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ABATE of Michigan Newsletter



Region 10 - End of the Summer Ride in September - taken at Fallasburg Covered Bridge

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Last weekend was the RC & LO meeting. The ABATE State Officers attend to listen, learn, and answer questions. It was good to have ABATE active members back together to hear their issues and concerns. Bottom Line we need to do a better job and get some action on OUR Insurance Issue. Motorcyclists are stuck with what the drive picks for coverage in an accident. Every ride is a Risk. I can't even image the results of these accidents with the ridiculous medical cost today. Where is the rage on this crime designed by the Insurance Companies to screw bikers over getting the Mandatory Helmet Law Repealed. Where is our rage over this issue? It must be it can't happen to me because we haven't made it an issue. That's on us. I have been in the Mandatory Helmet Law fight for close to 50 years. We had spirit, fight, desire, and VICTORY !!! We need to get Back to Basics and Kick Some ASS and stand up and be counted. We didn't even get a hearing on our Insurance Bill. I decided to keep track this session and I counted 159 times having contact with different representatives over our issues. Exact number of trips to Lansing? Didn't record that. I did record when I talked to a representative in Lansing. We barely got the Right of Way bill thru the Legislature. It took 2 years. It's time to get the RAGE UP and get some action out of YOU to get involved and contact your representative and make them explain why YOUR INSURANCE doesn't cover you if YOUR in a car/motorcycle accident. If you have, THANK YOU, IF NOT then DO IT!!! Please, send a response letter from your Representative to the ABATE P.O. Box.

Meeting of the Minds in Iowa was very informative and ABATE of Iowa did a great job setting it up. We had an active group and hope to have more in 2023 in Pennsylvania. Congrats to Jinx who received two national awards. ABATE of Iowa run their own motorcycle safety program. It's not cheap, \$250-265 a student. Their awareness program is part of the statewide driver's education



program.

Seminar is in Lansing this year. Info is in this newsletter. Please make your room reservation ASAP. Agenda is ready to roll. Don't forget to VOTE. If it's a decent day ride to the polls. We need you to get involved in the process. Laws just don't happen. The Insurance Companies spent millions to screw us over and to pay those in power. Our power is in voting and staying active in getting things done. These legislators need to learn that we don't quit and we don't give up. Talk is cheap, Action speaks louder than words and we need action NOW.

Ride While you Can, Safe & FREE,
Vince _____



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Visit:

<http://www.abateofmichigan.org/awareness.html> to learn more and to download an application.

If a business or corporation signs up they will receive a certificate of appreciation to display in their building as well as the patch shown here and year rocker.



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LAURA HANSEN
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Michigan Confederation of Clubs

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

To join and support the MCOCC contact Trash at:
trash@icvmcni.com

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www.mcoc.us

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 Life Memberships cards are gold,
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\$5.00 each

Contact Sally: 734 972-7134
 or Eric: 269 435-2058 to place
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black round patch with above picture on it. Money from sales are added to the tab fund.

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Stan "The Tabman" Demski

27705 Larchmont. St. Clair Shores, MI. 48081

I was setting at the bar drinking a beer with a friend and we were discussing what a “real biker” is. I am not sure I know what a real biker is. Are you a real biker based on what you wear or ride or how you look? Are you a real biker based on how many miles you ride or where you ride? I think I know some real bikers, both male and female, but I am not sure how i can tell they are real bikers. If you know how to tell what a real biker is, email or text me and I will put it in next months Michigan Rider. I wont use your name. All comments will be anonymous.

The Seminar will be held in Lansing in January. The same hotel it was held at a couple years ago, Ramada by Wyndham Lansing Hotel and Conference Center.

Think about who you want to choose as the ABATE of Michigan Member of the Year. Its also time to think about your Regional Member of the Year. Two new persons will be running for the board; Dave Woody Berg, and Vern Shock. Brandy is stepping down from the board after several years. Thanks Brandy for all you have done for ABATE.

Welcome back to the new, old RC Uncle Sam Bert. Thanks for taking over the region again Bert! You are much appreciated.

As a reminder, if you have not been a member for 30 days, or your membership expires in December, and you don't get it renewed within 30 days of the Seminar, you can not vote. Also, you can only vote in person, no mail in ballots. .

