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ABATE of Michigan Newsletter

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month - Look Twice - Save a Life!



Awareness instructors, Marlene, Pam, Jim and Brian teaching student drivers how to look for motorcycles and how to avoid having accidents involving motorcyclists.

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Our Mission Statement

ABATE of Michigan Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving motorcyclist rights, promoting safe operating practices and raising motorist's awareness of motorcycles in Michigan.

Vision: ABATE of Michigan Inc. will work diligently to increase the penalties to anyone who injures or causes a fatality to a motorcyclist or their passenger and will work with other organizations in order to preserve the universal right to a safe, unrestricted motorcycling environment on a state and national level.

ABATE of Michigan, Inc. will expand into other areas, grow in membership and work with other organizations.

ABATE is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the overall rights and promoting the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists.



The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

Hope everyone is ready for riding season. May is motorcycle awareness month. We are encouraging every region to go out and do something for awareness this month. Whether it be standing in a parking lot with signs or participating in a parade or any other way that we can get peoples attention to start looking out for motorcycles. Every region that participates please send a picture of your event to Woody and at the field meet there will be a trophy awarded to one of the regions.

We now have a new RC for region 19!!! Thanks for stepping up Bill Stewart. If anyone is available it would be nice to see a bunch of people go to the meetings and support Bill and region 19. If you are a member of ABATE it will really be in your best interest to attend a region meeting. Its really where you can get the most information about what's going on in our state. Whether its information on the insurance issue or information about the

dreaded helmet laws that always manage to rear their ugly head almost once a year. You need to make the most out of your membership. You can attend any regions meeting. You aren't locked into the region you live in. If you want to continue to ride free and without having to worry about what will happen to you financially if you are unfortunate enough to be involved in an accident you need to attend a meeting somewhere in the state. We need your help isn't that why you joined this great organization?



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Until next time stay safe ride alot.
Gary



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.

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TICKETS**



2024 Indian Chieftain

OR



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Drawing: Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 8:00 P.M.

Place: Harley Davidson Shop, 8080 Matthews Hwy, Tecumseh, MI 49286



MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

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Please send your ticket stubs to:
ABATE of Michigan Bike Raffle
P.O. Box 1354
Monroe Mi. 48161

Questions? Call:
Sherri Lecurgo - 734 693-0080

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



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

Spring has sprung! I know that because one day I ride my bike, the next day I shovel snow. So I know its spring in Michigan.

I know I have mentioned a couple of the RC's that have stepped up in the dormant Regions but I am going to mention all the RC's that have taken over the position, both elected RC's, and those that have stepped up in the dormant regions, in the last 3 months.

Region 2 Travis Graham, Region 3 Van Dunson, Region 4 Dave Etherton, Region 5 Cindy Gizmo Meloche, Region 13 Dan Kenzie, Region 15 Bobby Prine, Region 19 Bill Stewart, and Region 21 Craig A Brown. I want to thank you all for giving a shit and taking time out of your lives to do what you feel is the right thing to do. If we don't protect our right to ride, we will not only lose that right, the powers that be will be going after our other rights. Thanks to all the RC's, and members of ABATE who work hard to keep our freedoms in place. I know it ain't easy, and sometimes its a thankless job but we do what needs to be done. I would suggest if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, to attend one and see whats going on. Riding season is upon us so that's an excuse to go for a ride an attend a meeting. I am sure some of the new RC's would welcome any kind of help or assistance you can offer to make their Region the best!

A quick reminder about the free 3500 ADD Insurance. The day you become an ABATE Member you have the insurance. You don't have to sign the enclosed card. If you sign the card and mail it in, you will be contacted to see if you are interested in purchasing any more of AIL's insurance products. If you are interested in checking out more of their products, sign the card and mail it in. If you do not want more insurance, throw the card in the trash. You will still have the 3500 free ADD insurance. We have had a good relationship with AIL over the past 10 years. They have paid out over 100K to ABATE of Michigan families. If you any issues with the insurance, call me and I will take care of it. ABATE makes 0.00 dollars with

this program We offer it as a benefit of being an ABATE member. The MRF and numerous other State ABATE's offer this program as well.

Eight states intend to ban internal



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combustion engines by 2035, with more states expected to follow. If this concerns you, I found one EV bike called an Evoke that has a claimed range of 410 miles. It will set you back 25K which is a pretty good deal based on its range and performance. With a fast charger it will charge in 30 minutes. If you charge it at home it will take 12 hours. Most EV bikes have a range between 100 to 150 miles and a higher price. If you don't want to pay big bucks for an EV bike, join the MRF, email your representative and tell them your concerns. We cant sit on our ass and hope things will go our way. Now more than ever it's important all motorcyclists work together for our common goals. That's the only way we can stop all impending and proposed legislation to legislate us into extinction. In case you have forgot, the EPA will require all 67% of all new cars in 7 -1/2 years to be electric.

The ability to get you motorcycle repaired is getting more difficult if your bike is more than 10 years old. Harley stopped production of carburetor bikes in 2007 and will no longer adjust your carburetor. The same holds true with your older fuel injected bike. Harley will no longer tune your fuel injected bike and no longer supplies ECU's under threat of fines from the EPA. Aftermarket suppliers are restricted on sales of injection modules as well. All this in the name of cleaner air. The problem is that the EPA refuses to list an

emission standard for dealers and aftermarket suppliers so they can build the components that would comply with EPA emissions. It is going to get harder and harder to get parts and have the ability to get your bike repaired in the near future unless we make our voices heard. Contact your US Senator or Congressman and let them know you want the ability to maintain your motorcycle!

E15 has expanded by the EPA to year round sales in 8 Midwestern states starting in 2025. Prior to this ruling E15 could only be sold between the months of June 1st and September 15th. The EPA said this ruling will help with potential supply disruptions due to the war in Ukraine. ABATE of Michigan is currently working on a program tailored after ABATE of Indiana's BAG program; Biker Approved Gas. If a gas station sells the correct fuel for your motorcycle, we would give them a sticker and promote them in the Michigan Rider and on the website. This would let motorcyclists know where they can get the correct fuel for their bike, and keep them from violating federal law by mis-fueling their bike with E15. Make sure

you put the proper fuel in your bike! Be aware! Our own Congressman Tim Walberg, has become Chair of the Motorcycle Caucus Committee. He is a life member of the AMA and ABATE of Michigan. We are lucky to have him as an advocate for motorcycle rights.

As you may have heard, after decades of trying to change the mandatory helmet law, Nebraska is now a free choice state for those over 21. I love it when we the people get to make our own decisions!

We are looking for Regional Donations for the Field Meet to help offset the cost. If your region can afford to donate, details are in the Michigan Rider and the website.

As May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, lets do all we can to get the word out to, "Look for Motorcycles,"

Awareness donations this month are from Sal Consiglio, Nick Bosanac, and Frank Drake. Life members are Bill Stewart.

Ride defensively and smart!
Eric.

**WELCOME
NEW & RETURNING
ABATE OF
MICHIGAN
MEMBERS**

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GREGORY ALEXANDER
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JON KNOX
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Call Eric: 269 435-2058
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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 motorecycling without discrimination.

To join and support the MCOCC contact Trash at:

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Visit us on the web Clubs\$100/year

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Metal membership cards.
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\$5.00 each
Contact Sally: 734 972-7134
or Eric: 269 435-2058 to place your order.



State Events - Pam Fischer

The State Events Committee has been coming together with great ideas for this year's Field Meet and we are getting it done!

