

# REGION REPORTS



**REGION 1 - Alpha**  
**RC - Rick Herkimer**  
No report this month

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

**RC - Dave "Woody" Berg**  
. Meeting was held at Blue Pelican Side Door and called to order at 18:33 hrs by Woody.

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

Woody extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance and a reminder to vote in the upcoming election.

Mark read the minutes. Motion by Karen second by Ann Marie to approve. Motion carried.

No treasurers report as Dawn was absent.

Dave M. reported that he was in Saginaw for an RC meeting and some concerns were the smarter group with all their statistics. Most everything is on hold till after the election. The rally in Lansing is being rerouted to side streets and there will be cameras put up and lots of police. Not sure why but be aware. There

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is talk about setting up a twitter account for the future. Woody added that if your not a member of MRF that you should be as they are fighting for our rights at the national level.

Van reported that the Christmas party is all set. There will be brief meeting prior to the party. There will be a silent auction and a white elephant gift exchange with a \$10-\$15 limit. All are invited.

Karen reported that she has ordered the signs for the road and are waiting on their delivery. She also stated that she has been looking at minutes online regarding previous contact with them, and will be making phone contact with the people at Antrim and Kalkaska Road Commissions for sign placement in 2023. Following that she will be visiting townships regarding sign placement and any conflicts at the township level.

Gina states there is nothing new.

Mike Jr. states that he is working on an updated membership list.

Sarah will be working on setting up a Twitter account

Dave M. stated that the bike

committee will be working on getting sponsors for each bike night, and getting something put together in January.

The seminar will be January 13-15 2023 at the Ramada by Wyndham Lansing Hotel. Get your reservations now. Paul did an awesome job painting the party boat for the raffle for the seminar. Region 3 has two members that are on the ballot for the elections at the seminar.

A reminder that nominations for all positions open in January with elections in February. Start thinking. You must be an Abate member to hold an officer position.

Discussion on the 2023 bike raffle was that there will be a choice of bikes for the winner. Woody ordered twice as many tickets for our region to sell.

Discussion was made regarding the Field meet. A motion was made by Aaron second by Bea to put together a proposal for hosting in 2024. Motion carried.

Discussion was made regarding the shopping for the Toys for Tots donations. Karen will get with Dawn.

Discussion was made regarding more group rides in 2023. There were some suggestions regarding a group of us supporting the Scholarship ride for the Road recovery riders on August 27, 2023 and a ride that the Nozzleman have. Any other suggestions get with Woody.

Motion by Karen, second by Bea to adjourn. Motion carried.

Happy Birthday to Karen and all other November birthdays. Thanks to all our Veterans! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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

No report this month

**REGION 5**

**RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson**

Meeting opened with pledge and a moment of silence. Nominations for member of the year were opened our nominees for 2022 are, AL Fowler, Gail Fowler, Larry Peters, Theresa Naerebout, Jim St. John, Kim Wauer, Cindy "Gizmo" Meloche, and Kristen Lowder. I apologize in advance for any misspelling!

Voting to take place at Christmas party, nominations will open in December for officers positions, you must be present to accept nominations and please make sure your Membership is up to date for the vote!

Christmas party is December 4 at Rusty Spoke we still need donations for silent and live auctions please contact Dann "Tiny" Patterson 231 923-6906 or Cindy "Gizmo" Meloche 231 375-1702 for donation.

**REGION 6 - Bay, Arenac, Midland, Gladwin  
Counties**

**RC - Merry Gerrett**

Good morning on this foggy crisp fall day. This weekend we turn back the clocks. Does it seem like winter yet. No!!! It's been beautiful here in the Gladwin area.

By the time you get this newsletter you would have all made it to the polls. To vote and make our voices heard. There is so much more we need to do to keep our freedom of helmet choice and to conquer this ridiculous insurance BS. It's getting to where we can't afford our gas, our food, our medical, our insurance and then more is slapped on us. So we need to definitely stand up and be heard. Abate allows us to work towards and forward for our freedoms. It might not seem like it's much but just take a moment and read the whole newsletter, come to the seminar in January for the breakout sessions, go to your regional meetings or go to another regions in this great state of Michigan. You will be welcomed with open arms. Abate of Michigan has so much to be proud of with the members that work hard.