We are always looking for auction items for the Seminar. If you or your Region can help, that would be great. If you, a business or your Region can be a Seminar Sponsor, fill out the sponsorship form online or in the Rider and get it turned in to me at P O Box 99 Constantine by Dec. 15th

Sherri the Raffle Chairperson, will have raffle tickets available at the Seminar. Things will be a little different with raffle this year in a good way.

You will have about 10 -14 days before election day when you read this to vote. Research your candidates carefully before you vote. Choose the candidate that best represents your ideals and values. Try and vote for a candidate who is motorcycle friendly, and understands the issues and challenges we face. As a side note, we had the annual RC Board meeting in Saginaw on 10-8-9 2022. At the board meeting it was discussed just how much we are being ripped off by the insurance companies. If everyone truly new the magnitude of their behavior, they would be raising hell. If you like being ripped off and feel good about it. do absolutely nothing. If you dont enjoy being ripped off, get up, get pissed, and do something about it. If you dont know what to do, call your RC, Legislative officer, or a board member. Its time to get serious about righting a wrong.

Awareness donations are Stacey Strohmer, Sylvester Schilling, and Region 18.

Enjoy the Fall riding, its easier than winter riding.

Eric



Secretary's Report Eric Eads



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ABATE of Michigan Seminar January 13, 14, 15 2023

The Seminar is fast approaching Hotel costs have gone up in price like everything else. We have contacted several hotels and have settle on the Ramada by Wyndham Lansing Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing. Some of you might remember the Seminar Deep Freeze at this hotel several years ago. They have welcomed us back and we are working to make this a great Seminar for 2023. In order to get the price down ABATE of Michigan is going to pay \$20 for the first 60 rooms booked for the full weekend (Friday and Saturday). The reservations must be made using the number on the flyer, also in the Michigan Rider this month. If you use any other number, they will not have the block information. Please note all reservations must be made by December 15, 2022. Also back is the Regional Coordinator block of rooms around the pool. You must be an RC to use this block. If you are not an RC, and book on this block of rooms, you will be contacted to re-book.

This hotel is under new management and they are renovating sections at a time. These renovations could still be going on in January. Please also remember to bring your mugs/cups with lids. As with every hotel that has a caterer or has a restaurant, No food and/or beverage of any kind will be permitted to be brought into the hotels' meeting or banquet rooms by the group or any of the group's guests. All food and beverage items served in public meeting or banquet rooms must be supplied and prepared by the Hotel. There will be a DJ at the Holidome poolroom Friday and Saturday night. Snacks are allowed in the Holidome area when the Entertainment starts at 9:00 pm each night. A cash bar will be set up by the hotel in this room for both nights.

Bring your auction items to the Seminar you know "one person's trash is another person's treasure". Big or small will take them all, sorry just had to. Anyway, this part of the Seminar is so much fun and everyone has a chance at taking something home.

If you have questions or concerns about any of this, please take them to your Region Coordinator if they do not have the answers they can contact me. Look for State Event Committee members posting on Abate of Michigan Facebook page too.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,

Pam Fischer

ABATE of Michigan

State Events Planner

Sponsorship Request

For the 2023

ABATE SEMINAR AWARDS

A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan's state seminar is held annually at very little cost to the participants. Participants traditionally pay only for the cost of their food and their lodging.

As an ABATE supporter, we would like to again offer you or your business the opportunity to receive recognition by helping sponsor the Seminar Awards.

The Seminar Awards will be held - January 13, 14, & 15, 2023 at the

Ramada by Wyndham Lansing Hotel & Conference Center

7501 W Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

Four levels of sponsorship are available

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum

We will recognize all sponsors in the Awards Sponsorship Program by including their name (or business) in the seminar packet distributed to all seminar participants. Sponsors will be introduced on Saturday and the names will be mentioned in the next issue of the *Michigan Rider*. Any business that donates as a Silver supporter will receive one month's free advertisement (business card); a business that becomes a Gold Supporter will receive one free ¼ page ad and any business that becomes a Platinum Supporter will receive a ¼ page ad for 2 months.