Silent Auction and Live Auction items are needed, if you are riding and cannot carry them, get with someone in your region or around your region to help get your stuff there.

Make sure you visit the Vendor area and the ABATE products trailer.

There will be a Board Meeting either Saturday morning or Sunday morning. There will be bike games and a bike show on Saturday afternoon. Along with other activities. The Itinerary for the weekend will be available at the gate when you check in.

We are all proud to be Americans, and we are all free to show our patriotism. Because of some issues at the Campground with other groups, they have asked us not to have Political flags, signs and the like. So waive your American Flag, wear your red, white and blue show your pride in this great country!

This Field Meet is shaping up to be a great time for all.

Please contact Eric Eads to purchase your Field Meet tickets.

Pam Fischer
Chairperson State Events



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BECOME A LEGISLATIVE SUPPORTER

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

Name: _____

Membership ID: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Make check payable to:
ABATE of Michigan, Inc
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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

6 REASONS WHY YOU NEED TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS WHEN DRIVING

Year round, bumper stickers and billboards encourage us to watch out for motorcycles on the road. And with good reason! Motorcycles are a high-risk category of vehicles, and accidents can be fatal. As Spring and Summer approach, it's even more important to be aware of motorcyclists on the road. And here's why.

1. THEY'RE EASIER TO HIT.

Motorcycles are some of the most vulnerable drivers on the road. By the nature of their choice of vehicle, motorcycles are smaller and easier to miss. They move quickly and can blend into the pavement, so they're at a much higher risk for being in an accident.

2. CRASHES ARE OFTEN FATAL.

Accidents on motorcycles are more likely to be fatal for the rider. Without the protection of air bags or bodywork, collisions almost never occur without causing injury to the rider.

3. CARS ARE USUALLY THE ONES IN THE WRONG.

More likely than not, if there's an accident between a motorcycle and a vehicle, it's typically the driver who made the mistake. Motorcycles are harder to see than other cars, and their size makes it easy to be surprised by them. When you check your blind spots, you're unconsciously looking for cars, not bikes. Remember that when you're driving near a motorcycle, you're more likely to make a mistake than the rider is, so be careful.

4. IT'S HARD TO TELL HOW FAST THEY'RE GOING.

It's easy to misjudge the distance of an oncoming motorcycle. If you're turning left, you may assume that the motorcycle coming toward you from the other direction is going slow enough that you can clear the intersection, but motorcycles are much faster and lighter than cars, so your mental calculation for the distance is likely to be inaccurate. Intersections are a common site of accidents for this reason, be extra cautious when judging distance and speed.

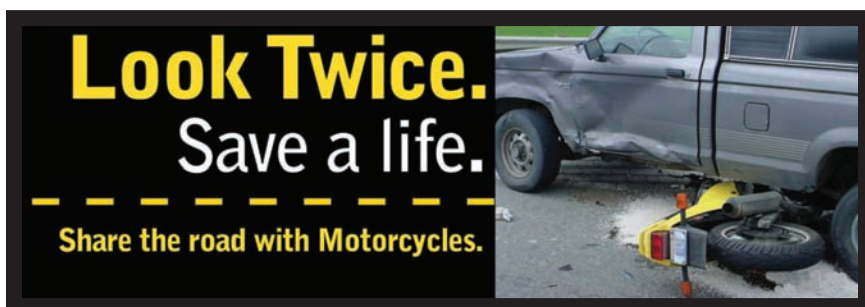
5. MOTORCYCLES CAN BRAKE MUCH FASTER.

Because they weigh so little, a motorcycle can decelerate much quicker than a car. If you're driving too close to a motorcycle, and the bike brakes quickly you may not be able to react in time. Always leave plenty of following room.

6. IT'S MORE DANGEROUS AT NIGHT.

Like all driving, the risk goes up when there's less light to see by. This is especially true with motorcycles, which often only have one headlight. For drivers used to seeing two lights, you may overlook a single headlight or mistake it for part of the landscape. Be double alert for motorcycles on the road when it's dark out.

The next time you hit the road, keep your head up and remain alert for motorcycles on the road, and remember to increase your following room when you're driving behind one. Stay safe, and drive carefully! *Written by Big Al.*





Awareness - Leroy Cuykendall - Big Sexy

Hello ABATE of Michigan, to my brothers and sisters. I want to remind you guys that motorcycles are coming out and this is Motorcycle Awareness month. A reminder to also watch out for the grass clippings on the roadways.

Don't forget to pick up your "Look Twice – Save a Life" signs at your meetings and if you need any more signs, give me a call, also when you're selling your bike tickets, please make sure you bring your signs too.

If you know anybody that can get a sound bite for a radio station it could help promote our

Awareness Month running thru the month of May.

Make sure you wear the proper gear, look out for all the motorcycles & LOOK twice!!

It's Awareness month 2024, please drive safe and have fun!!



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ABATE yard signs can be purchased using the AWARENESS Sign form on line:
<https://www.abateofmichigan.org/forms---links.html>



Scan me

Members of ABATE of Michigan, Inc. volunteer their time by teaching students in driver education classes how to be aware of motorcyclists on the road.

Your donation will go toward classroom & printed materials to help increase public awareness and safety of all motorcyclists



BECOME AN AWARENESS SUPPORTER

Do you want to show your support for our Awareness Program? If you do, please fill out this form and send your check (made out to ABATE of Michigan) to: ABATE of Michigan, P.O. Box 99 Constantine, Mi 49042. Your contribution will assure that we can continue teaching new car drivers to look out for motorcycles. The cost is \$100 per person or business. You will receive the patch shown and your name will be listed in the newsletter. There will be a year rocker that will be given to you for every year that you contribute.

Name/Business _____

Membership ID _____ Phone No.: _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____



ABATE OF MICHIGAN FIELD MEET 2024 JUNE 21, 22, 23



15247 Trowbridge Road, Wolverine, MI 49799

Advanced Ticket Prices Available

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

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

**ABATE MEMBERS
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YOU MAY JOIN AT
THE EVENT
*NO CHILDREN
PLEASE!***

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Sponsorship Request 2024 ABATE Field Meet

A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan's state field meet is being held this year at very little cost to the participants. Participants traditionally only pay for the cost of tickets, food and beverage.

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

**The Field Meet will be held – June 21, 22, 23 at
Sturgeon Valley Campground
15274 Trowbridge Road
Wolverine, MI 49799**

**Four levels of sponsorship are available
Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum**

Sponsors will also be recognized at the Saturday evening activities and 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 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 May 1, 2024 be recognized at the event.

Yes, I want to help sponsor the Field Meet. I am enclosing a check for:

\$100.00 Bronze \$250.00 Silver \$500.00 Gold \$1000.00 Platinum
1 free business card ad 1 free ¼ page ad 2 free ¼ page ad

Name _____ Phone _____
(or business)

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Make checks Payable to ABATE of Michigan then Mail to Eric Eads – Secretary of ABATE of Michigan
ABATE of Michigan, Inc., P.O. Box 99, Constantine, MI. 49042-0099
In order to receive recognition, the check must be received by May 1, 2024.



May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. This event spreads safety information about motorcycles on the road. As the weather gets warmer, the number of those driving motorcycles will increase, all drivers on the road must be more aware of their surroundings to prevent accidents.

BE VISIBLE.

Use your headlight day and night so you are easier to see.

GIVE YOURSELF SPACE.

