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Region 3's Christmas Party at Central Lake Am-Vets

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Happy Holidays!

I hope You and Yours have a Great Holiday and Happy 2023.

2 days in Lansing last week working on our issues. We have WORK to do in Lansing. We have over 50 new House representatives and many senators have moved on. I do have a new congress representative but Lansing is our main concern for 2023. Our Insurance Issue will get a hearing and will be debated. Our Freedom of Choice could be up for grabs. Know the Facts on the helmet issue.

CALL or WRITE your state rep and senator now.

Be in Lansing for the Pizza and Pop and talk to your rep and senator. Go to their offices and leave your address or phone number and talk to them. The Insurance companies are working against us. We got You working for us.

In the 10 year study of OHSP motorcyclists fatalities from 2012 to 2021 more motorcyclists died wearing helmets than not. OHSP did a heck of a job in reducing the numbers of unlicensed motorcyclists' fatalities prior to COVID. From 50% down to around 15% in Pre-COVID time. Currently it's back around 30-35% unlicensed motorcyclists fatalities. If you don't have an endorsement the cops can tow your bike for you. Of course you will have to pay for it and they are not responsible for damages. Or, you can take the riding exam from a 3rd party tester or take a safety class. Last year was the last year of our riding demonstration of the states skills test at the capital. Last year, in less then 2 ½ hours, we ran over 100 runs of that test in front of the capital. A private testing exam should not take more than a ½ hour. The test is a sharp right turn, a normal non-skidding stop, placing the front tire in a 3 ft. by 5 ft.



box. A 12ft. cone weave and a U-turn in a 3 sided box. A quick stop straight, timed and measured. And a swerve. If you can't do that stuff take a class. There are no guaranties when you ride a motorcycle. In the traffic in the Detroit-Metro Area and the poor road conditions I swerve on every ride. Please take the time to get involved. We need your help and our freedom is on the line. Talk is cheap. We need action. Rider Education Coaches are needed across the state. I had to sub in 4 classes last year. That doesn't count the classes I signed up for or coach prep. 2 Coach Classes in Grand Rapids, 2 in the Detroit-Metro area, experienced motorcyclists needed. Those classes are not easy. Certified Coaches are responsible for the safety and the riding of beginning students. Coaches are certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Call Schoolcraft College at 734-462-4448 if interested. Hope to see you at the Seminar in Lansing.
Ride Safe and FREE,
Vince

**10 year study of OHSP
motorcyclists fatalities from
2012 to 2021**

View file here:

<https://abateofmichigan.org/rider-%26-safety-education>

2023 Rider Coach Class

Application download here:

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2023 Indian Chieftain

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2023 Harley Davidson Street Glide

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in the drawing**

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Sherri Lecurgo - 734 693-0080

Happy Holidays!

I hope your Christmas and New Year will be a good one.

We have a whole bunch of newly elected officials who will start in January that we need to educate. With that being said, The Pizza & Pop event is an excellent place to do that. That is scheduled for February 8th 2023. Now would be a great time to contact your Representative and explain to them who we are and what we do.

Email them or call them and invite them to this event.

The Lansing Freedom Rally will be held Wednesday May 31st 2023 at the State Capitol. I am told we can no longer park in front of the Capitol. We have a plan in place to park across the street. More information and details will follow as the time gets closer. I am also told that the motorcycle rider skills test held on the Capitol steps will no longer be allowed after decades of doing this demonstration.

Dave Woody Berg, and Vern Shock are members running for the board for the first time.

Here are the by-laws changes that will be voted on at the Seminar.

Article IX

Currently reads:

7. All regions must submit the region treasurers name and bank account information to the Operations Officer. Regions shall have only one checking account. Regions shall not have or invest in savings accounts, certificates of deposit, or any other investment programs.

Change to; All Regions must submit the region treasurers name and bank account information to the State Treasurer. Regions shall have only one checking account Regions shall not have or invest in savings accounts, certificates of deposit, mutual funds or any other investment programs unless authorized by the State Treasurer.



