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Official Michigan Rider Newsletter

May 2026



Region 10 meeting with new canopy for region events purchased by Vern and Amy.

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***May is Motorcycle
Awareness Month...***



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The 12th of each
month.



The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

Finally, the weather is changing for the better. I'm seeing many more riders going past my house. It's a great sight to see. I put my look twice save a life signs out last week and I hope everyone is out talking to their families about looking twice to save maybe your life.

First things first. I am getting a few questions regarding the cash raffle. Our records for the bike raffle go back to 2014. Since 2014 only three years (2021,2022 and 2023) were the only years that we made enough to pay our lobbyist. Last year was our all time lowest amount of money we made on the raffle. In response to that I asked our operations officer Woody do a survey from each RC regarding a bike raffle or cash raffle.

By a large majority more regions wanted to do a cash raffle. The definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over and expecting different results so when I seen the lack of participation with the bike raffle I brought the idea of a cash raffle to the board and it was voted on and passed to do the cash raffle. Every year this is voted on and if the cash raffle doesn't do well we will go back to the bike raffle or try something else. I just hope some members don't try to sabotage the raffle because it's not a bike raffle by not selling tickets because they didn't get their way.

Looks like June 10th will be the freedom rally. I would like to see a big turnout this year. Everyone should come to Lansing for the rally, hang out around all the big logging machinery and eat some of the best fish I have ever had. That's right our new friends in the logging industry will be at the event just like last year. Check out the flyer in the Michigan Rider and on facebook.

Also in June come to the field meet from the 12th to the 14th. Merry and her committee have been working hard on this event and I am sure it will be a blast. I guess I have been volunteered to be in a dunk tank. Who wouldn't love to take a shot at dunking me and a few others. I'm hoping for warm weather. Looks like there will be bike games and Vern our state treasurer

has purchased a pig to be roasted so this year should be fun. (Thanks Vern) Hope to see everyone there.

Ride like you're invisible because to some drivers we are.

Gary



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State Events Coming up...

State Field Meet

50th Anniversary Celebration Continues
June 12 - 14
418 Fairelane Street
Harrison, Michigan.

Cash Raffle

October 3rd 2026 @ 6PM
Sanilac County, Evergreen Park
4731 VanDyke Rd.
Cass City, Mi. 48726

When does your membership expire??

Stay up to date and get all the latest news and upcoming events!!

Renew online at: www.abateofmichigan.org

Or contact Debra: 269 435-2058
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P.O. Box 19, Sheridan, MI 48884



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A total of
\$18,000
in cash prizes



RAFFLE

\$10.00 TICKETS



Cash Prizes are:

- FIRST_ _ _ \$10,000**
- SECOND_ _ \$5,000**
- THIRD_ _ _ \$2,000**
- FOURTH_ _ \$500**
- FIFTH_ _ _ \$500**

Location:

Sanilac County, Evergreen Park
4731 VanDyke Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726

Drawing: Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Sponsored by: Marine Corps League 157, Monroe Co. Detach Michigan

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS HERE!

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

LICENSE #R84064

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

Tickets are available from Sherri, Your RC or from
Debra

Call: 269 435-2058

*Anyone interested can purchase these tickets it's not
limited to ABATE members.



Secretary Report - Debra Townsend

Hello Everyone,

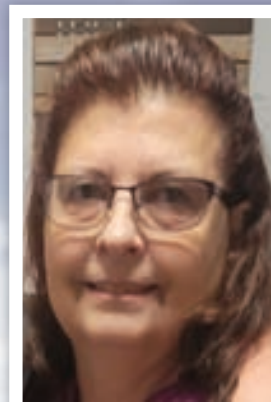
Thank you so much for the warm welcome to the Board. Congratulations to Eric on his retirement. I'm sure he is looking forward to doing some more riding. Please be patient with me as I muddle through all there is as the ABATE Secretary. If you haven't already, please note the new mailing address: P.O. Box 19, Sheridan, MI 48884. Email and phone number are the same.

Last month we welcomed 23 new members in March. We are getting closer to Gary's 50x50 membership drive goals. We still need some more though. Congratulations to the following new LIFE Members:

- Sara Villalobos
- Thomas Kunse
- Julie & Larry Reed
- Toni and William Tarrant.

