

ABATE of Michigan

Fighting for the rights of all motorcyclists since 1976

Riding free since 2012!!

Official Michigan Rider Newsletter

June 2026



Region 5 - May 11th we had our first Bike Night. Kaydon, our youngest member was out with his Bike. He had a ball talking to everyone and seeing the "Big" Bikes.

Youth Initiative - Kids under 18 can now join ABATE of Michigan - more info - page 21

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more!!
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*Michigan Rider
DEADLINE*

Monthly Deadline is
The 12th of each
month.



The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

Well, I screwed up again. I write the article for the Michigan Rider about 3 weeks before they go out. Which means I wrote Mays article in April, and I didn't realize the fact that I needed to say HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY ABATE OF MICHIGAN!!!!!!!

That's right, 50 years old on May 21, 2026. That brings me to my challenge of 50x50. I was hoping for a 50 percent increase in membership by our 50th birthday. I must say it isn't going well. We will not make the increase, but we are doing pretty well. Remember if you have got a lot of people to sign up please contact me because I am still giving out the cash prizes at the field meet.

Speaking of the field meet. It looks like this one could be one for the books. Merry and her committee have been working on many things that are going to be happening at the field meet. Sounds like it's gonna be a great time. Don't forget the Freedom Rally will be a few days before the field meet on June 10th. The rally will be at the Lansing White House again, which is the same place as last year. Also, we will have the loggers there again and this time the whole road will be shut down. So again, there is free parking and best of all the fish people are going to be there with free fish dinners. Some of the best fish I have ever eaten. All caught in the Great Lakes. Thanks Scott, the owner of the White House for setting all this up again.

Ok now for this month's rant. A bureaucracy is defined as a system of administration and management characterized by hierarchical structures, specialized functions, and adherence to fixed rules and procedures. In other words it's a bunch of unelected people installed into positions to affect citizens lives in ways that most of us can't. Bureaucrats are the individuals installed into these positions by elected officials.

I am sick and tired of these bureaucracies telling us what to do in the name of safety. The

new one is NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) and was brought in to help with a motorcycle assessment for the state of Michigan. The assessment was turned into a complete call for a nationwide helmet law. I fought this during the assessment but unfortunately, I was the only one fighting for it. So now this assessment is going to be posted on Michigan OHSP website. Even though I pointed out all the false claims and statistics and data that contradicted each other I was told they aren't changing it and they are putting it on OHSPs website this summer.

I have contacted friends of ours in the legislature about this and hopefully they can help with this.

This country was founded 250 years ago on freedom. If the soldiers in the Revolutionary War thought their lives mattered more than our freedoms, we would still be flying the British flag. I am not trying to compare our situation with a war, but my point is the freedom to choose is worth more than some bureaucrat or bureaucracy telling me what to do for my own safety. Let those who ride decide. I am done playing around. I think it's time to take our freedoms back. Give them an inch and they take a mile.

There will be more on this at the freedom rally on June 10th. Please be there. Until then ride safe looks like we may finally get the weather for it.

Gary



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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FREEDOM RALLY ★★★ 2026 ★★★

ABATE Freedom Rally...in cooperation
with Michigan Commercial Fishermen Fish fry
Michigan Timber Industry

JUNE 10TH, 2026 AT 11:00 AM
STATE CAPITOL – LANSING, MICHIGAN



Celebrating Freedom of Choice
Freedom Rally 2026 is about **YOU**
The Rider and Your Rights

Make it known to your representatives in Lansing
that we ride and **WE WILL VOTE.**

If you are concerned about:

- Motorcycle insurance
- Motorcycle-only checkpoints
- Rider education and awareness
- Helmet choice
- Or any motorcycle-related issues

PLAN TO BE THERE

GROUP RIDE LOCATIONS

Fowlerville: Standard Restaurant
I-96 & Fowlerville Rd (Exit 129)

Charlotte: Meijer – M-50
(north side, just east of I-69)

Portland: Shell Station, I-96 to Portland
exit, go west 1/4 mile (Exit 77)

St. Johns: Big Boy
South end of town on east side of Old 27

Perry: Burger King, on the corner of I-69 and M-52, Exit 105

Waters: Hill Top Gas Station – 7:00 AM meeting at Clare road – 9:30

www.ABATEofMichigan.org



Secretary Report - Debra Townsend

Hello Everyone,

Wow, how can it be May already. Hopefully you have been able to get out and ride some and enjoy the warmer weather. Lots of exciting things are coming up in the near future.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Get those signs out. If you need one, contact Products and they will get you taken care of.

Field Meet is June 12-14. Merry and her team have planned a fun filled weekend. Presale tickets are available from your RC. Or, get them at the gate, day passes available too. They could still use some help in some areas so if you have got extra time while you are there, please reach out to Merry to help.

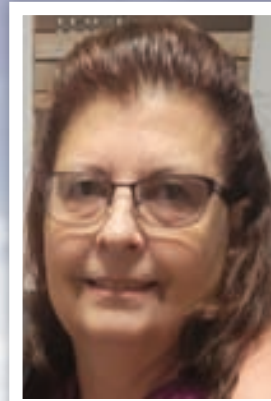
Don't forget the ABATE Freedom Rally is on June 10th. I know some regions have already set up their meeting places and times. I hear the fish fry is delicious.

Check out the ABATE Facebook page or the website for more information.

Last month we welcomed 19 new members and one new LIFE membership in April.

Congratulations Hobo Bud Moseley. I could use some help with older LIFE memberships.

Some of you haven't updated contact information in quite some time. So, if you have moved, got a new phone number or email in the last couple of years, please reach out to me and let me know. Y'all have a great rest of the month.



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Debbie

**When does your membership
expire??**

Stay up to date and receive your issue of the
Michigan Rider Newsletter!!

