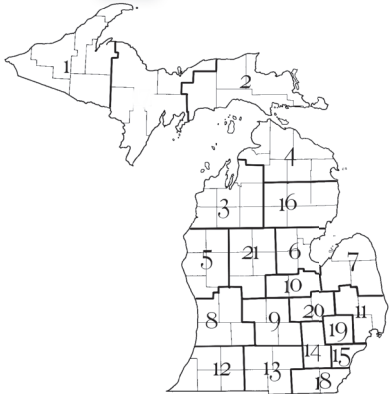




Region Reports



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REGION 1 - Alpha

RC - Rick Herkimer

No report this month.

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

RC - Van Dunson

February 2023 Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 18:30 hrs. by Van.

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

A welcome from Van and he asked for our patience as he works his way into his new position of RC. Van announced that Ken T has stepped up and will be the interim AC for Antrim/ Kalkaska.

Denise read the minutes from our last meeting.

Karen made a motion to approve, second by Denise. Discussed. Motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was presented by Ann Marie. Motion to approve by Karen, second by Denise. Discussed. Motion carried. Currently our new LO is

Anita. She reported that she is learning her job. The pizza and pop date has been postponed and she will post things on the region’s Facebook page as they happen. She also stated that she joined MRF and that we should support them.

AC Ken He has nothing at this time.

AC Kortnee stated that she has been working with Rob on several things regarding ABATE. She also stated that she will get with Eric and the Mid-Michigan bikers podcast for Motorcycle awareness. She spoke with Fallen Timbers re several things and the owner states that with an ABATE ID he may give a discount to menu items.

Karen reported that she and Gina are making plans to set up awareness info at several locations during the ride season. She also stated that most of the ride is set..just waiting for final approval from Manistee. We will be putting 6 signs in this year with the last one being on Fallen Timbers property. Hope to have the final

details soon to post and get the flyer done.

Gina B. was absent.

Denise stated that we have one membership renewal.

Road Captain Greg states that he is looking forward to the upcoming ride season.

T-shirt designs need to be turned in at the March 6th meeting and get the sponsors turned by April 3rd. Several designs were passed around. Lots of discussion.

A lot of discussion on the summer party for region 3. There are several ideas for the location and Greg will check out one of them and get back to us by the next meeting.

The bike nights for Fallen Timbers will start on May 13, 2024. There is no bike night on Memorial day. The other bike night has not yet been confirmed.

We will be setting up a booth at the Cadillac swap meet and if you can help get with Gina B. It is Saturday March 30th.

The Mackinaw Motorcycle Rally is June 7-9. They are selling tickets, and awareness signs. There will be group camping. The Field Meet is June 21-23 at Sturgeon Valley Campground. See Ann Marie for advanced tickets.

If you want raffle tickets

to sell for the bike drawing, get with Ann Marie.

Motion made by Kortnee second by Ken to name the old kids fund the "Community Charity Fund". Discussed and motion carried.

Karen made a motion to adjourn, second by Denise...meeting adjourned.

REGION 4 - Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet, Charlevoix
RC - TBD

REGION 5 - Muskegon, Lake, Mason, Oceana N Newaygo
RC - Cindy "Gizmo" Meloche

The meeting opened with the Pledge, Prayer, and Safety awareness. A lot of changes to come for Region 5 such as more rides, video channels, index cards on the tables at every meeting for questions, comments, concerns, or giving Thanks to someone you want recognized, along with doing safety awareness assemblies at schools.

Bowling at the F.O.E. in Muskegon was February 11th was a fun time. Larry "Bam Bam" Peters won High game and High Series, and Dan "Tiny" Patterson won Most Gutters, Low games and Low series. Congratulations to you both. Changed our voting this year from having it in December to having it in November with Nominations starting in October. Upcoming events May 4th is our Membership Bash at the Dirty dog (Rusty Spoke) with a run before starting point TBD. Kickstands up at 11am. And dinner at 3pm.

May 5th is the Spring Run still being worked out. Blessing of the Bikes is May 17th-19th: We will have a booth up there, with Raffle tickets, info about Safety awareness, and information about "What ABATE is." Would also like to Thank our members for attending the meetings and helping with our events throughout the year. Ended the meeting with a 50/50 drawing which was won by Tammy Rose Congratulations. Angela Tickle
Region 5 Secretary.

