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Official Michigan Rider Newsletter

July 2025



ABATE Region 10 Spring Fling in front of Ghost Town Saloon for the start of the ride. 12 New members and 10 renewals!

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The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone.

It's been a busy week for ABATE of Michigan. It started last Friday morning when the wife and I left for the Field Meet.

What a great time. Merry and her committee did a great job. The new campground was amazing, the building where we held our functions was nice. We got to put the products trailer inside the barn in case of rain. (You may remember last year was monsoon season in Wolverine ha ha).

Then we had a good turnout for the auctions which turned out to be fun along with the tattoo contest (both good and bad tattoos). There were bike games and a new one I hadn't seen before called old man croquet. Also, the bra bling contest was entertaining. I think the best part of that contest was when Tiny decided to model the one. Thanks Tiny. The bra bling contest was done to raise awareness for breast cancer. Great idea Merry and thanks to the contestants. The top gun challenge was an obstacle course run on a motorcycle then the golf carts went through the course to win awards. So, you can see if you missed the Field Meet you missed a lot. Next year's Field Meet is scheduled for June 12-14 at the same place so mark your calendars. You aren't going to want to miss the next one.

Then today is Wednesday and I just got back from the Freedom Rally in Lansing. I must say this event has turned into a big event. We had the fish fry again with all the fish caught in the great lakes. It's some of the best fish I have ever had. Along with the fishermen was the timber guys. These guys brought in 3 tractor trailers, some had logs, some had equipment on them and what a great bunch of guys. They helped us with parking motorcycles and put on a great presentation. The timber guys are the group that brings in the Capitol Christmas tree. They also honor the family that donates the previous year's Christmas tree.

We also had great support from many motorcyclists. Not just ABATE members but members from some clubs and just people that care about their rights. So once again if you missed it, you missed a lot. Thank you to Scott Everett for coordinating the whole event, what a

great job. It was a lot of fun.

On the legislative side of things, I was fortunate enough to finally meet Senator Lindsey. He is the Senator that is working on our lane filtering bill.

If you live down in Senate district 17 call Senator Lindsey and thank him for running our bill and ask him if we can do anything for him. Also announced that we are NOT giving up on this insurance fiasco. We fought over 35 years on the helmet repeal, and I hope we don't have to fight 35 years on the insurance bill but we are NOT going away.

The 50x50 membership drive is off to a slow start. In case you forgot I challenged all ABATE members to increase our membership 50% by our 50th anniversary which is May 2026. Just imagine if every member just got 1 person to join. That would be a 100% increase. I'm just asking for half of us to get one person to sign up. It can even be a junior membership. I would just like to see more riders care about our rights and give us some support. So, think about whom you could get to sign up even if it is just your grandchild or a neighbor. Anyone can join. I know we have people that don't ride motorcycles that are active members because they believe in freedom and our rights.

Thanks for listening to me rant and brag in this article. I just wanted to mention that the lumber guys listened to our presentation, and I was grateful to our members for sticking around and listening to their presentation.

Ride Safe



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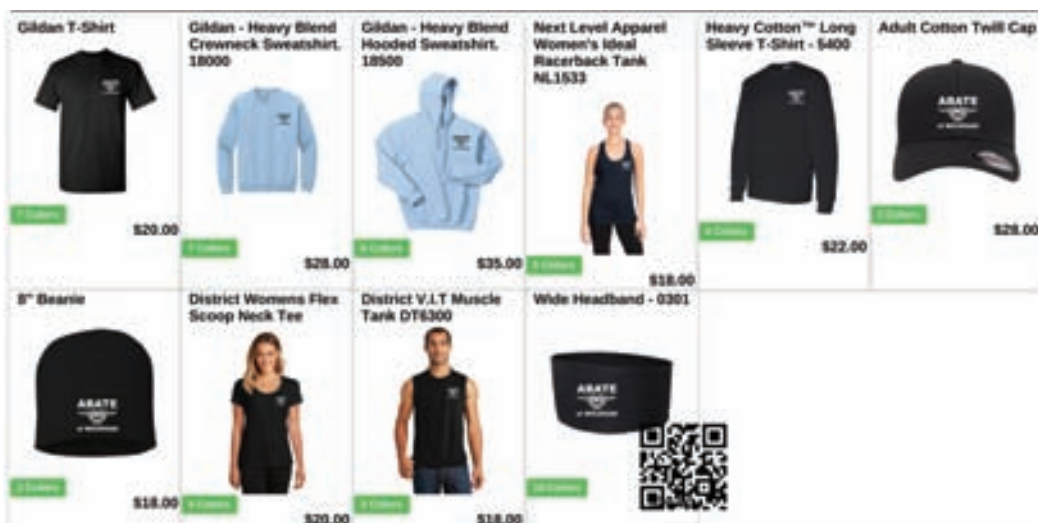
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Carl will be doing the embroidery
for our ABATE Products



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

Greetings!

It is the day after the Field Meet. The new place in Harrison was awesome. Very nice place. I heard nothing but good things about the layout and location. The bike raffle giveaway will be held there, so if you haven't been there, you have another chance in September.

I know it is still June, but October will be here before we know it. October 1st is the deadline for By-law proposals, and the deadline to file your intentions to run as a board member.

