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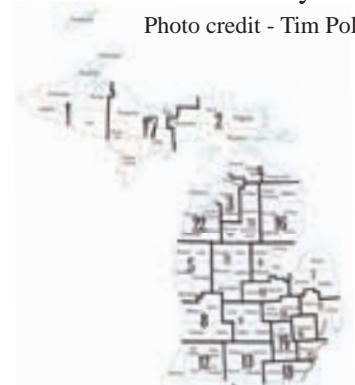


Tim Polk - Reg. 7 - presenting a check to Huron County DHHS for toys for foster children and the small pile of toys that was collected. The toys and money were collected on Sunday at Reg 7's Carved in Stone weekend.

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The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,
Well, some of us got our first taste of winter over the weekend. I wound up with 4 inches of snow on my deck. Looks like its gonna warm up and melt away during the week but it was just a nasty reminder of whats coming.

Today Jim Rhoades, Bear and myself met with our lobbyist Noel. We are coming up with a plan for next year and have a few things to start on this year. Nothing will get done until next year because of the fact that the elected officials will be on breaks through the holidays. But we are still going to get a start on things this year. You can help by visiting the politicians in district at their coffee hours and just say hi and let them know you are an ABATE member and let them know that the legislative team will be contacting them about our issues soon. Let them know that the legislative team represents you. Please don't try to talk about things your not sure of. The last thing we need is a bunch of misinformation going out. If they are hearing different versions of what's going on it makes us look unprofessional and like we dont know what we are doing. If they ask you a question and you're not sure of the answer just say the legislative team will speak to them and then call Bear and let him know who you talked to and if he needs to contact them.

Merry and her committee are working hard on the seminar and it looks like it will be a good time. I just got word from Merry that we can have our own drinks and food in the ballroom. So now everyone can hang together and enjoy each others company. Hope to see everyone there.

The company that offers our death and dismemberment insurance has new

services to offer.

I am going to ask Silla to post a copy of the programs they are now offering. (Thanks Silla). Things like Estate planning and child safe kit among others. So please contact them if you are interested in getting information.
(page 6 - 7).



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Other news is the raffle will be a cash raffle instead of bike raffle this year. The board voted on the change because every year the motorcycle raffle was making less and less money. First prize will be \$10,000.00, 2nd prize \$5,000.00, 3rd prize \$2000.00 and two \$500.00 prizes. We will see how this turns out and revisit the raffle next year. If every member would buy or sell one book of tickets our financial problems would pretty much disappear. If you break it down it amounts to about \$10.00 a month.

On a last note make sure you have a good thanksgiving.
Ride safe if you can still ride.

Gary

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House: <https://www.house.mi.gov/>

The Citizens Guide to the Michigan Legislature:
<https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Publications/CitizensGuide.pdf>



Michigan Rider Newsletter

The Deadline for newsletter
submissions is
the 12th of each month.

* Please add your Region
number to the subject line in
all emails.



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.

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Web: www.mcoc.us

Membership: Clubs\$100/year

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Individuals Membership includes a patch and member card

*UNITED WE
RIDE*

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WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

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MICHAEL ORR

TRICIA HUTCHINS

MELISSA MITCHELL

SHELLY MCGARRY

TODD WLOSZCZYNSKI

JOHN SCHUMITSCH

MARK HUNT

MARK SHAUGHNESSY

MIKE HANSEN



Where to find us!!



Explore our ABATE of Michigan website at: www.abateofmichigan.org for
information including: Region Event Flyers, Bike nights, RC/Region meeting info,
Board and Officer contact info, Officer articles, Forms, Classified, ABATE Supporter
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>



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

Well, it looks like our long summer run is coming to an end. It's the first week of November and we have our first snowfall forecast.

Enclosed in this months Michigan Rider is a copy of the ballot and by-law proposals that will be presented to the members at the Seminar in January. You must be a current ABATE member for at least 30 days to be eligible to vote. If you have any questions regarding the ballot, you can call me at 269 435-2058. (Page 23).

As a reminder, I need your Region Members of the Year by the end December, preferably sooner. I also need a list of the members who have passed in your region.

There is not much happening at the moment on the federal level regarding motorcycle, so.... lets see what's happening in Europe. What happens there tends to work its way to our shores. Proposed new drivers license requirements in the EU are greater awareness of blind spots, driver assistance systems, safe operating of doors, phone distraction, and awareness of vulnerable road users. Licenses could be valid for 15 years at the EU states discretion. If the license is used as an ID, the time frame would be 10 years. CDL type licenses would be valid for 5 years. A new or renewal of an existing license would require a medical check. Those over 65 would require more frequent medical checks. Digital licenses would gradually replace physical licenses but a physical license would still be issued if requested. If a license is suspended or restricted, all EU members would be required to report this to other EU members. The plan is to have EU members implement this plan in a 4 year time frame.

