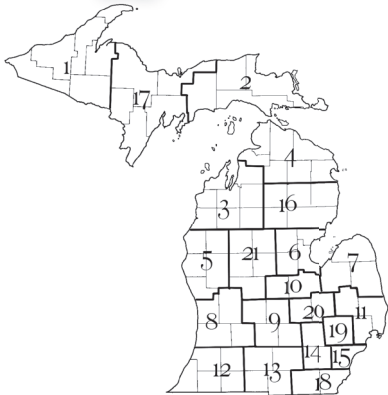




Region Reports



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

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REGION 2 Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac Interim RC Mike Amacher 906 430-2620 mamacher1979@gmail.com

We are still getting lots of snow here in Region 2. We have lots of things we are trying to get going for the summer, one of which is a Bike Nite, which is looking like it is go to be starting in May.
As always, we need more

Operations Officer Dave “Woody” Berg

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members, please if anyone would like to join and keep Region 2 going reach out too me.

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

Meeting was called to order by Van.

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

Mark was absent but Ann Marie read minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Denise second by Ken to approve the minutes with corrections. Discussed and motion carried.

Treasurers report was presented by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Woody, second by Denise. Discussed. Motion carried.

Woody gave a report on legislative. He stated that the state is working on the language for the lane splitting bill. More to follow. The pizza and pop

date has been canceled and it has been rescheduled for Tuesday May 13, 2025. MRF has been able to stop the EV mandate as of right now. More to come

Karen reported that she is waiting to hear from Leelanau county regarding the ride and signs. She also stated that Erik's Memorial Awareness Ride and Scholarship Fund is now officially a 501c3 public charity.

Gina B. was absent.

Denise stated that there is nothing new as she awaits a Region 3 updated membership list. She also requested more of the membership tri-folds.

Road Captain Greg states that he is looking into locations for the summer bash. He will have more info next month.

T-shirt designs need to be turned in at the March 5th meeting and get the sponsors turned by April. Be creative. .

Rachelle Erwin from DYSUN spoke on the ride and will know shortly who their ride recipient will be. The event will be held Aug 1 with a bike show and a meet and greet. The ride will be held on Saturday 2nd. They will also be supporting the nonprofit Healing Waters Project. There are many changes due to their board changing.

The swap meet in Cadillac has been canceled as of now with hope that a new sponsor will pick it up and still have the event as scheduled. More to come.

Abate of Michigan is celebrating 50 years. There is a logo contest for this. Please get your ideas into Woody ASAP. Contact him for more information.

If you want raffle tickets to sell for the bike drawing, get with Ann Marie.

FYI : We will be having a truck with bikes to follow in the Trout Festival parade. The date for this is Saturday April 26.

We are waiting till spring to work on the big portable sign.

The Houghton Lake blessing of the bikes is May 3rd. We will have an awareness booth there.

Erik's Memorial Awareness Ride is Saturday May 17.

The field meet is June 6-8 at the Clare County Fairgrounds

DYSUN bike show is Aug 1 and their ride is Aug 2

Region 3's next meeting is March 5 at Johnny's Torch Riviera.

Denise made a motion to adjourn second by Woody.

Meeting adjourned at 19:14 hrs.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY !

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 prayer. We have bowling coming up Feb 16 at Muskegon Eagles all are welcome! Ed "Bear" Schuitema will be stepping down as Region 5 L.O. and his lovely wife Patricia Shattuck will be stepping up to that position. Cooters Birthday party will be on July 26 at Gail and Allen Fowlers more info

to come on that. The next meeting will be March 2nd at Dirty Dog in Muskegon at 1 pm.

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

Dear ABATE of Michigan,

Following the successful seminar, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to several individuals who made the event truly memorable. A special thank you goes to Pam Fischer for her faith in my ability to step into her role, my husband for his unwavering support, my brother Sid (Tom) and his wife Dreama for traveling from Kentucky to assist, and to Joan, Rick, Deb, Mike, and Ricky – your contributions were invaluable. My heartfelt thanks extend to the entire ABATE family for your ongoing dedication.

Our committee is already planning exciting new breakout sessions for future seminars, aiming to enhance the experience for all members. We're also thrilled to announce a new location and venue for the upcoming field meet (details are in this month's newsletter). This year, we're incorporating a "Bling Bra Challenge" for the Gladwin breast cancer awareness campaign in October; voting will take place at the field meet.