This month's news is Under a low carbon fuel scheme, the state of California will raise fuel taxes 50-65 cents a gallon, bringing the price of a gallon of regular gas to as much as \$8.44 per gallon of regular. The current price of a gallon of regular is \$ 4.78 per gallon. The tax increase, along with refinery closures and more state regulation could cause a potential fuel shortage in California by as much 13 million gallons a day by 2026 and raise the current price by 75%.

Bajaj Auto had reached a deal to buy 49% of KTM, Husqvarna, and Gas Gas. At the last minute, a deal was reached to buy the remaining stock from Pierer Industries resulting in total ownership in a deal worth nearly a billion dollars. Bajaj is a company based in India.

US Senator Todd Young from Indiana, and Congressman Jay Obernolte were named the MRF's Legislative Champions for this year for their support of motorcycle rights.

In Massachusetts, State Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Stone, [D] has proposed a bill that would penalize you based on how many miles you drive your car because of climate change. If you drive too much, you would be fined, and be forced to use public transportation, walk, or bike.

James "Shrink" Parsell from Region 7 passed away this month after an illness. He was a good guy who always had a smile on his face and was never in a bad mood, and he was a real "Shrink." He will be missed.

Awareness donations are Richard Akers and Michael Meyer. Sustaining Members are Royal Oak Eagle Riders. Life Members are John Farver.

Ride defensively.

Eric



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MRF State Rep - Tom "Jinx" Rahn

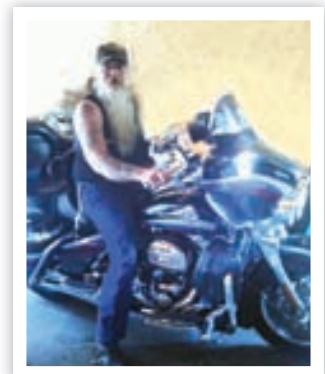
2 Weeks ago we had a "Call to Action" Conference call on following up from Bikers in the Beltway in May. As you know we didn't go to DC this year because of the funds, so what we did was had others that were there drop off our Congressional Rep & US Senator packets to their offices for us. Our job as Michigan MRF Reps, is to follow up with our Congressional and US Senate Representatives on the issues that matter to the MRF and us as fellow riders. We talked about personally sending out emails to each office but came up with that being a lot of copy, paste, fill in blanks. To simplify it, we are telling you to click on the link below and fill out again every Call to Action (even if you have done it 100times!). These will be our emails to your district offices. After you fill these out, please make note of 1. Who were sent, 2. What time, and day you completed this task. Keep a note on paper for our next call to gather this information. The link is ... www.mrf.org/federal-legislation-issues-1

After you have filled out all the call to actions (these are/will be our emails) we are asking you to call "Your" district Congressional Rep and make sure they have seen, and looked at the packets that were delivered to their office back

at Bikers In The Beltway. This task also needs to be wrote out as for Who you talked to, and time & date. This may need to be a 3 time follow up, as you may talk to a staffer, or an answering machine, but we need proof you made the attempt. Also, per the MRF conference call, we decided that no matter the district, we are going to call ALL the congressional districts to show numbers. I have placed every Reps number below for your use.

We are all going to have the same kind of talking points,

"I am a representative from the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) and I am calling you on behalf of Riders from our great state of Michigan and all over the US. I am checking in with you today to see if the Congressman/Congresswoman was able to review the packet our assistance/s dropped off in May for Bikers in the Beltway? We are asking you to please "Support and/or sign on to bill numbers.... #1. Support H.R. 3385 - The Definition of a Motorcycle. #2. Support & Please Co-Sponsor S. 995 - The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025. #3. Support Congressional Review Act: H.J. Res 87 and H.J. Res 88 (to protect the internal combustion engine). #4.



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Support S. 1379 - REPAIR Act (Right to Equitable Professional Auto Industry Repair) #5. Support H.R. 1566 - REPAIR Act (Right to Equitable Professional Auto Industry Repair) #6. Support H.R. 2165 - The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025. Do you have any questions? Would a in person meeting need to be set up to help or talk about the packet? If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know. (Give Your Name & Number) Thank you for your time."

Again, please make note of who you talked with, and the time you did. If you didn't, please note you left a message. This point can not be stressed enough. After such time, another MRF call will be sent out to gather this info to send to the Higher Ups in MRF. This will be an all hands on deck push!!

	Michigan Congressional Reps and Numbers (https://www.house.gov/representatives)		
1st	Bergman, Jack (202) 225-4735	Armed Services Budget Veterans' Affairs	
2nd	Moolenaar, John (202) 225-3561	Appropriations Select Comm on the Strategic Competition US and China	
3rd	Scholten, Hillary (202) 225-3831	Transportation and Infrastructure Small Business	
4th	Huizenga, Bill (202) 225-4401	Financial Services Foreign Affairs	
5th	Walberg, Tim (202) 225-6276	Education and Workforce Natural Resources	
6th	Dingell, Debbie (202) 225-4071	Energy and Commerce Natural Resources	
7th	Barrett, Tom (202) 225-4872	Transportation and Infrastructure Veterans' Affairs	
8th	McDonald Rivet, Kristen (202) 225-3611	Agriculture Transportation and Infrastructure	
9th	McClain, Lisa (202) 225-2106	Financial Services Education and Workforce	
10th	James, John (202) 225-4961	Energy and Commerce	
11th	Stevens, Haley (202) 225-8171	Education and Workforce Science, Space, and Technology Select Comm on the Strategic Competition US and China	
12th	Tlaib, Rashida (202) 225-5126	Financial Services Oversight and Government Reform	
13th	Thanedar, Shri (202) 225-5802	Agriculture Homeland Security	

