Steve "General" Graves

REGION 21 - Osceola Clare, Mescosta, Isabella, Montcalm

Interim RC - Vern Shock

No report this month.



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Thank You for the donations in
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James Howard Parsell of Caro, age 78, passed away peacefully on, Sunday, May 25, 2025, at United Hospice Service in Marlette. James was born April 11, 1947 in Caro, the son of the late Harry and Georgianna (Russell) Parsell. He graduated from Caro High School in 1965, went on to attend Olivet College where he obtained his Bachelor of Sociology and Psychology in 1971. James continued his education at Central Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, and taught Psychology at Great Lakes Junior College. He started his career working as a Milieu coordinator at Starr Commonwealth for Boys, went on to Genesee County Community Mental Health where he was administrative coordinator of the children's partial hospitalization program. James obtained his license as a nursing home administrator and ran the Genesee Skilled Care Center in Flint. He came back to Caro to work at the Regional Mental Health Center as program director. While in Caro, James was able to help many people in their time of need. He would work pro bono with many clients. James' heart was always in helping those in need and getting the care they needed. When James wasn't working, he enjoyed motorcycling, boating, and hunting. He was a proud member of ABATE of Michigan, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the Moose Lodge of Caro, and Michigan Confederation of Clubs. James had a zest for life and his kind, caring ways will be missed dearly.



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July 30th Deadline

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State Events are highlighted in GOLD

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Date	Region		Contact
		Region Bike Nights	
May - Sept	Reg 12	Bike Nights Wednesdays May - Sept at Paw Paw Eagles from 5-9 pm at 63237 M-40 Lawton, MI 49065	Joy 269 998-6215 or Gary 269 998-6217
June 2-Aug 25	Reg 3	Monday Nights 6 - 8pm Fallen Timers 13901 US-31 Beulah, Mi	Momma Dragon 231 392-1577
June 4 - Aug 27	Reg 3	Laughing Horse Saloon 15888 Lindy Road Thompsonville, MI 49683 Every Wednesday	
June 4 - Aug 27	Reg 3	Rapid City Tavern 9395 Valley Rd NW Rapid City, MI 49676 Every Wednesday	
	Reg 11	Sunday - Bike Day - Chicky's Paradise	
		Region Events	
July 25 - 27	Reg 12	Niles Burn Run - Niles, MI.	Joy or Gary 269 998-6215/269 998-6217
July 26	Reg 11	Stamp the Thumb Run & BBQ Reg 11 & 7	Arnold 810 334-8600
Aug 2	Reg 11	Ricky D- Memorial Ride	
Aug 8 - 10	Reg 12	Summerfest - Region 1 ABATE of Indiana Boot Hill Ranch 10542 Bair Lake Street, Three Rivers, MI 49093	Melissa 269 532-9570 or Dan 734 512-8055
Aug 16	Reg 11	Get Your Stamp for Awareness Run	Arnold 810 334-8600
Aug 23	Reg 7	Porcupine Bash Caro VFW	Tim 989 670-9976
Sept 5 - 6		Annual Bike Raffle Drawing Weekend	Merry Garrett 734 652-9739
Sept 6	Reg 10	End of Summer Ride - will end up at the Clare County fairgrounds where for the bike drawing	
Sept 7	Reg 11	Boobapalooza	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 12 - 14	Reg 7	BORN TO BE WILD at Ackerman Park Elkton, MI	

Sept 13 - 14	Reg 12	Gilmore Car Museum Vintage Motorcycle Weekend - TBD	Joy or Gary 269 998-6215/269 998-6217
Sept 14	Reg 11	9th Annual Ride to Shine Observation Run	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 21	Reg 7	Summer Tour Book Party	Tim 989 670-9976
Sept 21	Reg 11	Summer Tour End of the Year Party	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 24	Reg 7	Adopt-A-Hwy Trash PU Evergreen Park	Tim 989-670-9976
Sept 25 - 28	MRF	Meeting of the Minds	
Sept TBD	Reg 12	Shotgun Bowling/Pistol Poker, more details to follow	Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435-2058/269 353-0405/269 599-1767
Oct 3 - 5	Reg 7	Carved In Stone Wknd Evergreen Park	Tim 989-670-9976
Oct 11	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 11	Reg 10	Color Tour	
Oct 19	Reg 12	Fall Color Run - TBD	Melissa 269 532-9570
Nov 2	Reg 7	Meeting, Chili cook-off Lucky Thumb	Tim 989-670-9976
Nov 8	Reg 11	Euchre Tournament	Arnold 810 334-8600
Dec 6	Reg 3	Christmas Party	
Dec 6	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting Lucky Thumb	Tim 989 670-9976
Dec 7	Reg 5	Christmas party	
	Reg 12	Christmas party - no date or location - TBD	Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435 2058 269 353-0405 269 599-1767

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