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Shout-out to Merry (Reg 6) and Red, aka Jamie (Reg 10) for putting in the work!! They did an amazing job selling raffle tickets and running the sign-in station at the Thunder Road event

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The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

I'm writing my article for the october issue???? OCTOBER????
Where did summer go? Seems like we were just talking about May being motorcycle awareness month and now all of the sudden the conversations are about end of summer parties. Wow time flies. Hope you put many miles on your bikes and were able to attend many functions.

Once again we were fortunate enough to be able to escort the Vietnam Moving Wall. It is such an honor to be able to go on that ride. There were over 100 motorcycles escorting and I will say I am proud to see many ABATE of Michigan riders on the ride. Several regions were also represented. We escorted from Saginaw to Chesaning. Police escorted and there were many people along the route. Waving flags, saluting, and waving at us all. It was nice to see people that were proud to be Americans again. If you ever get the opportunity to escort the wall i recommend you do. It's quite an experience

Speaking of being an American, everyone must vote this November. Seems like every election is more important than the last one and this election is maybe the most important election in our time. There is alot at stake this time. Please make sure to do your research. Don't just vote for the person because of the party. Really investigate what their policies are and decide which one is better for America.

In October will be the cash raffle. Shortly after that there will be a board meeting to figure out how the raffle did and whether or not to change the type of raffle we are going to have next year. If you have any suggestions let your RC know and they can let the board know. We need everyone to participate in this very important fundraiser. Just like any other organization we need money to run it. we are going to be suggesting more spending cuts this year but we can only cut so much. Our next event will be the seminar. I know Merry and her committee is working hard on that. The theme this year is the wild west. Sounds like there is gonna be a jail there. I think I know someone (me) that is going to be spending alot of time there. Oh well it's all for a good cause. Just like the dunk tank we had at the field meet. I think it took me about a week to finally dry out.

I guess that's about all I got for this month. There is nothing going on in Lansing as the politicians are all in district campaigning. If you happen to see someone running for office stop them and ask them their position on some of our issues. Let them know who you are and what your thoughts are. They most generally want to know what you have to say.

Thanks for listening again this month and thanks for giving a shit. Most important is to make sure you VOTE in November.

Ride safe while you still can. It will be Christmas before you know it.



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Gary

ABATE of Michigan President

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Secretary Report - Debra Townsend

Happy Labor Day,

Where did summer go. There's still a lot of riding to be had. I'm looking forward to those fall color tours.

If you're thinking of running for a position on the Board or have a suggestion for bylaws changes let me know. All nominations and bylaws requests need to be sent to me by October 1st.

The Cash raffle is winding down. It's time to get those tickets back to your region so they can get them to Sherri. Mark, your calendar for the drawing, Saturday, October 3rd. Rumor has it there is camping nearby.

MRF's Meeting of the Minds is just around the corner. Please keep an eye out for a couple of important calls to actions coming soon.

In processing memberships, I noticed we have very few Youth memberships. A short time ago the board approved young memberships from birth to 18. This is a great way to get our young folks involved. And they get the insurance too. If you didn't know about this, please don't hesitate to ask your RC, or feel free to contact me.

To help save some money I have printed some address correction labels for the trifold membership forms. Please contact me if you have some old forms and I'll be happy to send you some.

There are many events coming up. Please look at the calendar in the back. And send in your events and pictures.

Debbie
ABATE of Michigan Secretary



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FRIENDLY REMINDER



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Anyone interested in being on the ABATE Board needs to state their intentions in writing to the State Secretary by October 1st.

If you have any changes to the bylaws, all proposals need to be received by the ABATE Secretary by October 1st.

Notices can be sent to abatemichsecretary@frontier.com or ABATE of Michigan, PO Box 19, Sheridan, MI 48884.

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State Events Chair - Merry Garrett

Best dang committee anywhere!!!

