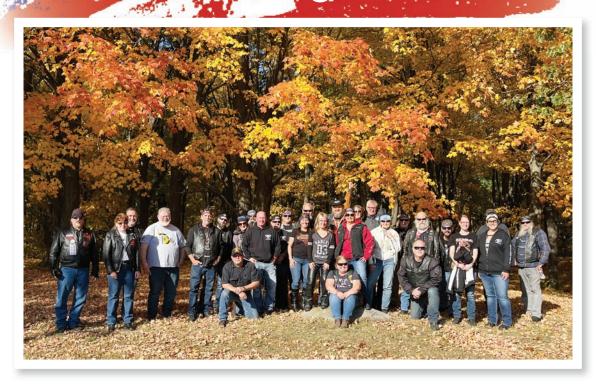
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Well the election is over in Michigan!!! As of this writing not quite at the federal level. It's been over 40 years since the Dem's have had a majority in the House and Senate in Michigan. The margin of victory was close, but close only counts in horseshoes. What does that mean to us? Well there is good and bad. There will be a

From the Prez:

new chair in the Senate Insurance Committee. There will be a new chair in the House Insurance Committee. To me that means we might have a hearing on this INSURANCE BULLSHIT. 2 whole years and NO hearing at ALL!! Little chance of a change if the Republican's had won a majority. Now it is up to us!!! Find out who your Reps and Senators are and write or call them now. We need to be visible and vocal in Lansing and with all the elected state officials. We need to be prepared for possible mandatory helmet bill. We need to use the Office of Highway Safety, OHSP stats which are in our favor. 9 out of 10 years more motorcyclists died wearing helmets. I hope to have those stats on our website before the end of the year. We don't

them now. We need to be visible and vocal in Lansing and with all the elected state officials. helmet bill. We need to use the Office of Highway Safety, OHSP stats which are in our wearing helmets. I hope to have those stats on have time to cry in our beer if you were counting on a RED victory. It's a new day in Lansing and we have hope that YOU, and our members get off of dead center and make this Insurance AN ISSUE in Lansing. Our 1st sponsor in the helmet repeal was a democrat, my representative, Representative Perry Bullard. He was the chair of the Civil Rights Committee that the bill was assigned to and it looked good for us back in 1976. But leadership in Lansing, on the day of the hearing December 6, 1976 that no bills passed that day or the rest of the year would advance in the process. It was a tough lesson and we have been through times with NO Progress on the Insurance issue. Politics is not an easy business. We have hope from this turmoil in Lansing. It is up to YOU and all motorcyclists in Michigan to stand up and force the Insurance companies that pass this law to explain in public why we our stuck with the car driver choice for insurance

coverage. It will happen if we get you and all

motorcyclists in Michigan to get involved.

There will be push back in Lansing. Know



for the statewide Public Motorcycle Safety program with funds thru their motorcycle plate fee. Secretary of State employee's coordinate the safety program. They are required to be a Rider Coach. Key decisions are made by SOS bureaucracy who are not motorcyclists or involved in motorcycle safety. There is no advisory board made up of motorcyclists to approve spending of the safety fund. There are vast areas of the state with little or no service. The Motorcycle Awareness fund is also paid for by Michigan Motorcyclists. It has similar issues but is not as complicated as the hands on safety program. We need both of these programs to be the best they can be. It is tough to survive on a motorcycle in Michigan. What we have is not the best but we need to be involved to make it better. ABATE of Michigan has a scholarship for members who become coaches. No members have become coaches in the past 2 years that I know of. Its hard work, it should be, you are teaching someone how to ride a motorcycle. It could be live or death, but if it is not fun that's your fault. I love riding motorcycles and like teaching motorcycling because it's tough to survive on a motorcycle in Michigan and anytime you are on a motorcycle if you are not having fun do something else. We got stuff to do. Get involved and let's get it done. This insurance issue will get a hearing and get involved. Let's make it happen. Helmet

choice may come up, we need to be prepared,

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To renew/join using our on line services: Visit: https://abateofmichigan.org/membership-%26-achievements-1 The elections are over. We can finally get a break from the non-stop political ads. With that being said, we now need to find out where our elected officials stand on our issues, and educate them on all things motorcycle related. Based on the election results in Michigan, we can expect