MI US Senate Numbers

Peters, Gary C. (D-MI) (202) 224-6221

Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) (202)-224-4822

I'm calling on not only the State Assistant Reps to call their own Districts, but the WHOLE State's. Also, this isn't just for MRF Reps too, like our Call to Actions, any MRF member can make these calls as well.. just get with me or Ice Man Jeremy for the info! Please also check on the URL above, fill out our Call to Actions, and share with who ever you know rides. This just isn't a ME or us problem, this is all riders, all over the country, and including our local shops as well! Don't be afraid to share with them as well.. these effect us all! If anyone is interested in becoming an MRF Assistant Rep, please give me a call. You have to be a member in good standing, love to ride, and care about motorcycle issues and rights. Our freedoms aren't free and if we don't fight for them, no one else well!! I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for giving a shit!

Jim

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Senate: <https://www.senate.michigan.gov/>



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



The Citizens Guide to the Michigan Legislature:

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



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Mailed Newsletter

\$71.50

- Single Life Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$390.00

- Couple 1 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$51.50

- Couple 2 Year Membership

Mailed Newsletter

\$73.00

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Mailed Newsletter

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State Event Coordinator - Merry Garrett

Field Meet 2025...

Is now in the memory books for a lot of us, but for me it's already starting for next year. I hope you all had a great time. Our committee will be making improvements and some changes as this was a new committee head and a new location!!!

Boy did I learn a lot.

We had the bike show, bike games and the Top Gun challenge. I heard so many positive and great comments from everyone. Region 6, Region 14 and Region 5 worked their butts off to make everyone happy. And they DID!!! Thank you so much. If any other region wants to do the bike show or bike games, please let me know. Whatever you spend goes right to your rocker points.

The silent and live auction was great. Thanks to all those donated items for this. It helps to pay the bills. I'll need some more for the Bike Raffle Weekend

Region 10 had the most members there. With Region 6 second and region 3 third. They made the party outstanding!! Thank you to everyone that came and supported the event that ABATE puts on for its members. If you came, I hope you enjoyed yourself.

If you couldn't make it, make plans for next year. Talk to the people that came, get their opinions of how it went.

The products agent was there with field meet T-shirts. If you didn't get one let Kim know. She has some left. Let's get these sold. Thank u for having products available. She put her hours on the trailer, and I think it worked out fine. That way they could enjoy the festivities too.

Our brand-new food vendor was a hit. They will be back in

September. So, plan on trying his nachos. Let's just say Tiny and Woody had a hard time eating it all. Just saying.

We had plenty of wood to keep warm on those cool evenings and cold mornings.

Thank you to all that worked a few hours, everyone got there on time and worked their tails off.

Thank you to Woody and Mark for taking a huge weight off my shoulders.

That's all for now. If you have ideas, comments, and criticism, in a nice way, call me or message me. Email works too!!! 734 652-9739 or fb messenger works the best. That way I have it so I can make lots and lots of **lists**.

Hope to see you all in September!!

If you need presale tickets let me know I'll get them out to you

Sincerely

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State Event coordinator



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MICHIGAN'S ANNUAL ABATE FIELD MEET



**ABATE Region 10
at the Annual Field Meet**



More State Event photos are on
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Region Coordinators & Meeting Info

Region 1

TBD

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Region 2

Interim RC

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Region 3

Van Dunson

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

Region 4

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Region 5

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Meetings: 1st Sun 1pm

Region 6

Merry Garrett

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

Bay City

Region 7

Tim Polk

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tpolk3966@gmail.com
Meetings: First Sunday
2PM, Nov.-April
at Lucky Thumb
Motorcycle Club 7394
Bevens Rd. Deford
May - Oct. at Evergreen
Park 4731 Van Dyke Rd.,
Cass City

Region 8

RC - Tara Hendee

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Meetings second Sunday
of the month
Location TBD

Region 9

Nick Henry

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Region 10

Vern Shock

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Meetings 1st Sunday of
the month at 3

Evergreen Tavern in
Hemlock
Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May
July

Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell
Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun,
Aug

Region 11

Arnold Schneider

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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

Eric Eads

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Meetings: 1st Sunday of
the month 1pm
Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13

Dan "Dano" Kenzie

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Meetings: 1st Sun 12
noon

7901 Benn Rd
Parma, MI. 49269

Region 14

Shiny Bob

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

Region 15

Interim RC - Johnny Rotten

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

Region 16

Jesse Gordy

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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Region 18

Leroy Cuykendall III

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Sunday of the month@
2pm

VFW Post 1138 400
Jones Ave, Monroe

Region 19

Bill Stewart

Phone: 248 802 7221
harleyhippy@comcast.net

Meetings: 1st Tues
7:00pm

The Shark Club
6665 Highland Road
Waterford 48327

Region 20

Steve (General) Graves

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

Region 21

Interim RC - Vern Shock

Meetings TBD

REMINDER

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



Region Reports



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

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

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

Meeting was held at the Rapid City Tavern and

Operations Officer

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called to order at 17:59 hrs by Van.

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

Van extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance.