Renew at: www.abateofmichigan.org

Send your updated info to:

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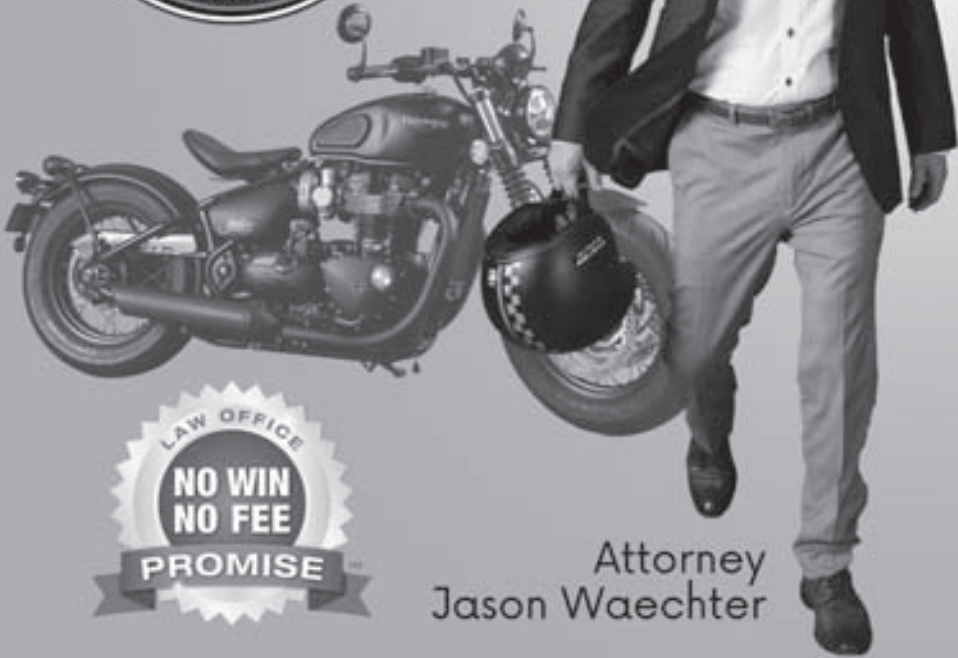
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EDITOR & WEBMASTER - SILLA BALLA

Hi everyone. I have updated the Membership page on our State website: www.abateofmichigan.org, to be more user friendly for you, the members and for processing through our Secretary, Debbie and Treasurer, Vern.

We now have added a "Youth Membership" payment option and a Youth membership form online in Flyers & Forms tab under Forms - Files & Articles. Youth Membership: \$10/1yr - \$25/3yr. 0 - 18 years of age. See page 21 for more information and a qr-code. We hope that this new membership page is easier to use & remember that processing fees are added to online payments. Other payments can be made over the phone by calling Debbie Townsend 269 435-2058 or by check or money order - P.O. Box 19 Sheridan, Mi. 48884.

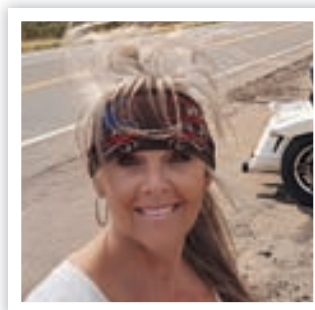
We also ask that you enter your email and phone number in the spaces provided, incase we need to contact you regarding couples, individual names and if you are renewing or are a new member. Unfortunately, there is no space provided for these details. The home page of our website navigation bar has changed with a drop-down box after Officer and Articles to accommodate the "cart".

I recently added a photo gallery under "Videos - Media & Photos". Please send me photos of your events so they can be posted on our website.

I also would like to remind you all, if you send in an item "For Sale" for our Classified section of the newsletter and on our Classified page on the State website, it will run for one month, you'll need to resubmit it in if you would like the item posted again.

You can find the most current & previous month's Michigan Rider Newsletter posted on our website by the 14th of each month.

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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.



Region Event Flyers

HOSTED BY
ABATE
REGION 8
**MOTORCYCLE
POKER RUN**

MAY 30TH, 2026
REGISTRATION AT 10AM, KSU AT 11
**STARTS AT: 81 NORTHLAND DR
SAND LAKE, 49343**
RUNNING ACROSS ALL 4 OF REGION 8'S COUNTIES!

\$20 A PERSON **BEST HAND & WORST HAND PRIZE!** **50/50 RAFFLE!**

ABATE
REGION 10
Annual
LEGISLATIVE CREATIVITY TRUST
Spring Fling

DATE: MAY 30, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM REGISTRATIONS AND PACKING UP UNTIL 10:00 AM
LOCATION: GHOST TOWN SALOON 6422 PINGREE RD. ELABELL, MI 49822
COST: SAMPLES: \$10.00 COUPLES: \$20.00

NEW SIGN UP MEMBERS GET TO RIDE FREE!!

LIVE BAND **RAFFLE** **DRINKED PULLED PORK** **BIKE GAMES AND PRIZES** **MEET MEMES!**

Beautiful Michigan Route Planned
PUBLIC WELCOME
COME JOIN OUR FIRST RIDE OF THE SEASON WITH YOUR LOCAL ABATE REGION 10!!
FIRST 20 RIDERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE MYSTERY GIFT!!



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ABATE OF MICHIGAN. REGION 6
AWARENESS / MEMBERSHIP RUN

SATURDAY MAY 30

EVENT STARTS AT PIPES PUB AND GRUB 116 W PINCONNING RD PINCONNING MI 48650 KICKSTANDS UP AT 1200

REGISTRATION: 11:00AM - NOON RIDERS: \$10 PASSENGER: \$10 ALL TYPES OF BIKES AND CARS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

All proceeds for ABATE OF MICHIGAN.