Drive defensively by giving yourself time and distance to account for other motorists' driving.

STAY IN YOUR LANE.

Make sure to remain in your lane. Do not weave in and out of lanes.

WATCH THE WEATHER.

When riding, make sure you have a plan of action if bad weather occurs.

OTHER MOTORISTS

Always LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE.

Before changing lanes, check to make sure you didn't miss a motorcyclist who could have been in your blind spot.

USE CAUTION

When passing or changing lanes, make sure there is enough room to do so.

PAY ATTENTION

Pay attention while driving at night for motorcycles; they are smaller, so they may not be as easy to see as a car.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

When driving behind motorcycles—or any other vehicle ensure you have enough space to stop safely if an accident or problem occurs.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY

Always drive defensively to avoid accidents and account for other drivers' actions.

MAY
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH
Be Part of the Solution

**EVERYDAY
LOOK TWICE
SAFE A LIFE!**

**SAFETY IS
EVERYONE'S
RESPONSIBILITY!**



Operations Officer - Dave "Woody" Berg

As I look out on this rainy dreary morning, I see a lot of birds pecking around. The grass is getting greener and for the most part the air is warmer. Spring is here!!

I have been looking at the events that are scheduled and wow it's amazing how many different events are scheduled. Knowing we can't make every event there are definitely some choices out there.

The situation on the Legislative side is so very uncertain and changes frequently I am thankful for our Legislative Team and their efforts to keep us in the loop.

With that we all share information in the effort to educate the public as to our current fight for freedom and reform.

May Awareness month - a majority of our regions have set in motion 1 or more events to celebrate awareness month. So let's do what we can to support our Regions.

I wanted to thank all of our ABATE family for everything you do for the organization. Without you and your efforts this organization would not exist.

Keep your knees in the breeze and ride free.

David Woody Berg



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Explore our ABATE of Michigan website at: www.abateofmichigan.org for information including: Region Event Flyers, Bike nights, RC/Region meeting info, Board and Officer contact info, Officer articles, Forms, Classified, ABATE Supporter ads, our monthly Michigan Rider Newsletters, Chain of Events calendar, Document downloads, Maps, Bylaws, Products, MRF, State Events, Legislative updates, Membership forms and online renewal....everything you need!



We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ABATEOFMICHIGAN>

Awareness... **LOOK TWICE & SAVE A LIFE** **BECOME AN AWARENESS SUPPORTER**

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Membership ID _____ Phone No.: _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____



Region Coordinators & Meeting Info

Region 1

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.

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

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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

2nd Meeting second
Sunday of each month
2PM

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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

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Meetings: First
Wednesday of every
month

Chicky's Paradise
downtown Almont
between speedway and
Dollar General we start
at 7:00 pm.

Last Wednesday of every
month

Total Sports Production
drive Harrison Township
next to (I 94) we start at
7:00 pm.

Region 12

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Meetings: 1st Sunday of
the month 1pm

Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13

Dan "Dano" Kenzie

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Meetings: 1st Sun 12
noon

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Region 14

Shiny Bob

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Meetings: Saline

4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American Legion
Post 322

Region 15

Bobby Prine

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Meetings: 3rd Sunday
3:00 pm

VFW POST 9568

39270

W. Huron River Dr,
Romulus

Region 16

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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Region 18

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Meetings: 1st
Sunday of the month @
2pm

Vetrans Hall

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Maybee 48159

Region 19

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Meetings: 1st Tues
7:00pm

The Shark Club

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Waterford 48327

Region 20

Mark Berger

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Meetings: Last Sun of
month 2pm

Region 21

Craig A. Brown

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Region Reports



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

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REGION 2 Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac RC - Travis Graham

We are having our first meeting Sunday April 14th at 1 pm. Address is 9920 S North Hulbert Rd. Hulbert, MI. 49748. The Hulbert House Bed and Breakfast. We will be serving lunch. Bring your own beverages. Hope to see a bunch of you then.. Be safe all.

Travis Graham RC

Operations Officer

Dave “Woody” Berg

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

Region 3, April 2024 Meeting Report
RC: Van Dunson

Meeting was called to order by Van at 18:33. Van led the pledge, recited by all followed by a moment of silence.

It was brought to our attention that a few of our members were in the hospital and another family was in need of prayers for a very ill family member.

Mark read last months minutes. Motion by Gina to approve, second by Karen. Discussed and motion carried.

Treasurers report was presented by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Karen second by Denise. Discussed and motion carried.

Our legislative girl Anita was absent. It was mentioned that Ed "Bear" had posted a few articles to the Facebook pages of Abate of Michigan and Abate Region 3. He stated

that the legislators were on a break. He got some info from AMA and it was stated that by the year 2032 that 68% of the vehicles will be electric. Woody was absent so no update from MRF.

AC Ken had nothing to report.

AC Kortnee had nothing to report.

AC Patricia - said that she is working on giving out bumper stickers to law enforcement.

Papa Smurf is in the warm weather..and will be home soon.

Karen stated that it was a great time at the Cadillac Swap Meet. There were several people interested in joining Abate. We spoke of the ride to the Manistee Combat Vets, and Rolling Thunder. Gina and Karen were invited to the Northern Knights in Petoskey and Karen spoke with the president of the Rapid City Iron Coffins. Gina and Karen are working on events and places to set up an awareness booth this summer. We will be at the Carquest corner for the Trout Festival parade. Manistee Road Commission called and I will pick up the sign permits tomorrow.

Products - Gina has nothing new at this time but stated that she sold several yard signs and flags at the swap meet. She also stated that Ann Marie sold some raffle tickets and that Van might have sold 1 but that's only because he wouldn't dance.

Denise has been trying to

reach out to members whose membership has expired.

Safety blip from Paul...Be aware of sand and gravel at stops signs. It can be like ice. Thanks Paul.

Party Committee: looks like the party will be in Wolverine. More to follow next month. Mark is also wanting to step down from being the party chair and it looking for someone to take over. Get with Mark.

2024 T-shirt design has been chosen.

Bike nights for Fallen Timbers starts on Monday May 13, 2024. There is no bike night on Memorial day. Wednesday May 15, 2024 is the first bike night at the The Blue Pelican Side Door. Bike nights start at 18:30 hrs and happen rain or shine. Hope to see you all at one of them.

Mackinaw Rally - June 7-9 There are several camping areas.

Field meet - June 21-23. Ann Marie has early bird tickets. Get them by May 1st.

If you want bike raffle tickets get with Ann Marie.

Motion by Gina K. second by Denise to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 19:15 hrs.

REGION 4 - Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Ilse, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena
RC - Dave Etherton

Hello everyone we had a fantastic first meeting. There were multiple guest speakers including Butch Brown our vice president. We also had Ed Bear our state legislative officer talk about P.I.P insurance and how they are also trying to get helmets back on us. We have sent out proclamations to all 7 counties in our region and will be sending proclamations to townships next. There is a total of 90 townships in our region. We will be at some up coming events including the Onaway speedway big rig challenge may 26-28th, we will also be at the mackinaw motorcycle rally June 12th -14th then we will be at the field meet June 21st -23rd we hope to see everyone's smiling faces at our next meeting April 21st from 1:30-2:30 at

REGION 5 - Mason, Lake, Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo
RC - Cindy "Gizmo" Meloche

The meeting opened with the Pledge and a prayer lead by Steve Turner.

---MEMBERSHIP BASH --- May 4th, 2024

Public Welcome, and Family Friendly Noon to 5pm.