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REGION 6 - Bay, Arenac, Midland, Gladwin Counties
RC - Merry Gerrett
No report this month

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

Region 7 Meeting Minutes. Feb. 4, 2024
The meeting was called to order at 2 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Prayer by Paul Melcher and a moment of silence for our Troops. All participated. Secretaries report was given by Gentleman Jim, with a motion to accept the minutes as read by Frank, second by Leah, motion carried. Treasurers Report was given by Shelby with income and expenses being read. Shelby also wanted to thank everyone who donated to our wagon raffle at the seminar. Thanks Shelby, nice job.

Marlene gave us an Awareness report. They just had a class at Deckerville School and should be getting more classes. Thanks to Marlene and all on her team!

Butch gave us a quick Legislative Report, not much happening in Lansing, the Deadlock continues.

Old Business: Bob reported that plans for the 2024 Passbook continue. These meetings come with a great deal of expense for him and all who are involved, keep up the good work!

New Business: The pop and Pizza event has been postponed. The Freedom Rally will be sometime in June. The new 2024 calendar of events are now available. Marlene's Triathlon will be Feb. 11th at Bluewater Inn in Port Sanilac, starting at 1. A committee was formed to investigate & possibly plan a Summer Party at Lucky Thumb. The committee met with Lucky Thumb and got information on having a Summer Party there. The committee will meet again at Beagio's in Kingston on Feb. 21st at 6 pm. A party plan will be presented to the region membership at our March meeting. The Flint Swap Meet is Feb. 25th, and Region 7 will be there!!

Motion was made by Bob and second by Wes to adjourn the meeting, motion carried at 2:55 PM. We had a nice turn out for this meeting! Just got back from the Triathlon at Bluewater Inn, fun was had by all! Marlene had a short

quick meeting and announced the winners! Barbie Brown won the shuffleboard and the Ice Fishing contest. Ray Nichol was the winner of the Butch Burp contest and Frank Hughes was the winner of the PAC Fund game Ring the Thing!! Congrats to the winners!

Until next month, have a safe and happy month ahead! If you get your bike out on these warmer days, be careful! People are not looking for motorcycles yet!!! Remember to give your bike a GOOD safety inspection BEFORE you head out!!
Tim.

REGION 8 - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ottawa Counties

RC - Robert "X" Meloche

It's been a couple months since we've met in Region 8 and that's about to change. Until the next meeting though, know that we have been active in planning several events that promise to be different than just a ride or a bike night. In May we will have an awareness event that includes a game similar to a real-life game of Clue (picture riding to different locations to find clues that help solve a mystery). In June we will be forming a ride from Grand Haven to the Filmore Museum for the vintage motorcycle event and we're hoping other regions will join us. July will have us working with Region 5 on the Muskegon Bike Time campground, and August is shaping up to have a long weekend event, likely a ride from Grand Rapids to the upper peninsula. Stay tuned for more information on each of these events.

March 2024

REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton, Clinton & Ionia Counties

RC - Nick Henry

First I will thank Pam and the event committee for putting together an entertaining and informative seminar .I attended several meetings including the R.C./LO meeting, the MRF meeting,Awareness, Bike Raffle, and the Constitution meetings,and the second part of the legislative round table. Jay Jackson from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation,and American Motorcyclist Association representative Bob Davis were in attendance conducting meetings.

Just plain fun things to do were the PAC games, Awards and Auctions, Johnny Knox played the dance music till the late night.

Sunday morning was registration and voting for ABATE of Michigan board members.

Vince Consiglio, our long time president, decided to take a step back from guiding our organization. Thanks Vince for your dedication and hard work.

Congratulations to Gary Kopta for being voted in as our new president and thank you to the people of the BoD for stepping up to fill open positions.

There are loads of events coming up, with some luck Michigan will bless us with continued above normal temperatures and dry weather. Till we meet again, Ride safe, Ride free

Nick - Region 9 R.C.
Almost forgot , I have Raffle tickets for the ABATE motorcycle. Just like last year you will have your choice of a Harley Davidson or Indian.

ABATE OF MICHIGAN

REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties

RC - Vern Shock

ABATE Region 10 membership meeting, February 4, 2024
Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from last meeting were read.

No financial report was given. Bob Shock explained rules for selling bike tickets. All monies collected must be turned in each month.

Region 10 was 3rd for total bike ticket sales for 2023.

New merchandise coming soon.

A presentation by Michael Hoover, Senate candidate, was given.

Legislative report was given. Pizza and Pop has been postponed. Stay tune for new date.

