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ABATE of Michigan Newsletter



Region 3 - semi annual road clean up

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It's been a tough month. The loss of Gerry Spomer is tough to put into words. Gerry was a rock, a foundation, a leader. I put myself in an awkward position April 2nd of prosecutor and judge at the same time. I struggled with a balancing act and in the end, I had to disagree with Gerry's recommendation. Life is precious. It comes and goes and when it ends we have to deal with it the best we can. Good times, the bad times, hard times, ABATE has suffered when we lose people we love. Remember the good times and hope we can ride together in the sky the other time.

HB 5270 the "Right of Way" bill passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee, May 11, 2022 with 8 yes votes and 0 no votes. Senator Barrett, the Committee Chair, gave it a good recommendation and my testimony was the shortest ever recorded. I never made it to the microphone and just stood up and said why we supported it in under one minute. Butch and I thanked the members of the committee for the favorable vote. Barrett is running for Congress and we need to support him. The election with the redistricting is an opportunity for ABATE to put our "Grass Roots" to work and help those that help us. The primary is in August. We need to get those maps out and tap the membership in key districts to get involved.

The stats are out on the unendorsed riders. In 2020 those fatalities TRIPLED!!! WOW!!! I knew they would be higher but that's insane. We need to be part of the solution that DOES NOT FAVOR A HELMET LAW. Now is not the time to be on the fence. Rider Education and Licensing helped to reduce the numbers in pre-COVID time and we need that solution not a mandatory HELMET LAW. I urge all RC's to bring this up at their meeting's and have an OCY. Rider Education and Motorcycle Licensing, are part of ABATE of Michigan's Solution to a Mandatory Helmet Law. We need to be part of the Solution to this issue. Many legislators will be inclined to think a mandatory helmet law would be their solution. NOT OURS!!



The Prez Report



Vince Consiglio

Hope to see ya at the Freedom Rally, June 1st is coming up quick.

The everlasting Insurance Issue is still with us. Election is also a good time to ask why we don't have our own choice FOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. I hope you the Field Meet on your schedule and plan on being there. We finally got good weather Ride SAFE & FREE.

Riding FREE 2012 - 2022

Vince

*Gone
but never
forgotten*



Operations
Officer & Region
17's RC
Gerry Spomer

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MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 134

Offered by Senators VanderWall, Bumstead, LaSata,
Johnson, Bayer, Chang, Geiss, Santana and Wojno

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY 2022 AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan has 255,832 registered motorcycles and 542,809 individuals who have operator licenses with a motorcycle endorsement; and

WHEREAS, The safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and expertise, the use of good judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, The use of proper protective riding apparel is an important part of a motorcycle operator's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The advocacy of motorcycle safety awareness is a cooperative effort to decrease the number of injuries and fatalities associated with motorcycling; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of motorcycle rider education programs available through the Michigan Department of State, including recommendations that motorcycle operators wear the proper gear, in addition to driving their vehicles defensively and cautiously, is intended to reduce the number of crashes; and

WHEREAS, The emergence of spring is synonymous with the return of motorcycle enthusiasts to our roadways. Throughout Michigan, motorcyclists are on the cutting edge of supporting the wise and sensible use of this enjoyable mode of travel; and

WHEREAS, Indeed, the disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities make it vitally important to encourage motorcyclists to understand and practice the highest degree of safety. It is also important to remind other drivers that highway safety is beneficial to all parties traveling on public roadways; and

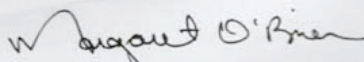
WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month encourages motorcycle operators to wear proper protective riding attire, maintain their motorcycles using safety and maintenance checks found in the owner's manual, abide by the laws of the road, and implement operating techniques that provide an additional standard of safety; and

WHEREAS, Car and truck drivers are informed of the fact that motorcyclists are resuming their travels on our public roadways and all are advised to be exceptionally vigilant and watchful when approaching or passing a motorcycle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate May 2022 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We encourage all of Michigan's citizens to participate in the aims and goals of this safety effort.

Adopted by the Senate, April 28, 2022.




Secretary of the Senate

I am trying to start out on a cheery note with the start of the riding season and all the upcoming events and good times we look forward to this time of year, but as I attend these events, another familiar face will be missing. As most of you know, Gerry Spomer passed away unexpectedly in April. It was quite a shock to myself and a lot of other people. I had talked with Gerry after the meeting in Saginaw, and again by phone after he said he was stepping down as Operations Officer. We had a good conversation and said we would hook up down the road and stay in touch. Little did I know that a week later he would be gone. I guess the point of all this is that we should never taken anything, or anyone for granted. Enjoy your time with friends and family as you never know when you, or they will be gone

A reminder that the discount rate ends for Field Meet tickets ends May 31st. If you show up to the Freedom Rally June 1st I will have tickets there and I will still give you the discount, but that's it.

Not much news to report this month on the national level.

I would encourage you to find a candidate that you can support for the upcoming primary election. Invite a candidate to a regional meeting and see where they stand on various issues. If your not sure who to support on motorcycle issues, ask Bear or Jim for advice.

Scott Volrath became a Life Member. Awareness donations were from Michael Colburn and Kelly Harmon.

Look out for motorcycles. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Metal membership cards.
Life Memberships cards are gold, and
regular membership cards are white.
\$5.00 each

Contact Sally: 734 972-7134
or Eric: 269 435-2058 to place your
order.



Secretary's Report Eric Eads



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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:
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membership.
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Membership / Join
Follow the instructions...it's that
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is on the last page of the Michigan Rider
Newsletter.
Please send your completed membership
form and payment to:

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ABATE Life Member
Jason Waechter



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MICHIGAN RIDERS**

\$2.0 MILLION

\$1.5 MILLION

\$1.4 MILLION



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Gerry was a member of ABATE for 29 years and was the RC, started Region 17A, now known as Region 17. He was a board member, then served as the Operations Officer for 21 years.

Gerry was born in Chicago, Illinois, and moved to Upper Michigan, where he married Mimi on June 5, 1991, in Escanaba. That was one of his finest moments. They rode to the Sturgis Rally for 28 years and looked forward to seeing their Sturgis family on the Hill.

Gerry passed away peacefully in the home that he built up from a shell-of-a-log home, almost entirely on his own. Gerry had accomplished so much with ABATE and in his personal life. He was a talented man, and he used plain old hard work to get it done and get it done right. He airbrushed vehicles, signs, T-shirts, designed artwork, and so much more.