All checks must be received by Dec. 15, 2022

Yes, I want to help sponsor the Awards Banquet at the seminar. I am enclosing a check for:

☐ \$ 50.00 Bronze

☐ \$100.00 Silver

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1 free business card ad

1 free ¼ page ad

2 free ¼ page ad

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Make Checks Payable to ABATE of Michigan

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ABATE of Michigan, Inc., P.O. Box 99, Constantine, Mi. 49042-0099

In order to provide recognition, the check must be received by Dec. 15, 2022

ABATE OF MICHIGAN SEMINAR 2023

JANUARY 13, 14, 15

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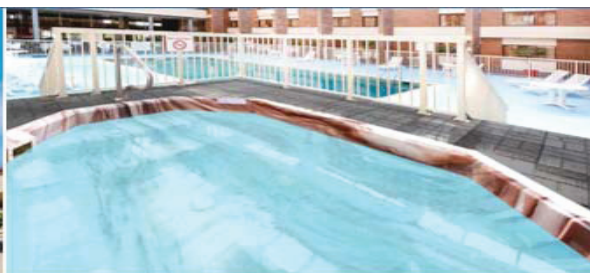
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(517) 627-3211

Only use the number provided any other phone number will not have the ABATE Block

When prompted, option “3” to talk directly to the front desk

ASK FOR THE BLOCK OF ROOMS FOR ABATE



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Region Photos

Meeting of the Minds



Butch taking a ride on the simulator!

Region 7 Toys for Tots Collection



Region 7 Duck Drop



Region 7 Washer Toss

Butch s New Ride



Region 3 fall road cleanup crew.
It was a great day to help our
community keeping the roadsides
clear of debris.

Chain of Events Fliers...

7th Annual Irish Hills

Color Run and Halloween Party

Saturday October 22, 2022

Veterans Hall 2460 Blazer Rd. Maybee
MI 48159

Gate Opens 10 a.m.



\$20.00 = Breakfast, Color Run, Dinner,
Halloween Party, Camping

Entertainment By: ★ Shock Wavez

- Breakfast 10 a.m.
- Pre-ride Announcement/Blessing of the Bikes
11:30-11:45
- Kickstands Up Promptly 12:00 noon!
- Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- Costume Contest
- Campsite
- Decorating Contest
- Who came from the farthest out
- Candy for the Little Wee Spooks
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ABATE of Michigan Region 3

When: December 3rd @ 4pm

Where Central Lake AMVETS

1840 S. Main St.

Central Lake, MI 49622

Band: Trending Classic

7pm-10pm

\$10-\$15 White Elephant

(Guys for Guys, Girls for Girls)

Potluck BYOB

Region 3 Bike Night

ABATE of Michigan
Region 3
Bike Night

Where: Blue Pelican's

Side Door

2535 Main St, Central Lake,
MI 49622

When: Starting May 18th 2022
at 6:30pm
Every Wednesday

The ride out to Meeting of the Minds from Michigan was a wet and windy ride. The meeting was well attended and very interesting. As always, it was good to see old friends and make new friends. Many received awards. Jinx received: First place for signing up the most clubs



Motorcycle Riders Foundation



State of Michigan ABATE

MRF Rep Tom "Jinx" Rahn

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Email: tomrahn@yahoo.com

<http://www.abateofmichigan.org/MRFInfo>



and was in the top ten for signing up the most members to MRF. We would like to thank Regions 8 and 5 for their donations to send Jinx to the MRF seminar this year. We would like to keep Michigan in the top 10 for signing up new members so please keep pushing membership.

Take notice of this and fight for your rights!!!

We are celebrating 10 years of having the freedom to choose to ride with a helmet or not. We motorcyclists need to bond together to keep the freedom of having the choice of wearing a helmet. The SMARTER organization is pushing at a national level for all motorcyclist to wear full body gear when we are riding. The SMARTER organization is backing their claims with statistics of motorcycle fatalities with helmets and without helmets in each state. In the State of Michigan there are more fatalities with helmets on than without helmets. Let's come together to fight this organization.

At the State level we are fighting:

Michigan plays a key role in the current affairs. We have champions in both the House and Senate. Congressmen Tim Walberg, in the House and Gary Peters in the Senate. Vince was told the ball is in Michigan court. Let's bond together and make it happen!!