MRF report was given.

Next meeting will be March 3rd at Ghost Town Saloon.

Meeting adjourned 4:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Townsend, Secretary.

REGION 11 - Lapeer, Macomb, St. Clair Counties

RC- Richard "Magilla"

Snooks

No report this month

REGION 12 - Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, St. Joseph & Kalamazoo

RC - Dan Dan

Sunday February 4th,

Bear started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric started the meeting off with a recap of the monthly meeting dates as follows:

March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th with Taco bar (Cinco de Mayo), June 2nd, July 14th

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(due to Labor day), August 4th, September 8th (due to Labor day), October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st.

Joy with the Treasury Report - We have a nice balance in the checking account for the moment.

Bear with the MRF Report - January 10th EPA held a hearing on California's plan to eliminate ICE vehicles by 2035. The EPA must grant a waiver to California Air Resources Board to allow this rule. MRF has submitted comments to the EPA on this.

January 19th CARB held a hearing on a plan requiring half of on road bikes to be zero emissions motorcycles (ZEM). Beginning in 2028 with rule fulfilled by 2035. That same afternoon CARB announced a postponement of the hearing. Public comments on the proposed rule were due January 16th. The hearing scheduled for January 25th hasn't got a new date, yet (hopefully never) MRF and several manufacturers commented on the push towards 50% ZEM in California.

This past week MRF submitted comments to the ETC on the need for rule making on Right to Repair. FTC opened public comments because of petitions by 2 groups: iFixit and The U.S. Public Interest Research Group. Petitions request FTC ruling requiring companies to make parts easily available and let consumers take products to a shop of their choice or allow DIY.

MRF supports H.R.906 (Repair Act). To read MRF comments to the FTC, go to MRF.org.

As a side note, 121 congress men and senators have sent letters to NHTSA against the administrations mandate promoting electric vehicles.

If you haven't heard, Tesla is recalling almost all vehicles due to a safety issue.

Bear's Quote of the month: 1) Everything is changing, people are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke. Will Rogers and 2) And everything still remains the same. Bear.

Joy with Awareness - Nothing notably new. If you need something in our Region, reach out to Joy.

Gary with Legislative Report - Recently went to a local representative Coffee and Questions event. There haven't been any votes, so nothing new or motorcycle related to report.

The Paw Paw Eagles in Lawton will be doing Bike Nights on Wednesday starting in May. Open to the public and you don't need to be an Eagles member to enjoy the fun. Their address is 63237 M-40 Lawton, MI 49065.

We had a 50/50 raffle and Bear won the pot.

We drew for the monthly Incentive winner and Dan T's name was drawn, but he was not present.

We drew for a free yearly membership to the MRF and Linda was drawn. Linda motioned to close and Tracy seconded it.

Thank you,
Joylynn Wojciehowski.

REGION 13

RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie

Hello Region 13!

We opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Secretarys report was given and also the treasurers report.

Herb gave us an update on the legislative front. And we welcomed our guest speaker Michael Hoover who is running for the U.S. senate for Debbie Stabenows seat.

Jinx gave us the MRF update along with the Jackson county ac report.

Alan and Lucy are going to do the Chill cook-off for the CMA again and the date on that one is April 20th at their house! It's a great time and a lot of fun. If you need more info come on out to the meeting!

We had 13 members at the meeting this month I do have to say that this is concerning. I can remember when we had 40+ members at a meeting. This is not just our region that this is happening to, this is happening throughout the state. We discussed some ideas of how to bring membership and attendance up and will discuss these further the next meeting.

Hope to see you at the next meeting March 3rd!
DANO.

**REGION 14 - Washtenaw
and Livingston Counties
RC - Shiny Bob**

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2024

Eric Nelson Sergeant of Arms:

Pledge of Allegiance lead by
Eric Nelson and moment of
silence for personal intentions
spoken and unspoken.

Eric noted that he is impressed
with our region and how we
have grown in support of each
other, and how we support our
neighboring regions.

Meeting start time: 4:05pm

Meeting end time: 5:20pm

Amos/Secretary report:

Amos read the minutes from
the December 17, 2023,
meeting.

December's meeting minutes
submitted to Silla January
10th.

All minutes are available to
members for review at each
meeting.

January Birthdays: Gary
Bourdeau

1st Motion to Accept Secretary
report: George Fisher

2nd Motion to Accept

Secretary report: Robert Prine

Sally/Treasurer's report:

Sally presented the treasurer's
report to members.