ABATE AMERICAN BIKERS AIMING TOWARD EDUCATION
fundraiser night
at Foxfire Pizzeria, Thurs June 25th, 3 pm - 9 pm

ABATE is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting road rights and promoting safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcycles.

ABATE OF MICHIGAN - Region 11

Please come support this self-funded, grass-roots organization's very active safety education program.

LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE

OUR 4-PART SAFETY PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Rider Education for new and experienced motorcyclists
- Motorcycle Awareness for riders in other's' ad
- Licensing Awareness for motorcyclists
- Alcohol Awareness - Sports Peak Straight Campaign Workshops with Proves Techniques, and a Ride Mode Program

Foxfire Pizzeria will donate 20% of all meals purchased on June 25th between 3pm and 9pm directly to ABATE of Michigan - Region 11

Delicious Food + A Good Cause = A Great Time!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!
7200 River Road, Marine City, MI 48039
(810) 765-9255 - www.foxfirepizzeria.com

*excludes alcoholic drinks, taxes and tip

*This event is a bonus stamp in the ABATE Region 11 summer tour book



Region Event Flyers



**ABATE OF MICHIGAN
REGION 11**

32nd ANNUAL OBSERVATION RUN

Sunday July 12th, 2026

**STARTS AT: JJ KNAPPS TAVERN
67126 Gratiot Richmond, MI 48062**

Located on the east side of Gratiot, between 31 mile & Main St

FOOD MENU AVAILABLE

Sign in from 10:30 – Noon

Prizes for: Best 3 hands and 50/50

For more information, please call or text Cowboy
at 586-746-4765

Or email: anchoragevetservices@yahoo.com

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

**PAC RIDE 2026
August 1st
Proud Vets
7901 Benn Rd**

More information
Call
DANO 517-414-8183
All proceeds goes to MMPAC

Registration opens at 11am
Kickstands up at noon
\$20 for rider
\$5 passenger



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We will start and finish at
Lapeer VFW
128 Daley Rd Lapeer MI
KICKSTANDS up at NOON
doors open at 10am

Call Keith Daley (517) 612-4767 with any questions

Rick Daley Memorial Run Saturday August 15th, 2026

4.00 per person donation will go to 40000 of Michigan for Motorcycle Awareness in Rick Daley's name. Your receipt is double showing that your Abate leads this year!



32ND ANNUAL REGION 5
FALL RODEO WITH A TWIST

HALLOWEEN THEMED WEEKEND

DRESS UP YOUR CAMP SITE DRESS UP YOURSELF
PRIZES FOR * BEST COSTUME MALES AND FEMALES *
AND BEST DECORATED CAMP SITE

DATE CHANGE: AUGUST 21ST-23RD 2026

Twisting Trails Snowmobile Club

5875 Ruprecht Rd, Twin Lake, MI 49457

GAMES/ LIVE BANDS

Friday Night Better Desire

Saturday Night Kinical Trail

Food Vendor on Site

Food Responder

Soda Splash/ dirty soda's



COMMUNITY FIRE/VENDORS

COMMUNITY DINNER on Saturday

RUSTIC CAMPING

PRICE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND/ FRIDAY

\$75 A COUPLE/ \$45 SINGLE

COME IN EARLY ON Thursday Additional \$10 A PERSON

CAN'T MAKE THE WHOLE WEEKEND WE HAVE DAY PASSES TOO

CONTACT Joker @ 231-578-2454 or Barn Bam @ 231-769-3185

NO ONE UNDER 18! NO WEAPONS! NO PETS

Sponsors:





Region Event Flyers



TABS for TOTS ~ Tabs are used toward the purchase of medical equipment for Children's Hospital Wards. Also purchase a "Pull Tabs for Tot's" patch for \$5. It's a great looking red, white and black round patch with above picture on it. Money from sales are added to the tab fund.
 Send tabs and money for patch to:
 Stan "The Tabman" Demski
 27705 Larchmont. St. Clair Shores, MI.
 48081



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Region Bike Nights



LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Meetings are every 3rd Thursday@ 9AM at the House office building. Parking at the Capitol White House

The new 2026 session begins on the second Wednesday in January each year at noon, as per the state constitution.

Contact our Legislative Officer Dave "Bear" Schuitema with any questions. 231 907-0710

Visit legislature.mi.gov for live streams, schedules, and bill tracking Michigan Legislature.

Have something to sell?
Looking for something??

**Classified Ads are free to current
ABATE of Michigan members as part
of your Membership fee!**

FOR SALE: '03 Heritage Anniversary, one owner, dealer maintained, FLSTI, very good condition, 42k miles. \$5500.
Call: 586 727-6886

Advertising in the Michigan Rider and on line is the most direct way to reach Michigan motorcyclists.
Ads must be resubmitted each month. Please include your ABATE membership number.

- * "FOR SALE" biker related items & services only.
- * No ads over the phone will be accepted.
- * Photos not necessary but can be helpful.

*Email ads with pics & description to:
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RETURNING MEMBERS

VERN FOX	RICK MICHAEL
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GENO GRAPHOS	TONY GOODRICH

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DENNIS BIGDOG	LINDA COSBY
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Mar, April, May 1st
Thursday of the month
6:30pm

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Meetings: 1:00 pm

Second Sunday
Baileys Bar and Grill
Bay City

Region 7

Tim Polk

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Meetings: First Sunday
2PM, Nov.-April
at Lucky Thumb

Motorcycle Club 7394
Bevens Rd. Deford

May - Oct. at
Evergreen Park 4731
Van Dyke Rd., Cass
City

Region 8

RC - Tara Hendee

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2nd Sunday of the
month @4pm

BC Pizza in Dorr
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Region 10

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Meetings 1st Sunday of

the month at 3

Evergreen Tavern in
Hemlock

Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar,
May July

Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr,
Jun, Aug

Region 11

Arnold Schneider

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Meeting:

1st Wednesday of the
month at 7pm.