Gerry Spomer was the backbone of Region 17. He never wanted to take credit for his region's success over the years. He would give his region members the credit no matter what, even when he worked his tail off right alongside them.

Gerry liked to see the region do a little better each year. His region first took notice years ago of the region that had the largest donations and noted their success. Region 17 realized they needed something to draw the people in the community to the events. That's when the Motorcycle Raffle came to life. It all started with Gerry's Region 17 "The Great U.P. Poker Run & Pig Roast". The years that Region 17 had the raffle was such a great success that Gerry suggest it become a statewide raffle.

Gerry was a great listener and problem solver. He would listen with an open mind and with respect. He took the time to figure out the problem and find a solution to whatever came his way. Imagine

the number of circumstances over 21 years as the Operation Officer helping the entire state of Michigan, which he served with great honor, as the longest ever in that position. His vast wealth of knowledge was used generously to benefit the ABATE organization and usually was not easy. He stood by what he believed would work even when he faced adversity. This was how he lived throughout his 70 years of life.

Gerry stayed true to himself and his values. He had the courage to do what was right even though it might not be popular or fun. He followed his heart with integrity and chose what he felt was right without regret.



Gerry Spomer ~ July 16, 1951 – April 27, 2022

Gerry inspired Region 17, but was always considerate of the member's time. He never asked others to do what he would not do. With Gerry's leadership, Region 17 raised 32K, in 2021 and over 250K in his 29 years for ABATE. It was the region's goal to make 300K in the 30th year. It was going to be the region's biggest challenge yet. Gerry knew it and would bring up concern that it was going

to be too much. He worried about his members and was so grateful for the time they gave.

Gerry's legacy with ABATE will always be one of hard work, great leadership, high values, patience, understanding, and integrity.

God took him peacefully with grace and mercy. Everyone that knew him was grateful for that. We will miss him and look forward to that day we ride with him in the sky.

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do."

Johann Wolfgang von Goeth
Gerry Spomer, July 16, 1951 – April 27, 2022.

The celebration of Gerry's life will be July 16th, at the Northtown Crown 1523 Sheridan Rd, Escanaba from 4 pm till 8 pm.

Written by Barbie Clairmont, Area Coordinator Region 17.

DONDI VESPRINI, ATTORNEY AT LAW
2020 ABATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR



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ABATE OF MICHIGAN

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**\$10.00
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First Prize: 2022 Street Glide

———— Provided by Bald Eagle Harley Davidson ————

2nd: \$300.00 CASH

3rd: \$200.00 CASH

4th: \$100.00 CASH

Drawing: Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.

Place: Lumberman Park, 12750 Water St., Wolverine, MI 49799



MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS HERE!

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Please send your ticket stubs to:

**Deadline: August 10th to be
in the drawing**

Mimi Spomer

13282 Friday Q1 Road
Rapid River, Mi. 49878

Questions? Call:

Mimi: 906 399-9779

ABATE OF MICHIGAN 2022 FREEDOM RALLY



**Celebrating
FREEDOM of Choice
Since 2012**

**Wednesday
June 1st**

**Impress upon your representatives
in Lansing that we ride and Will
vote in this election year!**

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

**If you are concerned about motorcycle
insurance, motorcycle only checkpoints,
riders education and awareness,
keeping your helmet choice option
or ANY Motorcycle Issues
then PLAN TO BE THERE!!**

Ride to Lansing and make a statement!



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FIELD MEET 2022
June 10, 11, 12

**Sturgeon Valley
Campground**

15247 Trowbridge Road, Wolverine, MI 49799

Advanced Ticket Prices Available

Thru May 31: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple

June 1st and at the GATE: \$25 per person

Tickets call: 269-435-2058

Camping Friday and Saturday nights

At Field Meet included with ticket

STARTING JANUARY 17, 2022

Campground Reservations-FOR EARLY CAMPERS ONLY!

Call 231-525-8301

Cabins and Trailer Rentals

These go exceptionally fast- three cabins and one trailer

ABATE MEMBERS ONLY
YOU MAY JOIN AT THE EVENT
No Children Please!
No Children Please!

BUCK A BEER

Food-Music-Bike Games

Chain of Events Flyers...

32nd ANNUAL ABATE REGION 18 MEMORIAL RUN *(In memory of Big John Brown)*

SUNDAY MAY 29TH (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SUNDAY 10AM)

VETERANS HALL 2460 BLAZER RD. MAYBEE MI, 48159

\$20.00 Donation per person

Sunday Events:

- > Breakfast 10am
- > Bike Blessing 11:50
- > Bike Run 1230 - 4pm
- > Dinner 5pm
 - 50/50 Raffle (Donations)
 - Horseshoe pits available. (Please bring shoes)
 - Chinese Auction (Donation) Sunday 9am - 6pm



Rustic camping available

For info: Contact Lady T (313)290-3802

Sponsored by Michigan Abate Region 18

ABATE of Michigan Region 7

Rest in Peace Ride



June 4, 2022

**Starts at Noon from
Evergreen Park**

Ride in Memory of deceased Region 7

**Members. Donations Accepted, to
Help pay for R.I.P. Memorial.**

**Ride returns to Evergreen Park for a meal and
our monthly Region 7 meeting**

For info contact Danny at : 989-325-1432

ABATE of MICHIGAN - REGION 7 SHOOT & SCOOT JULY 9, 2022

WHERE : RUN WILL START AND END AT THE
FARMER'S TAVERN, RUTH MI

SIGN UP : 10 a.m.

COME EARLY AND ENJOY BREAKFAST

ENTRY FEE : \$10.00

All Proceeds go to ABATE of Michigan

RUN IS APPROXIMATELY 100 MILES WITH 5 STOPS.
CHALLENGE AT EACH STOP.