In our own backyard, Pres. Gary Kopta, thru FOIA, requested a breakdown from the State of Michigan of how the money is currently being used in the Awareness and Safety Fund that all licensed motorcyclists pay into when they renew plates and drivers licenses. This request was made back in April of this year. The request was delivered almost 6 months later. There appears to be some potential discrepancies regarding how the money is being used after going thru the 36,000 page document. If it is found the money is not being used as intended, we will take the appropriate action. Stay tune for future developments.

Lee Ramey, and Johnny Rotten became Life Members. Lee Ramey also contributed to the Legislative fund. Thanks for everything you all do.

Ride defensively.

Eric



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ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 23-24, 2026

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4960 Towne Centre Rd, Saginaw, MI,

Seventy's theme Saturday night.

**Come dressed in your best
hippie outfit and dance to the
seventies**

Reservations must be made by
December 23, 2025
\$99/night
Press "0" then ask for
ABATE Block

Breakout sessions
DJ (both nights)
RC meeting Friday
PAC games Friday
Live/silent auctions
Region Raffles
Voting for new & improved
bylaws & board members on
Sunday morning



Merry Garrett 7346529739
Pam Fischer 3133104888

Sponsorship Request

For the 2026

ABATE SEMINAR AWARDS

A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan's state seminar is held annually at very little cost to the participants. Participants traditionally pay only for the cost of their food and their lodging.

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

The Seminar Awards will be held - January 23, 24, & 25, 2026 at the

Four Points by Sheraton Saginaw

4960 Towne Centre Road, Saginaw, MI 48604

Four levels of sponsorship are available

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum

We will recognize all sponsors in the Awards Sponsorship Program by including their name (or business) in the seminar packet distributed to all seminar participants. Sponsors will be introduced on Saturday and the names 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 one free ¼ page ad and any business that becomes a Platinum Supporter will receive a ¼ page ad for 2 months.

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Are you interested in joining the fight for Motorcycle Rights?

Where is your Region?

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

Region 2) Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac

Region 3) Antrim, Kalkaska, Charlevoix,

Region 4) Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle,

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, Ingham

Region 10) Gratiot, Saginaw

Region 11) Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb

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

Region 13) Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

Region 14) Livingston, Washtenaw

Region 15) Wayne

Region 16) Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, Alpena

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

Region 18) Lenawee, Monroe

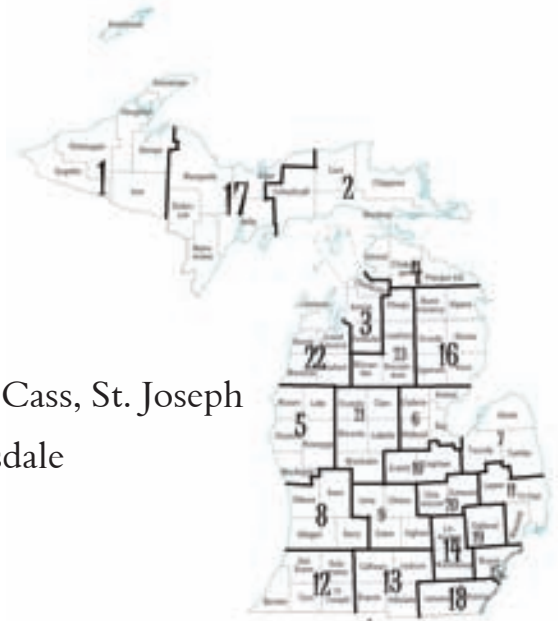
Region 19) Oakland

Region 20) Genesee, Shiawassee

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

Region 22) Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford

Region 23) Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee,



Scan the code
for meeting
and contact
info.





State Event Coordinator - Merry Garrett

Just a few months until the seminar. Have you found the 70s yet??? Have you found your hippie outfit or the music you danced to all night long, all night!!!

Friday night: PAC Games will be played and enjoyed by all. RC meeting is being held on Friday evening and raffle tickets will be handed out to the RC's to take back to their region to share with their regions membership. This year it will be a cash raffle. Something new and exciting for everyone.

Saturday: There will be some great breakout sessions to enjoy and learn. Jay Jackson will be back to share his wisdom, Dondi will be doing a session. We will have a session on how to get new younger members and how to keep them interested, awareness, history and of course legislative. There will also be a few more to make sure it's a most knowledgeable day. Then on to the evening with silent auction, live auction, raffles, and music. Awards, Region Rockers, Member of the Year and of course our bell ringing ceremony for members that received their wings.

Sunday: is voting.

★ Itinerary will be given out when you arrive at the hotel.

PS:

Well, my ABATE family. Good news. Pam and I went to the hotel in Saginaw today to do up final preparations for the seminar. Not sure if it's my gift of gab or my bossiness but!!! Or if I ask lots of questions??? Drum roll please. Not only has the hotel given us a great price given us free audio equipment to use (it was one of our bigger bills in the past) we have been told we can take our coolers, our beverages and our finger foods into the ballroom. Woot, woot.