Chicky's in Almont:

March, May, July,
September &

November.

Total Sports in
Harrison Twp: April,
June, August, October
& December.

Region 12

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of the month 1pm

Paw Paw Eagles,
Lawton

Region 13

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Meetings: 1st Sun 12
noon

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Meetings: Saline

4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American

Legion Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny

Bob

Meetings: Saline
American Legion Post
322 - 4th Sunday of the
month 4 pm

Region 16

Jesse Gordy

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

Wanted!...If you ride a
motorcycle or anyone
you know rides and
enjoy the freedom
of choice. We are

Reuniting the region
and spreading the joy
of ABATE to the UP.
We want to hear from
you and help bring the
region back strong.

Please feel free to reach
out to Woody - State
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he will help with the
process.

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Sunday of the month@
2pm

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Region 19

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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

Region 22

RC - Greg Bennett

"Break Down"

Phone: 231 620-6243
Meetings: 1st Sunday
of the month at 1 pm

at the Laughing Horse
Saloon at 15888 Lindy
Rd Thompsonville,
MI

Region 23

Ted Calabrese

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Meetings: 1st Sunday
of every month at 1pm
at Dead Bear brewery
company 2552 South
I-75 Business loop
Grayling Michigan.



Region Reports



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

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

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

Meeting May 7th, 2026, called to order at 6:32 by Van. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave (Papa Smurf) followed by a moment of silence for our troops. Minutes from April meeting was read by Mark. Motion to accept by Gina K, seconded by Pappa Smurf, motion carried. Treasure report was read by Ann. Motion to accept by Gina K, seconded by Ken, motion carried. Paul gave safety blip "Act like people don't see you because they probably don't". Ann showed final design of this years t-shirts,

they will be printed on gray. Ann also showed this years plaque, they look great. Pappa Smurf hauled our reconditioned trailer that was donated too Region 3. Paul did a lot of work replaced bed boards, and lots of work repairing frame. Pappa Smurf painted sign for our awareness project. We all agreed to move our awareness ride to July 18th. We also agreed to donate towards this years Field Meet. Work bee scheduled at RCT on May 27 & 30th. Next meeting to be held at RCT on June 3rd, 6:00pm, before our first Bike Night of the season. Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.

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

REGION 5 - Mason, Lake Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo RC - Larry BamBam Peters

Region 5, May 2nd was our

Membership Bash. It was a small turn out but we did good and had lots of laughs with great people. May 11th we had our first Bike Night. Kaydon our youngest member was out with his Bike, he had a ball talking to everyone and see the "Big" Bikes.

Our next Meeting is June 7th At Ruby Creek. July's meeting will be June 28th at Hightower. Time to dust off the Bikes and get out there!

REGION 6 - Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay RC - Merry Gerrett
No report this month.

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

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting May 3, 2026 - Evergreen Park

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for troops, and prayer. Meeting attendance 14 people.

Secretary report - approved as read with correction to treasurer's report, motion by Shelby - support Ray.

Treasurers report - Shelby updated members with income and expenses for April. Effective no later than May 9th, Paul Melcher will be the new treasurer for the region. Shelby is signing off the account and Paul will be added to the account at

Team One CU. Thanks Paul for stepping up into this position. Motion to approve report by Bob - support Ray.

Membership renewals and new enrollments will be handled by Paul.

Awareness - Had a short awareness ride (weather not our friend) before our meeting. Make sure you have your signs out. Looking into placing awareness signs on trailers along main roadways. If you know anyone interested that Tim and Bob know. Butch played Rep. Greg Alexander's PSA for motorcycle aware month that will be broadcast from our local radio stations. Would like to thank the ladies for providing meal for after our ride and meeting.

Legislative - Butch informed what's happening in Lansing. The appellate court has reversed the insurance appeal, due to failure to turn in appeal on time. Legislature is working on budget. June 10th is the Freedom Rally in Lansing. All members able to go can meet at Butch's house leaving by 8:30 am.

Old Business - June 6th is our Rest In Peace ride for our deceased members. Ride leaves Evergreen at noon. Deb Melcher will be doing the blessing of the bikes. Our meeting will be after the ride. Dan and Jan Brown are providing hot dogs and chips. Members encouraged to bring salads or dessert. The state Money Tree Raffle is October 3rd at 6 PM at the large pavilion. It is also our Carved in Stone weekend and our Toys for Tots collection Day! If you plan on camping that weekend, I suggest that you get your reservation soon!

State Field Meet June 12&13th. Tim has tickets.

July 11th is the Shoot and Scoot at the Farmers Tavern in Ruth. Will have our July meeting after event is completed.

New Business - Discussed region issuing passbook tour books for next year for Huron, Tuscola, and Sanilac counties. Tabled to next meeting. Need someone

to take over the 50/50 raffles for our meetings and events.

On May 23rd at noon, Evergreen Park. Region 7 will gather to celebrate 40 years of being a region of Abate of Michigan. Will meet at the region monument located at the park,

Motion to adjourn made by Butch - support Ray.

Riding season is upon us, remember that people are not used to seeing us on the roads! Ride like they can't see you!! As that old commercial said "Watch Out For The OTHER Guy!" Ride Safe My Friends!!
Tim.

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry
RC - Tara Hendee
No report this month.

