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

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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.

RC - TBD

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*REGION 2* Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac Interim RC Mike Amacher

906 430-2620 mamacher1979@gmail.com No report this month. REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse,

August 2025

Lelllanau, Benzie, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford RC - Van Dunson

Meeting was held at the Rapid city Tavern outside

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

Van extended a Welcome to

all who were in attendance

and called to order at 18:08

hrs by Van.

bike night Mark was absent so no meeting minutes.

and this will be a quick

meeting so we can enjoy

Treasurers report: Presented by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Karen second by Denise. Discussed, motion carried. Legislative reported by

Woody. Nothing is really happening. The insurance bill has ställed. Woody says to support the PAC fund.

Karen opened a discussion regarding a mobile sign that had been discussed at a previous meeting. We have a trailer to move this sign where ever we need a big sign such as corners, parades etc. Denise made a motion to approved funds to get this sign accomplished, motion

was seconded. Paul said that

he would help with the sign.

Nothing new from Gina on products.

Nothing new from Denise on membership.

Greg stated that everything seems to be all set for the party. One band backed out so he got another for a few more dollars.

Karen will check the past meetings to see how much we allocated for the party and get back to Ann Marie. Deciding on the fees for the camping... electric sites is more. Day

passes will be available as

well. Get with Woody or

availability. The dates are

Greg regarding fees and

July 25-27. This will be held at the Interlochen Eagles campground. Greg is setting up all kinds of fun. Greg states that he will need help. Get with him for donations for the silent auction.

available for pre-sale. See Ann Marie. Woody states the Coho Parade in Benzie/Honor is Aug 23 at 1 pm. Get with Woody if you can help.

Camping tickets for the

drawing in September are

He also states the fair in Kalkaska is Fri. Aug 1st at 10 am. We need bikes and drivers with extra helmets to play the road kill game with the kids.

The next meeting will be August 6th at Rapid City Tavern at 6pm.

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Region 3 summer bash is July 25, 26, 27 Woody, Jeremy or anyone else that fights the fight, say "thanks for giving a shit!! " The fair in Kalkaska The DYSUN Ride is August 1st and 2nd The bike raffle party is September 5th and We have our memorial run July 19, please join us. Rick and Joan Lawrence have a 6th great run planned. Kickstands up at Baileys at 12:30 Last but not least our long time Abate member "POPS" was here and we were able to celebrate his 84th birthday with songs The bike raffle weekend is coming up and and cake. Happy Birthday Pops. we have presale tickets for the event. Hit me up for yours. It's again at Clare County Meeting adjourned at 18:33 hrs. Fairgrounds in Harrison again. This event is open to the public so bring some friends. REGION 4 - Emmet, Charlevoix, Golf carts are available to rent again. Two Cheboygan, Presque Ilse, Otsego, seater \$105 and four seater is \$115. Reserve Montmorency, Alpena them soon. RC - Dave Etherton No report this month. Hope the bike ticket sales are going strong. Jerry and Mich. have been selling them like REGION 5 - Mason, Lake, Oceana, crazy. We have a few bike nights to attend. Muskegon, Newaygo Need more info, want to help out or just RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson want to sit with me and people watch let me know!!! Our meeting is late this month due to holiday weekend, so just a few reminders, Baileys is having bike nights on Thursday Biketime campground starts July 16 and nights. I haven't made it there yet as June volunteers are always needed! July and was a busy month for this old lady and her August meetings will be held Hightower at family. So let's try to stop out for a bit and 1 pm, Sept, Oct, and November meetings say hi to Randi and Doug. will be at 7 mile inn. Hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Have ideas for some things to do, have ideas for winter fun, have ideas to make our REGION 6 - Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, region better!!! Bring it to a meeting and let us know. The members are what matter. RC - Merry Gerrett Let the sun shine Greeting my friends. Hope this beautiful warm hot rainy cold weather is good for Let the wind blow you. I know the riding weather has been top notch because we are seeing a lot of bikes. Let the rain stay away when we want to ride The field meet was a blast. The new Let the bad word winter stay away as long as location worked out well. The fair was possible happy with our event and have been invited back next year. Peace Merry. Everything went well. REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac RC - Tim Polk I want to thank our region for all their help and hope you had a good time. No report this month. We went to the Freedom Rally in Lansing. Lots of people there supporting our rights!! Our LO committee works so hard with not much glory. So if you see Cricket, Bear, ABATE OF MICHIGAN August 2025 Page 14