Eric Eads

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abatemichsecretary@frontier.com regular basis. We lost P.A.M. Retz October 16th. She was

born on November 15th, 1947. She served in many positions in ABATE, including Region 12 RC, she was a Life Member of ABATE, being a member for nearly 40 years. While on the State Board of Directors she held the position of State Treasurer and Operations Officer. She was

a forced to be reckoned with, but always fun to

be around. Ride Free Cakes, Ride Free. You will be greatly missed. I expect to have the calendars available by the time you read this. If you want an ABATE

mail you your calendar. I will also have them at the Seminar. Vern Shock, and Dave Woody Berg will be running for the board for the first time this

calendar, Send Eric \$15.00 per calendar to;

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Make checks out to ABATE Region 12. I will

Last month I asked if anyone knows what a real biker is. I was told that "A real biker does not use monkey butt powder. He or she tuff's it

out." Now I know what a real biker is. Life Members are John Garfield, Sherrie Morrell, Doug Morrell, and Donal Kohlstrand.

Awareness donations are Debra and Andy Compau, Joe Mayhew, Region 7 Chizzies,

Region 7, and in Memory of Brian Donaghy.

Re-examine all that you have been told... dismiss

Walt Whitman

year.

a new helmet law to be introduced. It will pass if we don't get serious about contacting our elected officials. We need to make our presence known more than ever on the state and federal level.

Motorcycle fatalities have increased in the last couple of years. There are people looking for any excuse to limit our ability to ride. The majority of these accidents occurred to impaired, or unlicensed riders. We have to do

I have been reading some stats and

better than that!

were some topics discussed and stats presented. In 2020, the latest data for motorcycle fatalities nationwide, there were over 5500 fatalities. That is an 11% increase from 2019. It is forecast

that for 2021, the fatality rate will increase

by 9%. A representative from the NTSB was asked to comment on recent fatal motorcycle

crashes involving a Tesla vehicle on auto pilot.

observations from the MRF. At a conference

attended by NHTSA and the NTSB, there

He had never heard anything about them. The NHTSA representatives stated that they really have no restrictions on autonomous vehicles. Companies are expected to maintain their own assessments. I don't know about you, but I find this amazing. The fact that 2 red tape

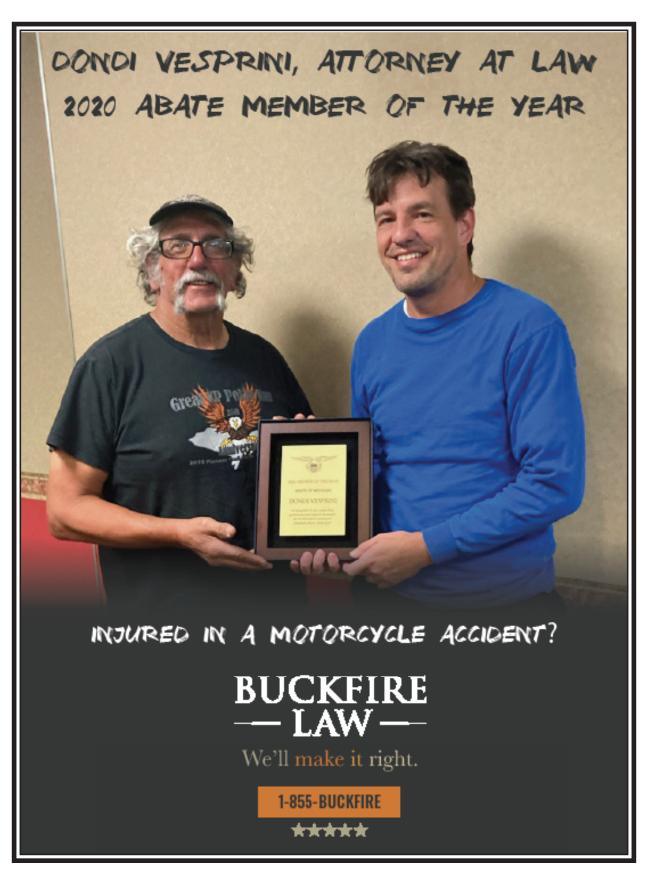
Women riders account for about 20% of all motorcyclist. In 2017, 183 women died on their motorcycle, compared to over 4000 men. Women are safer riders. 71% of women riders