Time to keep Congressman Tim Walberg in office to help all of us for our rights as motorcyclists. Time for action and not talk. We need to keep Tim in Washington D.C. Get out a vote in November. His continuous fight for motorcyclist's rights and his letter written to his colleagues in Washington D.C. pushing H. Res 366. This raised awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraged collaboration between the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.

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.

Gas restrictions, or No Gas by 2035. This is No Bullshit, this is scheduled to happen. Let's fight, fight, fight!!!!

MRF - Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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

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 Alpha

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 For more information
 please call or email

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 month

Region 4**Iceman**

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 ABATereg4@hotmail.com
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 August at 6:00 the first
 Thursday at the Elkhorn
 bar
 October through May
 the first Sunday at 12:30
 at the Elkhorn bar

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 Meetings: 1st Sun 1pm

Region 6**Merry Garrett**

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 Meetings: AJ Baileys
 Bar and Grill
 304 Salzburg Ave
 Bay City, MI 48706
 Meetings 12:00

November 2022

REGION COORDINATORS & MEETING INFORMATION

Second Saturday/month

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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Region 9**Nick Henry**

RC & Treasurer
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 abateofmich.region9@gmail.com

Region 10**Vern Shock**

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 abateregion10rc@gmail.com
 Meetings 1st sunday of
 the month at 3
 Ghost Town Saloon in
 Elwell
 Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May
 July
 Evergreen Tavern in
 Hemlock
 Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun,
 Aug

Region 11**Richard Snooks**

Region 11
 Richard Snooks
 Phone: 586 524-6907
 Email: mail@rsnooks.com

Meetings: First
 Wednesday of every
 month

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

Region 12**Dan Dan**

Phone: 734 512-8055
 Meetings: 2nd Sunday
 of the month 1pm
 Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13**Tom "Jinx" Rahn**

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 tomrahn@yahoo.com
 Meetings: 1st Sun 12
 noon
 7901 Benn Rd
 Parma, MI. 49269

Region 14**Shiny Bob**

Phone: 734 417-1369
 shinybob@gmail.com
 Meetings: Saline
 4th Sunday 4pm
 Saline American Legion
 Post 322

Region 15**Albert Ouellette**

Phone: 313 680 4080.
 akaunclesam43@yahoo.com
 Meetings: 3rd Sun 5pm
 at the American Legion
 on Brest Rd. 11800
 Michael St. Taylor Mi.

Region 16**Jesse Gordy**

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 Read meeting notes for
 dates and times

Region 18**Dan "Treeman" Conner**

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 the month @ 2pm
 Vetrans Hall
 2460 Blazer Rd.
 Maybee 48159

Region 19**Pete Kazelas**

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 7:00pm
 The Shark Club
 6665 Highland Road
 Waterford 48327

Region 20**Mark Berger**

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Region 21**Brenda Crittenden**

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REGION REPORTS



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

REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Wexford, Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse, Leelanau Missaukee
RC - Dave "Woody" Berg
Meeting was held at Blue Pelican Side Door and called to order at 18:35 hrs by Woody.

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

Woody extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance.

Ann Marie read the minutes.
Motion by Bea second by Dawn to approve. Motion carried.

Dawn read the treasurers report.
Motion by Gina second by Ann Marie to approve. Motion carried.

Dave M. reported that there are new developments regarding the increase in auto insurance due to having to pay back some of the funds that the auto insurance paid to us. Also there are three proposals on the ballot in November and that we should be well versed in them prior to voting. If your unsure what they

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Tim Polk

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mean, ask and become informed.

Van reported that the 9-11 party was fun and that it will continue there next year, even though it got moved it was handled well at the 2 Wheel Inn. A Region 3 member sold the winning bike raffle ticket.

Aaron sent a message that the campground is secured for our summer party July 21-23, 2023.

Karen reported that she is just waiting on a written quote from the state of Michigan for 20 more signs. It should be the same as before and if so will get them ordered.

Gina states there is nothing new. She also stated that she is taking donations for a party boat for the seminar.

Mike Jr. states that we have new members and one of them, Donald, is with us tonight. Welcome!

Sarah made an updated flier for the Halloween and Christmas parties. She is also passing around the food lists for the parties.

Terry K. stated that the LUV fest was fun.

Dave M. stated that the bike committee will be working on getting sponsors for each bike night, getting the games improved and brainstorming ideas for now.