Here it is. Save the date and look forward to a flyer with more info. This year will be even better than last year. With lots of special guests, some new breakout sessions, meetings for RC and AC's, MRF meetings, a breakfast on Saturday (for a small fee) and a whole lot more. The committee is gathering and getting things ready for you. Please, please follow the prompts for booking your rooms. **DO NOT PRESS 1** go straight to press **ZERO** and ask for the **ABATE BLOCK**.

If you have questions, please call me at 734 652-9739. Bring your dollars in case you go to a western jail or if you are on the wanted posters. Woot woot.

Just remember the hard work comes first then the fun. Dust off those cowboy boots and hats - Yee Haw!

Thanks all, see you in January if not before.

Merry
ABATE Event Coordinator



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Region 4) Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle,

Region 5) Mason, Lake Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo

Region 6) Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay

Region 7) Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac

Region 8) Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry

Region 9) Ionia, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham

Region 10) Gratiot, Saginaw

Region 11) Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb

Region 12) VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph

Region 13) Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

Region 14) Livingston, Washtenaw

Region 15) Wayne

Region 16) Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, Alpena

Region 17) Marquette, Dickinson, Menominee, Delta, Alger

Region 18) Lenawee, Monroe

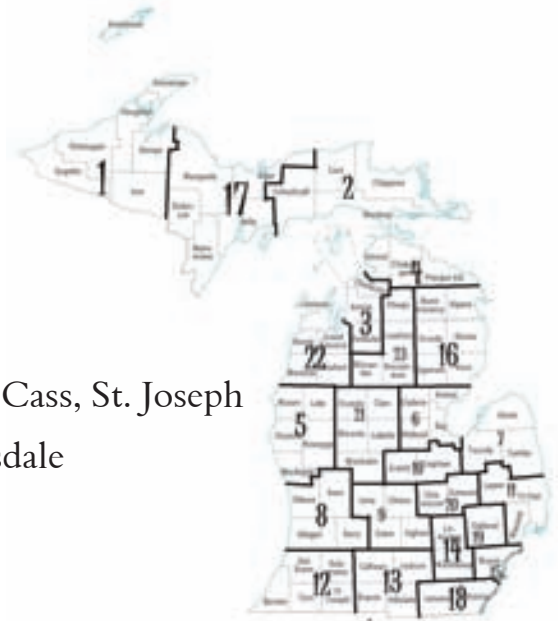
Region 19) Oakland

Region 20) Genesee, Shiawassee

Region 21) Oscoda, Clare, Mecosta, Isabella, Montcalm

Region 22) Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford

Region 23) Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee,



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Meetings: Johnny's
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Region 6

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Meetings: 1:00 pm
Second Sunday

Baileys Bar and Grill
Bay City

Region 7

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2PM, Nov.-April
at Lucky Thumb
Motorcycle Club 7394
Bevens Rd. Deford
May - Oct. at
Evergreen Park 4731
Van Dyke Rd., Cass
City

Region 8

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2nd Sunday of the
month @4pm

BC Pizza in Dorr
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Meetings 1st Sunday of
the month at 3

Evergreen Tavern in
Hemlock

Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar,
May July

Ghost Town Saloon in
Elwell

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr,
Jun, Aug

Region 11

Arnold Schneider

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Meeting:

1st Wednesday of the
month at 7pm.

Chicky's in Almont:
March, May, July,
September &
November.

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

Region 12

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of the month 1pm

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Lawton

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noon

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Meetings: Saline
4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American
Legion Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny

Bob

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

Region 16

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Read meeting notes for
dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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Sunday of the month @
2pm

VFW Post 1138 400
Jones Ave, Monroe

Region 19

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Meetings: 1st Tues
7:00pm

The Shark Club
6665 Highland Road
Waterford 48327

Region 20

Steve (General) Graves

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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"

Phone: 231 620-6243
Meetings: 1st Sunday
of the month at 1 pm
at the Laughing Horse
Saloon at 15888 Lindy
Rd Thompsonville,
MI

Region 23

Ted Calabrese

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Meetings: 2nd Sunday
of every month at 1pm
at Dead Bear brewery
company 2552 South
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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 September 2, 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.