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Enjoy the summer while it what is going on. Allegan, Barry Jinx updated us on the MRF RC - Tara Hendee and the importance that Vern Shock they play in DC and the Email: tarame7789@yahoo. importance of keeping up to Region 10/21 RC. com date with the call to actions REGION 11 - Lapeer, St. Meetings second Sunday of and becoming a member. Clair, Macomb We have 2 events in August. the month RC- Arnold Schneider The flyers are out there on Location coming soon. several Facebook sites and No report this month. Region 11 August Events: some places around the REGION 9 - Ingham, region. August 2: Ricky D Eaton, Clinton & Ionia The first one is on August Memorial Ride 2nd which is the PAC run. Counties RC - Nick Henry The Proceeds will go the August 16: First Annual Get No report this month. MMPAC, so please attend Sign up at 11 kick stands up your Stamp Ride REGION 10 - Gratiot, at noon! Saginaw Next meeting is August 6 at The second one is a new run RC - Vern Shock Total Sports at 7pm. that is being held with the Proud Vets and that one is Be safe and enjoy the Hello region 10 and 21. our Special Olympics charity run. That one is going to summer weather! We are about the middle of take place on August 23rd. July already. How did that happen already? There isn't OSCAR. We will have vendors and a ride in bike show. The CMA much to report this month. REGION 12 - VanBuren, will be doing a breakfast at We had our annual region Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, poker run today. A lot of 10am. Registration will open at 11 with kickstands up at **Joseph** new people and old people we haven't seen in a while. RC - Eric Eads noon! Was a great ride with about No report this month. On September 27th we 200 miles. I want to thank have the Run For the REGION 13 - Calhoun, Region. Same as always, each and every person Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale registration opens at 11 that helped and showed RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie with kickstands up at noon. up for the ride and after party at Lumberjack Park, This run is to help with the region funds. If we want to HELLO REGION, 13!! who always goes above and Wow July already. do stuff, we have to have the beyond for our region. Seems like we just left funds to do 1t. Buttons will be at a couple spring behind us yesterday! Next meeting will be at Not a bad turnout for ot places in August with Ghost Town Saloon August being July 4th weekend. We the Region 13 booth. One 3, at 3 pm. need the tickets back at the is Heats custom cycle in August Meeting! they will Stockbridge and at the end ALL tickets sold and unsold be turned in the following of August we will be at need to be turned in at that Hudson Leather. Monday! time. Ride safe, the season is We had an update from Sorry if I missed anything going by fast. trying to get my bike going Herb. Not much is going on If you would like the buy in Lansing but that doesn't for the run tomorrow. Till mean that we are not busy. next time! presale tickets for bike raffle Look up your reps' coffee Ride safe, / end of summer party, buy hours or town meetings Dano. your tickets at the next and let them know that they meeting. Anyone that buys the presale tickets will ride have motorcyclists in their area that do pay attention to tree that day. *ABATE OF MICHIGAN* August 2025

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Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. Russell of the Scorpions has Cancer and we need to keep him in our prayers. Dawn, Secretary- we had a good turnout for Region 14's bike show. I would like to thank the Citadels MC of

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw

RC - Shiny Bob

Michigan who are also sustaining members of ABATE for coming to our bike show.

The Citadels MC also have bike nights at Two Lakes Tavern at 110 Walnut Street, Manitou Beach, MI On Mondays 6 to 9 pm. I would also like to thank Sally for the

plaques for the Bike Show. Sally you do an amazıng job. Sally, Treasurer- We are doing good. Ann, MRF - July 13th is the MCOC at the Scorpions at 26350 Milford, South Lyon at 12pm. Tim Walberg is running for Congress and needs are votes. He is a huge supporter of

Cheryl, Legislation- encouraged us to double check our own insurance coverage, especially the lack of available PIP coverage. The insurance companies are still pushing to reinstate the helmet law as well as trying to raise our rates. Lane filtering is still being discussed in Lansing and does have support.

our motorcycle rights.

Dawn, John, Pinhead, Tina and Sally for the donations for the raffle baskets for the Field Meet. I would like to also thank everyone that went to the Freedom Rally. I have presale camping tickets for the bike drawing. Please keep selling the bike tickets, it's our

Shiny Bob, RC- I would like to thank, Bob,

biggest fundraiser for the organization. We will do our bike raffle round up at the August meeting. Please keep supporting other Regions.

REGION 15 - Wayne Interim RC - Johnny Rotten No report this month.

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

No report this month.