**COME CHALLENGE
YOUR FRIENDS!**

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MORE INFO : Mariene Krause 810.712.1600



ABATE OF MICHIGAN REGION 18 FLEA MARKET AND CRAFT SHOW

JULY 23RD - JULY 24TH

VETERANS HALL
2460 BLAZER RD
MAYBEE MI. 48159

Cost is \$10.00 for weekend

Camping \$10.00 (members are free)

Friday July 22nd Set Up 4pm - 8pm

Saturday July 23rd 9am - 6pm

Sunday July 24th 10am - 6pm (Also car and bike show and
swap meet)

Breakfast provided on Saturday and Sunday for \$5.00 each day

CAMPING AVAILABLE CONTACT NICKI FOR INFO AND TO RESERVE A SPOT @ 734-597-0020

Last month MRF released its first call to action for 2022. The H. Res 366, the anti-motorcyclist profiling resolution, is in the House of Representatives. Michigan is the state



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with the second highest number of signees. If you have already completed the call of action, we thank you. Let's keep the pressure up and make Michigan number one. If you are interested in signing the call to action, please scan this QR code and hit social media. Please share and spread the word on profiling.

Bikers in the Beltway 2022 is canceled for Michigan. We are not attending due to the lack of in personal appointments and will renew our presence at this important national event in 2023. As always, we continue to stress it's important to contact your Senator, Congressman, House of Representatives on profiling, renewable fuels, and autonomous vehicles.

Just as a reminder, we're asking each of our MRF Reps and Assistant Reps to target signing up a minimum of ten new MRF members over the course of our 'membership calendar year', which runs from August 1st through July 31st. We think ten new members over a year's time is a realistic goal, one that our Reps and Assistant Reps can meet with a little bit of effort. Please accept this challenge in the light that it is intended and help us to make the MRF an even stronger voice for American bikers.

At the State level we are fighting: SB706: is regarding autonomous vehicles, which is on our MRF list of things to tackle in 2021/2022. Summary of this bill allows MDOT to determine who can use the road. Specify that, if MDOT designated a segment of roadway as an automated vehicle roadway, or a lane or ramp of an automated vehicle roadway as an automated vehicle roadway lane, the roadway

could be subject to requirements established as a condition for use and that the roadway could be reserved for the exclusive use of motor vehicles as determined by MDOT.

HB 4809: This bill would allow motorcyclists injured in an accident involving a motor vehicle to seek their no-fault benefits from their OWN auto insurance instead of that of the other driver.

HB 5370: which states in Sec. 649a. The driver of a vehicle at a location other than an intersection intending to turn to the left across a lane of traffic traveling in the opposite direction shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching from the opposite direction that are so close to the driver as to constitute an immediate hazard. An individual who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

Upcoming MRF events

- Bikers in the Belt way - May 16th & 17th – in Washington
- Meeting of the mind Seminar – September 23, - 25 in Iowa

If you are not a member of the MRF, why not?



RIDE WITH THE LEADERS!



Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists. Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future!

Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the **38th Annual Meeting of the Minds, September 22-24, 2022.**



MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS 2022 PRE-REGISTRATION

(Must be received by September 8, 2022 to qualify for discounted rate)



PRE-REGISTRATION RATE:

REGISTRATION RATE (after Sept. 8):

☐ \$100.00 Current individual MRF member (before Sept. 8)

☐ \$110.00 Current individual MRF member (after Sept. 8)

☐ \$120.00 Non-MRF member (before Sept. 8)

☐ \$130.00 Non-MRF member (after Sept. 8)

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

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ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
PHONE _____	E-MAIL _____	

Send check or money order to: MRF, PO Box 250, Highland, IL 62249 before Sept. 8, 2022. After Sept. 8, 2022 registration fee increases \$10 per person.

For room reservations call 515-245-5500 (mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation) \$119/night (room cut-off date, Sept. 7, 2022).

PRE-PURCHASE YOUR MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS 2022 T-SHIRT NOW!

38th Annual Meeting of the Minds T-shirts can be pre-ordered now with your registration. Guarantee your shirt size, color, and style now, by ordering today!

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SHIRT SIZE: ☐ SM Qty _____ ☐ MED Qty _____ ☐ LG Qty _____ ☐ XLG Qty _____ ☐ 2XL Qty _____ ☐ 3XL Qty _____ ☐ 4XL Qty _____

Mail to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation — PO Box 250 — Highland IL 62249 — Phone 202.546.0983 — www.mrf.org — mrfoffice@mrf.org

☐ Annual Individual Members \$35

☐ Annual Joint Membership \$60

☐ Annual Sustaining Membership \$100

☐ Annual Industry Council Membership \$100

☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$95

☐ 3-Year Joint Membership \$140

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☐ Check here to NOT receive patches and pins

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☐ Check here to receive MRF Reports electronically (email)



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MEETING *of the* MINDS

Hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa



**SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2022
DES MOINES, IOWA**

Des Moines Marriott Downtown | 700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309

Room reservations call 515-245-5500 (mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation)

Room guest rate \$119/night. Cut-off date: September 7, 2022

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 250, Highland, IL 62249

Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 8, 2022): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 8, 2022: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0963, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

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Maybee 48159

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Alpha MI Brewing Company
303 E Center Street
Alpha

Region 12
Dan Dan
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Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month 1pm
Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 7
Tim Polk
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polk@echoicemi.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 2nd Meeting 2nd
Saturday 4PM at Chizzies
Main St. Carsonville

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The Shark Club
6665 Highland Road
Waterford 48327

Region 2
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For more information please call or email

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Region 4
Iceman
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October through May the first Sunday at 12:30 at the Elkhorn bar

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Michael St. Taylor Mi.

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Meetings: 3rd Sunday at 3p.m.
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Meetings: 1st Saturday, Noon, Evergreen Tavern
Hemlock

Region 16
Jesse Gordy
Phone: 734 957-6033
jesse.gordy76@gmail.com
Meeting Info will be updated soon!

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Questions?

Region 6
Merry Garrett
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merrysgarrett@hotmail.com
2nd Sunday 1pm, Road-side Bar, 2241 n. Huron Rd., Pinconning

Region 11
Richard "Magilla" Snooks
Phone: 586 524-6907
mail@rsnooks.com
Meetings: First Wednesday and Last Wednesday both start at 7:00 pm Upper Deck Sports Bar inside Total Sports 40501 Production Drive. Harrison Twp.

Region 17
TBD
Region 18

Call or Text:
928 710-2203

REGION REPORTS



Operations Officer Tim Polk

**Phone: 989 670-9976
polk@echoicemi.com**

REGION 1 - Alpha RC - Rick Herkimer

April, 2022:

No meeting in April for Region 1. Next meeting is scheduled for May 21st, 1 week earlier than usual because of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Until next time ~~ Marsha and Region 1

REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Wexford, Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse, Leelanau Missaukee

RC - Dave "Woody" Berg

May 2022 Meeting Report

Meeting was held at the Keyes residence 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.