We are having a Group Ride before the Bash.

Registration between 10-11am with Kickstands up at 11am. At the Hometown Pharmacy on Whitehall Rd N. Muskegon will be returning to The Dirty Dog around 2pm.

There will be Food, Games, an Auction. Fun time with Good People.

Mark your Calendars for Pizza & Pop in Lansing on Oct. 2nd.

Blessing of the Bike is May 17th – 19th – We will be having a booth set up handing out information.

On May 18th, some of us members will be joining Jerry Welcome on escorting the VA bus from the VA home to Sippy Flats and from Sippy Flats to Baldwin. Everyone is welcome and if you have any questions or are interested in joining us, please feel free to reach out to Dan "Tiny" Patterson. He will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Happy Birthday to All the May birthdays out there.

Prayers an thoughts go out to the family of Kyle Winchel.

LOOK TWICE N SAVE A LIFE.

Angela Tickle

Region 5 Secretary

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

Hello everyone.

Well it looks like Spring is here.

Won't be long for those hot summer nights, bon fires, grilling out and hanging out with our friends. Come on up, over or down

and spend some time with region 6.

We have a couple of folks we need to keep positive vibes going for.

Rick Lawrence, David Berg and Danny Brown. You guys get healthy so we can pick on you. I'll be calling and checking up on you all.

Region 6 sent Danny a get well card. If there is anyone we need to send a card to let me know.

Mother's Day is at Midland County Fairgrounds for Bubbas awesome swap meet. We will need gate keepers and table workers.

Check out our flyer in this Rider for our Awareness ride starting and ending at Baileys. We will have a blessing of the bikes to start our summer off. Food truck will be available from the Taste of Bay City. They were delicious last time and I'm sure they will be again. Jerry Soto has a great ride planned and I'm thinking of a scavenger hunt. Thoughts??? Let me know via FB.

We need to sell bike tickets at all events. Let me know if there is some place you want to sell them

And we will set up the awning and tables.

Freedom Rally flyer will be posted soon. Watch for it on Facebook and the Rider. It's important that we all attend if possible.

Thanks to Cricket for

keeping us updated on important legislative and MRF news.

Couple of reminders.

1. We will be decorating motorcycles and golf carts at the field meet. Bring it and have fun doing it

2. Campsites will be in a decorating contest too. Ann Marie Dunson what will u do this year. Can't wait!!!

3. Please have your region donate to the silent or live auction to be held on Saturday afternoon

4. If a region would each donate maybe \$100 that would pay for our two marvelous bands for Friday (TC Knuckleheads) and Saturday (Exit 282). We all know they r some of the best in Michigan and they give us a great time to dance, dance, dance.

This would go toward your Rocker for your Region Flag. Woot woot.

5. Golf carts are still available to rent

4 seater \$115

2 seater \$95

We will just need your homeowners policy number and your signature

And yes you can decorate them.

6. Friday and Saturday are first come first serve for campsites BUT you can come on Thursday pay extra for that night, set up and

watch the others come in on Friday

I have pre sale tickets available at our meetings

7. We will need help setting up tents, tables and chairs.

8. Dollar a beer, I mean come on where can you go for that price

9. Rusty Dogz will be there with some good food as always and you can say hey thanks for becoming the RC for region 4. Thanks for giving a shit

10. Woody has been working hard to get us some great vendors so go shopping

11. 50/50 both nights. You could win some cash to spend at the auctions

12. The most important thing this is a fun weekend to enjoy yourself, to hang out with other members that you only see a few times a year, to enjoy the nighttime entertainment, to see and meet our board members in a fun environment (yes we do have fun) well not me so much I'm sorta shy!!!

So I hope to see you all there

If you have questions please contact me or Pam Fischer

The flyer is in the rider but I will be doing reminders on here till I leave on the Wednesday before the meet. Yes I go that early, just so I can to be there to see you all.

Let the wind be in your hair, the sun be on your face and your favorite person in front

of you or behind you or beside you as we go into the riding season

Peace - Merry.

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

Meeting April 7, 2024

Meeting called to order at 2:08 pm
Pledge, moment of silence for our troops, and opening prayer by Paul Melcher.
Secretary Report -Reading of minutes from March meeting – motion to accepted as read by Bob Betson/support Wes Naracon.
Treasurers Report – Shelby Roby reported income from bike ticket sales/no expenses through end of March. The MRF Spaghetti Dinner event April 6th, had a fair turnout with 71 dinners purchased.
Signed up new Member Ken Slotman. Motion to accept Treasurers report by Paul Melcher/ support Wes Naracon.
Awareness Report – Marlene Krause has class in Bad Axe on April 8th for 11 students.
Legislative Report – Butch Brown reported legislature not in session. We are still concerned with the helmet law amendment being overturned – watching this issue.
Old Business: Pass Book update by Bob Betson. Books are ready to being distributed to the establishments and we also are providing a flyer to be posted at each establishment.
Members can purchase a pass book from any establishment in the pass book.
Summer Camp Out at Lucky Thumb Racetrack Update – event set for June 28-29-30.
Follow up meeting for this event April 7th after regular meeting. Committee Chair Paul & Deb Melcher.
New Business: Tim Polk on May 20th-21st will be attending Bikers-In-The Beltway in Washington DC.
Events Update/Reminder
April 24th at 5pm – Trash Pickup dinner will be provided.
May 12th Awareness Ride from Evergreen Park/ Meeting at Blue Water Inn after.
June 1st Rest in Peace Ride & Meeting – 12 noon at Evergreen Park Front Pavilion. Paul Melcher blessing of the bikes/ride route. Meal preparation Rob & Deb Sutherland. Hot Dogs and water provided by Danny and Jan Brown.
Meeting at 2pm.
June 12th – Freedom Rally in Lansing.

June 21-22-23 State Field Meeting at Sturgeon Valley Camp ground, Wolverine MI.
July 7th meeting at Evergreen Park 2pm – schedule possible region ride after meeting.
July 13th Shoot & Scoot Farmers Tavern at Ruth 10am start.

Motion To Adjourn Meeting by Leroy/support Ray.

Don't forget to check out our Flyers and other region flyers in the Rider and on the ABATE website! There's a lot happening around the state this summer!! Don't forget to do a GOOD safety inspection on your bike BEFORE you ride!! Until next month, Ride Safe!!
Tim.

**REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry
RC - Robert "X" Meloche**

Beginning with our March meeting, Region 8 has begun hosting local politicians and candidates in an effort to build relationships on this level. After giving the platform to three candidates (US House, US Senate, Michigan House) in March, we will open the floor to a challenger for the position of Allegan County Sheriff, and Allegan County Prosecutor. In addition to this we have released the information for our group ride to the Gilmore Museum's "Vintage Motorcycle Weekend". JOIN US if you have any interested in either a nice ride, or seeing motorcycle history in person.

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

I hope everyone got a ride in during the couple of days when the temperature was tolerable. The eclipse was a nice addition to the Monday ride.
Again, I don't know of much that's happening legislative-wise in the state, it seems like everybody is campaigning and not much else. On the federal front, Right to Repair is being worked on. An interesting article by Bob Kay, Chairman of the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket was published by the MRF, It outlines the need to have the tools to do repairs and the legislation to insure we have those tools.
News from California is to put speed limiting programs in all new vehicles so that vehicles

not be driven more than 10 mph over the posted speed limit. This bill is being backed by the Road to Zero Coalition. That's all for now, Ride safe , Ride often.
Nick
Region 9 R.C.