Don't forget to reach out to your RC's and get your Field Meet tickets. It will be here before you know it. Get out and get some wind therapy and keep the rubber down. Thanks again. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.

Debra



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



ABATE OF MICHIGAN

JUNE 12-14, 2026

50th Anniversary Celebration Continues

FIELD MEET

Come Join Us!

Annual

Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairelane St.

Harrison, MI

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ABATE Field Meet

ABATE 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 **12, 13, 14**

Clare County Fairgrounds

418 Fairlane St.

Harrison, MI 48625

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 a 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 June 1, **2026**

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

\$100 Bronze \$250 Silver \$500 Gold \$1000 Platinum

Make checks payable to ABATE of Michigan:

Mail to Secretary of ABATE of Michigan
P.O. Box 19, Sheridan, Michigan. 48884

In order to receive recognition the check must be received by June 1, **2026**



Region 10 first Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Region & State
Event Photos



Michigan State Party Spring Endorsement Convention

Representative Greg Alexander (Member) and Founder Jim Rhoades at the Michigan State Party Endorsement Convention



Talks with Representative/Life Member Tom Kunse at the Michigan State Party Endorsement Convention



R11 Political minds at work at the Michigan State Party Endorsement Convention



Security detail at the Michigan State Party Endorsement Convention. RegII Oscar (RC), Captain Morgan, Ice Man (LO), MI AG Candidate Doug Lloyd, Hollywood (LO), and Big Business



Thursday

Shady Glen Band

Friday

Jack Damage

Saturday

Tuck Pence

Los Guys

The Alimony Blues Band

E'nuff SAID

The Bad Mother Truckers

Sunday

Libra Union

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SUMMER HUMMER**

June 25-28, 2026
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Greenwood, WI 54437

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Thursday of the month
6:30pm

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Second Sunday

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

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May - Oct. at

Evergreen Park 4731

Van Dyke Rd., Cass
City

Region 8

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2nd Sunday of the
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Region 10

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Meetings 1st Sunday of

the month at 3

Evergreen Tavern in
Hemlock

Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar,
May July

Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr,
Jun, Aug

Region 11

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Meeting:

1st Wednesday of the
month at 7pm.

Chicky's in Almont:

March, May, July,
September &

November.

Total Sports in
Harrison Twp: April,
June, August, October

& December.

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Lawton

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Meetings: Saline

4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American

Legion Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny

Bob

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

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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

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

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

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2pm

VFW Post 1138 400

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Region 19

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Meetings: 1st Tues
7:00pm

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Waterford 48327

Region 20

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Meeting last Sunday of
Month 2 PM

Region 21

Interim RC - Vern

Shock

Meetings TBD

Region 22

RC - Greg Bennett

"Break Down"

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Meetings: 1st
Wednesday of the
month at the Laughing

Horse Saloon at
15888 Lindy Rd

Thompsonville, MI

Region 23

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Meetings: 1st Sunday
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company 2552 South

I-75 Business loop

Grayling Michigan.



Region Reports



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

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

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

Meeting April 2nd, 2026, called to order at 6:30 by Van. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave (Papa Smurf) followed by a moment of silence for our troops. Minutes from March meeting was read by Van. Motion to accept by Denise, seconded by Gina K, motion carried. Treasure report was read by Ann. Motion to accept by Gina K, seconded by Denise, motion carried. Woody gave update on legislation and MRF changes. Paul gave safety blip “Make sure to check air pressure in tires, especially

important after your bike has been stored all winter”. T-Shirt designs were shown to everyone at meeting, and a design was chosen for upcoming T-Shirts. Details of Trout Festival Parade were discussed join us on April 25th. Road cleanup was scheduled for Wednesday May 20th, with a rain date the following day Thursday May 21st. Planning to go for dinner after road cleanup. Plans for Bike Night discussed. First Bike Night June 3rd, 6:30 at Rapid City Tavern. Next meeting, Thursday May 7th at Torch Riviera.

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

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

Our Facebook page is A.B.A.T.E OF MICHIGAN REGION 5.

Open with pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence.