REGION 9 - Ionia, Clinton, Eaton, Inghan
RC - Nick Henry

Hello Region 9
I am happy to report that raffle ticket sales are going well and that I have awareness signs for sale.
The Freedom rally at the capitol is happening on June 10th hope to see you there and at the ABATE Field meet that is happening June 12-14.
MRF continues to monitor the deployment of e15 into our fuel. I ran into pumps at the Meijer station in Ionia Mi. that recently started selling e15. The pumps have three hoses. I saw a sign encouraging me to use e15, I don't use anything but e10 even in my truck that is a flex fuel. So I grabbed the hose and punched the button for regular and started filling my tank, about half a tank I looked at the pump and saw it had changed to the e15 buttons I Stopped and looked at the hose I was using and saw where I took the hose from had a sign that said it was 88 Or 89, not E15. Well I figured one tank full on my car couldn't hurt, except for some mileage. I filled my bike at that station yesterday and the hoses were clearly marked and I got the premium

I wanted. The point of my story is pay attention to what is marked on the pump or you may get some shit that will not be good for your engine. Some of us older people remember when E10 was not in many stations and it wasn't long before you couldn't get 100% gasoline anywhere. MRF is trying to stop that from happening with E15.

Ride safe, Ride free

Nick

Region 9 RC.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Amy Penny

ABATE REGION 10 MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2026

-Meeting called to order at 3:01pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

-Minutes from last meeting were read.

-Treasurers report April and May were read.

-Legislative report was given.

-MRF report was given.

-Supreme court decision about stacking insurance was not appealed. ABATE team is watching for new bills in Lansing.

-Prayers and well wishes going out to Bob Shock and Lois.

-Spring Fling, May 30th THE RIDE WILL NOW END AT GHOST TOWN. The route has been established. Kickstands up at 10am from Ghost Town. See Region 10 page for more information.

-If you are planning on participating in the Highland Festival parade, please be there by 9am.

-Motion that July poker run budget will be \$800. Any unused monies will be returned to account. Passed.

-It was announced that Aurora, our Membership Coordinator, will be reaching out to all Region 10 members.

-Field Meet pre-sale tickets are still available from Amy.

-Motion to donate \$250 towards the Field Meet. Passed

-It was mentioned that the Shiawassee

Conservation Club will be having a bike run on June 27th for the Dan Halligan Memorial Tech scholarship.

-Upcoming events:

May 23rd, Alma Highland festival parade

May 30th, Spring Fling ride

June 12-14, Field meet in Harrison

June 10th, ABATE annual Freedom Rally

June 20th, Gunner's Revving for

Remembrance ride

July 11th, Region 10 Poker Run

See calendar of events for more.

-The meeting adjourned at 3:54pm.

-Next meeting Sunday, June 7th at Ghost Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

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

May 6 Meeting Called to Order at Chicky's at 7PM:

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Treasurer Report given by Patty.

LO Report given by Tommy Smith.

Old Business:

Blessing of the Bikes Report at Post 4 given.

Reminder of post 23 (Ted Calab) Blessing of the Bikes on May 30

Cash Raffle Tix still available to sell; sent another packet of sold tickets and \$ to Sherri

Reminder of MRF Bikers on the Beltway on May 19-20

Reminder of Field Meet on June 12-14

Awareness signs were put up on April 25.

Biker Law Representative to do a presentation at our June 3 meeting at Total Sports.

Reminder to come to meetings to receive

a meeting stamp in the summer tour book.

New Business:

Freedom Rally date is June 10. Flyer was presented at the meeting along with printouts to pass out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Stay safe and be seen on the roads!

Oscar.

REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski

Sunday May 3rd,

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joy with the Treasury Report - We have a lot of events coming up to help with bringing our balance up at the bank.

Bear with MRF Report - MRF April 2026 - NTSB is investigating Ford's Blue Cruise System. This is similar to Tesla's Robo Control Car. In 2 fatal crashes, federal investigators pointed to a dangerous combination of driver overreliance and technological limitations resulting in 3 fatalities. According to NTSB, the system failed to detect and respond to real world conditions, including a stationary vehicle and speeding in a work zone. As bad as that is, drivers place too much trust in the system

and failed to remain engaged behind the wheel. This tech doesn't fully account for all road users, including motorcyclists and are creating new and unforeseen dangers when it comes to automation. Awareness isn't optional and neither is our voice.

Definition of a Motorcycle (H.R.3385) status still in subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Transportation. Auto cycles (enclosed 3 wheels, steering wheel) you only need a regular license, yet a motorcycle license is required for any 2 or 3 wheel vehicle that exceeds 30 MPH or requires shifting. Seems to be confusing to me. This is why H.R.3385 is so important. Go to MRF.Org then ALERTS, fill out alert on H.R.3385.

2024 NHTSA stats are out. 6,228 Motorcyclists were killed in 2024, a drop of 138 from 2023. Motorcyclists continue to represent too large a proportion of roadway deaths as overall deaths went down by 4.3% in 2024. At the same time, motorcyclist injuries have increased by more than 5%, year over year. Alcohol and lack of training continue to play a role in motorcycle crashes. As MRF VP Jay Jackson says "A crash that never happens is better than a safer crash."

Highway bill is still in Committee.

Right to Repair Act, H.R.1566 - Many in the motorcycle industry are

pushing to defeat it. If defeated, this will gut the independent shops. All in the name of corporate control.

Bear's Quote of the Month: "So, if we lie to the government, it's a felony. But if they lie to us it politics." Bill Murray.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association is in charge of the Monday night Ice Cream Rides at West Main Meijer, 7 pm sharp departure. Arrive beforehand at the parking area behind the Meijer Gas Station and Jiffy Lube. Any Questions see on Facebook C.M.A. SOUL SEARCHERS Kalamazoo MI #358 or ask Sue B. at a meeting. Every Monday from May to August.

Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet is May 17th and is at the Centreville Fairgrounds. Joy will be there Sunday. It is from 9 am to 4 pm. There is an entrance fee to get in. You can help her sell signs, sign up new members and sell Money Raffle tickets.