bureaucracies are basically clueless about what

are endorsed. 60% attend ongoing classes on a

is going on is troubling.

that which insults your soul.



Chain of Events Fliers...





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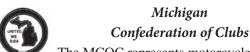
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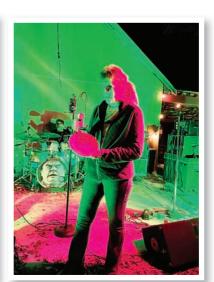




Region 18 enjoyed the Halloween Costume Party. Great food, Great Band, Great brothers and sisters of ABATE!











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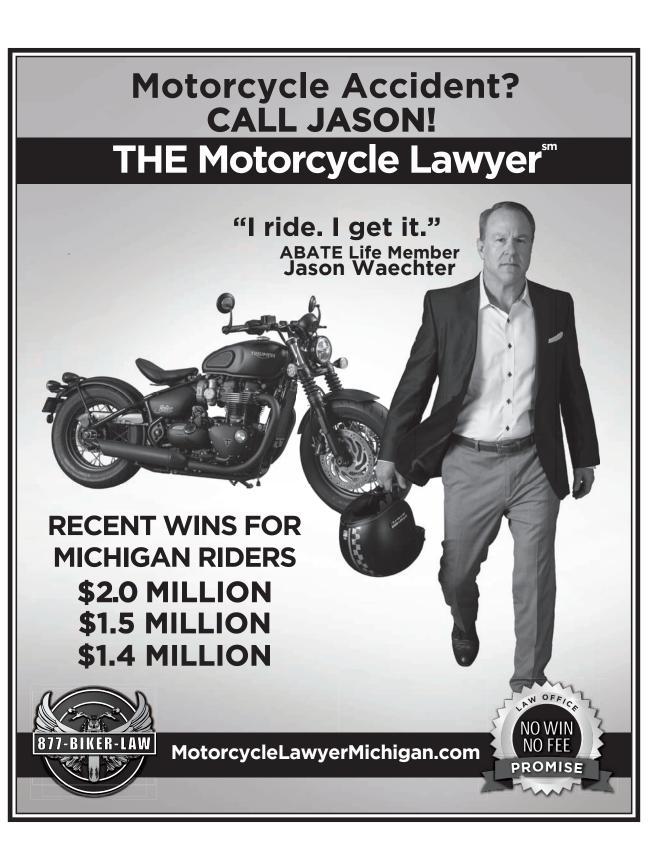
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Company 303 E Center Street	polk@echoicemi.com Meetings: First Sunday	between speedway and Dollar General we start	dates and times
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Region 2	7394 Bevens Rd. Deford	month	Phone: 734 497-8430
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month	Region 9	Tom "Jinx" Rahn	7:00pm
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bar	Region 10	Parma, MI. 49269	Phone: 989 627-7872
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at the Elkhorn bar	abateregion10rc@gmail.	Shiny Bob Phone: 734 417-1369	Meetings: Last Sun of
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Dan "Tiny" Patterson	the month at 3	Meetings: Saline	Region 21
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Region 6	Hemlock	Albert Ouellette	
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REGION REPORTS



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Operations Officer

polk@echoicemi.com

is talk about setting up a twitter

the national level.

invited.