Secretary's Report Eric Eads



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Article IX

Currently reads

4. Regions are to submit a treasury report each month to the ABATE of Michigan Inc. State Treasurer. Members may use their own Regional logo or design on their regional event clothing. Members or regions may not reproduce the trademarked logo for ABATE of Michigan with out the consent of the Board. They may have a small Regional patch that may not be worn on their back. The only large patch with ABATE of Michigan's name on it must be purchased from the ABATE State Products person or Purchasing Agent. This will ensure that the ABATE of Michigan logo is protected and will be the same for all members.

Add; Only State Products can make and sell products at State Events with the State Events name included, this includes the Seminar or Field Meet.

I want to thank all the regions that got their donations in by Oct 10th. Just about everyone met the deadline. It makes State Treasurer Gary's job a lot easier, and it also makes him very happy.

The calendars are in and available for purchase at 15.00 ea. They will also be available at the Seminar. Bike Raffle tickets, and Field Meet tickets will also be available at the Seminar. The Field Meet will be in Wolverine at Sturgeon Valley Campground on June 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Awareness donations are Matt Huffman, and John Soucek, Life members are Jim & Marlene Krause, Don Kohlstrand, John Garfield, and Doug & Sherrie Morrell.

Hope to see you in Lansing next month at the Seminar.

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**Wednesday
May 31, 2023**

**Noon at the
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan**

Ride to Lansing and make a statement!



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Chain of Events Fliers...

Pizza & Pop Luncheon
 Feb 8
 11:00 - 1pm
 House Building in
 the Mackinaw Room
 Lansing

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME !

February 11th 6:00pm

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Questions? email Mike.D.Hoelt@gmail.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !
 * Must be over 21 years old



Save the Date

FIELD MEET
JUNE 9, 10, 11
2023



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- WYATT CROSS
- BRANDI PAINTER
- HUGO CORONA
- ANGELA TICKLE
- SHAWN PARKER
- KELLY JOHNSTON
- KEN BURGESS
- NELL MANSON
- ROBERT BRENNER
- LOREHA LUMAN

Have you moved recently??
 Do you have new contact info??
 Don't forget to let the ABATE State Secretary know so we can keep your records up to date and you can continue to receive your monthly Michigan Rider and other important info.
 Send your updated info to:

**ABATE of Michigan State Secretary
 Eric Eads
 ABATE of Michigan Inc.
 P.O. Box 99
 Constantine, Mi. 49042-0099
 E-mail Eric:**



Michigan Confederation of Clubs

The MCOCC 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 MCOCC contact Trash at: trash@icvmcmi.com

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 Send tabs and money for patch to:
 Stan "The Tabman" Demski
 27705 Larchmont. St. Clair Shores, MI. 48081



Region Photos

ABATE Region 18 did an amazing job on the Parade float for Ida this year. Thank you to Leroy and everyone that helped to make this a memorable event!





Region 3 girls with all their goodies for the Toys for Tots drive.



Region 3 Christmas Party at Central Lake Am-Vets Building



Region 8 Color Ride

More region photos on page 22

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I hope everyone in the MRF and ABATE had a very Happy Thanksgiving, and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! We need people to continue to join and renew their MRF membership. Everyone needs to understand that we



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

State of Michigan ABATE
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<http://www.abateofmichigan.org/MRFInfo>



are about fighting for our future as motorcyclists, or do you want us to only be known in history. Looking at the issues we are fighting for across this country we need to be talking to everyone that rides and letting them know we are fighting for our rights every day. You can see this under the legislative section on the MRF site. Please don't let us die and put us in the history books. Now I want to thank everyone that voted to re-elect Tim Walberg as he is our leader in DC. Congratulations to you Tim Walberg and we thank you from ABATE and MRF. I will be pushing membership for the MRF at the ABATE SEMINAR and having a meeting with the assistant state rep Friday and would like all RC's to attend it. Rocky will be there as well as he is the lobbyist from DC. Don't forget to make your reservation to attend.

Thanks, your State Rep Jinx.