**REGION 10 - Gratiot,
Saginaw
RC - Vern Shock**

April 7, 2024

-Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.
-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
-Finance report was given.
-No minutes were given this month.
-MRF and Legislative update was given.
-Region 6 RC and some members joined us.
-No Fault Insurance laws update, and discussion was given.
-Field Meet Update. Motion to contribute \$100 towards event bands, support, motion carried.
-**Committee members for July 13th run and End of Summer ride September 7th, are needed.** Contact Vern if you can help.
-Spring Fling is May 11. Mark your calendars and look at Region 10 Facebook for details.
-Region 10 will be participating in the Highland Festival, May 25th, again this year. Candy donations are requested to be brought to the next meeting.
-New Region 10 products are coming soon. Go to Region 10 Facebook page to place an order.
-It was announced that the Region 10 membership drive has begun, ending on September 1st. Please share

what ABATE is about and bring anyone interested to the next meeting.
-The Aaron & Nora Painter benefit ride was shared with the group. Aaron lost his significant other, pets and house to fire. Proceeds go to Aaron and family. The ride is June 29th. Registration begins at 10am at Ghost Town in Elwell. Kickstands up at 11am.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.
Next meeting May 5th at Ghost Town Saloon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

**REGION 11 - Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb
RC- Richard "Magilla" Snooks**

During the month of May because it is Motorcycle Awareness Month Region 11 puts up our Motorcycle Awareness Signs. These are in ten locations in Lapeer Macomb and St. Clair counties. If you have the time to help we start at the Belle Tire North of Masonic on Gratiot Ave meet up at 10:00 am Sunday May 5th. There is a reason we are doing it that weekend in stead of the last weekend in April. April 27th the last Saturday in is the Macomb Gun Show 9 am to 5 pm we have a booth to promote ABATE. Then the 28th the last Sunday of April is American Legion Post 4 Blessing of the Bikes Noon to 4:00 pm, Again a booth to promote ABATE. We also have our Look Twice Save a Life billboards in four locations that start in May until the end of May. Summer Tour 2024 has

started books are in the establishments that support ABATE of Michigan Region 11 and Region 7. Get your book join in the fun while supporting those that support us.

Come to a meeting so you can learn the details and help in our fights. First Wednesday of every month in Almont at Chicky's Paradise 133 N Main ST. 48003. Between the Speedway and Dollar General West Side of Vandyke. Last Wednesday of every month upstairs at Total Sports & Entertainment 40501 Production Dr., Harrison Twp. 48045. You can see Total Sports from I-94 looking East. Both meetings start at 7:00 pm. Get to the meeting to learn what ABATE is doing for you in Michigan. Learn how easy it is for YOU to help ABATE make sure we keep riding in Michigan.

Ride Free, Ride Sober, Ride Safe.
Watch out for those not Watching Out for YOU.
Rich Snooks.

**REGION 12 - VanBuren,
Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass,
Joseph
RC - Dan Dan**

Sunday April 7th,

Linda started the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan started the meeting off with a recap of last month's meeting notes.

Eric with Memberships - For the summer, we are going to the Paw Paw Eagles at 63237 M-40 Lawton, MI 49065 on

their Wednesday Night Bike Nights starting May 15th. Spread the word. If you sign up to be a new members or renew your lapsed membership on those nights, you (being new or newly renewed) will get a chance to get a silver 1 oz coin. You do not have to be a member of the Eagles to participate.

If you are interested in helping out on Wednesdays, you can offer to volunteer for the Paw Paw Eagles staff or help sell Abate supplies and sell Bike Raffle tickets.

This year's Pizza and Pop will be October 2nd. It is at the House Office building in the Michigan Room. The building is next to City Hall. In Lansing 10 am to 2 pm.

The Freedom Rally is scheduled for a day in June, to be determined yet. It is at the White House on the east side, by the front steps. Meeting starts 12pm in Lansing.

No MRF Report this month.

Joy with Treasury Report - We are sitting well for our region. We have the Centerville Swap Meet in May 19th, another way to earn some money by selling signs, Bike Raffle tickets and gain new members.

Joy with Awareness Report - At the Kalamazoo Swap Meet at Wings was a successful day. Lots of yard signs sold, 60 Bike Raffle tickets sold, and lots of talking to people.

Melissa with the Road Captain Report - Poker Run is coming up fast. We need sponsors for the day and also door prizes donated for everyone. If we have non-ABATE members come to the ride, we will also make them an official ABATE member with the Poker Run entry fee. Food is included and we are still working on the full details, but it will be great!

Gary with Legislative Report - May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Keep an eye open for gas stations that offer E10 or other gasoline for motorcycles that are the most efficient mileage and operation for our bikes. We want to see if they will agree to let us "approve" their station by ABATE fuel standards.

Bikers in the Beltway is in Washington D.C.

and it's the 15th annual meeting this year. Dates are May 20th and May 21st. Gary K. and Jinx will be there.

Joylynn with Events - We had a great turn out for our annual bowling event. We had over 40 people show up and support us that day. If you have ideas for future events, let me know!

Next meeting, May 5th, we are bringing food to have a Cinco de Mayo celebration during our meeting. Bring a dish to pass that is a great compliment to Mexican, like tacos (on the list).

Region 12 is raffling off silver coins that will be drawn at the Field Meet. You do not need to be present. You get four coins and tickets are \$5 each.

We did a 50/50 raffle and Gary won the jackpot. We also drew for a Bike Raffle Ticket and Linda won.

The winner of the incentive drawing would have went to Rob W. if he was present. He was not. It only takes a dollar to show up and get a chance to win every month during our meeting.

Joylynn motioned to close and Dan seconded it.

Thank you, Joylynn Wojciehowski.

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

Hello Region, 13!

What a great meeting! As always, we kicked it off with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Secretary recapped the minutes from the last meeting, and they were accepted.

Treasurer gave a favorable report as always great job Sassy!

Legislative officer Herb let us know what is happening in Lansing which at this point is not much but that doesn't mean that we are taking a break. He reminded us that we are shifting gears right now to try to get a study done of why we are not seeing some stiffer penalties for people that kill bikers. Seems that a lot of them are getting off with the old proverbial slap on the wrist and we are quite possibly being seen as second-rate citizens. Well, I don't know about you,

but I find this completely unacceptable. If you have been riding for anytime at all you probably know someone that has been killed on his or her scooter. This study affects all of us so, I will repeat this once again. If you know someone that has been in a crash, please get as much information as you can on the whole process and get it to your R/C or LO. Also, Little iceman, Jinx and I attended a speaking event of Michael Hoover who is running for Debbie Stabenow seat. We also attended a town hall meeting with Representative Walburg. Both individuals are behind us. As a matter of fact, Wahlberg has taken the co-chair of the Motorcycle caucus in Washington. On the MRF front jinx brought us up to date on the happenings in DC. Seems there is a company called Waygo that specializes in self-driving cars. The only problem, from what we understand, is they have hit a couple of buses. Now if they cannot see a bus how will they see us? Also, on the MRF front there is a call to action on the CARS bill. See the MRF website for more information on that but I can tell you that the cars program is something that we all need to get behind. On the events front We have the PAC run Date set and the flyer for that is in the rider. So hope to see lots on the run to support the PAC. We have also decided to bring the regional run back, but still have a couple of bugs to work out on that. I hope to have that all set by next month. If all goes as planned then both runs