So, get those rooms booked for \$99 a night compared to last year's u save money. They have also given us a little extension, but we need to fill this place and make the seminar the best yet. Who's going!!!! See u all there 70's here we come. Questions let me know.

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State Event coordinator



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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

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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

Region 8

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Sunday of the month
Location TBD

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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

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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.

Region 12

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of the month 1pm
Paw Paw Eagles,
Lawton

Region 13

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noon

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4th Sunday 4pm
Saline American
Legion Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny

Bob

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Sunday of the month
post 322. 4 pm

Region 16

Jesse Gordy

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

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-
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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

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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



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

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

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

Meeting was held at Johnny's Torch Riviera and called to order at 18:30 hrs. by Van.

The pledge was led by Papa Smurf and recited by all, followed by a moment of silence.

Van extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance.

Mark read the minutes. Motion by Gina second by Ann Marie to approve. Motion carried.

Ann Marie presented the treasurers report. Motion by Gina second by Denise to approve. Motion carried.

Legislative - Woody stated that they are pushing the lane filtering bill. MRF is not vocal at the moment. Things are slow with the government shut down

Papa Smurf has nothing to report.

Karen had nothing to report.

Gina B. states nothing new.

Denise reports with the region restructuring that Region 3 membership is diminished.

Woody states as club liaison that the Iron Coffins in Rapid City have open door policy on Thursday. All are welcome. He also stated that the Skeleton Crew has theirs on Saturday at the party barn.

There is a ride this Saturday with Ride with Purpose.

Our next meeting will be a brief one held at the start of the Christmas party.

The Christmas party is December 13th at the Roost at the Chief Golf Course, 5085 Shanty Creek Rd in

Bellaire MI. Bring a dish to pass. 4pm meeting followed by dinner at 5pm There will be a white elephant gift exchange gals to gals and guys to guys with a cost limit of \$20-\$25. This is open to the public. Get with Ann Marie if you want a room at the Christmas party. Ann Marie states that she needs items for the auction and door prizes.

The seminar will be January 23-25, 2026 in Saginaw. Get your reservation now.

Elections were done and currently everything is as follows:
RC: Van D.

Awareness Officer/
newsletter:
Secretary: Mark

Public Relations/Media:
Denise

Treasurer: Ann Marie

Membership: Denise

SGT. at Arms: Dave C/ Ken

Road Captain: Ken Thornburg

Legislative:

Event Coordinator:

Products: Jennifer Cook

MRF Rep: Woody

Nominations and elections for Member of the year were completed and Dave C is our member of the year. Congratulations Dave!

The summer party will be discussed at a later date.

Paul made a comment that your bike should be put on life support for the winter. Clean bike, clean oil and the battery on charge.

There was discussion regarding the region restructure.

There will be a cash raffle next year instead of a bike raffle.

Thank you to all the Veterans for a job well done.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 19:15 hrs

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

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

This was a short meeting, with voting and auction, let's welcome our new officers !
RC - Larry "Bam Bam" Peter's
AC - Kevin " Pops" Hutchins
Secretary- Gail Fowler
Chief road Capt. - Rand Laase
Road Capt. Bill Ristau
Muskegon AC- Roger Dexter
Congratulations to the new officers !
Our members of year are Al and Gail Fowler, you guys do an awesome job!
Dec 7 is next meeting at Dirty Dog at 1 pm
which is also the Christmas party, please bring a dish to pass and enjoy the day!

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

Had our meeting November 9th. All officers stayed the same. Thank you for all you do!!

We covered our Christmas party and would like to invite any and all regions to come and partake with us. We will be having a silent auctions so come Christmas shopping. We will also be playing some card games, so please bring your Quarters.

Sloppy joes and sides will be our meal. Simple but good. We might even have a surprise appearance from Santa!! Only if we've all been good

We had a talk about the new raffle for the State. A cash raffle!! Thoughts were that maybe it was time for a change, hoping for great results. Tickets will available after the seminar. Speaking of seminar it's well on its way with some new breakout sessions! Come out and join us. The theme is the 70's. Yes most of us lived well before that but we remember it well. It's when we raised our children. Hard to believe that time flies so fast. Saturday night will be the night to come out and wear your favorite 70's outfit and of course dance to the 70's!!

Hope everyone comes out and votes. If you don't vote we can't complain. There are some changes in the by-laws that will be voted on which sound like they are good ideas. Please check the rider. Eric Eads will have them posted. Along with people running for the board. I will again be asking for your votes. I enjoy doing what I do and will continue with a vote of yes.