May 15 - 16th
 Flyer on page 12

MRF Website: <http://mrf.org/>
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the first Sunday at 12:30
at the Elkhorn bar

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Meetings 12:00

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Second Saturday/month

Region 7

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2PM, Nov.-April at Lucky
Thumb Motorcycle Club
7394 Bevens Rd. Deford
May - Oct. at Evergreen
Park 4731 Van Dyke Rd.,
Cass City 2nd Meeting
2nd
Saturday 4PM at Chizzies
Main St. Carsonville

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the month at 3
Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell
Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May
July
Evergreen Tavern in
Hemlock
Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun,
Aug

Region 11

Richard Snooks

Region 11
Richard Snooks
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Meetings: First
Wednesday of every
month

Chicky's Paradise
downtown Almont
between speedway and
Dollar General we start
at 7:00 pm.
Last Wednesday of every
month
Total Sports Production
drive Harrison
Township next to (I 94)
we start at 7:00 pm.

Region 12

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of the month 1pm
Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13

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Saline American Legion
Post 322

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7:00pm
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REGION REPORTS



REGION 1 - Alpha
RC - Rick Herkimer
No report this month

REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Wexford, Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse, Leelanau Missaukee
RC - Dave "Woody" Berg
Meeting was called to order at 16:07 hrs by Woody. The pledge was recited followed by a moment of silence.

Ann Marie made a beautiful charcuterie board for all to enjoy during the meeting and a big thank you to both Ann Marie and Van for obtaining the venue.

Minutes were read by Mark. Motion by Karen second by Bea to approved minutes as read. Motion carried.

No treasurers report.

Aaron stated that the TC Knuckleheads contacted him regarding playing for our summer bash. Motion was made by Denise second by Chuck to get their proposal for playing on Friday night of the bash. Motion carried.

Dave M reported that nothing

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was happening until after the first of the year till all the newly elected get into office. If your not a member of MRF he advised that you join.

Nominations for Region 3 elections will take place prior to the seminar in January with elections to take place in February. Nominations and voting for Member of the Year took place with Ann Marie our member of the year for 2022. She was also the member of the year for 2021.

Karen stated that she received an invoice for the signs and the cost was the same as years before. She also stated that the signs are here and she picked them up. A reminder that Erik's ride is May 20, 2023.

Mark introduced Janelle who has been a member but this was her first function. Welcome.

Santa arrived.

Motion by Gina second by Ann Marie to adjourn. Motion carried at 16:24.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

REGION 4 - Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet, Charlevoix
RC - Katie Showalter
No report this month

REGION 5
RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson
Very short meeting, This year's member of the year is Jim St. John Thank you for everything you do! Congratulations Mr. Jim! Nominations opened for officer position, Jerry "Joker" Showers nominated for events coordinator, Allen Fowler nominated for Sergeant of arms and Angela "midget" Dixon for Safety and Awareness.

It is with deep sadness I have to say we lost a long time family member Melvin "Cooter" Goss fly high with the angels Cooter !

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

Hey all hope you all have your shopping done and Santa is good to you
Our December meeting went well with members supporting us. Thanks go out to our guests But ha and Barbie Brown. Our Christmas party followed and I can say the food was delicious and the company was better.

Seminar is just around the corner. I hope you have made your reservations to come and experience a great learning experience. The breakout sessions and the mentors are ready to share

We as a whole state are in desperate need of instructors to teach motorcycle safety. There are going to be courses offered to be able to teach. We all know someone that would be good at this. Have them give me a call or better

yet call Vince or Butch. They will let you know everything you need to become an instructor Pizza and pop has been planned it's February 7 so plan on going. We need our reps to see us. Cricket and I will be working on a invitations to our reps to come and listen to what we need to happen. Freedom rally is May 31. Take the day off take a ride meet up with our fellow bikers and let's make it happen.

I will be getting field meet tickets and bike tickets at the seminar

I will have them available at our February meeting. You can reserve your campsite after January 17. Look in the rider the flyer will be there with phone numbers and addresses.

Abate will be raffling off two motorcycles yes I said two. A Harley Davidson Street Glide OR a Indian. Woot woot exciting and something I don't think we have ever done before so get ready. Jerry wants someone to beat him this year. We were fourth in the state and that is something to be proud of my friends.

