

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 called to order at 18:32 hrs by Woody.

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

First message from Woody was....Welcome, Happy New Year and it sure looks like spring.

Minutes were read by Mark. Motion by Gina B. second by Bea to approve the minutes as read. Discussed. Motion carried.

Treasurers report was read by Woody as prepared by Dawn. Motion to approve by Karen, second by Bea. Discussed. Motion carried.

Dave M. stated that all the new elected officials are finding their offices. The 10 year crash report has been released. Abate is encouraging all to get

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their endorsement of they do not have one. MRF is working on the profiling issue.

Van reminded everyone of the seminar and that all should attend.

Karen reported that Eriks Memorial Awareness Ride will be May 20, 2023. The ride will begin at the Big Boy in Kalkaska again. Stay tuned for further info. She stated that she spoke with Kalkaska County Road Commission regarding the placement of signs in their county with a positive result. Gina and Karen will do some scouting of places.

Sarah has nothing. Woody will create an email account for our region and will get the info to her.

Gina stated that she has nothing except that she will be selling T-shirts at the seminar. She also states that she wants to know what people want as far as product. Karen made a motion to purchase coins with a set budget, second by Mike. Discussed, motion carried. Mark made a motion to have the same budget as last year to purchase additional products,

second by Dave. Discussed and motion carried.

Terry and Mike have nothing.

Ann Marie requested that T-shirt designs need to be turned in for as soon as possible for voting at the April meeting. Be creative.

Dave spoke on the bike night sponsors. More to follow.

The Cadillac Swapmeet will be the Saturday before Easter... April 8, 2023. Karen made a motion that we pay the fee to have a booth at the swap meet, second by Aaron. Discussed, motion carried.

Aaron stated that the campground has been locked in for our summer bash. The bands were discussed and Karen made a motion to lock in TC Knuckleheads for Friday night and Toxxic for Saturday, second by Denise. Discussed, motion carried. Bring all you vendor ideas and requests to Aaron.

Motion to adjourn by Karen, second by everyone. Meeting adjourned.

**REGION 4 - Otsego,
Montmorency, Alpena, Presque
Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet,
Charlevoix**
RC - Katie Showalter
No report this month

REGION 5
RC - Dan "Tiny" Patterson
We would like to welcome our new officers
Alan Fowler - Sergeant of Arms,
Jerry "joker" Showers events coordinator,
Teresa Naerebout and Gail Fowler A/C
Looking forward to a good

year! Feb. 12 the Ross Jibson bowling event at noon at Muskegon Eagles none of us are pros so come join the fun! Feb thru April the monthly meetings will be at Full moon saloon 3408 Whitehall rd Muskegon.

A special heart felt Thank you to RJ Meloche and Region 8 for supporting a local assisted living facility for Christmas

With special recognition to Tara Hendee, For going above and beyond ! You guys are awesome!

REGION 6 - Bay, Arenac, Midland, Gladwin Counties

RC - Merry Gerrett

Well by the time you get this newsletter the seminar will be getting ready for next year. I have heard a few say that we need to get back to the business. Well if you went and you participated in the breakout sessions you would have seen that just about every one of them had something to do with business. From Dondi with bylaws, to Bear and Jim for legislation, road captains, membership, event planning, first aid and more. The committee works very hard to make this an event we can all be proud of.

But then in the evening we play games which the money goes to PAC so that's good, we get together for breakfast and entertainment in the evening, we honor our friends that have gained their wings, we award every region big or small that work hard. We also have an RC, LO and MRF meeting to get the new year started right. We have auctions to help defray the costs of the seminar and start the planning for our field meet. So when I hear members say we are not doing what needs to be done it makes me wonder why??!!! If you don't think the committee or board is doing what needs to be done, if you think the RC are not working hard enough, if you think members don't care please think again. Every one of us are in this organization because we care. Yes there are quite a few that go above and beyond that have a harder or larger passion for a certain thing.

But!!! Just like in any family it takes a village a whole village of different aspects to make it whole. Come hell or high water we are getting the job done. I use to think wow I'm working so hard. Is anyone out there that knows that. Well I have discovered I don't need that I only need to know myself that I have done and will keep doing all I can for this family. Maybe not enough in this section or too much in that section but know this apple is cut in numerous pieces. If you take one piece and put yourself in

it then I'm dang proud of you.

Region 6 has a few members that we are praying for. That nasty word cancer has raised its ugly head at them. Our region will be there for them with whatever they need. Love prayers and hugs to them and their families It's a hard road ahead.

We have events coming up in May. Bubbas Mother's Day at Midland fairgrounds, Bubbas Memorial Day run, and we are looking into a ride for awareness

June is our field meet. A gift that abate wants every member to come and enjoy. I'm hoping region 6 makes a good showing. Last year we had the most members there can we do it again??? If you want to come early to the field meet you can reserve your site. BUT if you are coming on Friday you cannot reserve a site. It's first come first serve.

July is our memorial run, July 15, this will be a one day event but if any other region wants to join in the day you can set up camper or tent at my place.