Our member of the year is Joan Lawrence, a well deserved vote. She is our treasurer and has been since I took over RC of the region but she does so much more. She works all our events, she works state events and she makes sure we have some delicious desserts at these events. I know she will be proud to be our member of the year.

Jerry Soto and Mich Stender sold the most

tickets this year for the bike raffle. Mich has a special way of making sure they get sold. And sold some more!!! They will get their field meet tickets taken care for all their hard work

Thank you to all that sold tickets.

Field meet tickets for 2026 will be available at the seminar or after the seminar at our meetings.

There was a large discussion on the MRF workings for this year. Again they are working to make sure all motorcycle rights are covered. Please get with someone at your meetings and join MRF today

Membership challenge is still going on till May. Bring in a friend and tell them we are working for them in statewide and federally wide. So if you want to see a state work harder then most it's us!! The State of Michigan!!! Peace
Stay warm as the winter season is upon us. Spring is only 131 days away.

Merry Garrett

Proud RC of Region 6

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

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting
November 2, 2025, and
Chili Cook Off

Meeting called to order at 2pm. Pledge, moment of silence for our troops, and prayer.
Meeting attendance was 10 people.

Secretary Report -
October meeting read and corrections made. Motion to accept report made by Butch B., second by Barb B., motion carried.

Treasurer Report - Provided income and expenses for October. Discussed donation for Sustaining Membership again for 2026. Membership agreed. Shelby will send it into the state.

Awareness - Need to make sure that all of the Large Awareness signs are taken down.

Legislative - Nothing new in Lansing. If you want to visit your representative or senator, you must make an appointment. Don't forget to vote on November 4th in your district.

Region was updated on topics discussed at the Board of Directors meeting by Tim and Butch.

The annual state fund raiser raffle for 2026 will be held in Region 7 at Evergreen Park, October 3rd. Due to the fact that Sherry can't find a dealer to work with, the raffle for 2026 will be a cash raffle. Prizes will be

\$10,000, \$5000, \$2000, \$500 and \$500.

The State Seminar is January 23,24 & 25th in Saginaw at Four Points by Sherton was discussed. Region will be accepting donations for our raffle at the event. You can reserve your rooms NOW!

November 6th at 6pm, meeting at Shelby's to go over our calendar of events for 2026.

December 6th at 2pm is our meeting and Christmas Party at Lucky Thumb. All are welcome to attend. We are having a potluck dinner and a gift exchange (bring a gift/get a gift), make sure to mark the gift if it's for a guy or gal or either! We heard that Santa is coming to visit.

All of us at Region 7 would like to send a HUGE Thank You to Rick Spencer from R & R Concrete & Supply for donating the concrete around our monument at Evergreen Park! Thank You!

Winner of the Chili Cook Off was Jan Brown. Thanks for the delicious elk chili.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Butch B., second by Danny B., motion carried.

Here it is November already and the temps are dropping! If you're still riding, be careful because the deer are moving at all times of the day now! Good luck to all the deer hunters out there! If you get a chance, stop by Evergreen Park and check out the concrete around the monument! Until next month, take care and God bless!
Tim



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Membership ID _____ Phone No.: _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____



ABATE Region 12 Christmas Party

Sunday December 7th, 2025 1 pm

Paw Paw Eagles
63237 M-40, Lawton, MI 49065

Bring a White Elephant gift, valued \$20 or under. We will have a gift exchange after eating.

Please bring a dish to pass. Please note we have an allergy to Cinnamon and Mint this year.



See you there!

JOIN US FOR ABATE Region 3 Christmas Party



Saturday, December 13th, 2025

- Music
- Auction
- 50/50 raffle
- Door Prizes
- Games
- Gift Exchange
approx 4pm-5pm
gifts bring your gift and
gift bring your gift - \$20-\$50
- Potluck, bring a dish to pass

Meeting at 4:00pm

Dinner at 5:00pm

The Room at the Chief Golf Course
1085 Shanty Creek Rd. Battle Lake, MI

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ABATE Region 12 Annual Bowling Event

March 14th, 2026 12-2 pm

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

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

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

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



**REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan,
Barry**

RC - Tara Hendee

No report this month.

**REGION 9 - Ionia, Clinton, Eaton,
Ingham**

RC - Nick Henry

No report this month.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw

RC - Vern Shock

**ABATE REGION 10 MEETING
MINUTES**

November 2, 2025

-Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

-Finance report was given.

-Minutes from last meeting were read.

-Legislative Report was given

From Lansing, Budget finally approved,
nothing moving right now. There is a goal
to reform insurance to allow your own
policy to take over medical coverage after
who caused the accident insurance runs out.

-MRF report was given. Meeting of the
Minds this year has set the 2026 agenda
including the focus on the definition of a
motorcycle and many others.

Gary reported that Wisconsin Governor has
approved banning combustible engines in
the future. The 2026 Raffle will be cash
prizes. No bike raffle. Drawing location will
be in Cass City.