Minutes were read by Mark S. Motion by Loren, second by Parker to approve the minutes. Discussed. Motion carried.

Treasurers report was given by Dawn. Motion to approve by Bea, second by Aaron. Discussed. Motion carried.

Dave M. gave a legislative report.

He stated that there are two bills regarding the insurance issues. He also stated that there is a SB 561 regarding autonomous vehicles. He stated there are topics being looked at regarding them such as roads they will be on, vehicle category, insurance etc. Get with Dave M. for more detailed information regarding these issues. He stated that the paperwork for the grant for the Kalkaska billboard has been filled out and that it will be worked on by Kalkaska when they have other projects completed.

Van was absent.

Aaron was researching with other regions regarding group riding courses. More to follow regarding this. Aaron also reported on campgrounds for our summer bash. Lil Joe made a motion to secure Rapid River Campground for our summer bash. Motion was seconded and discussed. Motion carried. Lil Joe made a motion to secure the TC Knuckleheads for Friday night of the summer bash. Motion was seconded, discussed, and carried. The dates for the summer bash are July 22-24. The cost will be \$30 per single for the weekend, \$40 per couple and \$20 for a day pass. Sara will do a flyer.

Karen reported that we will install 10 signs the weekend of the ride, 8 will be during the ride. She stated that there were issues regarding the signs with every turn. In the long run it has all turned out is working out to our benefit. She has one more meeting to attend. There will be a 1/2-hour break halfway through the ride. Construction is not starting till the end of May so the roads will be construction free. The posts are all in. Woody states there will be a dry run-on Tuesday so a few know the route and notes can be taken. There will be a special for breakfast at Big Boys and registration will be at the black tent outside in the parking lot.

Sara states that she has posted our ride info and sent to the papers and the radio stations.

Gina states she has the forms for pre order on t-shirts etc. She states that she sold all our yard signs at the Midland Swap meet. Loren made a motion to buy more signs, second by Karen. Discussed and Carried.

The Blue Pelican in Central Lake has welcomed us to have our bike nights there. The first one will be on May 18th at 18:30 hrs at the Side Door. They are located at 2535 Main St, Central Lake, MI 49622. They will be every Wednesday night for the summer. Our summer meeting will be at the Blue Pelican Side Door on June 8, July 6 and Aug 3 prior to bike night starting. We have decided to not let the horseshoe league play at our bike nights so our people can play as we have cancelled all games this year.

The Field Meet at Sturgeon Valley is June 10-12. DJ Parker will be there. Woody has tickets for the Field Meet. Get your early bird special before the end

of tonight's meeting as after that the price goes up.
There are a few spots reserved for early arrivals.

The Freedom Rally is June 1. We have a group
LEAVING the Shell station in Kalkaska at 7:30
sharp.

Get your raffle tickets turned in. Need more, see
Woody. We have lots of new members.

Terry presented a copy of a new sign for our bike
nights. Motion by Aaron, second by Chuck to
purchase the new sign, discussed and carried.

Woody received info from the Rolling Thunder
regarding an escort run in Manistee on Friday July
8. It's a great experience.

We need people to participate in the Kalkaska Fair
Awareness booth, August 5th and 6th. Friday is Kids
day.

Motion by Karen, second by Dave C. to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

**REGION 4 - Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena,
Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet, Charlevoix
RC - Iceman**

No report this month

**REGION 5
RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson**

There was no meeting this month instead there
was the membership Bash, which generated 4 new
members !

We have upcoming the Spring Rodeo June 17-19 @
Dan Raymond Park, tickets at the gate are 35 for
single and 60 per couple you can buy them online at
a discounted price of 30 for single and 50 for couple.
We have bike raffle tickets for sale!!

The next meeting will be June 5 at Hightower bar
and grill at 1 pm and on a final note I have to ask
Rabbit did you get this!!!!

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

Well the weather has finally gotten warmer. I didn't
say summer yet but warmer. So I hope you all are
out there enjoying some wind therapy. Lots going on
around these here parts of Michigan.

Beas memorial run will be over by the time you get
the newsletter and I will fill you all in next month.
She is very missed by so many of us. I want to thank

Rick and Heather Proctor for buying the banner for
Beas memorial. Thank you to my friend Molly Hill
for making it for us. If you need something done let
me know. She a great gal from downstate

We have the field meet June 10 weekend I know our
region will be there in force because I have sold so
many pre sale tickets I had to keep ordering more. If
you want a golf cart get ahold of me so I can put you
on my check list

We had our meeting at Baileys hosted by Randi and
Doug. It was pretty cool and a great place to be.
Thanks for the pizza We will be back there July 16
for a meeting and bike night. Join us won't you and
hang out.

We did Bubbas swap meet and if I can say this our
region rocked. Everyone I mean everyone that
came worked hard selling tickets even Marty got in
on it. Heather went up to folks and sold a lot, our
gate guys especially Santa made bubba proud. And
that's saying a lot. He works hard and he noticed.
Got an email from him. So I have the proof. We
will be back at his shop on Memorial Day weekend.
Thinking just Sunday as bubba said that is the
busiest day. So if you can take a few hours we need
your smiles.

Jerry Soto is having a abate party at his place the
first weekend of august. We will be discussing and
planning this over the next month. He has a great
ride planned so come on down and hang out. Free
camping and fires.

Cricket is keeping us in the know about what's going
on in Lansing and wants everyone to go
On June 1st to our Freedom
Rally. You can ride in by yourself or pick up with
region 3 at 8:30 at Clare's rest area or pick up with
Butch and region 7 & 20 at Perry's rest area at 9:30.
If the times change watch for it on our Facebook
page Abate region 6
Always updated and in the know.
It's so important for us to
Rally for this. More important then the helmets. So
take a day off and go. I'll see you there

Joan and Rick Lawrence are going to host our
Halloween party in September more on that soon
my friends.

Last on my list of things and this one is hard for me.
We lost a member of abate a member that gave his
all along with his partner and beautiful wife Mimi.
Gerry Spomer from region 17 passed away suddenly

it is a great loss and one that has broken many hearts. I will miss you my friend and I hope you are riding in the wind with your hair flying and a smile on your face. Until we meet again. Save me some arguments and deep discussions about abate I needed to learn so much more. I love ya

Peace my friends.