Minutes were read by Mark. Motion made by Karen, second by Denise to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Ann Marie gave the treasurers report. Motion by Karen, second by Ken to approve the report as given. Discussed and carried.

Legislative report by Woody states that there really is not anything new and nothing from MRF either.

Nothing from Papa or Ken.

Karen stated that she attended a bike night in Buckley that was sponsored by Thunder Roads and Michigan Biker Law.

Products: Gina states she has nothing new.

Nothing new from Denise.

Woody states that the Seven Sons swap meet has been cancelled. They may pick it up at a later date.

Party update.. More to follow...

Karen made motion to add more money to the previous approved amount to purchase a sealed storage container to store product and bike night stuff in at Fallen Timbers. Second by Denise. Discussed and carried.

Get your sold tickets in to Ann Marie. If you need more just ask her for them.

Ann Marie made a motion to donate the old bath house to Seven Sons, second by Dave C. Discussed and carried.

Next meeting is at Rapid City Tavern on July 2 at 18:00 hrs.

Region 3 Summer Bash is July 25-27

Dysun ride is Aug 1-2. The 2nd is the actual ride. You can pre-register for the ride on their website.

Paul suggested that when your out riding to count cemeteries and Ken said to watch for items on the road ie: grass, gravel

Mark made a motion to adjourn, second by Denise. Meeting adjourned at 18:20 hrs.

Enjoy bike night!!

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

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

Meeting opened with pledge and moment of silence. June 28 there will be a Veterans escort from the Home to Adam Scott Rodeo in White Cloud for more info please contact Teresa Naerebout @ 1-620-947-4270. Biketime campground right around the corner gates open at noon on July 16, Volunteers are needed. Family Picnic August 17 starting around Noon, please bring whatever you want to cook on the grill and a dish to pass Stoney Lake Park 4735 s. Scenic dr swimming and games! Fall Rodeo, bands are being lined up and should be a good show ! And a reminder July meeting will be on the 13 at Hightower at 1 pm hope to see everyone there!

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

Hey all. Sorry about last month not getting our article in, but it happens.

I'm just getting on here and saying omgoodness thank you thank you thank you for being the best. We had 24 people from our region at the field meet. We took second place behind that region 10. Not bad for a bunch of us older and wiser folks. Most of those worked a few shifts to help out, Some fed us, some kept the fire burning and some were just there in support!! That counts in my book. Our region rocks!!!

Our awareness run was rained out but we still got together at Baileys and had a nice time after our meeting.

Thanks to all that came out to bubbas midland fair swap meet and worked the from gate and the booth. We sold 70 tickets that day. Woot woot

Then we went to his Memorial Day event

and enjoyed the day with many wonderful bikers. Gosh life is wonderful

July 13 is our next meeting. We would like to Have finger foods and play some corn hole. If it's a beautiful day some may even go for a ride. Hope to see you there

July 17 is our memorial run. Meet up at Baileys at 12:00 kick stands up at 12:30. Hoping we can do the run that Rick Lawrence had planned for May. If not we will have something great planned.

There are a few events I would

Like to attend in August, I will be talking about them at the meeting. Come out and hear about them. More bike tickets are being sold. If you want to sell some or buy some I've got them. So far Jerry is selling them Like hot cakes.

Bike raffle weekend is

September 5,6,7. I have presale tickets available for a lower price. See myself or Joan to grab a few You can come early on Thursday for an extra \$35. It gives you a chance to set up and chill before all the fun starts. The flyer is in the Rider.

Questions?? Answers!!!

You know where to find me.

Let the sun shine on your face, the wind blow in your hair and enjoy the beautiful summer months.

Peace and love

Merry Garrett.

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

June 7, 2025.

Our day started at noon with the placing of new names on our Memorial Stone at Evergreen Park, followed by a prayer for all our members lost, by Paul Melcher. Then he did a biker/bike blessing for all in attendance to have a safe riding season. We ended the service with a reading of all the

names on the monument and ringing the bell after each name. All the bikes then went on our Rest In Peace ride, which was a 55 mile long ride that ended back at Evergreen Park where we had hotdogs, baked beans, and chips prepared by Danny & Jan Brown. A few others also made salads to help with the meal. Thank you all! After the meal, we had our June meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for our troops—past and present and an opening prayer by Tim. Secretaries Report—Minutes from the May 4th meeting was read by Leah. A motion to accept the minutes as read made by Wes N. and seconded by Danny B. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report—Shelby read the report with income and expenses for the month of May. She also reported the total amount of money donated to ABATE for the year, so far and the number of bike tickets sold and sent to the state to date. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tamara F. and seconded by Paul M. Motion passed unanimously. Legislative Report—Butch reported that it is pretty quiet in Lansing. Tamara has spoken with several Reps. and are onboard with ABATE's agenda. The Chair of the Insurance Committee has scheduled a meeting for June 11th. Freedom Rally is June 11th., hope to see you there!

Representative Greg Alexander was here and

provided us with an update on the State Budget Plan. The House and Senate are in agreement on the Road's Plan. The senate proposal for the DNR to increase passport and hunting fees was rejected by the house! June 25th is the Veterans Moving Wall Escort. We are meeting at 11 AM at Ray C's in Lapeer for a staging and safety meeting. Escort leaves at Noon. Let's make this a GOOD and Safe ride!