Freedom Rally is June 10th at 11 am in Lansing. See flyer on Facebook and in Rider.

June 12th-14th is the Field Meet in Harrison, Michigan. You can buy presale tickets from me for \$30 single or \$50 for couples. You have to be an ABATE member at the time. It should be a great time. See the flyer in The Rider and on Facebook.

July 25th-26th is the Niles Burn Run where there is a

ride and the proceeds benefits burn victims. Joy will be out there Saturday with Money Raffle tickets, yard signs and membership questions. Ride is Sunday.

We had new member Larry B. join at the meeting. Welcome back to ABATE Larry!

We will start having the mini poker runs after the meetings, maybe every other month. See Eric for details. Come to a meeting to hear what's important, then go for a ride!

We drew for 50/50 raffle and Eric E. won. We drew for a Money Raffle ticket and Chris G. won. We drew for the incentive drawing and Stacy N. would have won if they were present.

Bear motioned to close the meeting and Gary seconded it.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski.

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie

Hello region 13!

We opened the meeting at 12:00 with the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Sassy our treasurer was not present but by my files we are still in the good. I will get with her later this week to get a check to cover our trophy mugs for the poker run.

Jinx our MRF representative will be going to NCOM in 1 week followed by a trip to DC the week after that. Sounds like he has a full plate ahead of him! He also filled us in on the fact that someone in DC is pushing a national helmet bill. Yes I know we hear about his every year, but all it takes is a momentary attention lapse and we will no longer have a choice weather or not we want to wear a lid. This is why the MRF is so important, just like ABATE of Michigan keeps an eye on the state issues, the MRF keeps their eye on our national issues. Please if you are not a member, join, sign up for the notifications, reply to the call of actions. It does make a difference.

Our RC Dano reminded us that our poker run is going to be this month on the 16th! I did get with Sassy, and the trophies have been paid for. This is our regional run / Awareness run, it's where the region gets most of its funding for the year. Come on out and support it. After that it will be Memorial Day weekend at Hudson Leather! We will be selling raffle tickets and trying to get some new members. Probably spend some cash down there as well. Come on down and say hi! We are not that long into the 2026 riding season and already 3 people that I know well have been in wrecks. 1 to a pothole, 1 to a driver spiking breaks and 1 to a head on deer collision. Remember, we are nothing more than a target to the cagers and to the animals we are a target. Keep your head on a swivel! Let's not forget that with spring comes the orange cones and barrels. Yes, everyone's favorite time of year construction season.

Buttons our awareness director will be down to Hudson Leather and will give an update on that at our next meeting. Bumper our Road Capt. Would like to remind everyone that with spring comes the throttle itch. The prying song of the pipes to get you to get on your bike and go, but if you are not sure or if you know that there is something that you should check, resist the urge, it could be a couple hundred dollar fix now but it could easily end up costing a lot more than that if it is ignored. Make sure your bike is ready to go.

Well that's the update for this month. With everything that is going on with NCOM, DC, poker run and Memorial Day, the next meeting should be an interesting one. Enjoy the rides when you can squeeze them in
Dano.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob

The sound of thundering bikes rather than thundering rain was heard right before the meeting started. Anyone that attends Region 14 meetings know, Shiny Bob runs a tight ship. Meeting starts on time with pledge allegiance and a moment of silence

followed by an organized meeting. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, signs are available for sale, June hosts both the Freedom Rally looking to meet/leave Fowlerville 10:00am (fish fry seems to overshadow the reason for the rally, sad but true) & ABATE Field Meet (lots of goodies planned, always a good time). Fingers crossed on the insurance situation, sounds like a win for motorcyclists, I am limiting my comment as I am not going to miss speak and end up getting sued by someone because they took my word as gold. The Taco fundraiser was a success! A huge shout out to everyone, whether working or supporting by eating – every taco made and eaten made a difference. I personally would like to see a Sloppy Joe event next, but I may be in the minority, or maybe a brownie bake off. Back to Motorcycle Awareness Month, while on a motorcycle we need to remind ourselves it is also our responsibility to be aware of our surroundings, the distracted drivers, Drivers turning left and the damn roads that did not get fixed. Ride Safe In case you read this prior to our next scheduled meeting May 24, the day before Memorial Day, which we did not catch until today, soooo we will meet May 31st 4pm instead. Sorry for

the late notice but we are still full of tacos.

REGION 15 - Wayne Interim RC - Shiny Bob

Spring has Sprung meeting pushed up to May 31, have a great memorial day weekend, June 10th Freedom Rally, see flyer Great Fish Fry. Field Meet June 12-14 see flyer, June meeting back to 4th Sunday 4pm American Legion Post 322 Saline Mi. Tell drivers there brake light is not working, watch for no signals, distracted drivers. RIDE SAFE. JOHNNY.

REGION 16 - Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, Alpena 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
No report this month.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC - Bill Stewart

From Region 19 For the June 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider

Region 19 met at the Shark Club on Tuesday, the 5th of May and our meeting was called to order by RC Bill Stewart a few minutes after 7:00 pm when dinner was finished. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Bill reported that:

- There were no significant new announcements from the MRF, but important things are taking place for that organization:
- Bikers Inside the Beltway, MRF's big lobbying event for 2026, will take place on 18 and 19 May in Washington DC. This is MRF's primary opportunity to influence national legislation that controls the legal aspects of riding motorcycles on our nation's highways.
- We were reminded that MRF's Meeting of the Minds will take place in Milwaukee this year. This event provides a great excuse for riders to visit Harley-Davidson's hometown and the opportunity for riders to learn more about the MRF. MOTM will take place over the Weekend of 24-27 September.
- Bill stated that every rider interested in preserving and protecting motorcycling should attend these events.
- In a heartfelt

statement, our RC commented that he has become frustrated because his repeated attempts to invite more Oakland County ABATE members to attend our meetings have produced few if any results. So please, Oakland County ABATE brothers and sisters, come to our meetings and help us become the active and thriving ABATE Region that we should be...