I would now like to turn the newsletter over to our LO Cricket.

Thanks for all you do.

Cricket here

Region 6 is in a funny spot

The democrats won the house and senate not to mention the Governor the Secretary of State and Attorney General

We have no democratic reps in our region and only one in the senate, Kristin McDonald (Gladwin/Midland). So now not only do we have to keep informing the legislators on the insurance BS we have to talk to them seeing how in our region they are mostly republican. We need to let them know to work with the democrats on the insurance issues.

It hurts to say this but from what I have been told we may have to go back to wearing a helmet in order to get it done. Right now it's all being negotiated..

In the house of representatives we have Bill Shuette republican in Midland county district 95. Bill tells me he is willing to work with anyone that has common sense solutions. Good for us when it comes to him.

Timmy Beson republican in Bay City district 96. Timmy will give us a Yes vote if we can get something on the floor. Again good for us. Gladwin Arenac and Pinconning the 99th district we have Mike Hadley republican. He is interested in talking with ABATE and us on

the insurance issue we face.. I can't really say who's going to work with us in the senate them guys don't answer the phone. Busy I guess lol. If you notice most of our reps and senate are republicans. That's going to be difficult for them to really do anything now that the house and senate are ran by the democrats.. Fingers crossed.

So boys and girls it's time to get to work. Questions please let myself or Merry know. We will try to answer them all and if we can't we will find someone who can.

Thanks Cricket

LO region 6.

Everyone have a great New Year
Stay warm and hurry up spring
Merry
RC Region 6.

REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties

RC - Tim Polk

Region 7 Meeting minutes

Meeting was called to order a few minutes after 2pm with the Pledge, a moment of silence for the Troops and an Opening prayer with all present participating.

The Secretary's Report was read by Gentleman Jim, A motion was made by LeRoy to accept the minutes as read, second by Barb, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Shelby, motion to accept the report as read was made by Wes and second by John Krug, motion carried.

The Awareness Report was given by Marlene, Karen was also present and told us that according to her records, our region 7 Awareness team taught 898 students! Good Job!!!

The Legislative Report was given by Butch. A Rough road ahead for HB5719. Many changes in Lansing are coming and it will affect our events in Lansing. New Legislators will take over after the first of the year, get to know them. Having a personal relationship with them will make a difference when you call or write them. Legislators like to hear from their constituents, so get to know them!

Old Business: the Christmas party was discussed, the menu, gift exchange, Santa's coming too!! We are having meetings with Region 11 on the 2023 Passbook, working

on getting more stops in the Region 7 area.

New Business:

Welcome to our new member, Mark McGarrey. Glad to have you onboard with us! Our January meeting will be on January 8th, due to New Years day being the first Sunday of the month. It was reported that there is a great need for Rider Coaches. If you would like to be a Coach, there's information in the Rider on the classes to be a Rider Coach.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wes, second by Marlene, motion carried.

I would like to wish each and every one a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!! Let's make 2023 the best year yet for ABATE of Michigan!! Hope to see everyone at the seminar and remember to be there on Sunday morning to vote for the board members AND the By-Law changes!! It's up to the membership to elect board members and to approve by-law changes! This is one of the Most Important Parts Of The Seminar!!! Until next month, Tim

REGION 8 - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ottawa Counties

RC - Robert Meloche

Happy Holidays fellow Abate members!

We had a great fall in Region 8! We wrapped up the riding season with a color tour near the end of October and had an AMAZING turn-out. After making our way from Holland to Muskegon, we joined up with riders from Region 5 and headed up to Croton-Hardy Dam. It was a beautiful day, a gorgeous route and so much fun to have one last outing together. What is even better

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is that we gained EIGHT new members after that ride! That is right. EIGHT!! Welcome to ABATE R8 Kate, Don, Tara, Ken, Rob, Carolina, Dave and Rita!

In our October meeting we had voted to skip having a meeting in November, but with all the new members coming on board we decided to change plans. However, mother nature didn't cooperate and sent the first storm of the season on the day of our meeting, which really limited attendance.