Don't forget that the Christmas party is December 3, 2022 at the Central Lake AMVETS. There will be a brief meeting at 16:00 hrs with the party to follow. A band will play from 19:00 to 22:00 hrs. This is a BYOB and potluck and if you care to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange a \$10-\$15 limit.

The seminar will be January 13-15 2023 at the Ramada by Wyndham Lansing Hotel. Start getting your reservations now.

There is a member of region 3 who is ill and needs assistance with getting her car running so she can get to medical appointments and treatments. Thanks to all who have donated parts, labor etc. Please contact Woody or Gina for any updates as to what is needed. We will keep you updated.

A reminder that nominations for all positions open in January with elections in February. Start thinking.

Motion by Karen, second by Bea to adjourn. Motion carried.

Happy Birthday to Mike Sr. and all other October birthdays.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Bike Nights: May 17, 2023 to August 30, 2023. Wednesday nights at the Blue Pelican in Central Lake.

Eriks Memorial Awareness Ride: May 20, 2023
Summer Bash: July 21-23, 2023.

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

No report this month

REGION 5

RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson

Meeting opened with pledge and prayer, Our Chief Road Captain Roger Dexter has stepped down and the assistant Road Captain Paul Harris has stepped up to that position. We are still looking for donations for Christmas program please contact Dann "Tiny" Patterson 231-923-6906 or Cindy "Gizmo" Meloche 231-375-1702 for more information . Region 5 November meeting will be November 6 at 1 pm at Hightower Bar and grill ,Don't forget November 6 clocks go back an hour so ,Don't forget to reset your clocks or you will miss the meeting! Nominations for member of the year open in November with voting in December for member of the year!

**REGION 6 - Bay, Arenac, Midland, Gladwin
Counties**

RC - Merry Gerrett

Good morning my abate family
We had a meeting on Oct 8th at our new location Bailey, Bay City. Check the rider for address and times
Please note that is where we will be on the second SATURDAY of the month at noon. If there are changes it will be on our fb page. I know a lot don't want fb but this is the best way to get the word out.

On with some info. Our Bea has been gone a year and is missed every day. They celebrated with a toast and roses. Her son and sister came and share memories with the region. I was not able to be there but I shared many memories with RC and board members about our beautiful friend RIH Bea we all miss u.

There is a beautiful young lady that is taking care of the site in Kentucky jeeping it beautiful. I would Like to ask the region to send her a card and gift for caring so much. Will be discussed at November meeting

Christmas party is planned for December 3rd we will have a short meeting first and then have our party. Final plans will be made at our November meeting. Please attend and help make this a great meeting with great plans to come together

I'm very proud to say that at our board meeting I found out that our region yes our region took fourth place in the whole state selling bike tickets. Thank you to all that worked their butts off. Top

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seller Jerry with Randi chasing him the whole time. Watch out Jerry, Randi and MJ are coming for you. If you didn't sell any please take just one pack of ten and sell them. Any sold at events or bike nights was also appreciated.

Calendar will be planned at our next meeting. If you have any ideas please bring them

Election and member of the year will be talked about in November

Member of the year will be announced at Christmas party

Election will be in January

Got a great compliment from Bear that is the legislative boss for the state. He said our very own LO Cricket is one of the very best LO in the state.

Tell him thanks the next time you see him. He works very hard to keep us in the know. Thank you Cricket

That's all for now see you in November on the 3rd for meeting and Christmas

Peace and stay warm. It's coming.

Merry RC region 6.

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

Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2022

Our last meeting of the summer was at Evergreen Park at 12:30 PM on Oct. 2, 2022. This was at our Carved In Stone Weekend with a pretty good turn-out! Thanks to the Region 6 Gang for showing up and taking part!

Opening ceremonies included the Pledge and a Prayer, remembrance of our Troops. Opening prayer was given by Paul Melcher, Thanks Paul!

The Secretary's Report was given by Gentleman Jim. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bubs, second by Leah, motion carried.

Shelby gave us the Treasurers Report with all the expenses for the month and the income. She covered the things to be paid and reminded us that the checkbook had to be at \$1500 or below by Oct. 10th. Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as Read was made by Butch, second by LeRoy, motion carried.