Hug the ones you love

Life is but a short ride

With the wind in your hair and

the sun on your face

Merry

REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties

RC - Tim Polk

Meeting minutes/ May 11, 2022

Our meeting was called to order at 2 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance , a Prayer, and a moment of silence for our Troops. Everyone participated!

The Secretary's Report was given by Gentleman Jim with the reading of the minutes from the April meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Leah, Second by Sonny, motion carried!

The Treasurer's Report was given by Shelby, MRF spaghetti dinner financials were given. Thank you to all that participated, including Farmers Tavern. Shelby also paid for a spot for the region to be at the Sale on the River again this year. A motion was made by Leah to accept the treasurers report as read, second by Parkus, motion carried.

Awareness Report was given by Marlene. Some back-to-back classes took place at Yale. CARS is really keeping her and her team busy!! Karen has taught several classes in Bad Axe, as well! Excellent job to all the instructors!!

The Legislative Report was given by Butch. They had a 2-hr. meeting with the Secretary

of State as well as the DOT. No progress on motorcycle issues. Jeremy had some interesting input. Bill Lutz is running for County Commissioner/Dist. 4; he attended our meeting and gave us a bit of what he stands for. Bill and his wife are motorcycle riders!! They also donated a couple items for our Dillinger Ride! Thank you!!!

Old Business: May 14th is our Awareness Ride, be at Evergreen Park by noon. After the ride is Marlene's meeting at Chizzies, stay for the meeting or go back to the park for Bea's Memorial Party. Do BOTH!! May 21st is the Dillinger Ride; we need volunteers to help with ticket sales AND Clean-up after the event!! June 1st is the Freedom Rally in Lansing, PLEASE join us in the ride to Lansing and let our elected officials see that you care about these issues!! We are leaving Butch's house at 8:30 am!! June 4th is our Rest In Peace Ride, which starts and ends at Evergreen Park. After the ride, Danny & Jan are going to have a meal for us, plus we will be having our June meeting that day, giving you a Sunday to ride or whatever!!! June 10, 11, 12 is the state field meet at Sturgeon Valley Campgrounds! This is an event for our membership to get together and party and have fun! Meet new people and make new friends! Come, be with your ABATE family!! Our April Trash Pick-up went GREAT with a GREAT turn-out!! Thank you all for turning out!!!

New Business: We need volunteers to help at the Dillinger Run, especially the clean-up!! Brian's Challenge brought in more money of ABATE of Michigan! Thank you, Brian, for what you do!! A Motion was made by John to adjourn the meeting, second by Jim, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at

3:10 pm.

Weather is getting better; more and more bikes are getting on the road. Give your bike a good safety check before you get out riding!! Better to be safe than sorry! How many of you have or seen the chart that shows you what kind of heat an improperly inflated tire can make!! If you have ever had a tire blow out at 60+ MPH, you know what kind of ride you're in for!!!! Be wise and do a safety check regularly!! Hope to see everyone at an event, especially in Lansing on June 1st!! Until next month, ride safe, ride free!!

Tim

REGION 8 - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ottawa Counties

RC - Robert Meloche

No report this month

REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton, Clinton & Ionia Counties

RC - Nick Henry

No report this month

REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties

RC - Art Stone

May 7, 2022, Monthly Meeting Pledge

Moment of silence

May 21, 2022, Awareness gathering – corner of M52 & M57 at Park n Ride next to the Back 40 Bar – Noon to 3pm.

July Poker Run update

- Will end at The Evergreen Tavern

- July meeting will be held at end of Poker Run

Treasurer report

MRF Report

- Self driving car pulled over with no driver, stopped then took off and stopped again.

- EPA gave ok to E15 gas, will be sold between June and September

- Bikers in the beltway is coming up

- Need MRF members

LO Report

- June 1st ride to Capital – need people to show up

Brain injury people are getting removed from capital – we want to separate ourselves from this type of behavior, we want to have our voice heard not removed.

- Livingston & Washtenaw County residence need to vote against Lana Tice, she will not allow any of our issues to be heard in legislature.

Tim Polk is the new operations officer for RC's to work with.

Joy oversees Awareness – need to get price for yard signs

Putting together a September Remembrance Ride, September 10, 2022 – ride will end at Tom & Mandy's house.

Need volunteer to take over products

Region 10 held meetings in Saginaw back in the day, per Secretary of State Gratiot County has 2200 endorsed motorcycle riders and Saginaw County has 8400 endorsed motorcycle riders. Hello and Welcome to all Saginaw County motorcycle riders we can't wait to see you at a meeting or have you join us for a ride!!

June 18, 2022 – Moose on Bikes is having a benefit ride for Karrol Cowdrey

June 25, 2022 – Memorial ride for Todd Hodges.

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 Gerow opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was followed by a moment of silence for Gerald 'Gerry' Spomer. Gerry will be missed; He and Mimi are and always will be part of our road-family. Region 12 sends its prayers to the Spomer family.

Candidate Matt Nilson is running for Congress; he came in and spoke about the platform that he is running on. Matt is a retired Army Green Beret, he is a wrestling coach at Hartford high School, Matt is a member of Michigan Farm Bureau and was the former chair of the Van Buren County Republican Party. Matt has a strong understanding of the insurance problem that motorcyclists in Michigan are facing and understands what it will take to overcome some of those obstacles. If you live in the Van Buren county area, go and listen to Matt speak and reach out to him. Some of his contact information is as follows: vote@mattnilson.com, www.facebook.com/votenilson.

Bear gave the MRF report. Biden has lifted the restrictions on E15. E15 will be available for sale between June 1st and September 15. The goal is to try and drive down the cost of fuel. Experts predict this will result in decreases of 5-10 cents per

gallon. The EPA is using the invasion of Ukraine as an excuse to use its emergency exemption authority. The EPA has stated that it will review this policy every 20 days. Bikers on the beltway is on May 16th. Abate of Michigan is not participating this year due to costs. All motorcyclists be aware, robot cars are on the road!!! Recently, one was pulled over for not having headlights on with no one inside. After the officer returned to his car to talk to his partner, the robo-car drove off!! The officers had to chase the car down again; no word if the car was put in cuffs and jailed for fleeing and eluding. MRF has had robot cars on our agenda for a while, as there is not enough oversight. All motorcyclists need to be aware.... robot cars DO NOT SEE motorcyclists. A couple of quotes for Michigan Abate members to be aware of and laugh about:

"If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing." – Anatole France -

Don't forget the "FREEDOM RALLY" is coming up June 1st. Bring your butts plus 10!!! (friends or family) bikes or not. We will be meeting for breakfast at "The Breakfast Place" in Lawton @ 8:AM (206 N Main St. Lawton, MI 49065), kickstands up at 9:AM. We will ride up to Charlotte to meet up with reg 13 then on to Lansing.