Bike raffle tickets are currently available for purchase. We'll be actively promoting the raffle and selling tickets at our events. In line with President Gary Kopta's membership drive initiative, focused on celebrating our 50th anniversary, we've already welcomed four or five new members to Region 6. We aim to sustain this momentum each month. To support this effort, please consider sharing membership forms, inviting potential members to meetings and events, and highlighting the impactful work of our organization. Your participation is vital as we continue to advocate for motorcyclists' rights, addressing critical issues like the helmet bill, insurance legislation, and public awareness. Together, we can make a difference.

We've decided to forgo our February meeting due to Super Bowl Sunday, a decision made at our January meeting. Our calendar of events includes:

★ ★ May 19th: ★ ★ Awareness Run (flyer forthcoming).

★ ★ Memorial Day: ★ ★ Bubba's Memorial Day bike event in Midland.

★ ★ June 6th & 7th: ★ ★ Region 6 Field Meet (a conveniently located event — please consider attending, volunteering, or renting a golf cart).

★ ★ July 19th: ★ ★ Memorial Run.

★ ★ September 5th & 6th: ★ ★ Bike Raffle Weekend.

Please refer to the newsletter for complete details on these events, and consider attending events organized by other regions as well. We respectfully request prayers for two members of Region 10 who are currently facing serious health challenges. Your thoughts and support would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, please remember to secure and sell your bike raffle tickets and pre-sale field meet tickets. We look forward to a spring filled with sunshine, wind, and camaraderie.

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

Meeting February 2, 2025

Meeting called order at 2:40 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for our troops, and opening praying.

Secretary Report – Read

March 2025

minutes from January 5th meeting – motion to accept minutes as read by Dan, support by Bob.

Treasurers Report – Shelby reported income and expenses from January - motion to accept Treasurer's report by Jeremy, supported by Parcus.

Legislative Report - Butch, Jeremy, and Tamara provided current update from Lansing. Pizza & Pop was canceled and is being rescheduled for May 13th in the Mackinaw Room of the House Building, from 10 am till 1:30 PM. Please remember that the pizza is for our Legislators first! Cole Wood, Field Representative for Congress woman Lisa McCain, provided current update from Washington.

Old Business – Camp Out June 27-28-29. Discussed music for weekend, food vendors, bike games, and gate/camping electric price. Region voted on retaining a DJ for Friday and Saturday Night. The March meeting should be able to get flyers completed for the event. We will need people to sign up to work for a couple of hours at the event, I will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting. Please sign up if you can spare a few hours to help the region! July 12th is the Scoot & Shoot and if you would like to be a stop (at your house), Please get with Tim, and let him know and we will help get you a contest for your stop! It will be held at Farmer's Tavern in Ruth again this year! Thanks Steve and Chelsey for

hosting!

March 29th – MRF Spaghetti Dinner need live auction items donated and desserts for the dinner and as before, desserts not used will be auctioned off. Members need to put up flyers in the region or anywhere else you think. Contact Tim if you need flyers! Hope to see you there to support the MRF!

Summer Tour Book 2025 Update – Next meeting is February 16th, at noon, Melvin Tavern. Please attend the meeting. I would love to see more members from Region 7, out riding to these stops and participating in this! It is something that you can do all summer long! Get a group together and ride to the stops, plus you have a chance to win prizes at the Summer Tour Book Party in September. This is a GOOD reason to get out and Ride, Plus you will be helping with our Awareness program! How about a couple region rides to get our books stamped?

New Business – Pick up your Bike tickets to sell from Shelby. These tickets are an important part of our region donation to the state! If every member sold at least one book of tickets, what an impact we could have!! Please get a book and sell! May 31st Steel Horse Ranch in Caro is hosting a Motorcycle Awareness Day, some special guests will be there to talk with people about Awareness! LeRoy said that he will be there to do his Awareness class. Dondi is going to be there to talk about the insurance issue. Representative Greg

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Alexander will be there to talk about what is happening in Lansing.