- ...ABATE of Michigan suggests that all Regions offer leadership positions from Awareness Coordinator to Sergeant-at-Arms. There are about 15 of these Region-level positions available in each Region. Sad to say, Region 19 has only three of these positions currently filled: RC, Treasurer and Legislative Officer.

- If you live in Oakland County and appreciate having the freedom to ride motorcycles, come to our meetings and help shoulder the load.

- Region 19 needs you, and you need Region 19!!

Speedy (Our Treasurer) was not in attendance but sent her report which was presented by Hess:

- The Treasury remains stable.

- Speedy included a motion that Region 19 make a \$100 donation to ABATE of Michigan for either a sustaining membership or as a Legislative Supporter.

- After discussion it was decided that we would send \$100 to ABATE in support of the organization's legislative efforts. The motion carried unanimously. Hess then presented his Legislative Report. The information provided was based on a recent phone conversation that Hess had with ABATE's State LO, Bear Schuitema:

- The appeals court decision that finally resolves the PIP issues created by 2019's SB 1 has so far survived any early attempts at reversal.

- There has been no effort to take that appellate court decision before the state Supreme Court.

- Four insurance-related House Bills (numbers 5886-5889) have been introduced, but these bills do not address the appeals court decision that allows the stacking of coverage for an injured biker

using both the PIP of the car driver and his or her own auto insurance PIP.

- Should the appeals court decision have full, long-lasting effect, it should provide final resolution for our PIP crisis.

- Hess went on to comment that while this action by the appeals court provides bikers with way forward, Michigan's intransigent legislature has still not dealt with this problem directly. This says a great deal about how things work (or fail to work) in Lansing.

- For seven years legislators ignored consistent pressure from ABATE and others to resolve the PIP problem. This makes pretty clear the depth of legislative dysfunction that exists in Lansing.

Finally, DON'T FORGET:

- ABATE members really need to show up for this year's Freedom Rally! Plan to be in Lansing on the 10th of June at 11:00 a.m. Parking is on Ottawa Street near the Lansing White House. Let's show Michigan's legislators that motorcyclists care about riding and the future of motorcycling in our state. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!

The next Region 19 meeting takes place on Tuesday evening, the 2nd of June 2026. Come to the Shark Club at 6665 Highland Road in Waterford. Dinner is at 6:00pm and the meeting will start at 7:00. Help keep our Region moving forward!

Submitted by Hess Bates, Region 19 Legislative Officer.

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

Informal meeting again.

Our Awareness ride is May 31 after meeting. Country Ranch Restaurant in Morrice. KSU around 2:30pm.

Bike nights at Vehicle City H-D in Flint are the last Friday of each month from 6-9pm thru October.

Capital Ride is June 10 on Ottawa St.

Meet at Burger King in Perry. KSU

@11am. It is more of a Block party than a protest.

Legislative: The Kent County court

case for Digital Proof of Insurance is past the Statute of Limitations. Some counties do not accept this.

Insurance for your bike should have unlimited medical coverage to be fully covered. Check your policy with your agent.

There are printable forms on Abate of Michigan website under forms and flyers.

Proclamations: If any of you are interested contact me for info.

That is all. Have a good day and ride safe. Steve "General" Graves.

REGION 21 - Oscoda, Clare, Mescosta, Isabella, Montcalm

Interim RC - Vern Shock
No report this month.

REGION 22 - Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford RC - Greg Bennett "Break Down"

Meeting was called to order at 18:35 hrs by Greg.

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

Greg thanked everyone for coming and stated that the last meeting regarding the summer party was good and it was great to see a lot of coming together for team work. He has been wondering about all the upcoming bike nights and how we can become more competitive with them. He also stated that he would like to participate in

more of them.

Minutes were read by Sam. Motion by Karen to approve with corrections, second by Gina B. Discussed and carried.

Treasurers report was given by Chey. Motion to approve by Woody, second by Ron. Discussed. Motion carried.

Woody stated a big thank you from Kalkaska trout festival for all the participation in the parade. This year we had a lot of bikes present and it was a great show. He also stated that there are a lot of events happening and some of them are on the same day. Pick what you want to support and can afford and do it. There will always be an event on the same day as another one.

Woody gave a LO report and stated that it is now law that we can stack our insurance on top of their insurance for great medical coverage if we are injured. There are other bills being worked on that our lobbyists are working on. The Freedom Fest in Lansing is June 10th with a free lunch.

Karen reported that bikes are out there please watch for them. She reported that we are putting in a post on Friday at 5:30. The ride is the 16th and she has been working with the pines and the guys that sponsor their bike nights in regards to things happening for Erik's Ride. They are in Wexford county which is part of our region so we should be supporting them and speaking of Abate to them. Gina and Karen have visited and spoken of Abate and Erik's Ride with the Christian Motorcyclists Association of Cadillac.

Mary B. showed us the shirts...They are in... \$20 for short sleeve and \$25 for long sleeve. Get with Mary. She also has a sign up sheet for sides for the taco bar at the summer party and a sign up sheet for working different areas and shifts. Mary also has raffle tickets.. get with her.

A motion was made to have our summer meetings - June thru August - on Sunday at 13:00 at the Laughing Horse. There was a second to the motion. Discussion and motion was passed with opposition. We will go back to the Wednesday meeting time after bike nights.

Motion was made by Woody to purchase awards for the bike of the night during bike night season. Motion was seconded by Ron. Discussion and motion carried. Still look for sponsors for the bike nights.