We also need more sponsorships and/or door prizes for the poker run June 5th. Get them flyers out to

There will be no meeting in June due to Region 12's poker run on June 5th and the State field meet. The next Region 12 meeting will be July 10th at the Eagles of Paw Paw (we plan to have more speakers at this one)(Lemme know who you would like to see there.
Dan Dan

REGION 13

RC - Tom "Jinx" Rahn

Hello Region 13 members

Meeting started at 12:00 promptly with pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence and remembrance for Gerry Spomer.

June 1st Freedom Rally-meet at 9:00 at Klavons leave at 9:30 for Charlotte. George and Kathy will be at the Tekonsha truck stop around 9:00 and leave by 10:00 for Charlotte.

There was much discussion today regarding Christmas/Membership Appreciation Dinner December 17. The whole purpose of attending 4 out of 8 meetings is to try to boost membership. We are trying to get more members involved and show appreciation to the members that attend meetings and events.

Members that are unable to attend at least 4

meetings are still able to attend the dinner but will be charged \$10 at door per person. Treasurers report and May minutes were given. August meeting will be held on August 14 due to PAC Run on August 6 and the moving wall on August 7. Next meeting is June 5. Meeting starts promptly at 12:00. See you there.
Kat.

REGION 14 - Washtenaw and Livingston Counties RC - Shiny Bob

Meeting Minutes
Date: April 24, 2022
Meeting called to order at 4:05pm
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Eric Nelson - Sergeant of Arms and moment of silence for Sally's sister who passed from her illness, Ukraine refugees and surrounding European countries, our veterans past and present, and for 'Bishop Evans' the National Guard soldier who drowned attempting to save two migrants drowning in the Rio Grande, in Texas.
Amos/Secretary report:
Please see me after the meeting to purchase your field meet tickets.
Pam Fisher will collect tickets sold from region fourteen after today's meeting.
On May 11th 6:30pm the proclamation submitted by Amos, for 'May Motorcycle Awareness Month' is on the schedule for presentation to the Pittsfield Township board for approval. ABATE members encouraged to attend this meeting in support of this proclamation, along with Amos.
Region 14 is extremely excited to have the opportunity to have the Saline American Legion Post 322 as our new home location for meetings, region rides and ABATE events. A BIG THANK YOU to Eric, for your hospitality

and generosity at our first meeting today. We appreciate the good works of this America Legion post for veterans, families of veterans and surrounding community. Region 14 is Looking forward to a great partnership going forward. In gratitude region fourteen will sponsor Eric's ABATE membership this year. Please see me after the meeting or contact me at amos@region14abate.org for placement on our email distribution list.
Sally/Treasurer's report:
Sally presented her treasury report.
1st Motion to accept Treasury report: Amos 2nd Motion: Eric Nelson
Region 14 members accepted motion for 'Field Meet Bronze Sponsorship'.
Region 14 members accepted motion for 'MRF Regional Donation'.
1st Motion: Bob Kenyon
2nd Motion: Dawn Kenyon
State Products:
T-Shirts will be available for sale at the Freedom Rally and Field Meet in commemoration of our 10-year Freedom of Choice anniversary.
Shiny Bob:
Region 14 Motorcycle Awareness Run is Saturday May 21, 2022 \$20.00 per person includes breakfast 9:30am -10:30am, KSU 11:00am scenic ride through Washtenaw & Livingston Counties, Dinner 6pm.
Reminder to tun in Bike Raffle tickets – and keep selling those 10-packs!
Happy Birthday wishes to our Sergeant of Arms – Eric Nelson.
Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Report:
Ann was not present at meeting to provide report.
However, we were all blessed with the presence of Jim Rhoades at our meeting. Jim reviewed the negative and potentially

devastating impact of the SB1 insurance reform bill regarding motorcycles. Jim noted that, "This is far more important than the helmet law, and it is imperative that we all contact our Representatives and Senators in support of HB4809 and we show up on our bikes, at the Lansing Freedom Rally on June 1st."
Jim mentioned, "the importance of contacting your insurance agent to understand your coverage or lack of coverage, concerning your motorcycle policy."
Jim also mentioned, that "Mike Detmer is a candidate running for the 22 District Senate seat, and needs our support to replace incumbent Lana Theis, who chairs the Insurance and Banking, and Senate Education and Career Readiness Committees, and is vice-chair of the Oversight and Regulatory Reform committees, and not supporting ABATE in insurance reform initiatives for motorcyclists."
Dawn/Awareness Report:
Reminder to region fourteen members to bring a dozen donuts for the Motorcycle Awareness Run and we need volunteers for serving dinner and clean-up after the event.
New Members / Guests:
Another BIG THANK YOU to region 15 and 18 members coming out in support of our first monthly meeting in Saline. We sure enjoyed seeing all of you and hearing about your upcoming rides and events. Thank you for sharing so we have the information to support your events.
50/50 Drawing: Won by Sheri region eighteen
Dollar Draw: Won by Chef Joe region fifteen
Meeting closed: 5:00pm
1st Motion to accept close of meeting: Dawn Kenyon
2nd Motion to accept close of

meeting: Bob Kenyon
Respectfully submitted b: Amy (Amos) Bachorek
Region 14 Secretary.

REGION 15 - Wayne County RC - Jeremy Shuford

Region 15 meeting April 24, 2022

We met at Region 14's new digs in Saline! Very nice place, very hospitable. They have landed on their feet and are off and running!

After Region 14 RC Shiny Bob concluded his meeting, Jeremy started Region 15's meeting. He explained our shirt inventory, we have been working on this for some time and we need to move forward to purchase these shirts to sell at our events. Jeremy asked that we meet directly after this meeting to review what we have for a design. Pam made a motion to spend the money for ordering the shirts, it was second by Steve. All members present accepted.