will be great! Still trying to get the monthly dinner ride going, there were no suggestions in the hat this meeting. Maybe next one. It's starting to get warmer out so here are some upcoming events
April. 20th Jackson blessing of the Bikes.
Also on the 20th we have the CMA chili cook off always a good time! Flyer is also available on Facebook.
April 27th - Vermontville maple syrup festival. If you've been you know, if you haven't you need to go!
May 5th Region 13 meeting
May 18th CMA blessing of the bikes Jackson.
May 20th-21st Bikers in the Beltway.
May 25th - 27th Hudson leather memorial day event.
Lots of other regional events also, make sure you check the events calendar!
On the awareness front Buttons asked to purchase 20-yard signs and we were ok'd for 30! Have some things in the works for them More to come on that!
In the Area Co-Ordinator Jinx is working on the proclamations. Sounds positive Our Road Capt. Bumper Reminded us all now is the time for fluid changes and to give the bikes a good going over. It's better to find a problem in the garage than out on the road.
Welcome our new member Sean "general Lee" Lee!
Well that's all for this month! Stay tuned for those updates!
Ride Safe
Dano

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob
Meeting Minutes
Date: March 24, 2024

Eric Nelson Sergeant of Arms: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Eric Nelson and moment of silence for personal intentions spoken and unspoken.
Meeting start time: 4:16pm
Meeting end time: 5:30pm
Amos/Secretary report: February's meeting minutes submitted to Silla February 25, 2024.
All minutes are available to members for review at each meeting and are available in the Rider.
March Birthdays: None
Field Meet - Single price is \$15.00 and Couple price is \$25.00 and make sure to note their names on the returning portion of the ticket.
Pre-sale tickets are due back to Pam Fisher by May 1st, 2024.
Sent an email to Livingston Leather February 26, 2024, to see if our region could sell bike tickets at their establishment. No response back.
Saline Rotary – Amos will stop in on their March 28th Thursday meeting to schedule a date for an ABATE presentation.
Amos Social-Media – Region 14 Current Facebook page now has over 300 Followers. Posted Bike Show Flyer on the Saline community page and we had over 800 views of the flyer. Posting our event flyers in these groups: Saline Post, Saline Community, Milan Community, Belleville Community, We Ride

Michigan Bike Life, Michigan Motorcycle Ride Info and Local Biker Events.com.
1st Motion to Accept Secretary report: Bob Kenyon
2nd Motion to Accept Secretary report: Dawn Kenyon
Sally/Treasurer's report:
Sally presented the treasurer's report to members.
Sally presented a motion on region 14 Bike ticket sales at the Fowlerville Fair May 4, 2024. Region 14 will rent a table at this event. All members present in agreement of motion.
1st Motion to Accept Fowlerville Fair Bike ticket sales table: Chef Mark
2nd Motion to Accept Fowlerville Fair Bike ticket sales table: SloMo
Sally reminded members Woodstock is currently in charge of region 14's products and you can also call Sally or order products online.
1st Motion to Accept Treasurer's report: Amos
2nd Motion to Accept Treasurer's report: Eric Nelson
Shiny Bob:
Iron Saints Bowling event is April 6th and Pinhead has organized a region 14 team.
Region 14 May monthly meeting will be held on May 18th after our Awareness Ride. We will not meet at the Saline American Legion on Sunday May 26th.
Pinhead donated a saddle bag for our Bike Show.
June 21st – June 23rd, 2024, the date for the Field Meet and pre-sale tickets are now available for purchase. Our region run the five Bike games this year and we are looking for volunteers to help orchestrate the games.
Sally will provide plaques for the Bike game winners. Chef Mark will put together our region's liquor wagon for the Field Meet.
Region 14 June monthly meeting will be held on Sunday June 30th instead of Sunday June 23rd. Due to the Field Meet.
Bike raffle tickets are also available. Region 14 members please see me for tickets packs. Drawing on September 28th, 2024, and will be at Tecumseh Harley Davidson. Our region previously committed to helping region eighteen at the event.
Thank you, Bob Kenyon, Dawn Kenyon and Amos for your Bike raffle ticket sales so far.

Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Report:
Ann mentioned to members present, "Not much is going on at the capital the legislators have not been in session."
Ann reviewed with members present this past month's MRF news in Alabama (Helmet Law), Illinois (E15 / E85, LED Lighting and Poker Run license laws) and what is going on in Europe (End of Life vehicle laws and Cybersecurity data regulations).
Ann encouraged members to go to their legislator's coffee hours and community meet ups, to discuss our current motorcycle concerns and ask for their support on our initiatives.

Dawn/Awareness Report:
Dawn mentioned to members present, "The majority of crashes are on city streets and not highways. Weather, road conditions and distance between bikes are important factors."
Dawn also encouraged members to take a riding safety class to enhance their riding skills for new and experienced riders.
May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.
Guest Speaker:
SloMo from CMA reviewed up and coming April events with our membership. The details of events can be found on the Local. Bikerevents.com website.
50/50: Won by Eric Nelson (Your Welcome Eric – Amos)
Dollar Draw: Won by Tina
1st Motion to Close meeting: Tina 2nd Motion: Bob Kenyon
Next Meeting
April 28th, 2024, 4:00pm
Respectfully submitted by: Amy (Amos)
Bachorek Region 14 Secretary.

REGION 15 - Wayne RC - Bobby Prine

Region 15 meeting March 17, 2024
Meeting was started with the pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence for Troops around the world.
Treasury report was given by Johnny with income and expenses for the month.
MRF- END OF LIFE DIRECTIVES
These are already a thing in Europe.
If your bike is too old you turn it in.
Think it can't happen in the US?

They already did a trial run.
They called it "Cash for
Clunkers"
The public loved it!
Events
Looking at Biddle bowl for
November ABATE Region 15.
Planning events with VFW
after this meeting.
Planning bike nights at
JP Cycle to recruit more
members and sell bike raffle
tickets.
Harley bike nights on
Thursdays – Motown H-D,
recruit more members and sell
bike raffle tickets.
New Business
Work towards "Roberts Rules
of Order" for our Region
meetings.
Region 15 still needs a
Sergeant of Arms and a
Products person.

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

No report this month

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

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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**

I'll call to your attention here (just in case you have not heard this yet) to the fact that one of our members (Bill Stewart) has accepted the position of RC for Region 19, that job left vacant about 18 months ago when Pete Kazelas went where ever it was that he did!

None of us has heard anything from Pete for these 18 months and the Region has been struggling without an RC. Now if we can just get some people to fill all the other vacant positions!

I'll send you a text to give you an alert regarding this email.

Hope all is well and that you are finding happiness every day.

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Region 19 LO.

**REGION 20 - Genesee, Shiawassee
RC - Mark Berger**

Due to the Easter holiday we held our meeting a week early.
Regular schedule will resume for April.

We had 1 guest. Mike Hall. Thanks for giving a shit.
On the Legislative side. House Bill 3094 passed. Which means that vehicles produced have to be 50% electric. I urge everyone to contact your Legislator to voice opposition on this Bill.
Harley-Davidson has put their electric bike on hold because of the issues with the batteries.

There is a tentative date for the pizza and pop luncheon in the Michigan room at the House office building, it is now scheduled for Oct. 2nd. 10-2.

On the fun side. Awareness Ride is scheduled for May 4th. Meet at Burger King in Perry. KSU at 12pm. Weather permitting. Rain date will be May 11th.