The first committee meeting for the 2023 Bikers at the Ballpark event was also held in November and the group had a great discussion and got a lot of great ideas on the table. Mark your calendars - June 25 is our date for the event and we believe it will be HUGE success for Abate and Motorcycle Awareness! R8 has a few things happening in December, too. In addition to our regional meeting on the 13th, we are having our first Christmas Party since the region came back to life. Keeping with the holiday spirit, we have members bringing gifts to support a local assisted living home to give back to the community. Our members were really excited about the opportunity to spread holiday cheer! Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and we'll see you at Seminar in January! Take Care,
Bex, R8 secretary.

REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton, Clinton & Ionia Counties

RC - Nick Henry

Well here we are in the pre arctic weather of December doing some California Dreaming, only 2 1/2 months

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till we will, with a little luck, start seeing some above 50 degree sunshine. Till then we have the holiday parties, family and friends to enjoy.

January 13,14,15, is the ABATE seminar, always a good time. Then on February 8 2023 is the pizza and pop event at the capitol in Lansing, then the Lansing Freedom Rally is on May 31 2023. The 20023 Field meet will be in the same place as last year, hopefully we'll have better weather. It's Michigan, what do you expect? Eric has ordered a new printer and by the time you read this he should have it and sending membership cards. If you have not received your card ,please be patient.

Happy Holidays to all
Nick Henry
Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties

RC - Vern Shock

ABATE Region 10 membership meeting, December 4, 2022 Meeting called to order at 3:14pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Legislative report was given. Pizza and Pop will be in February. Date to be determined. Find out who your legislators are and write them letters. Freedom to choose if you where a helmet is at stake.

MRF Report was given. Next year's officers were elected.

RC- Vern Shock
AC- Bob Shock

Treasurer- Bonnie Gustavison
Secretary- Deb Townsend
Road Capt. Bernie Shepherd
Products- Dawn Keck
Sgt. at Arms- Tom Lehner

Reminder if you're not staying

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at the seminar in Lansing to drive down on January 15th to vote.
Update on the Cupid's Crawl event in Alma, February 11th.
January's meeting will be on the 8th, 3pm at Ghost Town, Elwell.
Meeting adjourned 3:57pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Townsend, Secretary.

REGION 11 - Lapeer, Macomb, St. Clair Counties
RC- Richard "Magilla" Snooks
No report this month

REGION 12 - Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, St. Joseph & Kalamazoo
RC - Dan Dan
Gary started with the pledge of allegiance.

Dan brought the meeting to order.

There was nothing to update with the legislative side of things per Gary.

Joy read the treasure report. We paid for the 2023 calendars.

Calendars are \$15 and if you want to call Eric, he can charge a credit card for any purchase.

Awareness - Joy - There is road signs, car magnets, bumper stickers available. Just ask Joy.

Bear didn't have anything with MRF to report.

Events - Joylynn - Bowling at South Lanes Three Rivers is \$20 per person and that included 2 slices of pizza, a pop and 2 games of bowling with shoes. Open to ABATE and Non ABATE members.

We will begin organizing the Bike Raffle details for 2023 in January. If you have any ideas for bands or activities, reach out to Dan or Joylynn.

We voted on nominations. Joylynn is the new secretary. The Member of the Year was voted for Joylynn.

Meeting times:
Starting January 2023, meetings will be the FIRST Sunday of the month. If there is a holiday, it will switch to the second Sunday of the month.

Note - January meeting will be the 8th since the 1st Sunday is New Year's Day. We meet at the Eagles F.O.E. in Paw Paw at 1 pm every month.

We drew for the incentive winner and it was Stacy N. She was not present.

We adjourned the meeting closed and had our Christmas party.

Thank you,

Joylynn Gerow

PS
Non ABATE related is a H.B. 6544 to ban all assault weapons and to fight this we need to reach out to our senators and representatives to say we disagree with this bill.

Thanks Joylynn for all you've done this year and for volunteering for secretary! Congratulations on member of the year!

Dan Dan.