No minutes were available for
August. Treasure report was
read by Ann Marie. Motion to
accept by Denise, seconded by
Dave (Papa Smurf), motion
carried.

Road clean-up is scheduled for
September 23 at 5:30 and rain
date of the 24th, meeting at the
old Spirit Gas Station on 131.
Planning to go for dinner after

road cleanup.

The Region is looking for
someone to plan this year's
Christmas Party. Cidar Ride
is planned for September 26th
anyone interested in riding
call, Van.

Nominations were made for
member of the year voting,
will take place next month.
Motion to close meeting was
made by Ann Marie, seconded
by Dave (Papa Smurf), motion
carried.

Next meeting, Wednesday,
October 7th at Torch Riviera
6:30.

REGION 4 - Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Ilse RC - Dave Etherton

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

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

Hey everyone it's that time

again!! Time for Region
6 article. Hopefully your
summer has gone according
to all your wishes. We have
been getting things in order for
some ideas!!!”

October is the month to get
your name in if you're wanting
a position for our region. RC,
AC, secretary, treasurer and
a few others voting will be
in November You must be
a current member and have
attended meetings and events!
Also I will need to know any of
our members that have gained
their wings this year.

We will be voting on our
member of the year at our
November meeting
The seminar is well on its way
with lots of things planned for
the members. A flyer will be
posted very soon. If you have
questions please call or attend
a meeting!!

Our Christmas party date has
to be determined and will be
voted on at the September 13
meeting.

Not much going on at the
legislative level right now
but Bear will have a breakout
session at seminar!

I attended the Thunder Road
event. With the weather it
was a small event but RJ and
Ally had a lot planned. But
of course Mother Nature
had different ideas for the
motorcycle world as always!!
Hopefully next year will be
bright and shiny. I want to
thank Jerry and Mich for

letting me sleep at your place instead of me going all the way home. Another gal I want to thank is Jamie aka Red from region 10 for hanging out and working with me.

By the time this report is seen we will have turned in all our tickets for the raffle. Hopefully we did what needed to be done and this raffle was a success. As always Jerry and Mich were our top sellers. I want to thank everyone that sold tickets or worked an event to get the job done. Again I appreciate all you do for our region.

It will be a new year soon let's do it all again but better!!!

Peace and sunshine
Merry Garrett RC.

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

I have no minutes cause the meeting is tomorrow due to the Labor Day Weekend. So, this will be quick! Our meeting tomorrow will have 3 elected officials who are running for re-election!

October 2, 3, 4 is our Carved in Stone weekend, with the games and fun stuff we always do. Plus, it's our Toys For Tots weekend where we collect toys for foster children in the area. Also on Saturday afternoon we have a band playing, 6 PM is the Money Tree Raffle. Music will continue after the raffle!

November meeting will also be our election day! ALL POSITIONS are available, so if you would like to help the region, run for one of the offices. Let me know before the November meeting so I can make ballots.

Good luck to all the hunters out there!
Tim.

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry RC - Tara Hendee

No report this month.

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

Hello Region 9

I will have a booth at Capital Harley Davidson this coming Saturday. I'm hoping to sell lots of tickets and sign up some members. On the 19th I will be at Just a Few's annual party with a booth.

A new report from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that phone usage is reported in only 1% of accidents by police when it is really 7% to 8%. Distracted driving remains a serious threat on American roads and to motorcyclists

The Riding days are becoming less frequent with each trip around the sun , enjoy what's left and ride safe ,ride free.

Nick

Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Amy Penny

Meeting called to order.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes were read by Deb.

Treasurer report was given by Brandi.

LO and MRF report were given by Jeff.

Gary touched on the upcoming election. Get out and vote.

Many thanks to the Region for showing up as always to escort the Vietnam Moving Wall.

Region sold over 1100 cash raffle tickets. Thank you to those that sold and/or bought tickets.

Nominations for all positions will take place at the October meeting along with nominations for member of the year.

Meeting of the minds Sept 24-27 in Milwaukee. October 4th is the next meeting. Watch for new location.