RC- Jesse Gordy

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REGION 17 - Marquette, Dickinson,

Menominee, Delta, Alger

RC - TBD

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Calf Woody: 231 884-2192 Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com. REGION 18 - Lenawee, Monroe RC- Leroy Cuykendall III

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

No report this month.

Report from Region 19 For the August 2025 Michigan Rider

Region 19 met on Tuesday, July 1 at Waterford's Shark Club at 6:00pm with

most of the regulars in attendance. First things first, we ordered food; the chicken tacos worked for Hess and Speedy while the 5 trillion calories on the nacho platter served further down the table looked really

try some Shark Club chow for yourself.

RC Bill called the meeting to order at 7:10 with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by report: Bill thanked everyone for taking the

good! Come on out to our next meeting and

time to attend our meeting. We are living in strange days when it is difficult just to get folks to come out for a bite to eat and to talk biker stuff. Most of us never thought that things would be this way, but so they are.

ABATE needs to increase its membership and the attendance of its members at their Region meetings. Making

this happen is the difficult part and any good ideas would be greatly appreciated! Woody (ABATÉ Operations Officer)

has sent a memo to RC's about a possible state-wide realignment of ABATE's Regions, requesting feedback on this topic. Bill did not have detailed information on

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### Michigan Rider Kewsletter

The Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 12th of each month.

\* Please add your Region number to the subject line in all emails.

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#### Michigan Confederation of Clubs

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without discrimination.

Speedy reported that two expenditures took place during June including our annual contribution to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the cost of our table at the Waterford Expo. She also stated that the treasury remains stable. Hess then distributed his LO report and discussed ABATE's recent legislative activities. 1. The Freedom Rally: Our LO arrived early in Lansing and visited the offices of his Rep (Mark Tisdel) and Senator (Mike Webber). Hess also made stops in the offices of Carter, Steele and other friends of ABATE to remind these folks that ABATE needs their friendship and support. The Freedom Rally itself started at noon, and ABATE's leaders put on good faces as they spoke but appeared frustrated by the lack of progress. Layers of dysfunction in the state legislature make passing legislation to solve the PIP issue very difficult. And perhaps even worse, in a meeting with Rep Mike Harris, ABATE leaders were told that our old bill (HB 4809) that would change the "order of priorities" allowing bikers to access PIP coverage from their auto insurance would never be passed into law! This was an especially bitter pill given that ABATE has spent 6 years working to advance this very concept. It also meant that August 2025

what this realignment might

speculation around the table.

involve but the concept

sparked a good bit of

entire idea now appears to be dead and a new approach to the PIP crisis will need to be developed. To start this process Bear asked LO's to put their thoughts about the PIP crisis on paper and to email these to him prior to 26 June when a follow up conference call was planned. Hess sent his report to Bear on the 25th and copies of that report were distributed around our table. That second call took place on the 26th and while the conversation did not produce a specific plan, it did reiterate the concerns and complexities of the issue. It is now clear that cooperation, flexibility and wisdom will be required from all parties involved if we are to achieve an equitable solution to the PIP problem. As this report is being written, a face-to-face meeting among ABATE's Legislative Officers and other leaders is being discussed. Such a meeting

ABATE must now find a

efforts to resolve the PIP

LO Conference

on the 19th and was as grim

The first took place

The news about HB

new path forward in its

Calls: There were two

as the Freedom Rally.

4809 was repeated. The

concept that bikers injured

in crashes could access the

has been a cornerstone of

PIP from their car insurance

our efforts since 2019. That

issue.

during June.

attendant care crises are NOT OUR FAULT!! These problems lie clearly at the feet of those who passed and then signed SB 1 into law. ABATE of Michigan is a small organization of volunteers who have worked hard to solve the problems caused by SB 1 while also managing their own private lives. It behooves each of us to treat our ABATE brothers and sisters with gentle kindness, respect and forbearance as they continue to work on these issues. Region 19's next meeting will take place on August 5, 2025 at the Shark Club, located at 6665 Highland Rd, Waterford. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 7:00. We hope to see you there! Submitted by Hess Bates, Legislative Officer; hessbates@att.net. REGION 20 - Genesee, Shiawassee RC - Steve (General) Graves Freedom Rally was good but had low attendance. Fish fry

was awesome! Lets make next

ABATE Bike Raffle is Sept. 6th

at 8pm. Tickets need to be

years Rally even better.

Which brings us to a few

Our organization is going

complex challenges and is frustrated by a legislature

times. ABATE is faced with

that refuses to recognize its

responsibility to provide effective and fair legislation.

ABATE members and leaders must all keep in

mind that the PIP and

through some difficult

final thoughts:

will be required to develop a

clear strategy to guide future

efforts.