July 12th is our annual Shoot & Scoot. It starts and ends at Farmers Tavern in Ruth, MI. Sign-up starts at 10 AM. And the challenge games start at noon! We will be having a short monthly meeting after the event and handing out trophies to our winners!

August 23rd is the Porcupine Bash to aid Veterans, to be held at the Caro VFW. Will have flyers soon!

Motion to adjourn was made by Wes N. and seconded by Tamara F. Motion passed unanimously. I would like to thank all who came to the RIP Ride and stayed for the meeting. Thank you, Paul for the Great prayers and the Bike/Biker Blessings!

Yesterday was the annual FREEDOM RALLY in Lansing and I was sad to see the turn-out for this rally! I remember the front lawn of the capital covered with bikers, what ever happened to all the bikers who cared about their rights and freedoms? Who cared about their safety? Who actually cared about the Brotherhood of motorcyclists? You cannot just think about it, you need

to act! Look for pictures from the Rally! Enjoy your summer and PLEASE ride safe!

Tim.

**REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry
RC - Tara Hendee
Email: tarame7789@yahoo.com
Phone: .616 589-1551
Meetings second Sunday of the month
Location coming soon.
No report this month.**

**REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton, Clinton & Ionia
Counties
RC - Nick Henry**

Hello Region 9, the booth at Sunfield Cycle Shop was a good time and I was able to sell a number of raffle tickets. I still have 2 Look Twice signs left and I have advance tickets for the raffle weekend on September 5,6,7. I am looking at a couple places to put in a booth, if you know a place please let me know. The camp ground will be the same place as the field meet was held, and having camped there, I can tell you it is a great place for an event like ours.

A lane Filtering bill has been introduced in the Michigan legislature. It is R-MI-17 if you want to contact your representative. The insurance fix is being worked on and there are a few ideas as to how to do it. Please contact your representative.

The field meet was a really great time with fantastic weather, the Freedom Rally was equally blessed with good weather. pictures can

be seen Abate of Michigan Region 9 on facebook.

I had a fantastic time at DBMC last night and I'll tell you the ride home was as fantastic, it was one of those nights that was just made for riding.

Be safe, Ride free

Nick

Region9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Vern Shock

6/1/2025

-Meeting called to order at 3:10pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

-Finance report was given.

-Minutes from last meeting were read.

-No Legislative report this month but it was noted that the helmet law attempts have not gone away. Also, HR3385 is a bill to determine the definition of a motorcycle. If successful it should help with insurance.

Pizza and Pop was a success.

-The spring fling was attended by many, and a great time was had.

-Thank you to those who stepped up to be on the committee for the July Poker run. Run will be July 12 ending up at Lumberjack Park. There are camping spots available if you would like to stay. Contact the park to reserve.

The Shiawassee Conservation Club will be holding the Memorial Technical Scholarship ride on June 21st.

-Upcoming events:

June 6-8th, Field meet.

June 11th, Freedom Rally.

July 6th, meeting at Evergreen Tavern. 3pm

July 12th, Poker Run.

July meeting will be at the end of the Poker run at Lumberjack Park.

August 10th, Meeting at Ghost Town

September 6th, End of Summer ride ending at Clare County Fairgrounds for the Bike raffle. Weekend camping will be available at the fairgrounds.

See calendar of events for more.

-The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

-Next meeting Saturday, July 12th after the Poker run at Lumberjack Park. Estimated time between 5 and 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

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

Happy July (already).

Our next monthly meeting will be on July 2 at Chicky's in Almont.

August's meeting will be on August 6 at Total Sports.

For both these meetings, bring your summer tour books with you for your monthly meeting stamp!

Upcoming events:

July 13 - Observation Run

July 26 - Parisville Pig Roast and stamp the thumb ride

August 2 - Ricky D Memorial Ride

August 16 - 1st Annual Get your Stamp ride.

All the above are bonus stamps in the Summer tour book with the exception of Ricky D ride.

Oscar.

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

Sunday June 1st,

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric led the meeting with the upcoming Field Meet on June 6th through the 8th. See him for pre-sale tickets.

The May Safety & Awareness Event was discussed and any thoughts or ideas for next year, please let Tracy know. We want that to be a success in the future every time.

Freedom Rally is 6/11/25 at the White House at the Capitol. Bring a friend or all of them!

Joy with the Treasury Report - We are doing well and keep on selling Bike Raffle Tickets! Ask Gary for more or to turn in sold or unsold tickets when you have them.

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Bear with the MRF Report - MRF June Calls to Actions are for H.J. Res. 87 & H.J. Res. 88. These are designed to overturn regulations allowing California to mandate more electric cars and trucks being sold in the state. These bills will help protect the internal combustion engine. As they get to the Senate, the Congressional Review Act kicks in. This requires only a simple majority to pass a bill as opposed to the usual 60 vote filibuster threshold.

House Resolution's 2218 & Senate Resolution 1072 aim to stop California from setting their own standard on emissions, through the California Air Resources Board. Also other states are allowed to follow their mandates. Which I believe 11 already do.

Senate Bill 995 is the CARS Act (Choice in Automobile Sales Act). This is similar to a bill by Rep Tim Walberg. The bill prohibits the Clean Air Act Authority to mandate the use of specific technology or regulations that limit availability of new vehicles based on engine type. Second, it requires the EPA to update regulations that result in limited availability of new vehicles based on engine. This would overturn a 2024 EPA rule that would result in 56% of new vehicles sold between 2030 and 2032 to electric. The bill has 23 Senate co-sponsors. Using CALL TO ACTION, ask your Senators to co-sponsor this bill.