Introduced the Officers, Welcomed new Members Taz and Rachael. Our guest speakers Will Snyder and Kim Cole.

Don’t forget State Cash Raffle tickets, buy or sell them see an officer. Membership bash Saturday May 2nd. At the Dirty Dog. We will be doing a Chinese Auction. Donations are being accepted. We will have a Run (4 wheels or 2) sign up at 11:00 approximately 75 miles. Don’t forget Bug Bingo! Short meeting at 2. Weather permitting a Corn Hole Tournament. DJ Jeff, come out meet our newest Youth Member Kayden. 6 year old dirt bike circuit, finished 4th in the winter series. Let’s show him some support, and Region 5 love. Bring the kids out, let’s get them signed up as Youth Members! Membership is now open to ALL ages!!!

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

Good evening from the lazy-boy of the Garrett’s home.

The weather is getting warmer but the rain is making it a little sloppy

But just wait for the sun to shine between the raindrops and ride.

We have a lot happening in

our region this next few months but the most important thing is the Freedom Rally at the White House a flyer is in the works and I will share it on our Facebook page. The date is June 10, 2026!!! We need all supporters of Freedom to show up. Share it everywhere as soon as the flyer is posted. I will be sharing on Thunder Road and all the sites but fyi you can do your part and share it too!!! Get the word out. Please!!

Adding to the calendar is the field meet June 12,13 so make your plans to attend.

Please attend any regions events. They are in the rider, on Facebook, or at your region. You do not have to be a member of that region to attend. Most if not all will welcome you and be happy you give a shit.

It's always a short summer and there is so much happening. So get ahold of a friend and ask them to join!! We have a membership drive happening until the end of May. Let's do this.

Pick up your raffle tickets to sell, bring in the ones you have sold, and win some cash. Come to a meeting and make the organization great

Let the sun shine on your face and the wind blow in your hair. It's spring!!!! And summer is right behind.

Respectfully

RC Region 6

Merry.

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

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting April 12, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for troops, and prayer.
Meeting attendance 15 people.

Secretary Report approved as read, motion by Butch - support Ray.

Treasurers Report - updated members with income and expenses for March. Motion to approve report by Iceman - support Parcus. Shelby's last day as Region 7 Treasurer is May 3rd.

Membership reminder to update your membership.

Awareness - Tim and Bob have signs. If anyone wants a small yard sign the cost is \$10. Iceman acknowledged that region member Mike D. Has signed up for the rider safety class at Delta College.

Late April beginning of May Tim, Iceman and Rep, Greg Alexander will be working together on the PSA proclamations for Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Counties. The City of Bad Axe meeting is April 24th and Tuscola County is April 27th.

Legislative - Rep. Greg Alexander provided an update on what's happening in Lansing.

June 10th is the Freedom Rally. Fliers can be printed from the Abate website.

Old Business - April 22nd Trash Pickup at Evergreen Park 5 pm. There will be a pot luck after.

Members volunteered to bring the meat, salads, and dessert.

New Business - May 3rd is our meeting and awareness ride. We will have soup pot luck on his day.

May 26th is the 50th anniversary of Abate of Michigan and Butch wants to meet at Evergreen Park to celebrate this date. Potential ride to be discussed.

Membership discussed donating the cost of the band for the Carved In Stone and State Raffle events. Membership voted and approved the donation.

On May 30th, Bob B. Will be at Steel Horse Ranch in Caro to promote awareness. Dondi and Rep. Greg Alexander will be there. Bob is working on getting other local legislatures to attend.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob B/
support Ray N.

**REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan,
Barry**

RC - Tara Hendee
No report this month.