No report this month REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Wexford, Benzie, Manistee,

Grand Traverse, Leelanau Missaukee RC - Dave "Woody" Berg . Meeting was held at Blue

RC - Rick Herkimer

Pelican Side Door and called to order at 18:33 hrs by Woody. The pledge was led by Aaron and recited by all,followed by a

moment of silence.

Woody extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance and a reminder to vote in the upcoming

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

No treasurers report as Dawn was

absent. Dave M. reported that he was in Saginaw for an RC meeting and some concerns were the smarter group with all their statistics. Most everything is on hold till

put up and lots of police. Not

sure why but be aware. There

after the election. The rally in Lansing is being rerouted to side streets and there will be cameras

Sarah will be working on setting up a Twitter account

Dave M. stated that the bike

account for the future. Woody added that if your not a member of MRF that you should be as they are fighting for our rights at

Van reported that the Christmhas party is all set. There will be brief meeting prior to the party. There will be a silent auction and a white elephant gift exchange with a \$10-\$15 limit. All are

ordered the signs for the road and are waiting on their delivery. She also stated that she has been looking at minutes online regarding previous contact with them, and will be making phone contact with the people at Antrim and Kalkaska Road Commissions

Karen reported that she has

placement and any conflicts at the township level. Gina states there is nothing new.

for sign placement in 2023.

visiting townships regarding sign

Mike Jr. states that he is working

on an updated membership list.

Following that she will be

committee will be working on getting sponsors for each bike night, and getting something put together in January. The seminar will be January

13-15 2023 at the Ramada by Wyndham Lansing Hotel. Get your reservations now. Paul did an awesome job painting the party boat for the raffle for the seminar. Region 3 has two members that are on the ballot

for the elections at the seminar. A reminder that nominations for all positions open in January with elections in February. Start thinking. You must be an Abate

member to hold an officer

position.

Discussion on the 2023 bike raffle was that there will be a choice of bikes for the winner. Woody ordered twice as many tickets for our region to sell.

Discussion was made regarding

the Field meet. A motion was

made by Aaron second by Bea

to put together a proposal for

hosting in 2024. Motion carried. Discussion was made regarding the shopping for the Toys for Tots donations. Karen will get with Dawn.

Discussion was made regarding more group rides in 2023. There were some suggestions regarding a group of us supporting the Scholarship ride for the Road recovery riders on August 27, 2023 and a ride that the

Nozzleman have. Any other

suggestions get with Woody.

Motion by Karen, second by Bea to adjourn. Motion carried. Happy Birthday to Karen and all

other November birthdays. Thanks to all our Veterans! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet, Charlevoix RC - TBD No report this month *REGION 5* RC - Dan " Tiny" Patterson Meeting opened with pledge and a moment of silence. Nominations for member of the year were opened our nominees for 2022 are, AL Fowler, Gail

misspelling!

REGION 4 - Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena,

Fowler, Larry Peters, Theresa Naerebout, Jim St. John,Kim Wauer, Cindy"Gizmo"Meloche,

and Kristen Lowder. I apologize in advance for any Voting to take place at Christmas party, nominations

will open in December for officers positions, you must be present to accept nominations and please make sure your Membership is up to date for the

vote! Christmas party is December 4 at Rusty Spoke we still need donations for silent and live auctions please contact Dann "Tiny" Patterson 231 923-6906 or

Cindy "Gizmo" Meloche 231 375-1702 for donation. REGION 6 - Bay, Arenac, Midland, Gladwin Counties RC - Merry Gerrett

Good morning on this foggy crisp fall day. This weekend we turn back the clocks. Does it seem like winter yet. No!!! It's been beautiful here in the

Gladwin area. By the time you get this newsletter you would have all made it to the polls. To vote and make our voices heard. There is so much more we need to do to

keep our freedom of helmet choice and to conquer

this ridiculous insurance BS. It's getting to where we can't afford our gas, our food, our medical, our insurance and then more is slapped on us. So we need to definitely stand up and be heard. Abate

allows us to work towards and forward for our freedoms. It might not seem like it's much but just take a moment and read the whole newsletter, come to the seminar in January for the breakout sessions, go to your regional meetings or go to another regions in this great state of Michigan. You will be welcomed with open arms. Abate of Michigan has so much to be proud of with the members that work hard.