Dinner ride/meet up is scheduled for May 14th. 5pm at Jade Buffet in Owosso. Any and all are welcome.

Until next time.

Ride safe Bus.

**REGION 21 - Oscoda, Clare, Mecosta, Isabella, Montcalm
RC Craig A. Brown**

No report this month.



CONGRATULATIONS, DONDI VESPRINI
ABATE MEMBER OF THE YEAR



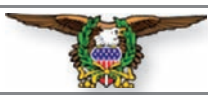
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ABATE REGION 10
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RIDE
SPRING FLING
MAY 11th

STARTS AT:
 FARMERS HOME TAVERN
 HEMLOCK, MI

ENDS AT:
 9445 W. WASHINGTON RD.
 SUMNER, MI

SIGN UPS AT:
 10:00 AM

KICK STANDS UP AT: 11:00 AM

PUBLIC WELCOME!

\$25 COUPLE
 \$15 SINGLE
 NEW SIGN UP MEMBERS RIDE FOR FREE!

MUSIC / 50/50 RAFFLE / BIKE GAMES
 PRIZES & TROPHIES / FOOD AT END OF RIDE / ABATE 10 PRODUCTS / BONFIRE (W/P) / RUSTIC CAMPING

LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE
 MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE

ERIKS MEMORIAL AWARENESS RIDE
 IN MEMORY OF ERIK JOHNSEN AND ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIFE DOING WHAT THEY LOVE

MAY 18, 2024
\$10 PER PERSON
ALL ARE WELCOME

DUAL REGISTRATION SITES

BOB EVANS - 1964 US 31 - TRAVERSE CITY
 REGISTRATION 10am - KICKSTANDS UP AT 11:30

OR

FALLEN TIMBERS - 13901 US 31 - BEULAH
 REGISTRATION 10am - KICKSTANDS UP AT 12:30

BIKE BLESSINGS AT BOTH LOCATIONS



We will ride from Bob Evans to Fallen Timbers. Join with the Fallen Timbers group and all ride to Manistee for the placement of 2 signs. We will return to Fallen Timbers for 1 last sign install. At Fallen Timbers we will draw the poker hands, have a silent auction, food specials and open jukebox.

ANNUAL AWARENESS RUN
ABATE OF MICHIGAN
REGION 6 PUBLIC WELCOME

MAY 18th

SIGN UPS:
 12:00 (NOON)
 KICK STANDS UP: 12:30

\$10.00 A PERSON

STARTS AND ENDS AT
 A.J. BAILEY'S BAR & GRILL
 304 SALZBURG AVE.
 BAY CITY, MI

CASH BAR & FOOD

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Please Join Us For An Awareness Run To Bring The Word To Everyone, Not Just Motorcyclists

A GREAT RIDE PLANNED!

If you have any questions: Mary (734)752-9739



Awareness Ride

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

Start @ City Diner
220 W. Michigan Ave.
Saline, Mi.

Come join us for a group ride
1st stop - lunch on your own

Sign up 10am - 11am
Kekelands up @ 11:30am
Back around 5pm with dinner @ 5:30pm

Two stops
Approx. 100 miles

Ends at Saline American Legion
320 Michigan Ave
Saline, Mi.

Donation of \$15 per person
Includes meal at end
drinks available

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS,
MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

Open to public
50/50 and a Chinese auction
Info: 9111 @ 734-790-7927

Sponsor @ABATE of Michigan

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ABATE of MICHIGAN REGION 7

Rest in Peace Ride



June 1, 2024

Starts at Noon from Evergreen Park Blessing of Bikes

Ride in Memory of past Region 7 Members

Ride returns to Evergreen park for our
monthly meeting.

Hot Dogs & Water Provided

For info contact Danny: 989-325-1432

ABATE of Michigan Region 11's

2nd Annual

Corn Hole Tournament

Saturday June 8th

City Limits Tavern

2410 Conner Street.

Port Huron, 48060

Sign Up starts at 10:00 am

Tournament Starts at 12:00 pm

\$20 Tournament Fee

Teams Assigned at Sign Up

50/50 Raffles, Plus Door Prizes

Donations at the Door Appreciated

Proceeds to Benefit Motorcycle Awareness

Motorcycle Legislation



Bike Show

Saturday June 15, 2024

Saline American Legion 320 W. Michigan Ave Saline

Noon to 4pm

\$10.00 Bike Entry Fee All Makes Models Welcome

Trophies and Raffle Prize Baskets

Including: Flea Market & Swap Meet

\$10.00 Table Rental

Info: Shiny Bob 734-417-1369

Sponsor: ABATE of Michigan Region 14



It's a biker summer campout 2024

Hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan Region 7

Adults Only
Minimum age 18
No ECAs allowed

ENTRY FEE
\$20 per person
\$20 per golf cart

50/50 Raffle

Elder Opportunities
Scavenger Hunt

LIVE MUSIC

Community Event

- No glass bottles
- No fireworks
- No firearms

Gates open Friday At noon

Lucky Thumb Racetrack
7394 Bevans Rd. Deford MI 48729
June 28, 29, 30
Camping Friday and Saturday Night
\$30.00 electric hook up only
no water, or dump station
Campsites are first come first served
Basic tent camping is FREE
No campfires

Saturday Night

For more information contact: Paul Melcher 248-921-4888 or Tim Polk 989-670-9976
Proceeds benefit Region 7 and A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan

ABATE of MICHIGAN - REGION 7

SHOOT & SCOOT

JULY 13th 2024

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

SIGN UP : 10 a.m.
COME EARLY AND ENJOY BREAKFAST
ENTRY FEE : \$10.00
All Proceeds go to ABATE of Michigan

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

COME CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS!

FREE RUSTIC CAMPING!

More Info: Marlene at 810-712-1600

ABATE OF MICHIGAN REGION 11

30th ANNUAL OBSERVATION RUN

Saturday July 20th, 2024

STARTS AT: JJ KNAPP'S TAVERN
67126 Gratiot Richmond, MI 48062

Located on the east side of Gratiot, between 31 Mile & Main St
RIDER EXCLUSIVE BREAKFAST SPECIAL AVAILABLE!

Sign in from 10:30 - 12:00
\$20per Bike, \$25 w/passenger.

Prizes for : Best 3 hands, 50/50 & Door Prizes

For more Information, Please call or text Cowboy at (586)746-4765

Parisville Saloon's

14th Annual Hog Roast & Bike Run
To Benefit ABATE Regions 11 & 7
Motorcycle Awareness & Motorcycle Legislation

Stamp the Thumb Run

WHEN: Saturday, July 27th
\$20 Per Person
11:00am - Sign up Starts
Last Bike in by 5:00pm
Run will get you 4 Stamps for your Book
6:00pm - Dinner *Donated by Poncho Villa Cocina

WHERE: Parisville Saloon
2 Miles North of Atwater Rd. On Parisville Rd.
5495 Priemer Rd. Parisville.
Andrea 989-912-0803 Jose 810-790-6810
FREE Rustic Camping & 30 Amp Electric Hook Up Available



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Ricky D
Memorial Ride
August 3rd, 2024

**We will Start and Finish at
Imlay City Eagles**

-Kickstands up AT Noon-

We will go on a 99 to 100 mile run of
Ricky's Favorite riding Locations.