**REGION 9 - Ionia, Clinton, Eaton,
Inghan**

RC - Nick Henry
No report this month.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw

RC - Amy Penny
ABATE REGION 10 MEETING
MINUTES

- April 12, 2026
- Meeting called to order at 3:04pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Minutes from last meeting were read.
- Treasurers report was tabled
- MRF report was given.
- Check the ABATE website for the information on the recommended insurance coverages for riders. There is a group trying to get a nationwide helmet law.
- Spring Fling, May 30th route has been established. Kickstands up at 10am from Ghost Town. Ending once again at Bob and Lois Shocks. Rustic camping is available.
- Motion that Spring Fling budget will be \$800. Any unused monies will be returned to account. Passed.
- Field meet tickets are now on sale. Amy will have them at the next meeting. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 a couple pre-sale. At the door they are \$35 single and \$60 a couple. There will be day passes for \$15 per day. Location once again at the Clare County fairgrounds in Harrison. Full hookup camping is available.
- Vern and Amy presented a new canopy and backdrop to be used for Region 10 events.
- Motion to renew the annual MRF dues. Passed.
- Motion to purchase awareness bracelets for

- the Highland Festival Parade. Passed.
- The Spaghetti dinner was a huge success. Thank you everyone, the event raised over \$2700!
- Central Michigan Sin City MC announced their Autism Awareness event on April 25th. Registration at 11, ride returns at 4pm. A basket with ABATE items will be donated.
- Eagles of Redemption MC mentioned their Facebook page and to watch for upcoming rides and events.

- Upcoming events:
- April 24-26, Maple Syrup festival in Shepherd
- May 2, Ovid Blessing of the bikes ticket booth
- May 23rd, Alma Highland festival parade
- May 30th, Spring Fling ride
- June 12-14, Field meet in Harrison
- See calendar of events for more.

- The meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.
- Next meeting Sunday, May 3rd at Woody's Place in Merrill

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

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

Greetings from Region 11.

TO ALL REGION 11 MEMBERS: AT THE END OF THE YEAR, 2026, I AM STEPPING DOWN AS RC. SO WE WILL NEED A NEW RC FOR 2027. PLEASE CONSIDER STEPPING UP TO FILL THIS POSITION.

April's Monthly Meeting was held on April 1 at Total Sports. Patty read Treasury Report. Tommy Smith kept us in the loop of what's going on in Lansing. Old and new business was discussed.

Our MRF Spaghetti Dinner was held on April 4. Thank you to all who attended and a great big thank you to all who volunteered their time to help.

Summer Tour Poker Run is underway! Books are available for purchase at the participating establishments. See flyer in Michigan Rider for establishment list.

Awareness signs will be put up for the month of May on April 25. Volunteers please meet at 10AM at Fillin Station to help.

We will have an ABATE booth at the blessing of the bikes on April 26 at American Legion Post 4 in Mt Clemens. Flyer is on ABATE of Michigan and ABATE Region 11 FB page.

That's it for now. Enjoy and be safe on the road. Remember to always look twice!

Oscar.

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

Sunday April 12th, 2026

Joylynn started the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joy with the Treasury Report - we had the bowling event and a 50/50 raffle to add to our funds.

Nothing to say for MRF Report this month.

Eric added that starting May 1st, there will be more gas stations with E15 fuel available to sell with the gas shortage.

Joylynn with Events - Lots to do for a great cause. More to come each month.

May 9th at Geronimo's will be a Biker Bible Revival at 10 am to 3 pm. They are at 37051 W Red Arrow Hwy Paw Paw, MI 49079. Everyone is welcome, not just bikers. Come support a great cause and hear some music and eat some free food.

Starting May 7th at the West Main Meijer parking lot (behind the gas station), there will be a ride to get ice cream every Monday Night at 7 pm.

Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet is May 17th and is at the Centreville Fairgrounds. Joy will be there Sunday with Joylynn. It is from 9 am to 4 pm. There is an entrance fee to get in.

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

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

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

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

We will plan for a Poker Run to camp out in the summer again. Details to be worked out soon.

We drew for a 50/50 and Gary G. won. We drew for the incentive drawing and Di was present and won. We drew for a Money Raffle ticket and Dan E. won.

Joy motioned to close the meeting and Linda seconded it.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski.

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

Hello Region 13! Well the weather is starting to feel a lot like spring (finally)! We started our meeting at 12 on the nose followed by a moment of silence.

