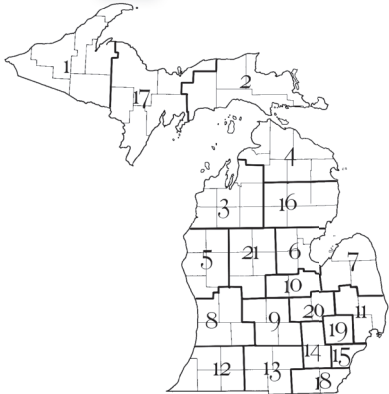




Region Reports



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

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Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com.

**REGION 2
Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac Interim RC
Mike Amacher
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It's been pretty quiet here in Region 2 with winter going we have a few ideas of things that we are working on hopefully we can have something going buy spring.

Operations Officer

Dave “Woody” Berg

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

Meeting was called to order at 18:31 hrs by Van.

The pledge was led by Dave C and recited by all, followed by a moment of silence for our troops past and present.

A synopsis of the minutes from the rider were read by Denise. Motion by Woody, second by Dave C to approve the as read. Discussed. Motion carried.

Treasurers report was given by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Denise, second by Dave C. Discussed. Motion carried.

Woody stated that the newly elected state reps were sworn in on Wednesday and there will be new stuff coming. On the MRF front the new leadership will take place on the 20th. Nothing new as of yet.

Sgt. at Arms: Dave C states he has nothing.

Karen stated that she will finalize the end of the ride this week and get the last GPS coordinates for the ride sign. She then made a motion to pay for the booth at the swap meet in Cadillac, with funds to be taken from the awareness fund/ second by Ann Marie. Discussed, motion carried.

Gina B. states that she has nothing new regarding products.

Membership Denise would like to get an updated list for Region 3. Woody stated that he will get her a copy.

The next meeting will be on February 5, 2025 at Johnny's Torch Riviera at 18:30 hrs.

Karen made a motion, second by Woody to increase the Awareness supplies budget. This will be to purchase more signs, key chains, bracelets etc to be given out. Motion was discussed and carried. Gina will take an inventory of what she has.

Karen made a motion to take money from the Awareness fund to purchase candy for the Trout Festival Parade in April. Second by Gina B. Motion discussed and carried.

Ann Marie requested that T-shirt designs need to be turned in by March so we can vote on them. Be creative. Please work on getting sponsors and turn those in ASAP.
The seminar is Jan 17-19 at

the Gateway Hotel. Bring your decorations and costume for our theme.....Pirates

Karen made a motion to purchase logo note cards with blank insides to be handy if needed for anything, second by Denise. Discussed and carried.

Motion to adjourn at 18:59..second by all.

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

No report this month.

REGION 5 - Mason, Lake, Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo
RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson

Meeting opened with pledge and a moment of silence.

Teresa would like to Thank everyone participating in tabs for tots!

Next meeting will be February 2 at 1 pm meeting place will be announced as soon as it's confirmed. Bowling coming up February 16 at Muskegon Eagles at noon everyone invited! A theme has been chosen for seminar but we are not telling! Seminar coming up hope everyone has their rooms! Looking forward to a better and eventful new year!

REGION 6 - Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay

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RC - Merry Gerrett

ABATE of Michigan - Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday season. Region 6 is excited for the year ahead, with a packed calendar of events. We're particularly looking forward to strengthening connections with other regions, offering support where needed, and fostering a sense of community within ABATE.

Our recent Christmas party was a resounding success, with a delightful visit from our very own Santa! The upcoming seminar (details in your rider) promises

to be equally engaging. A comprehensive report will follow next month. Jerry and Mich. won the chili cook-off woot woot!!! Cricket got member of the year, congrats. Thanks to all that came out and enjoyed a great day!!!

Our highly anticipated field meet is scheduled for June 6th-8th at the Clare County Fairgrounds in Harrison, Michigan. This year, we've secured the entire campground, offering full hookups, showers, and restrooms – rain or shine! We've even rented a large barn as a backup in case of inclement weather. The event will feature a bike show, games, a fun top gun challenge, and more. David Berg is handling vendor inquiries; contact him for details. Golf cart rentals are available (\$105 for a two-seater, \$115 for a four-seater). Note that camping fees have been slightly increased to cover the cost of this upgraded location.

We're also planning a bike raffle camp-out (where the bike ticket will be drawn) on September 5th-7th at the same Harrison location. Flyers will be distributed via Facebook, the rider, and social media. Please contact me with any questions.

At our next meeting, we'll finalize the dates for our May awareness ride and Memorial ride, with some exciting changes planned this year! A pizza and pop in Lansing will be scheduled shortly.