Our region did very well in selling bike tickets so I'm very very proud to be your RC. You make this region work. Please come to our meetings and learn what you can do to help the next batch of new members. We

have been getting more and more members but

that job is never done. We need to hit a lot of bike

grab it quick. There is a discount for the first 60 rooms. The flyer is in the rider with the directions on how to get your room and discount. There will be many breakout sessions. Want to know more see the rider or come to our meeting. Our Christmas party is December 3, meeting first then our get together with food, friends and games. Please bring a date even if he is your husband or she is your wife. It's a night out and the best company.

events, bike nights and any other event we can think

of participating in. But it takes a village. We are the

village. We need to get younger members to make

in Michigan. People don't even know us except for

the helmet bill so approach a bike at a gas station, at

a get together, at any and all of Bubbas events. Intro

yourself and talk about what we are working on in

corner. If you haven't gotten your room yet please

Speaking of Lansing the seminar is around the

Lansing

Abate continue to thrive. It cannot be put on the shelf or who will stand up for every motorcyclists

We will be announcing the member of the year and taking anyone that wants to run for a position in our region. If you have issues you all need to know I will work my hardest to help. Calendar for next year is also being worked on to

have an idea of what we want to do as a region. New

and old visits to different regions so come and help with your ideas for the new year. I mean it is going

to be 2023 Omgoodness when I was a kid that was a

Please join us for a meeting and enjoy the many

friends you can make. Make a difference in our

Large we need you all Stay warm stay safe see you all soon.

world no matter how small or

far far out of reach year.

Merry Garrett - RC region 6

REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties

RC - Tim Polk

Region 7 Meeting Minutes/ November 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 2PM with the Pledge, a moment of silence for our Troops, and a

prayer led by Paul Melcher. Reading of the minutes from the October meeting was read by Gentleman Jim. Motion to

accept the minutes as read was made by Leah, second by Betty, motion carried. Treasurers report was given by Shelby, she noted that the checking account was brought down

to under \$1500 as per ABATE By-Laws, which had to be done by October 13th. Motion to accept the report as read was made by Butch, second by Parkus,

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motion carried.

had recent classes and continue to schedule more. Marlene also stated that she and her team are going to do teach a class on Awareness at the seminar in January!! Great to hear!! Karen stated that after the first of the year, that she would be stepping down as the Region Awareness Director and that Marlene will be taking over for her. Thank-you

Karen and Marlene

were both on hand to give their

Awareness Reports, both have

Karen for your many years of service as Awareness Director!!! Butch gave the Legislative report. He asked us to contact Dan Laurers, Kevin Daily, and Phil Green and remind them

that we need their support!! We also need to contact Sen. Gary Peters, who has been closely related to our Region, to "Stepit-Up" on the Federal level for motorcycle issues. We have supported him and rode with him on many occasions in the

about HB5719 and remind them

past! E-mails are the best way to contact him. The Carved In Stone event went very well again this year! A BIG thank-you to all who helped make this event a success! The people who helped

Marlene do the games, the people who made the GREAT food for our Pot Luck meal, those that donated all the items for our Saturday night raffle, and those that just donated! Thank you ALL! This year's toy donation went to Sanilac County. In years past, we gave the toys to Sanilac county DHS, but for some reason this year they sent the Sandusky

Lions Club instead. We did ask them to PLEASE make sure that these toys go to Foster children, as we have in the past!! Still not sure why the DHS is not doing

it anymore!!! Haven't received a thank you from the Lions Club yet, either! As many of you know, Bob Betson headed up our joint