Treasurer Sassy said that we are in the good! Legislatively we went over the new insurance development in the appellate case of Mary freebed hospital v esurance. This was a major development in our favor. It also makes a very good case for us to carry unlimited pip on our auto policy(s). We have wanted to try and fix this and now we have to do our part. Yes it does cost a little more on our policies but the

extra insurance is well worth it. In the MRF arena Jinx let us know some of what they are watching. Like in California and New York they want to redefine e-bikes that have a max speed over 35 miles per hour as motorcycles. That would affect crash speeding and a whole lot more different statistics that will be more than likely used against us. Also they are trying to define a motorcycle as having a handlebar and sit in tandem one behind the other. It seems that each summer someone try's something with helmet laws and this summer seems to be no different as there is talks of a national helmet bill. Right now that is all it is is talk but they are keeping their eye on it nonetheless.

In the events coming up. June 10th, The Freedom Rally is coming up fast! Region 13 will be meeting in our usual spot on the corner of M-50 and Rives Junction Rd at 8am and leaving for the Meijers in Charlott at 9. Look in the rider or on the state website for a flyer. Then on June 13th to the 14th its the state fieldmeet in Harrison! Always a good time! Hope to see everyone there.

We also have some regional events coming up and as always we would like to have some volunteers to help with them. The first one is our Regional Awareness run coming up on May 16th. Along with volunteers for this we are also looking for sponsorship and door prizes. Over the Memorial day weekend we will have a booth down to Hudson Leather and we would like to have some volunteers for this. If anyone is interested in Volunteering please get in contact with me.

Our Road Capt. was unable to join us for this meeting due to work obligations. So on his behalf I would like to say that it is still early in the year and the cagers are NOT looking for us. They barely look out for each other. Give them some extra room. Also with it being early in the riding season please watch out for the regular (and un-regular) road hazards such as pot holes, loose stones and other debris and hazards. Lets have a great year, Ride while you can and enjoy the road! Dano.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob

Started out with pledge allegiance and a moment of silence.

We discussed our taco event which was taking place on the following Saturday March 28th.

We would like to thank Eric and Diana for letting us host the event at the Saline American Legion.

Thank you,

Tony, Tina, Bob and Dawn for providing all the food and setting up everything and serving the food .

We had a great turnout.

REGION 15 - Wayne Interim RC - Shiny Bob

Thanks to all that attended the Taco Party, a special thanks to Martha for donating the gift basket,also to Treeman for the donation to the field meet, Field Meet Ticket are available at the meeting,we are accepting donations, for a basket, American Legion Post 322 ,4th Sunday of the month 4pm If you can't Stand Behind Our Troops You Are Welcome To Stand In Front of Them , Watch for pot holes, May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, RIDE SAFE.

Johnny.

REGION 16 - Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, Alpena RC- Jesse Gordy

No report this month.

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

Wanted!!...If you ride a motorcycle or anyone you know rides and enjoy the freedom of choice. We are Reuniting the region and spreading the joy of ABATE to the UP. We want to hear from you and help bring the region back strong. Please feel free to reach out to Woody – State Operations Officer, he will help with the process.

**REGION 18 - Lenawee,
Monroe**
RC- Leroy Cuykendall III
No report this month.

REGION 19 - Oakland
RC- Bill Stewart

From Region 19
For the May, 2026 Issue of
Michigan Rider

Region 19's
regulars (minus Chip
and a few others, all
of whom were greatly
missed) met Tuesday, 7
April at 6:00p for dinner
followed by the meeting
at 7:00. Our venue, the
Shark Club on Highland
Road in Waterford was
unchanged. We were very
pleased to welcome back
Keith from the Royal
Oak Eagle Riders who
returned to pick up some
ABATE Raffle Tickets
and to participate in our
discussions. It was great to
have him as a guest.

RC Bill opened the
meeting with the Pledge
of Allegiance and then
discussed data from the
National Highway Traffic
and Safety Administration
(NHTSA) regarding
national trends in traffic
fatalities.

- Bill reported that
in 2024 there were 1,099
total traffic deaths in
Michigan, up slightly from
the previous year. Very
sadly, 168 of those deaths
involved motorcyclists.
These horrific numbers
indicate that very serious
problems exist on our

roads for both motorists
and bikers. Operating
a motor vehicle or
motorcycle is very serious
business—and particularly
serious for those who ride.
As a new riding season
begins, we riders need to
sharpen both our skills
and our focus!