## Winners of the bike games hosted by Region 14 at the ABATE of Micigan annual Field Meet

















Winners from Region 14's bike show. There was a great turned out!!!







Congratualtions to all the Winners!!!

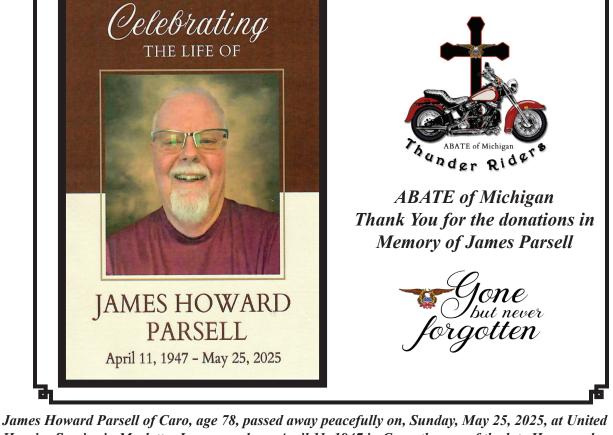
turned in to your Region RC, Cupcake or mailed in by 7/27. Legislative: Nothing going on for the time being as they are out of session for the summer.

As of now I am semi-retired. Soon to be fully retired. Have healed up pretty much from my bike-deer accident. Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

That is all for now. Be safe. Steve "General" Graves

#### REGION 21 - Osceola Clare, Mescosta, Isabella, Montcalm Interim RC - Vern Shock

No report this month.



Hospice Service in Marlette. James was born April 11, 1947 in Caro, the son of the late Harry and Georgianna (Russell) Parsell. He graduated from Caro High School in 1965, went on to attend Olivet College where he obtained his Bachelor of Sociology and Psychology in 1971. James continued his education at Central Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, and taught Psychology at Great Lakes Junior College. He started his career working as a Milieu coordinator at Starr Commonwealth for Boys, went on to Genesee County Community Mental Health where he was administrative coordinator of the children's partial hospitalization program. James obtained his license as a nursing home administrator and ran the Genesee Skilled Care Center in Flint. He came back to Caro to work at the Regional Mental Health Center as program director. While in Caro, James was able to help many people in their time of need. He would work pro bono with many clients. James' heart was always in helping those in need and getting the care they needed. When James wasn't working, he enjoyed motorcycling, boating, and hunting. He was a proud member of ABATE of Michigan, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the Moose Lodge of Caro, and Michigan Confederation of Clubs. James had a zest for life and his kind, caring ways will be missed dearly.



#### LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Meeting every 3rd Tuesday @ 9AM at the House office building.
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Get Involved Write a letter to your Representative!!

Letter Writing and E-Mail

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via e-mail or the Internet may be the most effective way of contacting your legislator, whether in Lansing or Washington. Consult the Congressional (p. 4), House (p. 31), and Senate (p. 53) directories in this guide to find the addresses of Michigan legislators. Many offices prefer e-mail.

A Citizen's Guide to State Government.

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GUIDE is to provide some of the specific information needed to get in touch with the RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME to make your concerns

heard. It is hoped that it will be a reference tool that will assist

The intent of this CITIZEN'S

you in your efforts to be heard by public officials.

It is of primary importance that the general public increase its participation in the decision-making process. In order to actuate this input, the citizen must acquire an understanding of the legislative structure and process and then organize concerted efforts to effectively demand representation. Individuals can have an impact on specific legislative proposals, provided it is made at the appropriate time. Organized community and citizens' groups can multiply the impact of that individual effort. Organizing citizens' groups to deal with specific community problems is extremely important. Such groups provide a focal point from which citizens can participate in the decisionmaking process and influence legislation.

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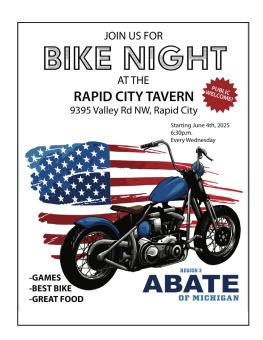
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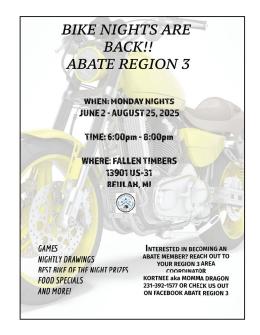
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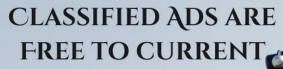
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