-Congratulations to Amy Penny as she was
elected Region 10's RC for 2026. All other
officers are listed in last month's meeting
minutes.

-The Queen of Hearts is not going forward.
Work on the Passport Book continues.

-As we will be participating in the Highland
Festival parade once again next year, a family
day at the park is being considered.

-Matt and Deb Dortch brought the trailer
that displays Gunner's wrecked bike to
share with everyone. This trailer will be
used to help bring motorcycle awareness.
We will be planning a memorial ride in the
spring to help support the Gunner Dortch
scholarship. Scholarship money will be
aimed at supporting students who want to
become motorcycle mechanics as Gunner's
dream was.

-Upcoming events:

December 6th, Region 10 Christmas Party
at Ghost Town. Watch FB page for all the
details.

No December meeting.

January 4, Region meeting

January 23rd-25th, Seminar

March or April, A fun day is being
considered.

See calendar of events for more.

-The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

-Next meeting Sunday, January 4th at
Evergreen Tavern

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

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

Greetings from Region 11.

We held our 2026 summer tour kickoff
meeting prior to our monthly meeting on
Nov 5 at Chicky's.

A donation was voted upon for the 2026
annual ABATE seminar.

LO Tommy Smith called in to discuss
current affairs at the capital.

Patty read the Treasury report.

We discussed the summer tour meeting and
other possible upcoming events with the
remaining region 11 members that attended

the monthly meeting.

Next summer tour meeting will be held before December's monthly meeting at Total Sports.

December monthly meeting will include pizza, salad and pop to celebrate Christmas and New Years. Desserts are welcome.

Have a great day Holiday season.

Oscar
Region 11 RC.

**REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph
RC - Eric Eads**

Sunday November 2nd,

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance

Joy read the Treasury Report.

Bear with the MRF - High priority objectives for legislation: Robo vehicles, Crash Avoidance, Data Recordings, Definition of a Motorcycle, Emission Regulations, Helmet Laws/ Equipment Mandates, Internal Combustion Engines, Profiling, Renewable Fuels, Right to Repair/Modify, Highway Bill, Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology. A full list of all 24 items on the Legislative Agenda with details will be in January issue of American Biker Journal.

NHTSA has started another investigation into Tesla after reports that vehicles with their Full Self Driving system broke traffic laws while operating under partial automation. Aware of 58 violations including: running red lights, driving the wrong way, and involved in accidents and crashes. The investigation covers 2.9 million vehicles with FSD systems. Tesla recently launched a new mode, dubbed "Mad Max". This allows vehicles to weave through traffic and move more confidently. NHTSA had previously rejected this tech.

MRF PAC has a questionnaire to ask any candidate about concerns of motorcyclists. Any candidate you may wish to support or have MRF PAC help their campaign ask them to fill out and return it to MRFPAC@MRF.ORG Form is available on MRF.ORG website.

Crash statistic from Michigan State Police in 2024: 3,187 motorcycle crashes, which is 6% more than last year and motorcycle deaths were 2% higher at 168.

Bear's Quote of the Month: "In Mexico an air conditioner is called a politician because it make a lot of noise, but doesn't work very well." Len Deighton

Christmas Party with be after the December 7th meeting, starts at 1 pm. It is potluck style and bring a dish to pass. We will have

ham, crunchy corn dip, spinach dip, and chocolate chip cookies. Please let Eric, Bear, or Joylynn know what dish you will bring as soon as you know. It will be a white elephant gift exchange with a \$20 cap on gifts. If you make something with Cinnamon or Mint, please label item, we have a food allergy in the group.

Come to the December meeting to Vote for Region Officer Positions. Most of all, we need a new RC leader. Please reach out to Eric or Bear for more info of the position.

At the Seminar, we will raffle of a set of 5 1oz silver coins. It is \$5 for 1 ticket and \$20 gets you 5 tickets. Also please remember to bring door prizes and auction items for the Seminar.

We drew for a 50/50 raffle and a patron in the bar won. We drew for the incentive drawing and Eric E. won the jackpot and he was present.

Joylynn motioned to close the meeting and Rob seconded it.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciechowski.

**REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale
RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie**
No report this month

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Treasurer, Sally- things are good

Legislation, Cheryl -HB 4713, HB 5030 and the insurance companies attempt to gain more control and save money on claims, according to Dondi, Michigan has some of the country's most expensive insurance.

MRF, Ann- Meeting of the Minds-

Jinx, said there was 406 attendees, lots of clubs, even 1% (Banditos and Outlaws, Jinx said one got up and even stressed the need to support. The President of ABATE and STATE LEGISLATOR should always be at the Meeting of the Minds.

Next year's Meeting of the Minds is September 24th- 27th In Milwaukee.