Marlene gave us the AWARENESS Report, she and her team continue to do Drivers Training classes. They have done many classes this year! Our sincere gratitude to them! On a sad note, we lost a good Awareness instructor on Oct 5th , with the passing of Brian Donaghy. He will surely be missed. R.I.P. Brian, heaven gained a great man!

Butch gave us the Legislative Report. Some of the thing he spoke about were the importance of voting, Motorcycle accident statistics, contacting your Legislator, term limits are not good for us,

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need to get more people to understand what the insurance changes did to OUR coverage! Contact Gary Peters and ask him what the Motorcycle Caucus has done for us, so we can keep riding our motorcycles long past 2035!! Unendorsed riders and how they are hurting us, Ride straight, Practice crash avoidance, Profiling, emissions regulations. Something that is urgently needed is to get Prosecutors to do their job concerning accidents, especially those that Bikers are involved in!! Our Legislative team is looking in to see what can be done!! A thank-you to Jeremy and Tamera for great input and making yard signs available to us. It is GREATLY appreciated.

Bob Betson spoke about the Summer Passbook Tour for 2023. Great job, Bob!! Marlene gave us a report on what was donated to the state from the meetings at Chizzies, GREAT JOB!! Also, Marlene reminded us about the Christmas party, it will be held at Chizzies again this year with a short meeting before the party at 2 PM. As always, it is a potluck, so bring a dish to pass! Santa will be there, too! Gift exchange as always, bring a gift to get a gift and mark on it if it is for a man, woman, or either. Great Job Marlene & Jim!! Next month, Nov. 6th, we will be back at Lucky Thumb for our winter meetings! Also, this is also our chili cook-off day! Bring your best chili and try to take home the traveling trophy! Shelby says that it makes a great night stand! LOL!!! The seminar is moved to the Ramada Inn in Lansing. You MUST use the phone number that is on the flyer to get rooms in the ABATE Block. Look for the flyer in the Michigan Rider!! Get your room and let's make it a GREAT seminar!! Hope to see you there!!

Ride while you can, but like the old saying, "Watch out

for the other guy!" Ride safe my friends, good luck to all the hunters out there! Keep the 'Lil Trick or Treaters " safe, too! Until next month, be safe and God Bless!!
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
I attended the Region Coordinator meeting this past weekend and I feel disheartened that there has still been no movement on our bill to fix the insurance law. There will be changes to the legislators come this next year that we will have to educate about what this insurance law is doing to bikers. If we don't call and write our representatives and senators we will continue to be punished by the insurance industry. I have never had, in my 50 plus years of riding a motorcycle on the road, so many close calls from inattentive drivers as I've had this year. This discriminatory insurance law is scary when added to the bad drivers on the roads. So far luck and skill has kept me out of hospital, some day these could fail me and I would like to have some decent insurance to help me get back on the road. I have some good news, this next motorcycle raffle winner will have a choice of a Harley Davidson or an Indian. This should help us sell even more tickets.

I set up a booth at Capital Harley Davidson's open house and was able to get some information out and sell some look twice signs and products. Thanks to Capital Harley Davidson and Chris for the invite.

Our region 9 meet and greet at Charlie's October 22 will be history by the time you get this newsletter and I hope to say I

meant you there.
Nick
Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties
RC - Vern Shock

ABATE Region 10 membership meeting, October 2, 2022
Meeting called to order at 3pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Motion to do a door prize of \$25 at each monthly meeting for members who are present.
Support, motion carried.
End of summer ride/party was a huge success. Thank you Tom and Mandy for arranging and hosting!
Abate of Michigan report was given.
Legislative report and MRF update was given.
A color tour for October 15th has been scheduled. Overnight stays can be reserved at the Ramada Inn in Grayling.
Nominations for all positions will be taken at the next meeting.
November's meeting will be the 6th at Ghost Town, 3pm.
Meeting adjourned 3:43pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Townsend, Secretary.

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

REGION 12 - Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, St. Joseph & Kalamazoo
RC - Dan Dan

Eric filled in for Dan and called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM after saying the pledge.

Joy gave the treasury report. We determined how much we can give the State by Oct 10th.