REGION 13
RC - Tom "Jinx" Rahn
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Hope everyone is well and ready to start 2023!!
Meeting opened at noon.
Minutes read.
Thank you Maribeth for taking the minutes for today's meeting.
Legislative: Prop 1-term limits extended from 4 years to 12 years.
Prop 2-no ID needed to vote
We may be fighting a helmet law again
Insurance bill need to be renewed in January
Dems in control of House and Senate

Herb spoke about dynamics of mid-terms and voting in the House at State level and what that means for the residents.

Jinx pointed out Fords dropping automatic vehicles. Also, if you can't attend seminar try to come Sunday to vote. Voting is between 9&10.

Gun tickets: Raffle will be held during the month of October in 2023. The person that sells the most tickets will receive a bonus of \$350.00

Events: 2023 PAC Run will be August 5. Blue

Angels will be planning a party with bands.

If you want to be included in the group text please contact Dan. Need to give him your name and number.

Discussed a web page or FB group for "call to action" this will bump up response time.

February 11 - Region 10 Pub Crawl

See you next year, Kathy.

REGION 14 - Washtenaw and Livingston Counties RC - Shiny Bob

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 27, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:20pm.

Shiny Bob: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Shiny Bob - moment of silence for personal intentions spoken and unspoken.

Amos/Secretary report: October's meeting minutes submitted to Silla October 11th.

November Birthday: Chef Mark, Tree man and Amos

Sally/Treasurer's report: Sally presented her report to members.

Region 14 members agreed to Shiny Bob's motion to send funds to the state.

Motion to accept: Dawn Kenyon Second Motion:

Bob Kenyon

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Zack Knight Second Motion: Ann Tobian.

Shiny Bob:

No nominations from the members present to replace the present RC, Treasurer and Secretary positions, existing members will maintain their

same position in 2023.

Region 14 will have a flop room at the seminar January 13, 14 & 15. Region 15 and 18 will be cosponsoring finger foods and walking tacos with our region.

All members are encouraged to attend the seminar.

Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Report:

Ann is in the process of planning our 2023 events calendar and will pass along to Amos as soon as completed. Sneak-peak preview - May 20th Awareness Ride, June 17th Bike Show, August 19th Poker Run. More details to follow.

Dawn/Awareness Report: Dawn presented statistics on women riders, and they have a higher average of endorsement completion and thus considered safer riders.

New Members / Guests: Eric Englemeier Post 322 invites all ABATE members to their monthly famous German sauerkraut super the 2nd Thursday of each month. 5:00pm - 7:30pm the cost \$15.00. Taco days are the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Next Meeting
December 18th at 4pm

50/50 Drawing: Won by Sally

Dollar Draw: Won by Tom

Meeting closed: 5:31pm

Motion to accept: Zack

Second Motion: Amos

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

REGION 15 - Wayne County RC - Albert Ouellette

Region 15 Meeting minutes 11-20-22

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of Silence.

Treasure report given by John with income and expensed for the month. Burt made a motion to accept report and it was second by Pam. All members present accepted.

MRF report given by Brian
2023 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Profiling: Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling.

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles

concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV)

Emission Regulations: • Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.

2023 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Distracted Driving: Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving. Sound Testing: • Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing.

Legislative: Jim will provide a list of representatives to Bert. Brian Added we need to be aware of changes that could affect the Helmet Laws. Bert handed out a list of events for 2023; a few of these have been locked in including Axe throwing 2-18-2023, Bowling 4-15-2023. Bert also talked about a suggestion from Pam

for a Blessing of the Bikes in conjunction with the Legion.

Also discussed was the Iron Saints bowling in Chelsea at Chelsea Bowling on S. Main St. Pam gave an update with the Seminar; Bert has reserved the flop room for our region. A sign up sheet for food is being passed around. Jamie and Bert will be bringing Chili for Friday night and hot dogs for Saturday.

We need to raffle something off at the Seminar; suggestions were Generator, booze basket. Clair suggested backpack of shooters and other items like Vit C, Gator Aid.

Member of the year nominations were, Tony, Bert, Brian, and Clair. The votes were cast and the Member of the Year for Region 15 is Clair! PAC-Wayne mentioned needing more dollars in the PAC. Bert made a motion to give 1/2 from the Axe Throwing event to PAC, Brian 2nd the motion, all members present accepted.