Our region did very well in selling bike tickets so I'm very very proud to be your RC. You make this region work.

Please come to our meetings and learn what you can do to help the next batch of new members. We have been getting more and more members but that job is never done. We need to hit a lot of bike

events, bike nights and any other event we can think of participating in. But it takes a village. We are the village. We need to get younger members to make Abate continue to thrive. It cannot be put on the shelf or who will stand up for every motorcyclists in Michigan. People don't even know us except for the helmet bill so approach a bike at a gas station, at a get together, at any and all of Bubbas events. Intro yourself and talk about what we are working on in Lansing

Speaking of Lansing the seminar is around the corner. If you haven't gotten your room yet please grab it quick. There is a discount for the first 60 rooms. The flyer is in the rider with the directions on how to get your room and discount. There will be many breakout sessions. Want to know more see the rider or come to our meeting.

Our Christmas party is December 3, meeting first then our get together with food, friends and games. Please bring a date even if he is your husband or she is your wife. It's a night out and the best company. We will be announcing the member of the year and taking anyone that wants to run for a position in our region. If you have issues you all need to know I will work my hardest to help.

Calendar for next year is also being worked on to have an idea of what we want to do as a region. New and old visits to different regions so come and help with your ideas for the new year. I mean it is going to be 2023 Omgoodness when I was a kid that was a far far out of reach year.

Please join us for a meeting and enjoy the many friends you can make. Make a difference in our world no matter how small or Large we need you all

Stay warm stay safe see you all soon.

Peace

Merry Garrett - RC region 6

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

Region 7 Meeting Minutes/ November 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 2PM with the Pledge, a moment of silence for our Troops, and a prayer led by Paul Melcher.

Reading of the minutes from the October meeting was read by Gentleman Jim. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Leah, second by Betty, motion carried.

Treasurers report was given by Shelby, she noted that the checking account was brought down to under \$1500 as per ABATE By-Laws, which had to be done by October 13th. Motion to accept the report as read was made by Butch, second by Parkus, motion carried.

Karen and Marlene were both on hand to give their Awareness Reports, both have had recent classes and continue to schedule more. Marlene also stated that she and her team are going to do teach a class on Awareness at the seminar in January!! Great to hear!! Karen stated that after the first of the year, that she would be stepping down as the Region Awareness Director and that Marlene will be taking over for her. Thank-you Karen for your many years of service as Awareness Director!!!

Butch gave the Legislative report. He asked us to contact Dan Laurers, Kevin Daily, and Phil Green and remind them about HB5719 and remind them that we need their support!! We also need to contact Sen. Gary Peters, who has been closely related to our Region, to "Step-it-Up" on the Federal level for motorcycle issues. We have supported him and rode with him on many occasions in the past! E-mails are the best way to contact him.

The Carved In Stone event went very well again this year! A BIG thank-you to all who helped make this event a success! The people who helped Marlene do the games, the people who made the GREAT food for our Pot Luck meal, those that donated all the items for our Saturday night raffle, and those that just donated! Thank you ALL! This year's toy donation went to Sanilac County. In years past, we gave the toys to Sanilac county DHS, but for some reason this year they sent the Sandusky Lions Club instead. We did ask them to PLEASE make sure that these toys go to Foster children, as we have in the past!! Still not sure why the DHS is not doing it anymore!!! Haven't received a thank you from the Lions Club yet, either! As many of you know, Bob Betson headed up our joint

effort with Region 11 on the Passbook and his work along with Wes, Butch, and I got our region a donation to ABATE Awareness!! Great job and Bob is already looking into new stops for the passbook! If you know of a stop that would be interested or would like to help Bob on this, let Bob or I know!!