Color tour on October 10 will be an overnight trip. Those that don't want to stay overnight can turn around and head home. Details will be put on the region page soon.

November 1 Meeting will be at Woody's Place in Merrill.

December 5th Christmas Party. Location and details are coming soon.
Seminar January 22-24. Saginaw 4 Points \$99 a night. 1800's theme this year. Make reservations (989) 790-5050 Press 0 and ask for ABATE Block Group.
Looking to do spaghetti dinner in February or March.
Shannon brought to the floor of doing something in the off months we aren't riding. Meeting adjourned.

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

OSCAR's FINAL REGION 11 RC REPORT

Election of officers would normally be at October & November meetings.
If no one steps up to be RC at one of these meetings, there will be no RC next year for Region 11. The last meeting will be November as my role of RC will be done Dec 1.
Enjoy the fall riding season!
OSCAR

REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph
RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski
No report this month.

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale
RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie
No report this month.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw
RC - Shiny Bob
No report this month.

REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC- Shiny Bob

Never Forget 911 It has been 25 Years,Proud to be an American fighting for freedom,other countries and cultures can't. OCTOBER 3 IS CASH RAFFLE good luck to all,Thanks to all members who sold tickets. Freedom is not
October 2026

free. October meeting is nominations for all positions in region 14 and 15 also member of the year. Meeting 4th Sunday of the month 4pm American Legion Post 322 Saline MI. Watch for distracted drivers,I've been seeing a lot more deer. Summer is over. Enjoy the Fall Riding,all regions are welcome,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

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

REGION 19 - Oakland
RC- Bill Stewart

For the October 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider
Adjusting Our Social Defaults

Region 19's September meeting took place as our few remaining regulars gathered at the Shark Club during our usual first-Tuesday meeting time. Dinner before the meeting seemed quiet with those we had recently lost just not being there. While we will never replace those special people, there will always

be room at our meetings for new faces and friends; all we need is to have those new folks show up! More on that in a bit, at the end of this report.

As this year's riding season begins to wind down and the midterm elections approach, there are fewer things to discuss for our Region report:

- RC Bill had only a little to say in his MRF Report:

- As the MRF looks back at a very successful Bikers-Inside-the-Beltway held in Washington D.C. earlier this summer, it is also...

- ...anticipating its Meeting of the Minds scheduled for the weekend of 24-27 September in Milwaukee, the city famous for being home to more than a century of US motorcycling history.

- Perhaps you attended BITB or the MOTM. If so we are envious that you were able to go and we also congratulate you for making the effort to participate. These are important events for the MRF, ABATE and the SMRO's who work hard to protect the motorcycling lifestyle. We applaud those who take part in these important meetings.

- Speedy (Treasurer) was unable to attend because of her continued convalescence following her knee surgery. But she did send her report with Hess who reported a slowly growing treasury as our Region continues its collection of voluntary \$5 contributions.

• Hess reported that there is little current Legislative news because of Lansing's focus on the upcoming midterms.

- He did however remind us of our state legislature's complete lack of willingness to address the problems that resulted from SB 1 of 2019...

- ...and is happy that the appeals court decision from the west side of the state allows the stacking PIP coverages thus effectively solving the PIP crisis with which we have struggled since 2019.

- Hess also remains concerned that future legislative efforts will be made to negate the effects of the appeals court decision...it just seems too good to last! Now a few words to our Oakland County ABATE brothers and sisters:

- For some time, Region 19 has been actively inviting more Oakland County ABATE members to join us at our meetings. Unfortunately, these attempts to "reset" participation at our meetings have not been very successful and we suspect that this is because of the fundamental changes that society has recently experienced.

- People once gathered happily to raise barns and to bring in the harvests. Folks spoke with their neighbors and enjoyed meeting others with whom they shared interests.

- But now it seems that people just want to hide

behind their doors and binge-watch meaningless drivel on TV. In place of membership and participation, people now seek isolation. In place of healthy and active friendships, people seek solace in social media instead of face-to-face interactions. Because of COVID or job stress or toxic politics, society's default settings seem to have changed.