Legislative- need to call Bear if going to Lansing to talk about ABATE issues. Reps think we are unorganized because some are talking about one thing and another is talking about the opposite.

We will not be raffling off a motorcycle year. We will be selling raffle tickets for cash instead.

1st prize \$10,000

2nd prize \$5,000

3rd prize \$2,000

4th prize \$500

5th prize. \$500

RC, Shiny Bob- Pinhead donated a couple liquor bottles for the Seminar and he is going to let us use a wagon to put the raffle items in, TV and liquor. If any members want to donate some liquor that would be great or other items.

We will need help at the seminar to sell the raffle tickets for our items.

We have a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to bring a dish for Christmas.

I would like to thank all of our Region members for everything they do.

We will be discussing Region 14's events for next year and plan the dates.

If anyone wants to fill a position or take over someone's position for Region 14 , it will be voted on next month.

Secretary, Dawn- Pinhead discussed having a taco dinner at the Saline American Legion in March.

We need to discuss the time. If you would like to come to eat tacos it is donations.

**REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC - Shiny Bob**
No report this month.

**REGION 16 - Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona,
Iosco, Montmorency, Alpena
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**

Our last meeting was well attended and informative.

We are still on target with keeping our meetings to 1 hour.

After completing our regular agenda we had our nominations for next year.

Nominations are now closed, and the election of Officers will be at next months meeting.

The election will be a simple motion to adopt the slate of current Officers serving. What was the most disappointing thing, and continues to be, is the lack of participation in our

Region by so called "Life Members".

The most disappointing one are the Politicians who used to be involved, used

the money from their Election funds to purchase the Life Membership and bailed. There are MANY Members of Region 18 running around with Life Member patches that should be ASHAMED!

Especially those who did not sell one Bike Raffle ticket this year! After reviewing the current membership list there are plenty.

In the up coming election cycle we need all hands on deck. It's time to get fired up.

There are many things happening, are going to happen, and need to happen that need to be dealt with in a timely fashion.

The Rider is not the way. It's too slow.

It's time to get the seats filled at our Monthly Meetings folks!

Submitted by SMASH.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

Report from Region 19
For the December, 2025
Michigan Rider

Region 19's November Meeting went well and was enjoyed by all. It was not until the next day that we learned the bad news. Let's take things in the order that they occurred.

At 6:00p we placed our orders for Shark Club vittles and were excited to welcome ABATE members Oscar and Patty from Region 11 who had traveled south to visit. Their

mission was both to share information from ABATE's recent Board Meeting and just to visit. Oscar is acting-RC for Region 11, following the death of Richard Snooks in 2024. Oscar is great guy and is working hard in one of ABATE's most active Regions. Hess has worked with Oscar in Lansing and has great respect for him and the leadership that he is providing for his Region. Patty is a stand-out LO from Region 11, and also shared her views on ABATE issues. Our visitors talked about:

- The importance of effective communication between ABATE's state-level leaders and the Regions, something which we must all work to improve. Region and state leaders must work together more closely to help achieve ABATE's goals.

- There is support on ABATE's Board for cash prizes for ABATE's 2026 fund-raising raffle. It is thought that it will be easier to sell tickets for cash prizes than for a motorcycle. Region 19 folks were in general agreement.

- We were thrilled that Oscar and Patty had come to visit. Region 19 cordially invites ABATE members from any Region to come to our meetings.

When dinner was finished and our guests had left, Bill called our meeting to order. Bill spoke about the following items:

Operations Officer Woody Berg has asked Regions to post relevant news about local Region activities on Facebook.

- Bill reported that Oakland County has about 50 active members but only 8 to 12 regularly attending meetings. Given Oakland County's population, these are truly disappointing numbers.

- Bill opened nominations for next year's officers. Bill (RC) and Speedy (Treasurer) were elected unanimously. Hess was also reelected as LO but even though no one was running against him, the voting was very close; Hess won by only a single vote. Hess later said that he was surprised he had won.

- Bill then gave his MRF Report:

1. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has begun to investigate Tesla because its "Full Self-Driving System" fails to obey basic traffic laws.

2. Our LO commented: "It's about time!! Tesla's failure-prone system has injured or killed many of its users and has endangered, injured and killed motorcyclists and other innocents. All the while, Tesla has continued to foist this system on its customers and the general public. Tesla should be ashamed and remove this system from its

products!"

3. ABATE President Gary Kopta is gathering information through FOIA requests regarding how Michigan spends money raised through motorcycle license fees. Details to follow.

4. Region Realignment: ABATE is considering a new system of Regions across the state. The goal is to improve efficiency in leadership and participation of members. Discussion continues with a vote likely to take place at the Board Meeting during January's Seminar.