At our last meeting, we agreed to purchase a few items for prizes for our poker runs and events.

Jeremy showed us one of the items that was purchased.

Region 15 Poker Run May 15, starting at Cavills in Taylor Registration 11-1pm. Contact Jeremy or Clair for additional information.

The Field Meet basket is something a little different this year, it includes many items for Motorcyclist to assist in breakdowns, or other trouble on the side of the road. It also includes a few premium liquor bottles, and some other legal items in Michigan.

The American Legion donated a nice bottle from behind the bar to our basket.

Discussion on changing our Downed Biker fund to include members of Region 15 who support us but do not ride. Tony made a suggestion of the wording; Pam said we need to wordsmith it a little. Tabled to next meeting.

Tony has some money collected for PAC; this was also tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion on a monetary donation to the FM.

Members agreed to the final amount to be sent in.

Turn in your sold bike tickets to Jeremy, there are still a lot out there that have not been turned in.

Jeremy ordered more tickets from Mimi.

Defrost run was a great event, they let us set up a table inside. George and Pam came early to hand out flyers and sell signs. After their raffles, we could sell our raffle tickets. Claire and Jeremy handed out flyers to the crowd outside and sold bike raffle tickets and memberships.

June 1st Freedom Rally, Jim said they were still working on the parking around the Capitol.

Pam gave an update on the FM, all consignment

tickets given to the Seminar need to be mailed to Eric Eads sold with check or unsold. All three regions have tickets available. Your tickets include camping for the weekend starting Friday June 10 leaving Sunday June 12 this is first come first serve. If you want to come earlier than Friday, you must make a reservation with the campground. If you want to rent a golf cart, contact Merry Garrett for a reservation. Pam has a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to work the Field Meet.

Tom Wright told us of Region 6's Bea's Memorial Ride starting at Sanilac County Evergreen Park Saturday May 14.

Motion to close made by George, second by Pam.

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 ABATE members hope all is doing well. Here we are coming up on June and I hope everybody gave their bikes a good going over. Check the air in the tires make sure everything else is working well. Ok let's talk about the awareness ride cold crappy day but I was hoping that we'd have a better turnout than we did for the ride. The dinner was good and the band was good too. I'm glad the people that showed up for all that did and I'm thankful for it. Lady T did a great job putting on that awareness event. . Ok now on to the freedom rally don't forget be at the Capitol in Lansing the first Wednesday in June. If you can't make it and you have to work then try to find somebody who can anybody we're not picky you don't even have to be ABATE member. Ok that's about it from me hope everybody is doing well and staying healthy and come out to our memorial ride May 29th and 30th at the veterans hall maybe Michigan if you need information call me at 734 497-84 30 hope to see you there and hope to see you at the capital also. As always put some prayers out there the whole world needs it.
Yours truly tree man.

REGION 19 Oakland County RC - Pete Kazels

May 3, 2022

We started our meeting with a moment of silence for Gerry Spomer, who was a long-time, hard-working ABATE member, RC of Region 17 and board member (Operations).

We welcomed Glenn, who renewed his membership at the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Hess gave his excellent report, explaining his visits to Lansing and the

work he did there. He told us about SB706 is a proposed plan to designate a lane for testing of autonomous-driving vehicles. He also reminded us to pursue HB4809 (insurance reform) and to use the QR code in the MI Rider to indicate your support for US HR366 on anti-profiling. Pete reminded us to watch out for E15 at the pumps, because it is not always labeled clearly. Treasurer: Hess gave us Speedy's report. Awareness: Pete will be setting up a Motorcycle Awareness Corner on May 14 from 11 – 1 at the

Berkley Square Plaza at 12-Mile and Woodward, as he had done in the past. We will be looking for volunteers to help spread the word. Freedom Rally will be Wednesday June 1 in Lansing; many of us will meet up with others in Fowlerville. The Field Meet will be June 10 – 12 at the Sturgeon Valley Campground. Our Yearly Motorcycle Ride will be Saturday August 6 (rain date: Aug 20) and will include lunch at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth. Minutes by Vince P.

REGION 20

RC - Mark Berger

No report this month

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

RC - Annie Robinson

No report this month



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**Michigan Rider
Newsletter
Submission
Deadline is the
12th of each
month!!!!**

The Pittsfield Township Board approved my proclamation submission to declare "May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and presented the Official Proclamation to me.

Pictured with me is the Pittsfield Charter

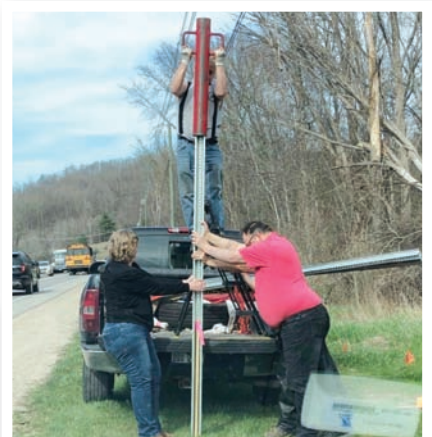
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Mandy Grewal.

Amy (Amos) Bachorek

Regional Secretary

ABATE Region 14



Reg. 3 - A few members captured putting in posts for the awareness signs that will be erected during Eriks Memorial Awareness Ride.



Region 3's float in the Kalkaska Trout Festival Parade to raise awareness for motorcycles and Look Twice Save a Life. Several of Reg. 3's members were on their bikes following behind.



Knights Of The Road M/C Fowlerville

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Guilty Girlz RC Of Michigan Annual Dice Run

June 12th

Registration 10:30am, Kickstands Up At Noon

Last Bike in by 5pm

Start & Finish @ VFW 601 N Main St
Perry, Mi. 48872

Region 3 Bike Night



Michigan Confederation of Clubs

The MCOC represents motorcycle club members and individual motorcyclists alike to fight for everyone's freedoms and rights as bikers. We work with and support ABATE and MRF to ensure what we all enjoy the freedom of motorcycling without discrimination.