Congressman VanOrden of Wisconsin introduced a bill (H.R. 3385) directing

Secretary of Transportation to update the 60 year old definition of a motorcycle. This would address autocycles, 3 wheel vehicles that meet Federal guidelines, but operate differently than motorcycles. Such as having a steering wheel and side by side seating. Even though I love Morgan 3 wheelers, they are not motorcycles.

Update on H.J. 88, passed the senate 51-44 on May 22nd. This now moves on to President. Peters was Nay, Slotkin was Yea. Speaking of Slotkin, the last 4 times I contacted her on our bills, I got generic responses, along the lines "thanks, will contact you." Peters never even replied.

I wish to remind everyone we are a Rights Organization. Partisan Politics have no place here. Only what affects us (ABATE). In the recent past, we lost 6 active members because partisan politics came up in our meeting. We can't afford to lose anyone.

Bear's quote for the month: "Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better." Albert Camus French Philosopher and Author.

Bike Nights at the Paw Paw Eagles are back in business! Every Wednesday from 5-9 pm at 63237 M-40 Lawton, MI 49065. Gary and Joy will be there most weeks, come say hi and bring some friends for some cheap beer, good music and lots of bikes.

The Poker Run is on June 21st. See flyer in the

Michigan Rider, Region 12 Facebook page or ask Melissa with any questions. She still needs side dishes for the event and any door prizes for the event would be helpful also. You can let Melissa or Joylynn know about any door prizes. It is best to have them before the day of the ride.

The Niles Burn Run is July 25-27, 2025 in Niles and the ride is on Sunday the 27th. See Joy or Gary to help with the booth or get members that weekend.

August 8-10, 2025 is ABATE of Indiana Region 1's Summerfest at Boot Hill Ranch. See Dan or Melissa with any questions or go to Facebook to find the flyer.

September 13-14, 2025 is the Gilmore Car Museum Vintage Motorcycle Weekend. See Joy or Gary to help with the booth or get members that weekend.

The MRF Meeting of the Minds will be September 25-28, 2025 in Shreveport, LA. It is another way to help keep our freedom on the roads.

We are planning on the pistol poker and shotgun bowling again this fall. Bear will have more details the closer it gets.

The Fall Color Run is going to be October 19th and details are TBD. See Melissa for any questions or to help in any way.

There is a change for the Christmas Party. It is now TBD as of right now. Over



ABATE OF MICHIGAN FREEDOM RALLY





Region Event photos are on pages 30 & 31

the next couple months, we will try to find the new location and plan what day it will be. Stay tuned folks!

We drew for a 50/50 raffle and a patron in the Bar won. We drew for a Bike Raffle ticket and a patron in the Bar won. We drew the Incentive Drawing and Cycle Jeremy would have won if they were present. We drew for a membership for the MRF and Jon K. won.

Joy motioned to close the meeting and Melissa seconded it.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski.

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie

No report this month.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob

Region 14's meeting

Meeting was May 18th because of Memorial weekend.

Eric - Pledge of Allegiance

Sally- We are doing good and did really good at the Fowlerville Swapmeet selling bike tickets.

Ann- Awareness ride went smooth.

Pizza and Pop in Lansing was good and May is Motorcycle Awareness/ Safety Month.

Shiny Bob- Bike raffle round up and Region 14's bike show is June 14 at Saline American Legion. Time is 12 to 4. 6 classes and 1 best of show.

Keep supporting other Regions.

REGION 15 - Wayne Interim RC - Johnny Rotten

We have openings for Region Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator Please come to the meeting for information July 20, Aug 17th 3:00 pm VFW POST 9568 39270 W.Huron River Dr. Romulus Please bring bike tickets in. Ride Safe, Peace Out.

Johnny Rotten.

REGION 16 - Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco RC- Jesse Gordy

No report this month.

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

Wanted!!...If you ride a motorcycle or anyone you know rides and enjoy the freedom of choice. We are Reuniting the region and spreading the joy of ABATE to the UP. We want to hear from you and help bring the region back strong.

Please feel free to reach out to Woody – State Operations Officer, he will help with the process.

Call Woody: 231 884-2192

Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com.

REGION 18 - Lenawee, Monroe RC- Leroy Cuykendall III

Hello everyone,

We just got back from the Freedom Rally.

What a beautiful day. Reasonable turn out.

The fish was fantastic!

We started our June meeting at 2:04 PM.

We had 15 members attend. Our new home is working awesome.

Leroy gave a brief RC report. Thanking all those that came to the Memorial Ride.

Which was full of fun and some bizarre events. No knock on the Red Rooster, but we won't be going there again. The parking lot has bad motorcycle gravity! He also reminded everyone that THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY!

Sherri gave the Treasurer's report.

I did another totally captivating Legislative Officer report, which also included the MRF report.

Our Chief Road Caption, Mr. Sanderson gave his report. Which included this reminder. For those wanting to go on the Pre-meeting ride be at Carl's Hideaway in Ida at 12PM!

Our next Road Clean Up will be July 23rd at 6PM.