A \$10 a Person donation will go to
ABATE of Michigan for Motorcycle Awareness
in Rick Dahn's Name



Call Karla Dahn (810) 614-6585 Leave Message

That's a Red Solo Cup
This is a Bonus Stop in Your Summer Tour Book

**ABATE Of Michigan
Region 13**

PAC Run 2024
August 3rd
Proud Vets
7901 Benn Rd

Registration opens at 11:00
kickstands up at 12:00
\$20 for rider \$25 for rider and passenger

ABATE Region Eleven First Annual All You Can Eat Walleye Fish Fry



**August 10th
3:00 – 5:00 PM
4591 CHAMBERLIN
ST. CLAIR COUNTY
EAST CHINA 48054**

**\$25 Donation
Bring Your Own Alcohol**

**Support ABATE of Michigan Region 11
Motorcycle Legislation in Lansing
&
Motorcycle Awareness in Michigan**

Contact Rich Snooks for detailed Information 586.524.6907
This is an ABATE Summer Tour Bonus Stamp

JUST FOR FUN RUN

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 17, 2024**

Starts & Ends at
Saline American Legion
320 Michigan Ave
Saline, MI

Donation \$15 per person
Meal included @ 6pm
Drinks available

REGISTRATION: 10AM – 11:30AM
This is a "Roll the Dice" run

First bike out @ 10:30am
Last bike out @ 11:50am

First bike in @ 5pm
Last bike in @ 6pm

3 stops and approx. 100 miles

Open to the Public

ALL motorcyclists, makes & models
WELCOME

Info: Ann 734-790-7927 Sponsor ABATE of Michigan Region 14

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Region Event Flyers

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 Sunday September 8th
 SIGN IN 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Startup
 CASCADDAN LOUNGE
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 Metamora, 48455

LAST BIKE IN 5:00 pm
 CHICATRIZ
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 Almont, 48003
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Food Served at Five
All Vehicles Welcome Rain or Shine
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Region Bike Nights

SUNDAY IS BIKE DAY!
SPECIALS ALL DAY
AND NIGHT
 Starts May 5th
Chicky's Paradise
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 Almont, MI 48003
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Hours:
 Sun 12 noon to Close

"Home of Booba-Palooza"

North of Main St.
 West side of M53 (Van Dyke)

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 FB for bar Info

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Bike Night
 PUBLIC WELCOME

BLUE PELICAN SIDE DOOR
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Monday nights starting May 13
through August 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
(Except Memorial Day)

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BIKE OF THE NIGHT
FOOD SPECIALS
50/50 RAFFLE
EVERYONE WELCOME



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Any questions
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(231)907-0710



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St. Louis,
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September 26-29, 2024

Hosted by Freedom Of Road Riders Missouri



SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024
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Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

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

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

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PHONE _____	E-MAIL _____	

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Phone 202.546.0983 mrfoffice@mrf.org
www.mrf.org

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Lisa Bennet
 AIL Public Relations
 616 635-7554
lmbennett@ailife.com





Awareness Yard Sign Order Form

ABATE OF MICHIGAN AWARENESS SIGN ORDER FORM

LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE

DATE _____

COUNTY OR REGION _____

OF SIGNS _____ @ \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SHIPPING ADDRESS _____

PLEASE MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

ABATE OF MICHIGAN

6155 SWAN CREEK RD

SAGINAW, MI 48609

All Yard Signs are \$10 each



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CHAIN OF EVENTS

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

Please do not host an event the same day as a Region's Major Event

MRF is highlighted in BLUE* *State Events are highlighted in GOLD

Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY



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Date	Region		Contact
		Bike Nights	
May 5	Reg 11	Sunday - Bike Day - Chick's Paradise	Rich 586 524-6907
May 13 - Aug 26	Reg 3	Fallen Timbers 13901 US 31, Beulah Mi. 49617 - Monday nights - 6:30pm No Bike night on Memorial day.	
May 15		Blue Pelican - Side Door - 2535 Main St. Central Lake Mi. 49622 6:30pm every Wednesday	
		Region Events	
May 2	Reg 11	Foxfire Fixin's Fundraiser	Rich 586 524-6907
May 4	Reg 5	Membership Bash	
May 4	Reg 20	Awareness Ride. KSU 12pm Burger King Perry. Rain date May 11th	
May 11	Reg 10	Spring Fling - Details TBA	
May 12	Reg 7	Awareness Ride & Meeting	Marlene 810 712-1600
May 14	Reg 20	Dinner/meet up Ride - Jade Buffet- Owosso 5pm	
May 18	Reg 3	Erik's Memorial Awareness Ride	Karen 231 499-4099
May 18	Reg 6	Awareness run	Merry 734 652-9739
May 18	Reg 14	Awareness Run	Ann Tobian 734 790-7927
May 20 - 21		Bikers in the Beltway - DC	
May 25	Reg 10	Highland Festival Parade	
June 1	Reg 7	Rest in Peace Ride - Evergreen Park	Danny 989 325-1432
June 8	Reg 11	2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament	Rich 586 524-6907
June 14 - 17	Reg 5	Spring Rodeo	
June 15	Reg 14	Bike Show & Swap Meet	Shiny Bob 734 417-1369

June 21 - 23		Annual State Field Meet	
June 28 - 30	Reg 7	Biker Summer Camp-out	Paul Melcher 248 921-4888
June 29	Reg 12	Poker Run Camp-out @ Jeff & Julies	
July 13	Reg 7	Scoot & Shoot - Free Camping - Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Marlene 810 712-1600
July 13	Reg 10	Poker Run - Details TBA	
July 17 - 21	Reg 5	Bike Time	
July 20	Reg 6	Memorial Run	Merry 734 652-9739
July 20	Reg 11	30th Annual Observation Run	Rich 586 524-6907
July 27	Reg 11	14th Annual Hog Roast Stamp the Thumb	Rich 586 524-6907
Aug 2 - 3	Reg 6	Soto Hacienda	Merry 734 652-9739
Aug 3	Reg 11	6th Annual Ricky D Memorial Ride	Karla 810 614-6585
Aug 3	Reg 13	Annual PAC run	Dano 517 4147-8183
Aug 10	Reg 11	1st Annual AYCE Walleye Fish Fry	Rich 586 524-6907
Aug 11	Reg 5	Family Picnic	
Aug 16 - 18	Reg 12	Indiana ABATE Reg. 1 Summerfest	
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Aug 22	Reg 11	Foxfire Fixin's Fundraiser	Rich 586 524-6907
Aug 23 - 26	Reg 5	Fall Rodeo	
Sept 7	Reg 10	End of Summer Party - Details TBA	
Sept 7	Reg 20	End of Summer/Family picnic. 1pm. Bus and Cupcakes house	
Sept 8	Reg 11	Booba Palooza Tour 2024	Rich 586 524-6907
Sept 26 - 29		Meeting of the Minds - St. Louis Missouri	
Sept 28		Annual Bike Raffle Drawing @ 8am	
Oct 2		Annual Pizza & Pop Luncheon	
Oct 4 - 6	Reg 7	Carved In Stone Weekend - Evergreen Pk	Tim 989 670-9976
Oct 5	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 6	Reg 12	Fall Color Run - TBD	

Oct 12	Reg 10	Possible Color Tour	
Dec 7	Reg 10	Christmas Party @ Ghost Town Saloon	
Dec 8	Reg 5	Christmas Party	
Dec 8	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting - Blue Water Inn	Marlene 810 712-1600
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Dec 20	Reg 12	Christmas Party	

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