Discussed the upcoming Fall color ride. Nominations for officers and Member of the Year will be decided in December. We will vote on returning the meetings to the first Sunday of the month in November. Our Xmas party will be held at the December meeting at the regular time and place. You can bring a gift not exceed \$20.00, and a

dish to pass. We will have a bowling event in Three Rivers on March 25th. More details to follow. Gary mentioned we will be at the Wings Swap Meet on October 30th. Joy gave her Awareness Report. She wants to order different sign stands once we use up the existing stands.

Bear gave the MRF report. Europe plans on banning all gasoline engines in 12 years. There is no mention of how motorcycles will fit in. Bear mentioned there have been numerous accidents, some with fatalities involving autonomous vehicles. Gary gave the legislative report. He was told by a Representative that nothing is going to happen before the election, and probably nothing till next year.

The bike raffle will be held in Region 12 next year. We briefly discussed what the region needs to do to prepare for that such as bands, entertainment and other things.

We talked about making a memorial plaque for Terry. Cheezy will look into getting a picture and Eric will check out getting the plaque made up.

We discussed having another reverse raffle next year. We tabled that item till after January. The persons name drawn for the incentive was not there so they missed out on big money. The incentive rolls over to next month.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 Submitted by Eric

REGION 13

RC - Tom "Jinx" Rahn

Meeting opened at 12:00 with pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

August minutes read by Kathy. No minutes for September meeting. Treasurers report given by Dawn.

Chris reminded everyone of our upcoming Membership Appreciation Dinner on December 17 at the Proud Vets. There will not be a thanksgiving dinner at the JaxNaz church this year.

If you would still like to donate a toy for the Youth Haven Ranch bring it to the November meeting.

Seminar is being held at the Ramada Inn in Lansing the 2nd weekend in January.

Thank you to Dave, Robin and Tom for all your hard work with the gun raffle tickets. We appreciate and thank you!!

Nominations for member of the year and board member positions are open. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of your region's board please attend the November meeting or give Jinx a call.

Thank you and hope to see you at 12:00 on November 6 at the Proud Vets.

Kathy

REGION 14 - Washtenaw and Livingston Counties RC - Shiny Bob

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:11pm.

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

Amos/Secretary report:

No report Amos absent

Sally VanCoppennolle - Treasurer's report:

Sally reviewed Region 14 financial activity and provided current balances since last region meeting August 28, 2022.

1st Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Dawn

Kenyon and 2nd Motion: Bob Kenyon

Shiny Bob:

Thank you, Ann, for planning and leading our Poker run September 17th through Washtenaw and Livingston counties. Roads were excellent and enjoyed by participants.

Shiny Bob motioned to send proceeds from our Poker run to the state towards our yearly rocker. All members present accepted motion.

Shiny Bob mentioned neighboring region events and encouraged participation by region 14 members in support of ABATE. Region 18 Halloween Color run is October 22nd.

Region 14 Poker Run is September 18 and details will be posted on Facebook.

Ann Tobian Legislative report:

Contact your county clerk for new district maps.

Meeting of the Minds in will be held in Pennsylvania in 2023.

Dawn Kenyon Awareness report:

No awareness report this month

50/50 Drawing: Won by Sally

Dollar Draw: Won by Michelle

Next Meeting: Sunday October 23rd 2022 4:00pm.

Meeting closed: 4:45pm

1st Motion to accept: Woodstock and 2nd Motion:

Ann

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

REGION 15 - Wayne County

RC - Albert Ouellette

Hey Region 15, please give Jeremy a big thank you for 2 years of leadership. We have our bowling on November 19th 2022, \$20 per bowler \$35p for 2 bowlers as a team & \$12 non-bowlers. Pizza, bowling and prizes. As we are getting older, softball is not going to be played next year, we are going to play Putt-Putt golf. Region 18 will host the first golf outing in 2023. The date for this is September 23, 2023 it will be a combination of Regions 14,

15 & 18. After golfing, we are invited to Mexicans house to participate in region 18's family picnic. The State seminar is coming up, January 13th - 15th, 2023. Let's get the most members attending again. Let's make sure our memberships are up to date. Thank You, Your RC Uncle Sam.

Region 15 Meeting September 18 Meeting Started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Johnny gave the Treasure Report with income and expenses for the month.