\$5 Challenge, this is going to continue with the donation being sent in as a Remembrance of Brian. He helped whenever he could and was also a member of

effort with Region 11 on the

Great job and Bob is already

looking into new stops for the

passbook! If you know of a stop

like to help Bob on this, let Bob

now, we lost a good member last

month with the passing of Brian

our region for doing his monthly

Marlene's Awareness team. Brian

on Dec. 10th. Seminar Rooms

are available, now! It is in Lansing

getting a new one that will do all

made by Wes, second by Karen,

motion carried. This was our

Motion to adjourn was

that is required.

Congrats Deb!!

Donaghy. Brian was famous in

or I know!!

that would be interested or would

If you haven't heard by

Passbook and his work along with

a donation to ABATE Awareness!!

Wes, Butch, and I got our region

will be missed! Hope everyone got out and voted!! We are working on our Calendar of Events foe 2023 and I will have them at our next meeting and our Christmas Party

this year at the Ramada Inn, we had it there before! If you have any membership questions, call Shelby. If you are waiting for a new membership card, be patient with Eric, the VERY old printer that ABATE had, decided to die on him! He's in the process of

Annual Chili Cook-off and our Lucky Winner as Deb Melcher!! Thanks to everyone who participated in the Chili Cook-

came out to the meeting and off!! Hope you got your room for the seminar; it's always a GREAT

event!! Until next month, be safe and ride when you can!! Good luck to all the Hunters out and about the state!! - Tim.

RC - Nick Henry Well, on the down side, the response to our meet and greet was not great to say the least. On the up side I found a place that has some very good pizza.

REGION 8 - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ottawa Counties

REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton,

Clinton & Ionia Counties

RC - Robert Meloche

No report this month

While we will be dealing with some big changes in our Michigan government we still have a month or two to work on the bills we want passed. Insurance reform and lane filtering are still on our agenda,good news is we will have our lobbyist to help us for

another year. The state seminar and membership meeting will be coming up in January. We have some members wanting to get on the board and three potential bylaw changes on the ballot, voting will be on Sunday the 15th. I got an email that our secretary's printer is kaput and he is working

you haven't gotten a membership card hang in there. On the federal front the MRF and the AMA are both working on a Right to Repair bill HR 6570 that would force manufacturers to make available knowledge and equipment to repair their products.

on getting a replacement, so if

A Big problem with self driving autos is that they are not self driving. Every day we hear about motorcyclists being killed by these vehicles because of inattentive drivers. Reports are being made that even autos with

partial automation are being

driven like they are fully self

driving leading to accidents.

I'm hoping to see a Lansing swap

meet this next year, if there is one

look for a region 9 booth. Till then, be safe, stay warm. Nick Region 9 R.C.