Butch provide update to the region for Wednesday, June 25th Veteran's Traveling Wall coming to Caro. Michigan State Police are set as escort. Further updates at the next meeting. We hope to have a good number of bikes to help escort the wall, be there if you can!!

Triathlon winners – washer toss winner was Wes Naracon, Ball bounce winner was Mark McGarry, Nerf Shoot Winner was also Mark McGarry. The total overall winner was Mark McGarry. Congratulations to the Winners and Thank you to all who played the games!

Upcoming Events –. March 29th – MRF Spaghetti Dinner at Farmers Tavern in Ruth, from 3pm to 9pm.

April 23rd – Trash Pick Up at Evergreen Park 5pm start. Bring dish to pass.

May 4th – Awareness Ride and meeting – Evergreen Park.

May 20th-21st – Biker's In the Beltway – Washington, DC.

June 7th – Rest in Peace Ride and meeting – Evergreen Park.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bob/support Tamara.

I would like to thank all who came out to the Triathlon and competed in the games! Everyone had a fun time, and the Potluck was very good! I am currently working on some new contests for our events! There could be some new games at the Scoot & Shoot!! Do not forget the MRF Spaghetti dinner and Auction! Many people do not realize how important the MRF is in this country! The MRF is in DC fighting for Motorcyclists nationwide! Plus, they help State Motorcycle Rights Organizations whenever they can. When you hear an MRF member say other SMRO's, he is talking about ABATE, AMA, and other organizations in other states that are in state capitals fighting for motorcyclists! So come have some GREAT spaghetti and dessert! Do not forget to stay for the auction, you could get some great items!!

Okay, that is enough for this month! I keep

praying for an early summer so I can get out and do a lot more riding this year! The way Mother Nature has been lately, spring can not get here soon enough!! Until next month, be safe, stay warm, be careful out there! I have heard of a lot of slip and fall accidents out there! Be safe and GOD Bless!
Tim

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry Interim RC

Josh Winkelstien

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Meeting opened at 4pm by newly appointed RC Tara "Lo-Key" Hendee, treasury report given. Discussed newly appointed board members and minute notes from meetings at seminar. Informed of products needing a few weeks to get set back up with a new product manager appointed. Resumed conversations regarding ride events and membership events. Will have a spring ride Saturday, May 24th. Ride to Hell planned for July 19th, Ride to Gilmore for Vintage Bike weekend on September 13th. Flyers to follow. Two new members have signed up under Lo-Key to join Region 8. Meetings still to be held at 4pm on the second Sunday of each month, will continue to have meetings at Sandy Pines Resort until further notice. Open Officer and secretary positions were reminded of. No new business at this time. Meeting closed at 5:22pm.

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

Hello Region 9. The board of ABATE is asking for suggestions for t-shirt designs for the 50 year anniversary of ABATE of Michigan. The board wants to have a shirt done by May 2026. Anybody who would like advance field meet tickets let me know I can get them or put you in contact with the person who can. Pop and pizza party has been changed to Tuesday May 13th. May is Motorcycle awareness month watch for events promoting it, and you can get awareness signs from me or the Sunfield cycle shop has some left.

I have re-uped our sustaining membership in the MRF for another year.

The proposed \$83.5 billion Michigan includes

\$98.9 million for road and bridge repair.
Spring is just around the corner and it's about time to think about getting your bike and gear in order. I hope to see you on the road and at events.
Nick
Region 9 R.C.

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

**ABATE REGION 10
MEETING MINUTES**

Feb. 2, 2025
-Meeting called to order at 3:10pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

-Finance report was given.

-Minutes from last meeting were read.

-Legislative report was given.

Looks like we have some political supporters in Lansing that may help us with the insurance issue and more.

-MRF update was given.
New/more members are needed.

-It was reported that Region 10 has the 2nd highest membership in the state.
Let's go for #1 and get more members.

-Everyone attending the seminar last month had a great time. The "Grease" movie theme was awesome.

-Congratulations and Thank You for stepping up:

Bob & Kim McClennan as statewide products coordinators.

Jamie Campbell as Region 10 Bike raffle tickets coordinator. This year I challenge each member to sell at least 10 tickets. It's not hard to sell 10. If you sell 20 tickets your name will go into a drawing for \$200.00 which will be drawn at the October meeting. Each additional 10 tickets after your first 20 will give you an additional ticket. This is for Region 10 not statewide.