Watch out for police who don't like bikers and know your roads.

There is a fall ride in the works. Greg listed a lot of events coming up for all to be aware of.

Woody has discounted field meet tickets until the end of the month.

There will be lots of things happening at the summer party...It will be open to families but kids need to be gone (back at the campsite or off site) by 21:00 hrs. More to follow.

Woody made a motion to get more fliers made. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn by Karen, seconded by Woody. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:30 hrs..

REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee RC - Ted Calabrese

Region 23 May Report.

Was called to order at 1:00. At a New location . We are now having our monthly meetings at The Dead Bear Brewery in Grayling.

May is motorcycle safety awareness month. We're making a big push to get all of our signs sold. Twisted attitude leather and more in Houghton Lake , is carrying our signs our raffle tickets and membership applications. She's also giving discounts to new and existing members of ABATE. Houghton Lake will be having there fourth blessing of the bike This year it's a 2-day event. With a poker run on Saturday the 30th , and the blessing on Sunday the 31st and a police escort ride around the lake at noon.

June 10th Freedom Rally in Lansing, we are working on a group to meet and ride together to Lansing.

ABATE'S Field Meet June 12th through the 14th is the 50th anniversary ,

As warmer weather quickly approaches. Our Road Captain, will be scheduling fun rides after our meeting throughout the summer.

Thank you.

Ted Calabrese.



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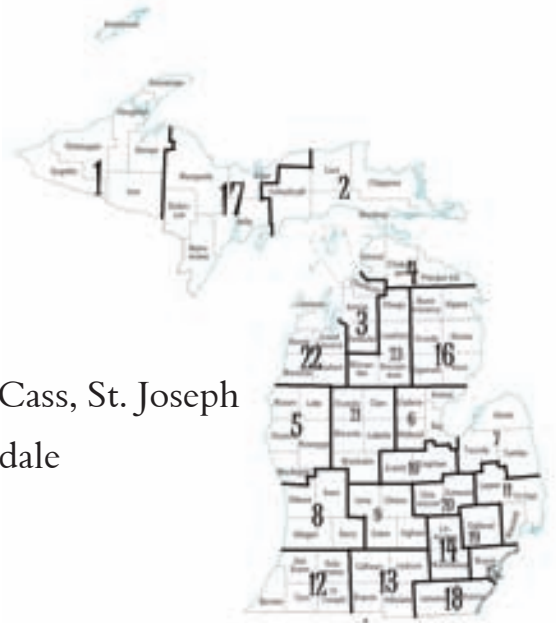
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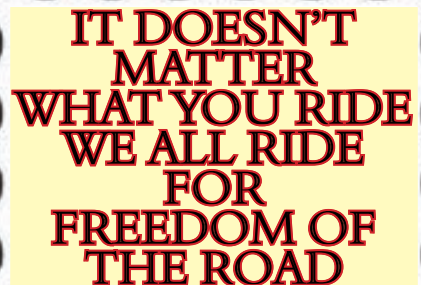
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		REGION BIKE NIGHTS	
June 3 - Aug 26	Reg 22	Laughing Horse Saloon - 15888 Lindy Rd. Thompsonville	
Printable copy available online	Reg 11	Region 11 Summer Tour Books have been circulated and are available for purchase at participating establishments	Oscar: 810 334-8600.
May 23	Reg 10	Highland Festival Parade	
May 23	Reg 18	John Cronk Memorial Run	
May 30	Reg 6	Awareness - Membership Run	Merry: 734 652 9739
May 30	Reg 8	Motorcycle Poker Run	
May 30	Reg 10	Annual Spring Fling	
June 6	Reg 7	Rest in Peace Ride & Meeting - Evergreen Park	Danny: 989 325-1432
June 10		Freedom Rally - Lansing - 11am	
June 25	Reg 11	Fundraiser Night - *This event is a bonus stamp in the ABATE Region 11 summer tour book	
July 11	Reg 7	Scout & Shoot & Meeting - Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Tim: 989 670-9976
July 11	Reg 10	Annual Poker Run	
July 12	Reg 11	32nd Annual Observation Run	Cowboy: 586 746-4765
July 15	Reg 5	19th Bike Time	
July 18	Reg 6	Memorial Ride	Merry: 734 652 9739
Aug - 2nd	Reg 5	Hill Climb	
Aug 1	Reg 13	PAC Ride	Dano: 517 414-8183
Aug 15	Reg 11	8th Annual Ricky D Memorial Run	Arnold: 810 334-8600
Aug 16	Reg 5	Reg 5's Family Picnic - Stoney Lake	
Aug 20 - 23	Reg 5	Fall Rodeo - Twisting Trails Snowmobile Club	

Aug 21 - 23	Reg 22	Summer party - Eagles campground in Interlochen Michigan	Greg: 231 620-6243
Aug 22	Reg 7	Porcupine Bash - Caro VFW	Tim: 989 670-9976
Aug 22	Reg 8	Veteran Escort to Hart	
Sept 12	Reg 8	Gilmore Booth - Ford Model A Days	
Sept 19	Reg 10	End of Summer Ride/Book Party	
Sept 20	Reg 11	Summer Tour End of the Year Party and Poker Run	Oscar 810 334-8600
Sept 23	Reg 7	Adopt-a-hwy trash pickup - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Sept 24 - 27		42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds	
Oct 2 - 4	Reg 7	Carved in Stone Weekend - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Oct 3		Tap into The Money Tree Raffle	
Oct 10	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 10	Reg 10	Color Tour	
Nov 1	Reg 5	Christmas Auction	
Nov 1	Reg 7	Meeting & Chili Cook-off - Lucky Thumb	Tim: 989 670-9976
Dec 5	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting	Tim: 989 670-9976
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