Brian reminded us of the Meeting of the Minds, no other news Jim gave us the legislative report. Still working on the Insurance issue, they are getting push back from the Leadership in the house. Noel LaPorte is working on Legislative for Catastrophic activity and want to include our Insurance needs. Ed and Jim are working on a voter's guide to distribute the first part of October.

Jim made a motion for MRF money due for sustaining membership for our Region send into MRF. Brian second the motion all members present approved.

Also discussed that the Money collected for PAC be sent by personal check.

Next region event is November 19 Bowling for Bikers.

Pam gave an update on the 2023 Seminar January 13,14,15 we are changing hotels this year due to cost of everything going up, Jeremy announced he is stepping down as RC for our region. Jamie nominated Bert he accepted. There were no other nominations.

Tony gave some background information on the annual Gutsy Run this year October 8.

Motion to close by Mike and second by Bert.

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 fall is here the trees are really starting to get beautiful so if you get a chance get out there and ride watch for deer . Just a reminder November 8th is time to vote again remember Tim Wahlberg supports us abate members so let's support him. Last month I forgot to thank Mary and Cody for helping out at our aces and eights party thank you very much . You never know they are not region 18 members anymore but they are at heart and they are our family. A lot going on in December besides our family things December 3rd here in Ida Michigan is the big Christmas light parade craft show they have bands playing Disney bands country bands and at night they have the fireworks show before the parade starts if you need a place to park you can always park at our house we're just one block away of the main events so with that Leroy will need help putting the float together at the greenhouse and the day of the parade we need people to walk with the float and hand out candy to all the little ones . December 10th is our Christmas/ chili cook-off party doors open at 5:00 chili judging at 5:30 and after that around 6:00 we'll eat dinner \$10 a person to get in free you can make a pot of chili bring some Toys for tots \$10 minimum gift and some canned goods. We are going to have a cornhole tournament \$5 a person. And we're going to play some games as always the white elephant gift wrapped \$10 minimum and I like Left Right center so we're going to do that also so come on out and get this December 2022 started on the right foot . We have been working on the calendar for

next year and hopefully we'll be getting the calendar out soon as possible and with that being said I'm going to hand over this to treeman so he can put in his input Michele . Hey tree man here what's going on bitches . It's been five months since I've gotten into a newsletter now my secretary is doing it I bet you all miss me don't you. Ah come on I know you do. But anyway don't forget the support region 15s bowling for bikers rights at the Biddle bowl . It's a real good time in a lot of fun nobody cares how good of a bowler you are. Keep your eye out and your Michigan Rider for region events we didn't make our flyer in time but our events are in there so hopefully I'll be seeing you and reaching 18 Christmas party and we're going to try to get a corn hole tournament going if all works out well. Well I guess I'm about out of words you're probably saying thank God but anyhow it was good to throw some ink at you guys I know I miss writing to you and my thoughts and prayers are out to the ones that need it really bad right now and I hope everybody else has praying for the ones that need it bad too not just only for our members but for the whole world. If you don't hear from me again for a while everyone have a safe and happy holidays that are coming our way God bless you all ... Tree man.

REGION 19 Oakland County

RC - Pete Kazels

No report this month

REGION 20

RC - Mark Berger

HELLO friends and family,Bus here. Field meet was great lots of fun.

House bill #5370 was past. You should have gotten your new voters card. Check your precincts some have changed.

We would like to welcome new members Justin and Megan to ABATE.

Meeting is at Woody's Tavern last

Sunday of the month at 2pm. Hope to see you there and as always ride safe.

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

RC - Annie Robinson

No report this month

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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 3	Reg 3	Christmas Party - AmVets in Central Lake	Woody: 231 884-2192
Dec 4	Reg 5	Christmas Party	Tiny: 231 923-6906
Dec 10	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting - Chizzies, Carsonville	Marlene: 810 712-1600
Dec 10	Reg 18	Christmas Party	Michelle 734 731-1576
Dec 11	Reg 12	Christmas Party	Dan: 734 512-8055
		2023	
		Bike Nights	
May 17	Reg 3	Blue Pelican - Central Lake - May 17 - Aug 30	
		Events	
Jan 13 - 15		State Seminar - Wyndham Lansing Hotel & Conference Center	Reservations: 517 627-3211
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July 21 - 23	Reg 3	Summer Bash	

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