Tiffany Ann as Region 10 Membership coordinator.

-The drawing for the T-shirt quilt will be March 2nd.
Contact Region 10 Facebook page to meet up to purchase tickets. Facebook live drawing at 330, March 2nd.

-Looking for help with the cancer benefit for Bob Maclennan and Ken Townsend. It's being held March 8th at the Alma Elks Lodge. Donations for the auction are being accepted. Thank You in Advance.
Contact Vern Shock if you are interested. Thank You in Advance.

-New this year, Sunday Funday. As the weather breaks in the Spring, it will be announced on Saturday that a Sunday Funday ride is being planned the next day. Hope to see a lot of you there.

-The St. Louis Moose Riders is holding a fund raiser for Special Olympics on March 17.
Upcoming events:

March 8th, Cancer benefit for Bob and Ken at the Alma Elks lodge.

-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

-September 6th, End of Summer ride will end up at the Clare County fairgrounds where the bike drawing will take place.

-Oct 11th, Color Tour

-Dec 6th or 13th, Christmas party.

-The meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.

-Next meeting Sunday, March 2nd, 3pm at Evergreen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Townsend, Region 10 secretary.

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

Hello Region 11 Members:

Our meeting dates are officially once/month, alternating between Chicky's Almont and Total Sports/Harrison Twp. Meeting times are at 7pm at both locations:
Chicky's/Almont: March, May, July, September &

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

American Legion Post 4 in Mt. Clemens
is hosting their 5th Annual Blessing of the
Bikes. Region 11 will have a booth at this
event. Anyone is welcome to come and
help.

Our Summer Tour Book planning and
preparation with Region 7 is coming along.
Books should be available mid-April.

Upcoming Events:
May 22- Fundraiser at Foxfire Fixins
July 13 - Observation Run is July 13th.

Arnold Schneider
Region 11 RC.

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

Sunday February 2nd.
Tracy started off with the Pledge of
Allegiance.

Joy with the Treasury Report - We have
a lot of events this year to help grow our
resources to have another strong year. Bike
Raffle Tickets are here!!! Ask Joy and Gary
for some to buy or to sell yourself. Still get a
brand new Harley or Indian for \$10!

Notes from the Seminar with Eric - We
have a new State Products person, Kim. She
will be up and running very shortly. Also
Tiny is the new S.O.A. for the state.

Joylynn with Events - Don't forget the
Annual Bowling Event is Saturday March
22nd, at 12:00 pm in Three Rivers. You do
not have to be an Abate member to join
the fun! See the flyer in the Rider. \$20 per
person, for pizza, pop, shoes and 2 games of
bowling.

Mark your calendars for our First Annual
Spring Safety Check & Maintenance Event
May 3rd from 9 am to 5 pm. At Geronimo
LLC in Paw Paw. We are presenting an
award to a Good Samaritan along with
the CMA, Christians for Motorcycle
Association. The committee will be voting

on in March. Ask Tracy for details.

The Freedom Rally is coming soon!!! Bring
a friend or 10!!!

Our newest raffle is for a hunting capable
air rifle pellet gun. Tickets are \$5 each or 5
for \$20 and we will raffle off later this year.
See Eric for details or tickets.

We will have Shotgun Bowling and Pistol
Poker later this year. We still have some
safety measures to figure out, but last year's
event was very successful. See Bear or Eric
for details.

Bear with the MRF Report - Secretary
Duffy issued a memo to NHTSA to
review and reconsider all existing fuel
economy standards for vehicles from 2022
- forward. "These fuel economy standards
are set at such aggressive levels that auto
makers cannot, as a practical matter, satisfy
the standards without rapidly shifting
production away from internal combustion
engine vehicles to alternative electric
technologies." Rewriting these rules will
take some time. Finally a light in the dark
on EV's.

In December CARB said they are dropping
standards requiring half of new bikes sold in
the state be electric in the next 10 years.

Congressman Frank Graves of Missouri
to lead Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee. Unusual, as he served six years
as Chairman & Ranking Member. This
committee is critical to the MRF as it plays
a major role in shaping policy that affects
bikers.