- MRF's March/
April issue of American
Bikers Journal also carried
a report regarding fatal
motorcycle crashes in
Idaho. Among other
details, the report
indicated that in single-
vehicle crashes (where
bikes run off the road),
the motorcyclist was the
cause of the crash 81% of
the time. In multi-vehicle
crashes the rider was
responsible 45% of the
time. Had riders not made
critical mistakes, almost
half of those fatal crashes
would never have taken
place. We riders need to
take lessons from such
reports.

- Too many riders are
untrained, poorly trained
or unendorsed. Riders
can take motorcycle skills
classes, read books on safe
riding and should avoid
riding when tired or under
the influence of alcohol or
drugs. A few words to the
wise.

Treasurer Speedy
reported that the Region's
account balance continues
to grow as a result of the
voluntary \$5 contributions
that we now collect
replacing our former 50-
50 drawings.

- Speedy also
requested authorization
to send \$100 to MRF
to renew Region 19's
Sustaining Membership;

we consider it an
important responsibility
to support this important
organization.

LO Hess then
presented and discussed
his written report:

- The PIP insurance
crisis that has plagued
Michigan's bikers for 7
long years may finally be
coming to an end.

- An Appeals Court
decision in a suit brought
by Mary Free Bed
Hospital in Grand Rapids,
has allowed an injured
motorcyclist to access his
own unlimited PIP auto-
insurance after care for
injuries from a crash with
a car cost more than the
\$250K PIP limit of that
motorist.

- **VERY
IMPORTANT:** This
"stacking" of the
motorist's PIP with our
own auto-insurance PIP
cannot happen unless our
PIP coverage cap is greater
than that of the motorist.

Therefore, we riders must
carry unlimited PIP on
our car insurance. See
Bear's report regarding
this in the April Michigan
Rider, page 8.

- Appeal by the
insurance industry to the
Michigan Supreme Court
could still mess this up,
but that doesn't appear
likely now but we will
need to keep our eyes
open.

- This year's Freedom
Rally has been announced
by Operations Officer
Woody Berg.

- The Rally will
take place in Lansing
with bikers arriving late
morning on the 10th of
June.

- ABATE will partner with both the Michigan Timber Industry and Michigan Commercial Fishermen.
- The Fish Fry will be held in Lansing's White House parking lot.
- Gathering points for riders who want to ride to Lansing together will be at Fowlerville, Charlotte, Portland, St. Johns, Perry and Waters.
- Go to abateofmichigan.org for more information.
- We really need to SHOW UP for this year's event! This is our opportunity to show our elected officials that we care about riding and the future of motorcycling in Michigan.

Region 19's next meeting will take place on the 5th of May at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road in Waterford. Dinner at 6:00pm with the meeting at 7:00. Please plan to attend, join some great folks for dinner and get all the latest news.

Submitted by Hess Bates, Region 19's Legislative Officer.

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

Meeting was informal
Discussed various topics.
The State raffle seems to be better than last year. It is a cash raffle instead of a bike.
The month of May is Awareness. We will be doing a ride following our meeting. So come to meeting if you can or meet at the Country Ranch restaurant in Morrice, ksu about 2:30pm.
Baldwin Bike blessing is May 15-17.
Field Meet is June 12-14 at Clare County Fairgrounds. Early bird rates \$30 single/\$50 couple, at the gate \$35 single/\$80 couple, day passes are \$15. This is a member only and adult event no one under 18 allowed. Also, anyone can sign up at the gate. Camping is first come first served, all have full hook up.
That is all for now. Hope to see alot of people next month for the ride. Steve "General" Graves

REGION 21 - Oscoda, Clare, Mescosta,

Isabella, Montcalm Interim RC - Vern Shock
No report this month.

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

April 2026 Meeting Report

Meeting was called to order by Greg at 18:36. Ron led the pledge, recited by all followed by a moment of silence.