1st Motion to Accept

Treasurer's report: Amos

Bachorek

2nd Motion to Accept

Treasurer's report: Dawn

Kenyon

Shiny Bob: Special thank you
to Pinhead, Tina, Dawn, and
Bob Kenyon for their help
with the quilt raffle ticket sales
at our seminar. Also, Pinhead
and Tina for food for our
region flop room.

Congratulations to Dawn
Kenyon in recognition of
our region's "Member of the
Year." We appreciate your
unwavering support and
contributions that continue to

make our region successful.
Congratulations to our
member Ann Tobian for her
recent appointment on the
ABATE of Michigan board.
June 21st – June 23rd, 2024,
the date for the Field Meet
and pre-sale tickets are now
available for purchase.

Bike raffle tickets are also
available. Region 14 members
please see me for tickets
packs and let us get a jump
on our region sales. Drawing
on September 28th, 2024,
and will be at Tecumseh
Harley-Davidson. Our region
previously committed to
helping region eighteen at the
event.

Our region Bike Show flyers
will be available at our next
meeting. Region members
fourteen encouraged to
take part and post flyers in
respective communities,
grocery stores, party stores,
business associates, friends,
and family.

Region 15's new meeting
location is the Romulus VFW
on the third Sunday of each
month at 3pm.

Special thank you to Eric and
Diana Saline American Legion
for all you do to support
our region and ABATE
of Michigan. Members
encouraged to support Walleye
Dinners and German Dinners
in 2024.

Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/
Road Captain Report:

February 28th, 2024, 10am

– 1pm is the next Pizza &

Pop at the capital in Lansing.

Meet at the House building.
(Postponed)

Ann, noted, get involved and
go to your legislator's meetups
and coffee hours.

Ann reviewed details of our
rides in the months of May
and August, so members know
what to expect.

Ann reviewed details of
California's emissions and
combustible engine initiatives
and the negative impact
Californias proposals could
have on our motorcycle
communities.

Ann, noted, new board
members names and titles.

Ann noted, our yearly
Freedom Rally at the capitol in
Lansing has been **Postponed!**

1st Motion to Accept
Legislative/Media/Road
Captain report: Brian.

2nd Motion to Accept
Legislative/Media/Road
Captain report: Eric Nelson
Dawn/Awareness Report:

Winter riding tip – make sure
to check your tire pressure
before each ride in the winter
months. Cold temperatures
can impact proper tire
inflation.

Pam Fisher: Pam, noted, the
Field Meet will take place in
Wolverine Michigan.

TC Knuckleheads is the band
for Saturday night and Friday's
band is TBD.

Couple price is \$25.00 and
make sure to note their names
on the returning portion of the
ticket.

Single price is \$15.00.

Pre-sale tickets are due back to
Pam by May 1st, 2024.

50/50: Won by Sally

Dollar Draw: Won by Sally

1st Motion to Close meeting:

Brian 2nd Motion: Bob
Kenyon

Next Meeting

February 25, 2024, 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted b:

Amy (Amos) Bachorek Region
14 Secretary.

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

No report this month

REGION 16 - Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Counties
RC - Jesse Gordy

No report this month

REGION 18 - Monroe, Lenawee Counties
RC - Leroy Cuykendall III.

Our meeting was attended by 21 members!
Not bad for February!

Our RC started the meeting with his report, followed by the Treasurer report.

SMASH gave the Legislative Officer report. He gave an overview of the Seminar from January. Covering the session gave by our ABATE attorney Dondi Vesprini.

One thing very important to know is that 2.8 million drivers in Michigan have capped policies! So if you are in a crash with another vehicle it is likely **YOU WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH COVERAGE.**

Check your insurance and make sure you cover you **ASSETS.**

The Michigan legislature saw fit to pass one whole Bill in January. To rename a piece of highway.

Thanks for all the hard work.

Federal crash numbers for 2021 are out. 5,932 killed. 82,686 injured. 57% were involved another vehicle.

Riders wearing helmets made up 59% of fatalities. Not with a helmet 38%. 3% were unknown.

34% were drunk, and 29% were unlicensed.

The annual Pizza and Pop lunch in Lansing has been postponed until later this spring.

The annual Freedom Rally has been

Postponed!

Chief Road Captain, Mike Sanderson will be having a Road Captains meeting to firm up our group and rides for this year.