- We in Region 19 have been pushing the "reset button" in our Rider reports for months with just about zero result; no influx of new folks to join us for our meetings, no one willing to help make Region 19 a more effective ABATE Region.

- We ask you now to look at your own thoughts and behaviors. Think about the values that you have selected for your own social defaults. We in Region 19 will continue to press "Reset" hoping that you will make a positive response.

- As resets work in computers, social resets return us to our social defaults. Until ABATE folks decide to adjust their values and to buck the trends, Region 19 will continue to decline. And when ABATE members finally become willing to take those important emotional steps, to show up and to participate, that's when we will all win.

Hit "Reset" now and join us for our next meeting on the 6th of October at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road,

Waterford, MI 48327. Help us make Region 19 a more successful and effective part of ABATE of Michigan.

Submitted by Hess Bates,
Region 19 Legislative Officer.

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

Meeting called to order at 2:06pm with 4 members and 3 guests. Thanks for giving a shit.
Treasurer report: No report

Sick call: Nothing

Old Business: End of Summer party will be Sunday September 20th @2pm at Crawford Memorial Park in Vernon, 298 W., Main St. Bring a dish to share, own table service, byob (no alcohol) and lawn chair if needed. Chicken will be provided. Get with Cupcake on what you would like to bring so there will not be duplicate or over abundance.

Fall Color Ride is set for October 17th, KSU at 12pm. Meet at O'Reilly Auto Parts in Durand. Route to be determined. Rain date will be October 18th.

Reminder on Officer Nominations at Meeting on September 27th for RC, Secretary and Treasurer. If you might be interested in any of these positions please get with me or Cupcake before hand. Elections will be at the October meeting.

New Business: Nothing

L.O. Report: No Report

Meeting adjourned @ 2:36pm

Stay safe on the road.

Steve "General" Graves.



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

Interim RC - Vern Shock

No report this month.

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

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

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

Greg extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting were not reviewed as Karen wasn't there.

Chey presented the treasurers report. Motion by Mary to approve, second by Don. Discussed and motion carried.

Greg discussed the summer party and how to improve it. He thanked all who came out to the GTI poker run and encouraged all to get out in the community and support benefit rides.

AC report: Mary discussed the AC call and talked about ways to make money for our region.

She also put out a challenge to all Region 22 members to obtain a new member.

The obtainee name will go into a monthly drawing. She discussed the remaining T-shirts and what to do with them.

Awareness: Nothing to report this month

Ty talked about new fall rides coming. He also spoke about the suicide hot line due to

the event that went down at the adjoining campground where the summer party was held.

Reach out to fellow bikers, family, friends etc..

Mike gave the idea about a future incentive program to get more people involved.

We will be participating in the Halloween weekend at Northern Exposure Campground

for some trunk or treat activity. The camp staff are very excited. There area riding events

coming along with the raffle drawing and more Meeting adjourned by Greg seconded by Mary.

Motion carried

Report courtesy of AC Mary as Karen thought

she should go away. Thanks Mary for your hard work.

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

Region 23. Has moved their monthly meetings to the second Sunday of the month. It is still 1:00 p.m. at the Dead Bear brewery in Grayling.

Last month's meeting we discussed a color Fall Ride. We are still in the process of fine-tuning it. As of right now it is scheduled for October 17th starting at the tractor supply in Houghton Lake. We are planning a 100 plus mile ride. Ending at the Dead Bear brewery for dinner and games. The ride will cost \$25 or \$40 per couple. A meal will be included. The time is TBD. If they choose not to ride they can still come to dead bear brewery for the \$25.00 for a meal and camaraderie. All are welcome. Additionally we are planning on participating in a trunk or treat on October 24th at the family Fare in Grayling. Bikes and costumes welcome to this family friendly event. We're still actively trying to drive membership and fill positions. You are welcome to contact me directly through my phone number, text or email for additional information.
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