- Hess then distributed his LO Report and led a brief discussion regarding:

5. The continuing saga of ABATE's efforts to overturn the worst effects of 2019's SB 1.

6. The threats presented by legislation introduced in July to address insurance fraud in our state. House Bills 4713-4719 would increase both criminality and penalties for fraudulent insurance claims made in the state. But there is concern because such laws might make it easier to accuse injured bikers of fraud when they make completely legitimate medical claims.

7. HB 5030, a bill that would allow (or require?) auto insurance companies to offer PIP coverage with deductible as part of their car insurance policies. Dondi has spoken vehemently against this idea.

It was a great meeting but bad news came the next day. Dave Buchanan (one of our regular attendees) died in his sleep on the night of November 4th. Dave served in the Marine Corps in the late 1960s and in civilian life became a fire-fighter, a musician, a master guitar technician and a great friend. He worked in the Auburn Hills Department of Public Works for many years and in retirement at Motor City Guitar in Waterford. Dave was a friend and riding companion who enjoyed a life-long motorcycle career that included riding home from California on his then-new

1970 BSA Lightning following his discharge from the Marine Corps. Dave owned that bike all his adult life and sold it only a few weeks ago. Dave also rode hundreds of thousands of miles on Harleys, Gold Wings and more recently on his beloved Indians. Without Dave there will always be an empty chair at Region 19's meetings.

Our next gathering will take place on December 2nd at 6:00p at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Rd, Waterford. The December meeting is our no-business, all-party, Holiday-Get-Together. Why not come out and join us?

Hess Bates, Region 19 LO.

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

There was only 3 members in attendance so there was no meeting, just lunch with friends.

I did a phone vote for Region officers and Member of the Year. It was decided to keep current Officers in their respective positions and Member of the Year for Region 20 is Cupcake. Thanks for giving a shit and all you do for our Region. Keep up the great work. Until next month. Steve "General" Graves.

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"

No report this month.

REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee RC - TBD

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2026 Board of Directors and Bylaw Change Election Ballot



ABATE of Michigan Inc.

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According to the bylaws of the organization the following officers are automatically elected to the 2026 Board of Directors: Pres: Gary Kopta, VP: Butch Brown, Treasurer: Vern Shock, Secretary: Eric Eads,
Operations: Dave Woody Berg, Legislative: Ed Bear Schuitema, Awareness: Leroy Cuykendall III

The following people are nominated to the 2026 Board of Directors. According to our bylaws the board of directors shall consist of “not more than 25 members nor less than 3 members”. Thus, you may vote for all, none or as many of the following candidates as you want.

Vote yes for the candidate by placing an X clearly in the space provided to the right of the candidate's name. Election is by a simple majority (more than 50%) of the total ballots handed in. If you do not place anything in the box provided for the candidate, it is a NO vote.

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Gina Berg | [] | [] | Dondi Vesprini | [] | [] |
| Joy Gerow | [] | [] | Tim Polk | [] | [] |
| Amy Penny | [] | [] | Jinx Rahn | [] | [] |
| Jeremy Bouvrette | [] | [] | Vince Consiglio | [] | [] |
| Bob MacLennan | [] | [] | Jim Rhoades | [] | [] |
| Kim MacLennan | [] | [] | Ann Tobian | [] | [] |
| Sherri Lecurgo | [] | [] | Merry Garrett | [] | [] |
| Dan Tiny Patterson | [] | [] | Lois Shock | [] | [] |

Currently Reads:

1. Article IV Membership: 7. A person who is at least 15 years of age and no older than 18 years of age shall be eligible for an Auxiliary Membership. An Auxiliary Membership holder shall not be eligible for voting rights, nor can they attend over 18 ABATE functions. The Membership fee shall be \$10.00 a year, or \$25.00 for 3 years.

Change to: Article IV Membership: 7. A person who is no older than 18 years of age shall be eligible for an Auxiliary Membership. An Auxiliary Membership holder shall not be eligible for voting rights, nor can they attend over 18 ABATE functions. The Membership fee shall be \$10.00 a year, or \$25.00 for 3 years.

Yes [] No []

Currently Reads:

Article IV Membership: 5. A Member for 25 consecutive years shall be given a life membership with a patch and a pin stating life member.

Add: Effective February 2026, new members are not eligible for a life membership after 25 consecutive years. They may still purchase a life membership.

Yes [] No []

Currently Reads:

Article V Board of Directors: Part A Section 3, A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by a Trustee appointed by a quorum of the existing Board of Directors. The Trustee shall act as a member of the Board until his/her appointment is ratified or he/she is replaced by an election by the full membership at the Annual Meeting.

Change to:

Article V Board of Directors: Part A Section 3, A vacancy on The Board of Directors may be filled by a Trustee appointed by a quorum of the Board of Directors. The Trustee shall act as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors until his/her appointment is ratified by an election by the full membership at the Annual Meeting.