Our Legislative Officer, Cricket, reports that the legislature has reconvened for 2025. While they've begun with initial proceedings, the focus remains on pressing insurance issues. We're actively engaging with representatives in Lansing and urge you to do the same. Utilize available platforms to amplify our message. I'll provide regular updates throughout the year.

Regarding our February meeting, we're considering cancelling it due to the Super Bowl. We'll make an announcement on our Facebook page soon.

Watch for a sunbeam, look for some friends to enjoy and let's get 2025 started with a

bang.
Merry Garrett.

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

Meeting January 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for our troops, and opening praying by Paul Melcher.

Secretary Report – Read minutes from December 7th meeting – motion to accept minutes as read by Bob/ support Butch.

Treasurers Report – Shelby reported income from Brian's Challenge. Expenses were Christmas party, Membership, seminar raffle items, flowers and cards. - motion to accept Treasurer's report as read by Butch/ support Ray.

Membership – Let Shelby know of any issues, particularly missing cards or in correct addresses.

Awareness Report – Urgent need of someone to take over the awareness program for the region. Tim is waiting for response from companies on 4x8 sign change. Tim also, will contact the legislators for our region to see if they would like to join the PSA for May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Legislative Report - Republican's in control of the House. The hunting license increase and road toll bills were stopped. Representative Greg

Alexander and his wife will be attending the state seminar in January.

Old Business – Tim is working on new games for our events this year. Event flyers are finished, except for the camp-out in June. Jeremy gave update on t-shirt quilt project.

Passbook 2025 Update – Next meeting is January 12th, at noon, Melvin Tavern. All interested in helping, please attend the meeting.

New Business – State Seminar January 17-18-19. Voting on two members running for board and two by law changes. We have our seminar raffle item – need beverage donations.

The region will be assisting the Caro American Legion and VFW with the escort on June 25th of the Veteran's Traveling Wall. Butch will provide updates as we get closer to June.

Upcoming Events – February 2nd Triathlon & meeting at Lucky Thumb starts at 1 pm. Games of Chance with winner trophies. Bring dish to pass. March 29th – MRF Spaghetti Dinner at Farmers Tavern in Ruth, from 3 pm to 9 pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Butch/support Parcus.

I would like to wish all a Happy New Year and may your year be filled with many blessings, with lots of good times! Hope to see you all at the seminar!
Tim

**REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent,
Allegan, Barry
Interim RC
Josh Winkelstien
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No report this month.

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

No report this month

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

Jan 5, 2025

-Meeting called to order at 3:13 pm.
-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
-Finance report was given.
-No minutes.
-Legislative report was given.
-MRF update was given.
New/more members are needed.
-T-shirt quilt for raffle was presented. Drawing will be March 2nd. Contact Region 10 Facebook page to meet up to purchase tickets.
-Upcoming events:
-Seminar is January 17-19.
-Two Region 10 members, Bob MacLennan and Ken Townsend, were recently diagnosed with cancer. A benefit dinner and auction will be March 8th at the Alma Elks Lodge. Donations for the auction are being accepted. Thank You in Advance. Watch for more details.
-April, there will be a pizza and pop meeting in Lansing to meet representatives.
-May 24th. Highland Festival parade. Awareness Month.

-May 31st, Region 10 Spring Fling ride.
-June 6-8, Field meet. New location, Clare County fairgrounds.
-July 12th, Region 10 Poker Run
-End of Summer ride will end up at the Clare County fair grounds where the bike drawing will take place.
**We are in need of a new chairperson to coordinate the sale of bike tickets for our region. Contact Vern if you are interested.
-The meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.
-Next meeting Sunday, Feb 2nd , 3 pm at Ghost Town in Elwell.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

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

Starting in March, meetings will be the 1st Wednesday ONLY of each month at 7 pm.

There will be no February meeting in 2025.

Meetings at Chicky's in Almont will be the following months:

March
May
July
September
November

Meetings at Total Sports in Harrison Twp. will be the following months:

April
June
August
October
December

The summer tour book for 2025 is under way with committee meetings. Plans are to have the books circulated to participating establishments in mid-April. The end of the year party will be on Sunday, September 21.

The Observation Run is scheduled for Sunday July 13.

Ricky D Annual Memorial Ride is Saturday, August 2.
The Region's first annual euchre tournament is scheduled for Saturday

November 8. More details to follow.

We need volunteers to help with fundraising events and ideas. Suggestions can be sent to abatemichigan.region11rc@gmail.com or discussed at a monthly meeting.