We have Raffle tickets for the annual Bike Raffle available for members to sell.

Tecumseh Harley-Davidson and Region 18 will be hosting the Drawing and Party in September.

Field Meet tickets are also available.

A candidate running for Michigan Senator, Mr. Michael Hoover will be at our next meeting. Please come and get to know who he is.

THANKS for Giving A Shit
Abby.

REGION 19 Oakland County
RC - Pete Kazelas

Report from Region 19

For the March, 2024 Issue of Michigan Rider
Report from Our February Meeting.

Region 19 met at Waterford's Shark Club on the 6th of February. While we were not able to resolve the leadership crisis plaguing our Region, we still had a good meeting. Following food and camaraderie, we welcomed Mike Hoover as guest speaker to the meeting. Mike is running as a Republican for US Senate, is an ally of motorcycling and a friend of ABATE. He attended the ABATE Seminars in Lansing (on that January weekend with the miserable weather) and made a strong impression on the folks who were there. There is obvious need in Washington for strong voices to support motorcyclists and to promote the sport of motorcycling; Mike Hoover's is such a voice.

Mike explained that he is a conservative but not a far-right extremist. He seeks a balanced approach to government with focus on protecting families and controlling both the cost and reach of government. Mike is very concerned about the National Debt (now at over \$34 trillion) and the potential for future crises because of unfunded liabilities in Social Security and Medicare. Mike needs 15,000 petition signatures to get his name on the ballot as candidate for US Senate. Most of us at the meeting signed Mike's petitions and some even took petition forms for additional signatures. Please give Mike Hoover consideration as this year's elections come closer. He is a friend of ABATE, a friend of motorcyclists and a person who will support the values that motorcyclists hold dear.

In other news Region 19 continues its quest to find new leaders. As was written in our February report for the Michigan Rider, our Region limps along lacking leaders in almost all officer positions. Region 19 has only two officers in place: LO and Treasurer. That means we need people to fill the positions of RC, Assistant RC, Secretary, Events Coordinator, Facebook Page Coordinator, Sergeant-at-Arms, Bike Raffle Coordinator, Safety Officer, Road Captain and...others(?).

The Region's current situation was brought into sharp focus during ABATE's RC Conference Call that took place on the 8th of Feb at 7:00 pm. Our LO (Hess) took part in the call so that Region 19 would at least have representation. As the conversation went on,

the inability of our Region to achieve the things that other Regions do as standard operating procedure stood in stark relief. The few members currently attending our meetings are not capable of filling those vacant positions and little will change until we have new, energetic members come to our meetings and fill those empty spots.

Until then Region 19 will keep on keeping on, biding its time and doing its best to represent ABATE members in Oakland County. Our next meeting will be held at the Shark Club where we will meet on the 5th of March; chow and conversation at 6:00 with the meeting at 7:00. Please join us, stand tall and take on a leadership role. ABATE can only be effective if its members participate. Region 19's future depends on you!

Submitted by Hess Bates,
Region 19 Legislative Officer
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REGION 20 RC - Mark Berger

Seminar was great, good turnout despite the weather. There was a ton of information. The quilt raffle was good with a donation to MRF. Dondi Vesprini presented Vince Consiglio with ABATE Member of the Year plaque, which Vince also stepped down as Prez but, will remain on the board as an advisor. Read the Rider for updated Officers. Pizza and Pop Luncheon in Lansing has been **Postponed!**

Field Meet will again be in Wolverine at Sturgeon Valley Campground, June 21-23.

REGION 21 - Clair, Isabella, Mescosta, Montcalm & Osceola Counties RC - Tim Gustavison

No report this month



FREEDOM RALLY: Date, Location & Time for the 2024 Freedom Rally has not been determined. Final details will be coming soon!!

**Pizza & Pop Luncheon
Feb 28**

10:00am - 1pm

**House Building in
the Mackinaw Room
Lansing**



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American Income is an insurance company who provides all members of ABATE with a no-cost benefit program. The program includes: \$3,500 AD&D benefit, AIL Plus program (up to 85% off healthcare products & services), Family Information Guide (pre-cursor to a will) and Child Safe Kits (also available in an App & can be tied into the Amber Alert system). *Did you know that AIL has paid out \$117,533.55 to our members & their families? To designate your beneficiary please use the QR code below. Take a few min's to talk to an AIL rep as they can help you make needs-based decisions on how to best protect your family. For any questions or concerns please contact AIL rep, Lisa Bennett.

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