Greg started right out with making a motion to have a planning meeting at the Eagles in Interlochen to firm up the plans for the summer party. Second by Karen. Discussed and decided to meet at the pavilion at the campground on Sunday May 3rd at 13:00 hrs. Motion carried. Mary J offered to help with prepping and cooking. The Bands will be Honey and Diesel on Friday night and Strings Attached on Saturday. Motion was made by Karen, second by Woody for region 22 to pay for the band playing Saturday night. It was said that currently there is no available electric sites. The available sites are rustic and will cost \$35 per single for the weekend and \$50 per couple for the weekend. The day pass will be \$10 and after 18:00hrs \$5 for the band event. Greg stated that he needed help with GTI and Karen offered. They will be assisting them with their event this summer.

Woody was representing MRF and he stated that if you get an action email from him to please act on it. Currently they are fighting for the right to repair. Their meeting of the minds will be in Milwaukee the end of September. Woody stated that he has pre-sale tickets for the field meet. \$50 per couple and \$30 for single. This is only until the end of May.

Rob stated that MRF is awesome and we need to support them for their work. Woody added that there is a call to action for right to repair and on the description

of a motorcycle.
Samantha gave a brief synopsis of last meeting minutes. Woody made a motion to accept, second by Gina. Discussed and motion carried.

Mary read a note from the treasurer who was absent. Karen made a motion to approve as presented, second by Woody. Motion discussed and carried.

Mary has the t-shirts ordered and has the final design on her phone. We got 9 sponsors. Get with Mary if you want one. She has long and short sleeve shirts.

Mary has raffle tickets. Get with her if you need more to sell. Woody made a motion for Chey to purchase more 50/50 tickets, second by Mary. Discussed and Carried.

Karen spoke about awareness and going to the swap meet. She spoke about the ride and we will have a sign to put up for the ride. We will ride thru Wexford County and will end at The Pines in Cadillac. She suggested that we support their bike night on Thursday nights.

Ron said that if anyone wants to help for the summer party get with him. Thanks to Rob for helping with the flyers.

Ty said to be mindful of your road surfaces.

Karen made a motion to pay for the flyers, seconded by Rob.

Discussed and carried.
Gina made a motion to adjourn, seconded by all.
Meeting adjourned at 19:16 hrs

Dates to remember: May 3... Meet at Eagles Interlochen for party planning
May 12.....Taco Tuesday Hooligan kick off ride
May 16.....Eriks Ride
May 30.....Houghton Lake Blessing
June 12-13...Field meet
July 16-19....Indiana Boogie
Aug 21-22....Summer party and parade with the Coho Festival
Aug 30.....Recovery Road Riders annual ride
Aug 31 & Sept 1....DYSUN ride
Oct 3....Cash raffle drawing and Region 7 party.
Dec 5.....Christmas Party with a meeting.

**REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee
RC - Ted Caleb**

Our first meeting will be held on April 5th at Ray's BBQ in Grayling. All future meetings to be held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1pm at the same location.

This is a newly formed chapter. We are actively seeking participants to fill all open positions. All new and existing members are encouraged to attend as we hope to fill all vacant positions at our initial meeting. We look forward to meeting our newly formed chapter team. See you then!



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Secretary - minutes Approved -Y/N

Treasurer Report - - Approved - Y/N

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AC report (county)

AC report (county)

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8	Adios Bar	8033 St Clair Hwy	Cassco Twp	48034
8	Alerton Tavern	758 Cassin Rd	Alerton	48032
10	Arlo's Roadford Grill	381 S Water St	Marine City	48038
12	Bardis Hotel	408 North Ave	Marine Twp	48032
17	Chase Charlers	4455 24th Ave	Port Huron	48058
20	City Limits	2415 Connor St	Port Huron	48050
24	Dorsey House	8008 Beard Rd	North Street	48049
28	Frederick Sports Bar & Kitchen	1108 Grand Blvd	Mayville	48040
30	Funzie Patis	7200 River Rd	Marine City	48038
32	Good Time Charlers	10038 Dunsmuir Rd	Monsey Twp	48014
33	Hilger's Bar	3803 Lapeer Rd	Port Huron	48050
37	LaClair's Riverside Pub	374 Clinton Ave	St Clair	48076
38	Little Lardies by the Green	4076 County Line Rd	Cassco Twp	48034
40	Mudpie Inn	803 Grand Ave	St Clair	48076
43	Pat T Pub	2526 Connor St	Port Huron	48050
46	Sea Ranch	8280 Lapeer Rd	Genesee	48021
46	Steakhouse 55	8025 Emerald Rd	Twp	48037
47	Tom's Roadhouse	4882 Weaver Rd	Clara Twp	48034
48	Tronny's Dog House	2112 St Clair River Drive	Algonquin	48031
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53	War Water Brewery	201 N Riverside	St Clair	48076