If you haven't heard by now, we lost a good member last month with the passing of Brian Donaghy. Brian was famous in our region for doing his monthly \$5 Challenge, this is going to continue with the donation being sent in as a Remembrance of Brian. He helped whenever he could and was also a member of Marlene's Awareness team. Brian will be missed!

Hope everyone got out and voted!! We are working on our Calendar of Events for 2023 and I will have them at our next meeting and our Christmas Party on Dec. 10th. Seminar Rooms are available, now! It is in Lansing this year at the Ramada Inn, we had it there before! If you have any membership questions, call Shelby. If you are waiting for a new membership card, be patient with Eric, the VERY old printer that ABATE had, decided to die on him! He's in the process of getting a new one that will do all that is required.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wes, second by Karen, motion carried. This was our Annual Chili Cook-off and our Lucky Winner as Deb Melcher!! Congrats Deb!!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the meeting and participated in the Chili Cook-off!! Hope you got your room for the seminar; it's always a GREAT event!! Until next month, be safe and ride when you can!! Good luck to all the Hunters out and about the state!! - Tim.

**REGION 8 - Allegan, Barry, Kent, Ottawa Counties RC - Robert Meloche**  
No report this month

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

Well, on the down side, the response to our meet and greet was not great to say the least. On the up side I found a place that has some very good pizza. While we will be dealing with some big changes in our Michigan government we still have a month or two to work on the bills we want passed. Insurance reform and lane filtering are still on our agenda, good news is we will have our lobbyist to help us for another year.

The state seminar and membership meeting will be coming up in January. We have some members wanting to get on the board and three potential by-law changes on the ballot, voting will be on Sunday the 15th.

I got an email that our secretary's printer is kaput and he is working on getting a replacement, so if you haven't gotten a membership card hang in there.

On the federal front the MRF and the AMA are both working on a Right to Repair bill HR 6570 that would force manufacturers to make available knowledge and equipment to repair their products.

A Big problem with self driving autos is that they are not self driving. Every day we hear about motorcyclists being killed by these vehicles because of inattentive drivers. Reports are being made that even autos with partial automation are being driven like they are fully self driving leading to accidents.

I'm hoping to see a Lansing swap meet this next year, if there is one look for a region 9 booth.

Till then, be safe, stay warm.  
Nick Region 9 R.C.

**REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties****RC - Vern Shock**

ABATE Region 10 membership meeting,  
November 6, 2022

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Membership drive resulted in 19 new and renewed members.

Bike raffle report was given.

Legislative report was given. Any future letters to Lansing need to be handwritten. Copied letters are not being looked at.

Nominations for all 2023 positions were taken and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Amy Penny was voted as Member of the Year.

Vern Shock is running for a position on the state board.

Reminder if you're not staying at the seminar in Lansing to drive down on January 15th to vote.

There will be a Cupid's Crawl event in Alma, February 11th.

Spring Fling 2023 is on, date to be determined.

December's meeting will be on the 4th at Evergreen Tavern, 3pm.

Meeting adjourned 3:50pm.

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**

No report this month

**REGION 13****RC - Tom "Jinx" Rahn**

Good day Region 13 members!

Today's meeting opened with pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Congratulations Member of the Year Robyn Norris!!

Thank you Tom and Robyn, Marybeth and Bumper and Herb for renewing your memberships.

Our next upcoming event is the Membership Appreciation Pizza Party at the Proud Vets on December 17.

Discussion regarding gun raffle tickets was tabled until December's meeting.

Motorcycle raffle winner will have a choice of a Harley or an Indian. Hopefully this will help to sell more tickets next year.

The seminar is January 13-15 at the Ramada in Lansing.

Minutes and treasurers report were given.

For more information and discussion regarding

these topics attend the December 4th meeting.

And stay afterwards for a delicious lunch fixed by the Proud Vets and fellowship.

See you soon, Kathy.

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

Date: October 23, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:08pm.

Shiny Bob: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Eric Nelson - Sergeant of Arms and moment of silence for personal intentions spoken and unspoken.