California received a waiver to implement
new emissions standards giving it authority
to phase gas powered cars & light trucks. It
is believed the present administration will
rescind this. However, it may take a while.

In January, Daimler Truck in Oregon
announced it is pausing sales of internal
combustion engines. This comes about as
Oregon seems to be writing its' own rules
on CARB. Important because states are
allowed to copy CARB due to Federal Law.
Look for this law to be changed. If states
can create mandates, it could allow all sorts

of chaos for consumers and manufacturers.

Study by IIHS on High Visibility Clothing, that it makes pedestrians stand out to drivers may make them invisible to Robot crash avoidance systems. Their implications of this, as it affects bikes, is pretty obvious.

Kubota and Farm Bureau reached an understanding regarding Right to Repair, allowing farmers to repair without factory reps. Memo can be read at MRF Alerts. Unlike John Deere. Present administration directed officials to consider elimination subsidies and policies that favor electric vehicles. It does NOT call for ending waivers that allow states to limit gas powered vehicles.

Iowa is proposing a bill to train police on profiling.

Senator Sean Duffy of Wisconsin confirmed as Secretary of Transportation. His stated goals during his confirmation hearing will be to create a national set of rules for Robot Vehicles instead of the patchwork of different rules and regulations from state to state. While some worry this will take the heat off Tesla, he stated "I will let NHTSA do its investigation," in reference to ongoing investigations of Tesla's safety record.

Bear's Quote of the Month - "Politics is the gentle art of letting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to

protect each from the other." Oscar Ameringer.

We drew for the Incentive drawing for meeting attendance and Stacy N. would have won the jackpot if they were present. We did a drawing for 50/50 and Guest Sue and Doug won the drawing. We also raffled off a few small things and two members won them and one patron from the bar won one prize.

Tracy motioned to close the meeting and Bear seconded it.

Thank you,
Joylynn Wojciehowski.

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

Hello region 13!
HELLO REGION, 13!
Wow What a seminar! It was great to see all the old faces That I only get to see once or twice a year!
We opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance at 12:05 Followed by a moment of silence.
We recapped the last meeting, and it was accepted,
Our treasurer gave her report, and we are still in a favorable bank balance.
Herb Gave his update about what's happening in Lansing. If you have an issue, you would like your legislature to address them about it and let them know that you would like to have them address it, also if you would like to have them at an event or meeting, you must schedule it with his/her office staff.

On the MRF front Herb filled in for Jinx, under the Trump administration the Secretary of transportation stated that the internal combustion engine will NOT be eliminated by 2030. They are also reevaluating the California emission standards to see if they can set their own standards or not.
Our PAC run and Region run are shaping up nicely Look for a flyer Next month. The Charity event that we are going to be involved with along with the Proud Vets Is moving forward. WE ARE GOING TO NEED HELP WITH THIS! Please, if you are available, see where we need workers at! If we want this to be a big success, then it is going to take all of us to get involved!
The ABATE state board has issued a challenge for the 50th anniversary, it's called 50 for the 50th. They would like to see each region grow by 50%. So, if you know someone who is interested in ABATE of Michigan then bring them to a meeting. We have raffle tickets available. If you would like to sell or buy them, please get in touch with me. This raffle is how we fund a lot of things on the state level so let's get to selling.
There is a new products person so it might be a month or two before you can get any merchandise from the state website while they do changeover.
Buttons our awareness director is looking into see what you can get to hand out at our booth when we go places.
Richard, our Calhoun



Region Photos

Seminar 2025



RC's with the president at the 2025



Region 14 table top decorations



Region 6
fixing u right
up!!



Region 3

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is getting a list of bike nights together in his area hopefully we can attend to get some members and to sell tickets.
Well, that wraps this up. Stay warm and have happy motorcycle dreams.
Dano.

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

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
At the Seminar Awards Banquet,
Region 14 was the fourth highest contributor for ABATE of Michigan and Third highest for Bike tickets sales for 2024. Thanks everyone for supporting this achievement.

ABATE of Michigan will be celebrating its 50 year Anniversary.
Anyone can submit A logo design for them to pick from and the deadline is March 1st.
I have Bike raffle tickets for this year's raffle also Field Meet tickets.