Arnold Schneider
RC Region 11

**REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo,
Berrien, Cass, Joseph
RC - Eric Eads**

Sunday January 5th, 2025

Wendy started the Pledge of Allegiance. Eric started the meeting with:

Joy with the Treasury Report - We have money, but will look forward to building our funds up for the year.

MRF - No report this month.

2600 bills were proposed in 2024. 174 were signed into law. They become in effect 90 days after signed. Call or email your representatives if they are planning to make laws that are against our basic motorcycle freedoms or other basic life freedoms. It's a new year and we don't know what will happen.

We had talks of making a Good Samaritan Award. People would be able to nominate anyone, in or out of ABATE, and the chosen person would be awarded at the May 3rd Annual Spring Safety Event. They would get a year membership in ABATE, their picture in the Rider and a plaque/award for their kind efforts.

We would like to plan a Memorial Day Ride. Anyone that wants to add their input, contact Eric or Joylynn.

We drew for the monthly incentive and Brian S. would have won if he were present. We did a 50/50 raffle and a patron from the bar won.

Tracy motioned to close and Melissa seconded it.

Thank you, Joylynn Wojciehowski.

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

Hello region 13!

All right new year new opportunities! Hopefully we can make this year even better than the last but it will take some work from all of us.

We opened the meeting at 12:05 with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Treasurer Sassy gave her report, we are starting the new year with a favorable balance.

Herb gave us a legislative overview seems like most (if not all) of the bills that we were watching in lame duck did not make it out of session. Now that we have a mixed legislature we will see what happens.

Jinx gave us the MRF report. We have 2 abate members going to the inauguration in DC and Jinx attended the inauguration in Lansing on the 8th.

Jinx also gave his AC report he is pushing sustaining membership to the local clubs.

WE discussed the charity ride that is in the works with the Proud Vets and I will reach out to The Special Olympics and see what dates are available for the park in Vandercook.

Closed the meeting at 1:05 Next meeting we have to go over the PAC run and the regional run along with the charity run.

A big thank you to Animal and Side Car for renewing their membership!

Well by the time this getsa out the Seminar will be over with. Hope you made it out

and had a good time. We Still have several positions open. If you are interested in one please get with me and we will get you going on it.

Until next month Stay warm and start getting the scoots ready for spring, might not seem like it but it will be here before you know it.

Dano.

**REGION 14 - Livingston,
Washtenaw
RC - Shiny Bob**

Sergeant at arms is Eric Pledge of Allegiance and moment of Silence.

RC Shiny Bob
Talked about the Seminar and Thanked Region 13, 15 and 18 for coming to are Christmas party.

Treasurer is Sally
We had a great year.

Awareness coordinator is Dawn

Awareness Report: people ride during the winter months. Be careful and ride safe.

Legislation is Cheryl
Please write your representative about 6257 they are thinking about raising registration fees \$100 more a year.

MRF is Ann
Meeting of the Minds is September 25th- 28th ,2025 in Shreveport, Louisiana at Sam's Town Hotel and Casino.

If you call your State Representative or Senator.

Don't say you're with ABATE . We are under the raider and want to keep it that way.

Doug won the 50/50 and donated it back.

Region 14's events
May 10th is our Awareness Ride
June 14th is our Bike Show
August 16th is our Poker Run

Region 18 has a new meeting place.
400 Jones Ave
Monroe, MI
48161

**REGION 15 - Wayne
RC - Bobby Prine**

No report this month.

**REGION 16 - Crawford,
Roscommon, Oscoda,
Ogemaw, Alcona, Iosco
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**

Hello 2025

This month we found a fantastic new home at VFW Post 1138 on Jones Ave. in Monroe.

We started our meeting with the pledge and prayers. Thankfully our friend Wayne was there with his wife Sandy it was good to see you guys (prayers do get answered).

Leroy thanked everyone for showing up to help with the float for the parade and for attending the parade. We really get our name out to the public in these events.

Great job Leroy and crew !!!

We will be doing the Lenawee County Fair again this year.

Annual Bike Raffle tickets will be available at our next meeting on February 2nd.

Prayers to all.

Abby.

**REGION 19 Oakland
RC - Bill Stewart**

Report from Region 19

For the February 2025 Issue of Michigan Rider

Region 19's View; the Road Ahead in 2025.

Region 19's meeting began as the Regulars gathered around their Shark Club table in Waterford on Tuesday evening, 7 January, our first-Tuesday-of-the-month meeting night. We started with dinner at 6:00 pm (Mike ordered the nachos and they looked really good and smelled great!). With appetites satisfied, RC Bill called our meeting to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance which he then followed by discussing some of the things he had found interesting in January's Michigan Rider. Bill also told us of his (and his bride's) plan to attend the ABATE Seminar over the weekend of 17-19 January as we discussed the challenges that lie ahead for ABATE in the coming year.