Bert brought the trailer for everyone to see the improvements, still needs taillights.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Jeremy, all members present accepted.

REGION 16 - Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Counties

RC- Jesse Gordy

No report this month

REGION 18 - Monroe, Lenawee Counties

RC - Dan "Treeman" Conner

Hello region 18 ABATE members. Christmas should be over I hope Santa was good to all. Okay I'm going to say it Happy New Year. I hope 2023 will be good for all. Our Christmas parade float that was in the Ida Christmas lights parade (2022) looked really awesome thanks to Leroy and all his little elves that helped put it together a special thank you goes out to the Diaz Greenhouse for providing the semi truck and the diesel fuel. Hope to see you all at the state seminar this January in Lansing on Friday night our region 18 will be hosting the pack games again this year so make sure you come down and have a good time raising some money for pack. On Saturday we will have a lot of breakout sessions to learn something new or something old. And just have a great time with all abate members from all over the state. I would like to thank all that made 2022 a wonderful year. All are officers will stay the same for 2023. All are committee officers are working on our events for the year already. So again this year our biggest thing is the selling

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of bike tickets . We all know that our Sherry is the state coordinator for the bike raffle tickets with Karen's help I know they will do a great job together. Here is some dates to remember for 2023 Pizza Pop and lunch in Lansing is February 7th and the freedom rally is May 31st. Okay so hopefully everybody has a Happy New Year and a good year to come I'm going to turn this over to tree man sincerely Michele. Hi all Hope everybody's doing well. So far this has been an awesome December hasn't even been below freezing and high in the upper 40's to low '50's can't get any better than that I'm still riding and hope to be riding the whole winter out if it stays like this. I want to thank our neighboring regions that work with us throughout the year it was greatly appreciated and I hope we can continue to do the same thing again next year. Being the first year as RC I can't believe how well of a group of region 18 members that we have. We are not just region 18 members and neighboring regions are not just neighboring region members we are family and I'm so lucky to have a family that works so good together thank you very much. So that being said I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and good health to come with that and don't forget to put out prayers for the ones that need it the most especially during the holidays. So be safe and I'll see you at the seminar. Tree man.

REGION 19 Oakland County

RC - Pete Kazels

No report this month

REGION 20

RC - Mark Berger

No report this month

REGION 21 - Clair, Isabella, Mescosta, Montcalm & Osceola Counties

RC - Brenda Crittenden

No report this month

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Santa with Region 7 Member of the Year:
Bob Betson



Jan on Santa's lap



Leah with Santa



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

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MRF is highlighted in BLUE

State Events are highlighted in ORANGE

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY

| Date | Region | Region Events | Contact |
|--------------|--------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | 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 8 | | Pizza & Pop Luncheon - Lansing | |
| Feb 11 | Reg 4 | Annual Chili Cook Off Gaylord Eagles | IceMan 989 619-5586 |
| May 31 | | Freedom Rally | Eric: 269 435-2058 |
| May 5 - 6 | Reg 18 | Awareness Party | Lady T: 313 290-3802 |
| May 5 - 6 | Reg 18 | Flea Market | Nikki: 734 299-0924 |
| May 15 - 16 | | MRF - Bikers in the Beltway | |
| May 20 | Reg 3 | Erik's Memorial Awareness Ride | |
| May 27 - 28 | Reg 18 | Memorial Day Run | Lady T: 313 290-3802 |
| June 9 - 11 | | State Field Meet | Pam: 313 30-4888 |
| July 21 - 23 | Reg 3 | Summer Bash | |
| Aug 25 - 26 | Reg 18 | Aces & Eights Party | Dreama: 734 626-1280 |
| Sept 16 | Reg 16 | Family Picnic Reg's 14 - 15 & 18 | Michele: 734 731-1576 |
| Sept 30 | | Bike Raffle Drawing at Boot Hill Ranch - Three Rivers | |
| Oct 14 | Reg 18 | Color Run/Halloween Party | Lady T: 313 290-3802 |
| Dec 9 | Reg 18 | Christmas Party/Chili Cook-Off | Michele: 734 731-1576 |

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