Next up was Sass with Events. She will be setting up an Events Committee meeting in Dundee for those who want to attend. Time and date to follow. Check out the Region 18 Facebook page for details.

We will have a tent at the Lenawee County



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Write a letter to your
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Letter Writing and E-Mail

A personal letter or message via e-mail or the Internet may be the most effective way of contacting your legislator, whether in Lansing or Washington. Consult the Congressional (p. 4), House (p. 31), and Senate (p. 53) directories in this guide to find the addresses of Michigan legislators. Many offices prefer e-mail.

A Citizen's Guide to State Government.

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If you're new at this type of letter writing, here are some suggestions on how your letters can be most effective: How to write a letter to your representative: Click [HERE](#)

The intent of this CITIZEN'S GUIDE is to provide some of the specific information needed to get in touch with the RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME to make your concerns heard. It is hoped that it will be a reference tool that will assist

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It is of primary importance that the general public increase its participation in the decision-making process. In order to actuate this input, the citizen must acquire an understanding of the legislative structure and process and then organize concerted efforts to effectively demand representation. Individuals can have an impact on specific legislative proposals, provided it is made at the appropriate time. Organized community and citizens' groups can multiply the impact of that individual effort. Organizing citizens' groups to deal with specific community problems is extremely important. Such groups provide a focal point from which citizens can participate in the decision-making process and influence legislation.

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Fair this year. July 20th through the 26th. There are times available for all volunteers who can help!

The meeting closed at 3:05.

After the meeting, the new Post Commander met with our officers and a few members to personally welcome us to the Post 1138. He said he was very excited to have us in our new home. It is a fantastic facility with lots of potential for the future. Reminder, there is no meeting in July. See y'all in August.

Following is a list of businesses who have made donations in support of Region 18 this year.

Please support them!

Macks Body Shop
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HiLite Fresh Market

SMASH.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

Report from Region 19
For July, 2025 Issue of
Michigan Rider

This month you have the pleasure of having the Region 19 Treasurer preparing the report. Bill (our RC) has provided his notes from the meeting and our LO is at the Freedom Rally in Lansing as I write this. But he also left notes; so here we go.

The month of June has finally arrived along with riding season at long last. The regulars of Region 19 all enjoyed dinner at our meeting place, the Shark Club in Waterford. I have to say that my Chicken Cheddar sandwich was really good.

Bill called the meeting to order at 7:20 and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. He reported that there were three of us who attended the Waterford Expo. We spoke

with lots of people and felt that it was successful. We asked those who visited our display to enter a drawing for one of two ABATE memberships. Names were drawn at the end of the Expo Event and we do hope the new members will join us soon at our meetings. Our RC also mentioned that the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) sent a trifold information flyer to members regarding the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket which has to do with protecting both the internal combustion engine and the right to repair and modify our motorcycles. To join IMA, please check out their website imamembers.org. Bill also mentioned that we need to do some group rides, perhaps to a cider mill in the fall.

Our LO, Hess Bates, did not distribute his usual written report tonight but did provide an oral report. He spoke about the Waterford Expo and thanked Bill for all of his hard work getting Region 19's display just right! Hess also reported that the Pizza and Pop event held in Lansing was exhilarating, frustrating and depressing. Exhilarating because there were a lot of ABATE people there including Gary, Butch, Eric, Jinx, Little Iceman and Tamara and bunches of others. Our event was attended by some legislators, lots of staffers, ABATE friends and security folks. It was a well-organized event with a mountain of pizza. It was also frustrating because there were only a few actual legislators there (neither of mine attended). It was also a little depressing because there appears to be no sense of accountability among Michigan's Legislators. No mindset "we messed up on SB-1 back in 2019 and we must fix it now." No outrage over failing 300,000 bikers, everyone living in Michigan regarding the alleged savings on PIP and ALL of Michigan for having trashed the entire Attendant Care Industry! So it goes

Please plan to join us at our next Region 19 Membership meeting on July 1, 2025, at the Shark Club, which is located at 6665 Highland Rd, Waterford. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 7:00. Really hope to see many more Region 19 members at this meeting.

Submitted by
Speedy Bates, Treasurer

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

Meeting was opened at 2:05 low turn out do to work schedules, family events, and it being a holiday weekend. No bikes showed up for the ride. Bus is still recovering from his surgery. General is recovering from his bike deer accident on May 7th he is doing well we talked about up coming events field meet and the freedom rally/fish fry coming up in June. We have more yard signs if anyone needs or ask you about them. Thanks General P.S. be safe out there watch out for them because they are not watching out for you and the deer they just don't care.

Have a blessed day.

**REGION 21 - Osceola
Clare, Mescosta,
Isabella, Montcalm
Interim RC - Vern
Shock**

No report this month.