Yes [] No []

Currently Reads:

Article IV Membership: 6. A five-year membership fee shall be \$110 for one person or \$210 dual membership for two people living at the same address. Only one newsletter will be

mailed to dual member's address. The member can elect to have the newsletter mailed to them in lieu of reading it on the ABATE website. Dues shall be non-refundable.
Propose: Remove line 6.

Yes [] No []

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Ride with Purpose - Why ABATE still matters

Why ABATE Still Matters: Fighting for Bikers, Building Brotherhood.

If you ride, you're part of something bigger. Something louder. Something that does not back down. But just riding is not enough. There are people working every damn day to protect your right to do it freely. That's where ABATE comes in.

ABATE of Michigan is more than a patch or political group. It is the front line of defense when it comes to your rights as a motorcyclist. From helmet choice to lane-sharing laws to fighting insurance discrimination, they're in the trenches doing the work that most people do not even realize is being done.

So What is ABATE?

ABATE stands for American Bikers Aiming Toward Education. (Some grey beards still call it A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments) They fight for motorcyclist rights and provide rider education. They educate the public and the politicians. They advocate for laws that protect us, not restrict us. They push back when government overreach tries to clip our throttle. And they do it all with boots on the ground and hands on the throttle.

Why You Should Give a Damn?

You may think, "I'm just one rider, what difference can I make?" Here is the truth. Without organizations like ABATE, our rights will slowly vanish. Bit by bit. Law by law. If you're not part of the solution, you're sitting on the sidelines watching your freedom disappear.

Joining ABATE means you are backing the fight. You are throwing in with a community that rides hard and refuses to be told how to live. This is not about politics. This is about personal freedom, and nobody protects that better than bikers who give a damn.

The Brotherhood

ABATE of Michigan is more than paperwork and politics. It is real people, with real grit, coming together for a cause. You'll find Vietnam vets, young riders, old-school club guys, and weekend warriors all under one tent. That kind of unity is rare. That kind of power is unstoppable. When you join ABATE, you are not just signing up for a newsletter. You are stepping into a community that looks out for each other and shows up when it matters.

Membership Benefits:

Here is what you get when you join ABATE of Michigan:

- A voice in Lansing. Real representation at the Capitol.
- Updates on state and national biker laws and legislation.
- Events, rallies, and rides that bring the community together.
- Access to rider safety programs and classes.
- Discounts at supporting businesses across the state.
- Most importantly, the pride of knowing you are part of something that matters.

How to Join:

It is stupid simple. Go to www.abateofmichigan.org. Hit the "Join" button. Fill it out. Pay your dues. That's it. One move and you are on the team.

Want to take it a step further? Get involved with your local region. Go to a meeting. Shake some hands. Hear the stories. Share yours. That's where the brotherhood lives.

ABATE has your back. Question is, do you have theirs?

At Ride with Purpose, we believe in standing shoulder to shoulder with the people who fight for what we believe in. If you ride free, it is because someone fought for that freedom. Now it is your turn. Join ABATE. Show up. Be seen. Be heard.

No one else is going to fight for us. So we fight for ourselves.

Rob Norton

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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

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Region 7
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| Dec 6 | Reg 7 | Christmas Party & Meeting Lucky Thumb | Tim 989 670-9976 |
| Dec 6 | Reg 10 | Christmas Party | |
| Dec 7 | Reg 5 | Christmas Party | |
| Dec 7 | Reg 12 | Christmas Party - 1pm - Paw Paw Eagles | |
| Dec 13 | Reg 3 | Christmas Party | |
| Dec 14 | Reg 6 | Christmas Party | Merry Garrett 734 662-9739 |
| Dec 14 | Reg 14 | Christmas Party - 4pm. | |
| | Reg 12 | Christmas party - no date or location - TBD | Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435 2058 269 353-0405 269 599-1767 |
| Dec 20 | Reg 22 | Christmas Party | Greg Bennet 231 620-6243 |
| Jan 23 - 24 | | Annual State Seminar & Membership Meeting | |
| | | 2026 | |
| Jan 23 - 24 | | 50th Anniversary Seminar Four Points Motel in Saginaw |  Scan for printable flyers |
| Mar 14 | Reg 12 | Annual Bowling Event - South Lanes Bowling Alley | Joylynn 269 599-1767 |
| Apr 24 - 26 | Reg 10 | Maple Syrup Festival | |
| May 18 - 19 | | Bikers in the Beltway MRF | |
| May 23 | Reg 10 | Highland Festival Parade | |
| May 30 | Reg 10 | Annual Spring Fling | |
| July 11 | Reg 10 | Annual Poker Run | |
| Sept 19 | Reg 10 | End of Summer Ride/Book Party | |
| Sept 24 - 27 | | 42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds | |
| Oct 10 | Reg 10 | Color Tour | |
| Dec 5 | Reg 10 | Christmas Party | |



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