ABATE OF MICHIGAN

December 2022

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. REGION 14 - Washtenaw and Livingston Counties The Membership drive resulted in 19 new and RC - Shiny Bob renewed members. Date: October 23, 2022 Bike raffle report was given. Meeting called to order at 4:08pm. Legislative report was given. Any future letters to Shiny Bob: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Eric Nelson Lansing need to be handwritten. Copied letters are Sergeant of Arms and moment of silence for not being looked at. personal intentions spoken and unspoken. Nominations for all 2023 positions were taken and will be voted on at the next meeting. Amy Penny was voted as Member of the Year. Amos/Secretary report: Vern Shock is running for a position on the state Thank you to Shiny Bob for taking notes for our board. September meeting. Reminder if you're not staying at the seminar in October Birthday: Eddie Piper Lansing to drive down on January 15th to vote. There will be a Cupid's Crawl event in Alma, Sally/Treasurer's report: February 11th. Shiny Bob presented Sally's treasurer in her Spring Fling 2023 is on, date to be determined. absence. December's meeting will be on the 4th at Evergreen Region 14 members agreed to Shiny Bob's motion Tavern, 3pm. to send funds to the state for Bronze Sponsorship at Meeting adjourned 3:50pm. our yearly January 2023 seminar. Respectfully Submitted, Debra Townsend, Secretary. Region 14 members voted Amos as Member of the Year for our region. REGION 11 - Lapeer, Macomb, St. Clair Counties Motion to accept: Eric Nelson Second Motion: RC- Richard "Magilla" Snooks Cheryl Bruening. No report this month Shiny Bob: REGION 12 - Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, St. Joseph Reminder to members next month's meeting we & Kalamazoo will hold nominations for region 14 positions. RC - Dan Dan Our bike raffle ticket sales improved from the No report this month previous year. Thank you to all region 14 members for their support in ticket sales. **REGION 13** ABATE will be raffling off two bikes in 2023. A RC - Tom "Jinx" Rahn Harley and an Indian and the drawing will be held Good day Region 13 members! at region 12 location. Today's meeting opened with pledge of allegiance Region 18 has invited region 14 along with region and a moment of silence. 15 to their Christmas party, which will be held Congratulations Member of the Year Robyn on December 10th at 18's hall. Doors open at 5pm. Chile cook-off and if you bring a pot of Thank you Tom and Robyn, Marybeth and Bumper home-made Chile you get in free, you can also and Herb for renewing your memberships. bring an unwrapped "Toys for Tots" gift that will Our next upcoming event is the Membership also get you in the door. Otherwise, a \$10 person Appreciation Pizza Party at the Proud Vets on donation. White elephant gifts \$10.00, Corn Hole December 17. Tournament \$5.00 entry. Bring a dish to pass that Discussion regarding gun raffle tickets was tabled goes with Chile. until December's meeting. Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Motorcycle raffle winner will have a choice of a Report: Harley or an Indian. Hopefully this will help to sell Ann presented Safety Program information from more tickets next year.

these topics attend the December 4th meeting.

the Proud Vets and fellowship.

See you soon, Kathy.

And stay afterwards for a delicious lunch fixed by

The seminar is January 13-15 at the Ramada in

For more information and discussion regarding

Minutes and treasurers report were given.

REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties

ABATE Region 10 membership meeting,

RC - Vern Shock

November 6, 2022

MRF regarding autonomous vehicles.

Ann noted, "We are in a lame duck now, and encourage members to stay in contact with your

legislator." The Citizens Guide will go out in May

ONE GO AND VOTE TOO. THANKS BUS.

REGION 21 - Clair, Isabella, Mescosta, Montcalm & Osceola Counties RC - Annie Robinson

No report this month



Seasons Greetings from the State Officers, Board of Directors, Trustees & Appointees. Wishing you all a Healthy, Safe & Happy Christmas Season. All the Best in 2023!!!



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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

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Thanks, Ride Safe and Free,

Vince Consiglio, President

ABATE of Michigan, Inc.

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Please do not host an event the same day as a Region's Major Event

MRF is highlighted in BLUE

State Events are highlighted in ORANGE

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY

Date	Region	Region Events	Contact
Dec 3	Reg 3	Christmas Party - AmVets in Central Lake	Woody: 231 884-2192
Dec 4	Reg 5	Christmas Party	Tiny: 231 923-6906
Dec 10	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting - Chizzies, Carsonville	Marlene: 810 712- 1600
Dec 10	Reg 18	Christmas Party	Michelle 734 731- 1576
Dec 11	Reg 12	Christmas Party	Dan: 734 512-8055
		2023	
		Bike Nights	
May 17	Reg 3	Blue Pelican - Central Lake - May 17 - Aug 30	
		Events	
Jan 13 - 15		State Seminar - Wyndham Lansing Hotel & Conference Center	Reservations: 517 627-3211
Feb 11	Reg 4	Annual Chili Cook Off Gaylord Eagles	Iceman 989 619-5586

Erik's Memorial Awareness Ride



Summer Bash



Reg 3

Reg 3

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