Region Bike Nights



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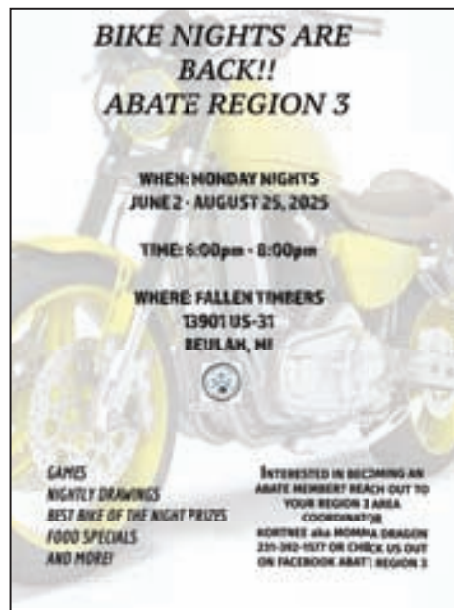
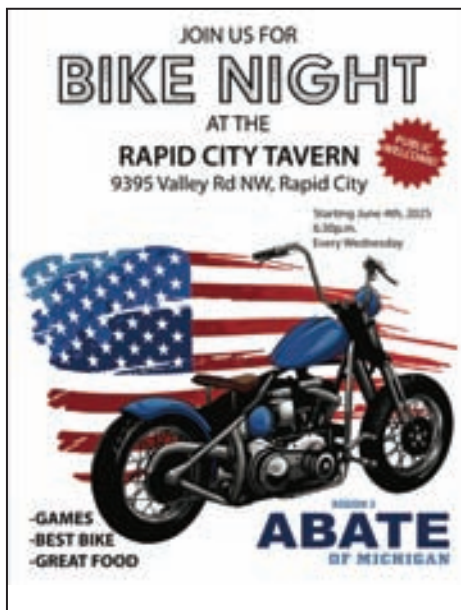
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Sunday July 13, 2025

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Region Event Flyers



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Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

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CHAIN OF EVENTS

State Events are highlighted in GOLD

MRF is highlighted in BLUE

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY



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Date	Region		Contact
		Region Bike Nights	
May - Sept	Reg 12	Bike Nights Wednesdays May - Sept at Paw Paw Eagles from 5-9 pm at 63237 M-40 Lawton, MI 49065	Joy 269 998-6215 or Gary 269 998-6217
June 2-Aug 25	Reg 3	Monday Nights 6 - 8pm Fallen Timers 13901 US-31 Beulah, Mi	Momma Dragon 231 392-1577
June 4 - Aug 27	Reg 3	Laughing Horse Saloon 15888 Lindy Road Thompsonville, MI 49683 Every Wednesday	
June 4 - Aug 27	Reg 3	Rapid City Tavern 9395 Valley Rd NW Rapid City, MI 49676 Every Wednesday	
	Reg 11	Sunday - Bike Day - Chicky's Paradise	
		Region Events	
June 27 - 29	Reg 5	Spring Rodeo	
June 27 - 29	Reg 7	Camp-out Lucky Thumb	Tim 989 670-9976
July 12	Reg 7	Scoot & Shoot + Meeting Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Tim 989 670-9976
July 12	Reg 10	Poker Run	
July 13	Reg 11	Observation Run	Arnold 810 334-8600
July 16 - 20	Reg 5	Biketime campground	
July 18 - 20	Reg 3	Summer Party	
July 19	Reg 6	Memorial run	Merry 734 652-9739
July 25 - 27	Reg 12	Niles Burn Run - Niles, MI.	Joy or Gary 269 998-6215/269 998-6217
July 26	Reg 11	Stamp the Thumb Run & BBQ Reg 11 & 7	Arnold 810 334-8600
Aug 8 - 10	Reg 12	Summerfest - Region 1 ABATE of Indiana Boot Hill Ranch 10542 Bair Lake Street, Three Rivers, MI 49093	Melissa 269 532-9570 or Dan 734 512-8055

Aug 16	Reg 11	Get Your Stamp for Awareness Run	Arnold 810 334-8600
Aug 23	Reg 7	Porcupine Bash Caro VFW	Tim 989 670-9976
Sept 5 - 6		Annual Bike Raffle Drawing Weekend	Merry Garrett 734 652-9739
Sept 6	Reg 10	End of Summer Ride - will end up at the Clare County fairgrounds where for the bike drawing	
Sept 7	Reg 11	Boobapalooza	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 12 - 14	Reg 7	BORN TO BE WILD at Ackerman Park Elkton, MI	
Sept 13 - 14	Reg 12	Gilmore Car Museum Vintage Motorcycle Weekend - TBD	Joy or Gary 269 998-6215/269 998-6217
Sept 14	Reg 11	9th Annual Ride to Shine Observation Run	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 21	Reg 7	Summer Tour Book Party	Tim 989 670-9976
Sept 21	Reg 11	Summer Tour End of the Year Party	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 24	Reg 7	Adopt-A-Hwy Trash PU Evergreen Park	Tim 989-670-9976
Sept 25 - 28	MRF	Meeting of the Minds	
Sept TBD	Reg 12	Shotgun Bowling/Pistol Poker, more details to follow	Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435-2058/269 353-0405/269 599-1767
Oct 3 - 5	Reg 7	Carved In Stone Wknd Evergreen Park	Tim 989-670-9976
Oct 11	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 11	Reg 10	Color Tour	
Oct 19	Reg 12	Fall Color Run - TBD	Melissa 269 532-9570
Nov 2	Reg 7	Meeting, Chili cook-off Lucky Thumb	Tim 989-670-9976
Nov 8	Reg 11	Euchre Tournament	Arnold 810 334-8600
Dec 6	Reg 3	Christmas Party	
Dec 6	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting Lucky Thumb	Tim 989 670-9976
Dec 7	Reg 5	Christmas party	
	Reg 12	Christmas party - no date or location - TBD	Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435 2058 269 353-0405 269 599-1767



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