Our Treasurer (Speedy) gave her report which was accepted, and our Region's Legislative Officer (Hess) then distributed his written report which listed and described the myriad issues facing ABATE of Michigan and our state's motorcycling community. Hess also gave

his assessment of the support that we might expect from the state legislature during the coming year. Spoiler alert: Hess was not overflowing with optimism. First the issues listed here in no particular order:

- Legislation to guarantee the right to repair, something that should never have been in doubt in the first place.
- E-15 fuel, marketed under the confusing and misleading label "unleaded 88."
- Testing of Autonomous and Semiautonomous Vehicles on the public roads; this dangerous and deadly practice continues; how can it be so?
- Distracted driving continues to threaten all road users, especially motorcyclists.
- Lane Filtering; it has been proven to reduce rear-end crashes, yet is rare in the US.
- Profiling of bikers; being stopped by law enforcement for no reason other than operating a motorcycle (or looking that way) should be illegal everywhere.
- Michigan's PIP insurance crisis: the problem continues to worsen with every insurance policy renewal cycle as people buy policies with low-cap PIP. Lawmakers continue to ignore their collective responsibility to address this problem.
- Safety equipment mandates: adult riders should be able to decide for themselves what to wear when riding.
- Noise ordinances: noise limits that even stock motorcycles cannot meet are unreasonable and pointless in today's loud traffic environment.
- Highway use restrictions: there are no good reasons for motorcycles to be prohibited from using HOV lanes or any other roadways.
- New tariffs; import taxes on motorcycles and/or parts add unfair penalties to bikers.
- There are no doubt other issues too...but really, how many problems do we bikers need?

Listing those challenges is easy; actually making headway to mitigate or resolve them is the hard part. This is largely due to the fact that it is only by way of legislative action that we are likely to find solutions to problems that have themselves arisen through legislative action! The bad news is that working through the legislative

process has never been easy, and doing so now in Michigan is especially difficult.

This is because (in part anyway) Michigan's legislature has become a really difficult place to do business. Our state's lawmakers have been roundly maligned after sessions of single-party rule (with one party controlling the House, the Senate and the Governor's office) which saw abuses including the suspension of rules that guarantee the open debate and fact-finding that are needed to insure that proposed bills will work as advertised. It is equally important that all groups among Michigan's citizenry (including relatively small groups such as motorcyclists) are treated fairly and protected from unintended (and intended) negative consequences of new legislation.

The last two decades have seen countless gifts to legislators made by industry and business lobbyists, gifts (mostly of meals, trips and similar perks) that amounted to over 6.3 million dollars during those 20 years. With this as the history, can Michigan's legislators be trusted to wisely consider all the effects of proposed legislation? Certainly that did not happen in 2019 when the legislature passed SB-1, with neither study nor debate taking place. The Governor then signed that travesty into law, saddling bikers with the PIP caps purchased by the drivers of the cars who crash into them!

Region 19's

Legislative Officer is really looking forward to the ABATE Seminars in January to discuss these questions and others. Why not plan to attend the next Region 19 meeting to find out what we have learned and what is planned for the year ahead.

Region 19's next meeting takes place at the Shark Club on Tuesday, February 4 with Dinner at 6:00 and the meeting at 7:00 6665 Highland Road, Waterford, 48327 Please come out and join us. Wha'cha got to lose?

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

Well now that old man winter has finally arrived, got to say I don't like it. Anyway..... Meeting called to order at 2:12 pm. Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

There were 8 members and 1 guest in attendance. Thanks for giving a shit! Treasurer report was read and accepted.

Legislative: Only 2 Bills mentioned, (sorry I didn't get the Bill #'s), one was for making toll roads in our great state, this one has just disappeared. The second for Registration increase has stalled. The Governor has signed 80 plus Bills into Law this year. Who knows how many in previous years.

On to events/happenings:

Motorcycle Swap Meet, Sun. Feb. 23rd at Dort Financial Center. 3501 Lapeer Rd. Flint. Since this event is in our region we are looking for volunteers to help talk to people about ABATE and get them to become a member, also sell bike raffle tickets.

Field Meet will be June 6-8, Clare County Fairgrounds in Harrison (new location). Advanced tickets will be \$30 single and \$50 per couple, should be available to purchase at Seminar. ABATE Bike Raffle will be in September, will get specific date on the drawing. Tickets will be available after Seminar.

Big, huge shout out and Congrats to Steve "General" Graves for being Region 20 member of the year and stepping up to be RC. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Til next time, Be safe on the roads this winter, Bus

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

No report this month.