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14	Brunch @ Joe's	258 N Main St	Almont	48003
16	Cascadian Lounge	4099 S Lapeer Rd	Melanora	48403
18	Cheers	440 N Saginaw St	Lapeer	48446
19	Cracky's Paradise	133 N Main St	Almont	48003
24	Dryden Bar	5505 Main St	Dryden	48428
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21	Commercial House	65294 Main St	Richmond	48062
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31	Gargis Bar	52298 Gratiot Ave	Chesterfield	48051
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Date	Region	Region & State Events 2026	Contact
		REGION BIKE NIGHTS	
June 3 - Aug 26	Reg 22	Laughing Horse Saloon - 15888 Lindy Rd. Thompsonville	
Printable copy available online	Reg 11	Region 11 Summer Tour Books have been circulated and are available for purchase at participating establishments	Oscar: 810 334-8600.
Apr 24 - 26	Reg 10	Maple Syrup Festival	
May 2	Reg 5	Spring Fling/Membership Bash	Bam Bam: 231 769-3185
May 2	Reg 18	Danny & Kathy Yench Memorial/ Awareness Run	
May 3	Reg 7	Meeting & Awareness Ride - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
May 14	Reg 5	Blessing of the Bikes - Baldwin	
May 16	Reg 8	Blessing of the bikes Vet Escort	
May 16	Reg 13	Run for the Region	
May 16	Reg 22	Erik's Memorial Ride	
May 18 - 19		Bikers in the Beltway MRF	
May 23	Reg 10	Highland Festival Parade	
May 23	Reg 18	John Cronk Memorial Run	
May 30	Reg 6	Awareness - Membership Run	Merry: 734 652 9739
May 30	Reg 8	Motorcycle Poker Run	
May 30	Reg 10	Annual Spring Fling	
June 6	Reg 7	Rest in Peace Ride & Meeting - Evergreen Park	Danny: 989 325-1432
June 10		Freedom Rally - Lansing - 11am	
July 11	Reg 7	Scout & Shoot & Meeting - Farmers Tavern, Ruth	Tim: 989 670-9976
July 11	Reg 10	Annual Poker Run	
July 12	Reg 11	32nd Annual Observation Run	Cowboy: 586 746-4765

July 15	Reg 5	19th Bike Time	
July 18	Reg 6	Memorial Ride	Merry: 734 652 9739
Aug - 2nd	Reg 5	Hill Climb	
Aug 1	Reg 13	PAC Ride	Dano: 517 414-8183
Aug 15	Reg 11	8th Annual Ricky D Memorial Run	Arnold: 810 334-8600
Aug 16	Reg 5	Reg 5's Family Picnic - Stoney Lake	
Aug 20 - 23	Reg 5	Fall Rodeo - Twisting Trails Snowmobile Club	
Aug 21 - 23	Reg 22	Summer Party and Coho Festival Parade	Greg: 231 620-6243
Aug 22	Reg 7	Porcupine Bash - Caro VFW	Tim: 989 670-9976
Aug 22	Reg 8	Veteran Escort to Hart	
Sept 12	Reg 8	Gilmore Booth - Ford Model A Days	
Sept 19	Reg 10	End of Summer Ride/Book Party	
Sept 23	Reg 7	Adopt-a-hwy trash pickup - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Sept 24 - 27		42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds	
Oct 2 - 4	Reg 7	Carved in Stone Weekend - Evergreen Park	Tim: 989 670-9976
Oct 3		Tap into The Money Tree Raffle	
Oct 10	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 10	Reg 10	Color Tour	
Nov 1	Reg 5	Christmas Auction	
Nov 1	Reg 7	Meeting & Chili Cook-off - Lucky Thumb	Tim: 989 670-9976
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