Amos/Secretary report:

Thank you to Shiny Bob for taking notes for our September meeting.

October Birthday: Eddie Piper

Sally/Treasurer's report:

Shiny Bob presented Sally's treasurer in her absence.

Region 14 members agreed to Shiny Bob's motion to send funds to the state for Bronze Sponsorship at our yearly January 2023 seminar.

Region 14 members voted Amos as Member of the Year for our region.

Motion to accept: Eric Nelson Second Motion: Cheryll Bruening.

Shiny Bob:

Reminder to members next month's meeting we will hold nominations for region 14 positions.

Our bike raffle ticket sales improved from the previous year. Thank you to all region 14 members for their support in ticket sales.

ABATE will be raffling off two bikes in 2023. A Harley and an Indian and the drawing will be held at region 12 location.

Region 18 has invited region 14 along with region 15 to their Christmas party, which will be held on December 10th at 18's hall. Doors open at 5pm. Chile cook-off and if you bring a pot of home-made Chile you get in free, you can also bring an unwrapped "Toys for Tots" gift that will also get you in the door. Otherwise, a \$10 person donation. White elephant gifts \$10.00, Corn Hole Tournament \$5.00 entry. Bring a dish to pass that goes with Chile.

Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Report:

Ann presented Safety Program information from MRF regarding autonomous vehicles.

Ann noted, "We are in a lame duck now, and encourage members to stay in contact with your legislator." The Citizens Guide will go out in May

of 2023 due to redistributing

Dawn/Awareness Report:  
No report this month

New Members / Guests:  
Slo-Mo from the Christian  
Motorcycle Association presented  
region 14 a framed Certificate  
of Appreciation for the most  
members present at the Iron  
Saints 2022 Run-for-the-Son  
Bowling Tournament.

Slo-Mo also invited region 14  
members to the Iron Saints 10th  
Annual Bikes Thanksgiving  
Dinner on Saturday November  
12th 2022 4:30pm – 7:30pm.  
Location Cross & Resurrection  
Lutheran Church 812 Ann Street,  
Ypsilanti.

Eric Englemeier Post 322 invites  
all ABATE members to their  
monthly famous sauerkraut  
dinner the 2nd Thursday of each  
month. 5:00pm – 7:30pm the  
cost \$15.00. Taco days are the 3rd  
Thursday of each month.

Next Meeting  
November 27th at 4pm

50/50 Drawing: Won by Debbie

Dollar Draw: Won by Treeman

Meeting closed: 5:00pm  
Motion to accept: Chip  
Second Motion: Dawn Kenyon

Respectfully submitted by  
Amy (Amos) Bachorek Region 14  
Secretary.

### **REGION 15 - Wayne County RC - Albert Ouellette**

Region 15 meeting 10-16-22  
Meeting started with the Pledge  
of Allegiance followed by a  
moment of Silence.

Treasure report given with  
income and expensed for the  
month. Burt made a motion to  
accept report and it was second  
by Steve. All members present

accepted.  
Special Guest Jim DeSana  
District 29 who is running for  
State Representative. Mr. DeSana  
talked about our Insurance Issue  
and is in favor of our keeping the  
current Helmet Law Choice.  
Reg 14 & 18 will be hosting  
a "Putt-Putt Golf" Instead of  
Softball game. September 23,  
2023 picnic to follow at Tony and  
Linda Diaz house in Region 18.  
Burt has reserved the "Flop  
Room" for the Seminar, Tony and  
Tina donated towards the cost of  
the Flop room.

Bowling cancelled for November  
19 due to conflict in Schedule at  
Bowling Alley.

Pam gave an update on the  
Seminar that information posted  
in the Rider. Suggested they get  
together closer to Seminar to  
discuss food for Flop Room.  
Brian told us nothing new with  
MRF.

Burt made some improvements  
to the Abate Trailer, including  
organizing and stabilizing.  
Member of the year nominations  
are: Tony, Burt and Brian Franks.  
Voting held at next meeting in  
November.