I would like to thank Cheryl for all the live auction items donated for the Seminar.
We need to get our flyers made for the Awareness Ride, Bike Show and Poker Run.
We need to get them into the Riders chain of events.

Keep supporting other Regions and Thanks for coming to our meetings.

Treasurer is Sally
Sergeant at arms is Eric
We are doing good.
The secretary is Dawn
No Report

Legislation is Cheryl
110 bill vetoed
17 bills passed

Trying to push helmet bill
Still working on Insurance bill
Cameras on EV cars cannot see our clothing on bikes.

MRF is Ann
MRF will be at Oregon's 50th Anniversary for ABATE.

Awareness is Dawn
No Report

American Legion in Saline will be having a Comedy Show on March 22 doors open at 7.

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

No report this month.

**REGION 16 - Crawford, Roscommon,
Oscoda, Ogema, Alcona, Iosco
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.

Call Woody: 231 884-2192

Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com.

**REGION 18 - Lenawee, Monroe
RC- Leroy Cuykendall III**

We opened this month promptly at 2pm and went through our reports then moved on to discuss the seminar. We had enough from region 18 in attendance to not only have a blast and play games, but to be diversified with all the breakout sessions. We discussed one particular session with Jay Jackson of the MRF on lane splitting and lane filtering. Included riding tips from the session and discussing the high rate of bikers rearending stopped vehicles. We also touched on a few other sessions regarding membership, selling bike raffle tickets, as well as the session on the history of women in motorcycling. This was great to bring to this month's meeting for discussion with those who were unable to attend the seminar. We want to give thanks to Brad and Connie for their work helping with the seminar. We set our first road pick up for this year on April 23rd starting at 6pm. If due to inclement weather, backup date is set for the following day April 24th also at 6pm. All reminders for road pickup will be posted on Facebook. We are also currently working on getting

something set up to put on to YouTube, more to come on that. We want to give thanks to VFW post 1138, located at 400 Jones Ave, Monroe, MI, for hosting our monthly meetings. The meeting ended at approximately 3pm.

Stay safe out there,
Region 18 report from
Kristin A.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

Report from Region 19
For the March, 2025 Issue of
Michigan Rider
We Didn't Meet in February
but We are Rarin' to Go!

Region 19 folks did not hold their meeting in February due to RC Bill being unable to attend—we certainly didn't want to meet without our Leader! But we remain clearly focussed on the coming year and the Region's important role in representing the interests of Oakland County's many thousands of motorcyclists. RC Bill and his wife Sandy, along with Speedy (our Treasurer) were pleased to have attended this year's ABATE Seminar in Flint and with this as a springboard into the new year, we are ready to go.

Among lots of things picked up at the Seminar, it was discussed that RC Conference Calls are planned for the first Tuesday of each month, while ABATE's Legislative Days in Lansing will take place on the third Wednesday. LO Conference Calls will be held on the third Thursday.

NEWS FLASH: Region

19 has held its monthly meetings on first Tuesdays for years. Because of the RC Conference Call Schedule, that will no longer work (Bill will need to be on the calls) and our meetings will take place on the second Tuesday instead. Please mark your calendars appropriately!

Our Region's Legislative Officer (Hess) is planning to be in Lansing on February 19 and will take that opportunity to visit the offices of Oakland County's Representatives and Senators. Hess is looking forward to meeting the folks new to Lansing as well as renewing his contacts with the Region's veteran legislators from the last session. ABATE's constant and decades-long presence in Lansing has been its most important and effective tool in working with Michigan's legislators. With the start of a new legislative session we can only hope that a new, cooperative atmosphere will prevail among our state's legislators and that this will allow ABATE of Michigan to make progress on the issues that are essential for protecting motorcycling in our state.

But one thing is certain; Region 19's leaders are ready to do their part. We invite you to stay tuned for the details as they happen. And while you are at it, why not come

out to our next Region 19 meeting to see what's going on for yourself; we would be thrilled to have you join us.

That's the second Tuesday, the 11th of March at the Shark Club
6665 Highland Road,
Waterford, 48327
Dinner at 6:00, the meeting follows at 7:00
Please come out and join the fun.

Submitted by
Hess Bates, Legislative
Officer
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REGION 20 - Genesee, Shiawassee RC- Steve (General) Graves

No report this month

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

No report this month