To join and support the MCOC contact Trash at:
trash@icvmcmi.com **Membership**

www.mcoc.us

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UNITED WE

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RIDE

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We would like to take a minute to explain the American Income Life program to clear up any misunderstandings. Any current member of ABATE of Michigan is covered by 3,500 dollars in ADD the day they sign up as an ABATE member if they keep their membership current. It is a benefit provided to members at no extra cost. When you become a member, and every couple of years as a current member, you will receive a brochure from American Income Life. It is there way of seeing if you are interested in purchasing more of the products they offer. If you are interested in seeing what more they have to offer, fill out the beneficiary card and return it to them. They will contact you for an appointment. If you are not interested in more of their products, simply throw away the brochure. Regardless of what you do, you will still be covered for 3,500 dollars in ADD. American Income Life is a good partner with ABATE and has paid out nearly 100,000 dollars in benefits. If you do schedule an appointment with one of their representatives and feel that for whatever reason it wasn't handled professionally, please let Eric know. American Income Life has worked well with ABATE over the years and has thousands of positive recommendations for their services. We look forward to continuing our relationship with them in the future.

Thanks, Ride Safe and Free,

Vince Consiglio, President

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Join or Renew your membership by mail
Or

Call our office to process your membership.
Contact State of Michigan Secretary
Eric Eads

Phone: 269 435-2058
ABATE of Michigan Inc.,
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ABATE of Michigan, Inc. (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) is a non profit organization dedicated to preserving the rights and promoting the safe operating practices of Michigan motorcyclists.

ABATE of Michigan is a freedom of choice organization: believing that the rider is best able to decide the type of motorcycle to ride, and the type and extent of safety gear worn. Our primary objective is to monitor motorcycle related legislation and encourage all members to become politically involved. Through public forums, writing letters and meeting elected representatives ABATE of Michigan members have the opportunity to speak their side of the issues and educate others on the needs of Michigan motorcyclists. ABATE works to get legislation and funding for riders education program throughout the state. These programs train thousands of new motorcycles each year. Courses are also offered for the experienced rider. In addition, ABATE members have staged and participated in events raising tens of thousands of dollars and collecting much needed items such as food, clothing and toys for local communities.

ABATE of Michigan enables you to become educated both politically and in safe riding practices. ABATE offers you activities and the brotherhood of fellow motorcyclists. ABATE fights for the rights of ALL motorcyclists to ensure that we and our children will be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. ABATE of Michigan is open to everyone 18 years or older having an interest in preserving personal freedoms and sharing our goals. Owning a motorcycle is not necessary. Members receive a newsletter covering important issues and information on local, regional and national events. (One newsletter per household). Membership fees & donations are NOT tax deductible. Membership fee is nonrefundable.

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



**We need you to become a
Legislative Supporter**

Show Your Legislative Support

Do you want to show your support for our legislative program? If you do, please fill out the form and send it to the state post office box. Your contribution will assure that we continue the fight in Lansing. The cost is \$100 per person or business. You will receive the patch shown and your name will be listed in the newsletter. A year rocker will be given to you for every year that you contribute. If you can get a corporation or business to sign up as a legislative supporter, they will receive a certificate of appreciation (with the year of their contribution) to display in their building.

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C H A I N O F E V E N T S L I S T I N G

**All Region Major Event dates are highlighted in YELLOW **
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State Events are highlighted in ORANGE

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY

		Region Bike Nights	
May 18 - Aug 31	Reg 3	Every Wed @ Blue Pelican - Central Lake	Woody: 231 884-2192
		Region Events	
May 29-30	Reg 18	Memorial Run - Veterans Hall	Treeman: 734 497-8430 Lady T: 313 290-3802
June 1		Freedom Rally - Lansing	
June 4	Reg 7	Rest in Peace Ride & Meeting - Evergreen Park	Danny: 989 325-1432
June 4	Reg 15	Cornhole Tournament @ Cavills	Jeremy: 313 686:5795
June 5	Reg 12	Annual Poker Run	Dan: 734 512-8055
June 10-12		State Field Meet - Sturgeon Valley Campground	
June 17-19	Reg 5	Steel Horse Rodeo	Tiny: 231 923-6906
June 24-25	Reg 15	Telegraph Cruise & Awareness @ Cavills	Jeremy: 313 686:5795
July 3	Reg 7	Meeting - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
July 9	Reg 7	Scout & Shoot & Meeting Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Marlene: 810 712-1600
July 9	Reg 10	Poker Run	
July 9	Reg 14	Poker Run	Ann: 734 790-7927
July 10	Reg 12	After meeting Scavenger Hunt	Dan: 734 512-8055
July 14-17	Reg 5	Bike-time Campground	Tiny: 231 923-6906
July 23-24	Reg 18	Flee Market/Craft Show - Veterans Hall	Nikie: nixiekay6771@gmail.com
July 30	Reg 15	Poker Run	Jeremy: 313 686:5795
Aug 6	Reg 13	PAC Run	
Aug 12-14	Reg 12	Summerfest (in Reg's 1 & 12) Boot Hill Ranch	Dan Dan 734 512-8055
Aug 13-14	Reg 18	Aces & 8's - Veterans Hall	Treeman: 734 497-8430
Aug 14	Reg 5	Family Picnic	Tiny: 231 923-6906
Aug 20	Reg 14	Bike Show - Saline American Legion	Shiny Bob: 734 417-1369

Aug 27	Reg 12	Draw Down Raffle/Steak Dinner Constantine American Legion	Dan: 734 512-8055
Aug 27-29	Reg 5	Fall Rodeo	Tiny: 231 923-6906
Aug 27-28	Reg 18	Flee Market/Craft Show - Veterans Hall	Nikie: nixiekay6771@gmail.com
Sept 9-11	Reg 4	911 Party Wolverine Village Park	Iceman: 989 619-5586
Sept 10		Raffle Bike Drawing @ Lumberman Park	Mimi: 906 399-9779
Sept 17	Reg 14	Poker Run	Ann: 734 790-7927
Sept 22-24		Meeting of the Minds - Des Moines, IA	
Sept 24-25	Reg 18	Family Picnic - Veterans Hall	Lady T: 313 290-3802
Sept 30 - Oct 1-2	Reg 7	Carved in Stone Weekend - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Oct 1	Reg 5	Toy Run	Tiny: 231 923-6906
Oct 16	Reg 12	SW. Fall Color Run	Dan: 734 512-8055 or Melissa: 269 532-9570
Oct 22-23	Reg 18	Color Run/Halloween Party - Veterans Hall	Lady T: 313 290-3802
Nov 5	Reg 14	Casino Trip	
Nov 19	Reg 15	Bowling for Bikers	Jeremy: 313 686:5795
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



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