We have Pirate Run Shirts,  
suggested to bring and sell cheap  
at the Seminar.

Gustsy Run had a nice turnout.  
Burt mentioned he would take  
care of turning in the PAC  
money.

Motion to close the meeting  
made by George and Second by  
Steve.

### **REGION 16 - Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Counties**

**RC- Jesse Gordy**  
No report this month

### **REGION 18 - Monroe, Lenawee Counties**

**RC - Dan "Treeman" Conner**  
Hello region 18 Abate members  
All is well this falls weather  
is something to remember

what great temperatures for  
this time in November this  
year . Our member of the year  
for 2022 is Dreama Wright  
**CONGRATULATIONS** . What  
a wonderful person Dreama is  
always willing to help what a great  
asset to our region she is. Thanks  
for giving a shit. This year our  
awareness classes went well Leroy  
taught 925 students Wayne taught  
316 students and Treeman taught  
103 students that is a total of 1344  
students all together and thanks  
to Bob Brian and Eric for helping  
out also this is all volunteer so  
thanks again for teaching the kids  
about look twice save a life Great  
job. December is just around the  
corner The Ida Christmas parade  
is December 3rd. Our Christmas  
party this year is December 10th  
we are welcoming region 14  
and 15 to join us. See flyer in  
Rider. Region 15 will be having  
breakfast with Santa December  
17th at the American legion Post  
Taylor Michigan. Help support  
our veterans. If you have not  
made your reservations for the  
January seminar you need to call  
now see flyer for details . Thank  
you to Dale Zorn for coming out  
to our last meeting to talk to us  
about all our questions about the  
November 8th elections. Happy  
birthday to our RC Treeman his  
birthday is 11/29 . That's about  
it for now I wish you all happy  
holidays with your family and  
friends.

### **REGION 19 Oakland County RC - Pete Kazels**

No report this month

### **REGION 20 RC - Mark Berger**

Meeting called to order at 2pm  
at Woodys Bancroft Tavern.  
Minutes read and approved.  
Talked about Seminar in Jan.  
and booking rooms. End of  
summer party was great, thanks  
to all who came out. Voted for  
member of the year, Congrats to  
Steve Graves, general meeting  
called, seconded and we went on  
a RIDE. RIDE SAFE - EVERY

ONE GO AND VOTE TOO.  
THANKS BUS.

**REGION 21 - Clair, Isabella, Mescosta, Montcalm  
& Osceola Counties**  
**RC - Annie Robinson**  
No report this month

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*Seasons Greetings from the State  
Officers, Board of Directors,  
Trustees & Appointees.  
Wishing you all a Healthy, Safe  
& Happy Christmas Season.  
All the Best in 2023!!!*

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ABATE of Michigan is a freedom of choice organization: believing that the rider is best able to decide the type of motorcycle to ride, and the type and extent of safety gear worn. Our primary objective is to monitor motorcycle related legislation and encourage all members to become politically involved. Through public forums, writing letters and meeting elected representatives ABATE of Michigan members have the opportunity to speak their side of the issues and educate others on the needs

of Michigan motorcyclists. ABATE works to get legislation and funding for riders education program throughout the state. These programs train thousands of new motorcycles each year. Courses are also offered for the experienced rider. In addition, ABATE members have staged and participated in events raising tens of thousands of dollars and collecting much needed items such as food, clothing and toys for local communities.

ABATE of Michigan enables you to become educated both politically and in safe riding practices. ABATE offers you activities and the brotherhood of fellow motorcyclists. ABATE fights for the rights of ALL motorcyclists to ensure that we and our children will be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. ABATE of Michigan is open to everyone 18 years or older having an interest in preserving personal freedoms and sharing our goals. Owning a motorcycle is not necessary. Members receive a newsletter covering important issues and information on local, regional and national events. (One newsletter per household). Membership fees & donations are NOT tax deductible. Membership fee is nonrefundable.

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