The end of July we will have a campout at Jerry Soto's property. This is a weekend event. Ride included in both events

We will be sharing flyers for all our events and dates to be posted in rider.

Hope to see new and old members there. Bring a friend sign up hang out we will welcome you with open arms.

Have an awesome month, spring is just around the corner. Yes I have a great imagination lol.

Stay safe
Stay warm
Stay loved
Merry
RC Region 6.

REGION 7 - Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties

RC - Tim Polk

Jan. 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Our meeting was called to order at 2 pm with the Pledge, Prayer, and a moment of silence for our Troops, all participated.

The Secretaries Report was given by Gentleman Jim, Motion was made by Dean to accept the minutes as read, second by Danny, motion carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Shelby, we had some expenses and a little income, motion to accept was made by Butch, second by

Leah, motion carried.

Marlene gave us an AWARENESS Report, Last year between the two teams, our AWARENESS people have taught 898 students. Marlene also stated that the Chizzies meetings group has raised a good amount of money for ABATE of MI!!!

Butch gave us the Legislative Report. The Citizens Guides will be published soon, make sure you get a copy and check out the new districts! We now have Greg Alexander and Matt Bierlein in our Districts. Phil Green Is still in a small portion of our region and we hope that he continues to be a Champion for us considering that the legislature did a 180 degree turn-around! Also, the Profiling Resolution has been passed in the House! Thank you Tim Walberg and Lisa McClain!!

Bob Betson spoke to us about the Passbook for 2023; some changes need to be made, more to come!

Old business: We discussed the Christmas party and a few upcoming events in other regions that we like to attend!!

New business: Triathlon is set for Feb. 18th, 2023 with 3 games of chance, 3 winners of Jim's handmade trophies and bring a dish to pass! Check out the flyer in the Rider! March 25th is our Annual MRF Spaghetti Dinner and Auction with all proceeds going to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation! It's All-U-Can Eat so come have a good Spaghetti dinner with dessert and maybe buy an item in our Auction! Dinner starts at 3 and Auction starts at 6pm. Look for the flyer!! Dillinger Ride was discussed and will be on May 20th at Lewisville Smoke. We will be holding the Dillinger

Ride meetings during our regular meetings to cut down on hours of meetings!! Flyers are out! Calendar of Events is done and is out, will be posted soon on our Facebook page and group! Check them out!! We continue to do "Brian's Challenge" in honor of him with all proceeds going to ABATE of MI., Thank you to everyone who continues with the challenge! Motion was made by Bob to adjourn, second by Wes, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3pm. Hope to see everyone at the seminar and at one of our events throughout the state or in our region! Until next time, be safe and Happy New Year to all!!
Tim.

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

REGION 9 - Ingham, Eaton, Clinton & Ionia Counties
RC - Nick Henry
No report this month

REGION 10 - Gratiot & Saginaw Counties
RC - Vern Shock
Meeting called to order 3:07
Pledge
Moment of silence

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

Seminar this weekend with voting on board members. 3 bylaws to be voted on.

Find out who your representatives are and get in contact with them. Its important to start now and even take the time to go to Pizza and Pop in February. Good time to meet them face

to face. Need to get them on board with fixing our insurance and keeping the helmet the riders choice.

Discussed upcoming events for the year.

Requested 500 tickets and will be getting them at the seminar. Volunteer needed to keep track of them.

Cupid Crawl Feb 11 ,
Spring Fling June 3, May 27
Motorcycle Awareness Highland Festival Parade,
July 8 Annual Poker Run,
September 16 End of the Summer Poker Run.

RJ Mello RC from Region 8 visited and talked about Whitecaps event at the ballpark date and time TBD. Brought in banners to show what he made that rolls up. Thanks for coming to our meeting RJ.

Door prize won by Becky for region 8.

Motorcycle safety instructors are need

MRF report given

Meeting Adjourned

Hope everyone has a Safe and Happy New Year, Ready for spring to start riding again.

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 meeting this month. Our next meeting will be February 5th. Paw Paw Eagles.

Reminder! Our meetings have changed back to the first Sunday of the month except holiday weekends! (July and September will be the second Sunday)

We have our annual bowling event coming up on March 25th, 2023 1 pm in Three Rivers. (See flyer)

A lot of people are having problems finding out who their new representatives are due to the redistricting debacle. The old paper citizens guide is no good anymore, and the online version is not fully accurate at the moment either. It's gonna take some time to get things straightened unfortunately.

Also be prepared to see a new helmet bill attached to something coming soon.

See you in February.
Dan Dan.

REGION 13

RC - Tom "Jinx" Rahn

January 8 meeting opened at 12:06 pm with pledge of allegiance and moment of silence. December minutes read by Kathy and treasurers report given by Dawn.

Legislative Report-Jinx; we want helmet law kept as choice. Smarter and insurance industry want it changed.

Anti-profiling bill was passed. Motorcyclists cannot be profiled.

Gun raffle tickets were approved
Upcoming Events-Chris- January seminar
August 5th Poker Run

We will need prizes for the PAC run. Start gathering up those unwanted motorcycle related shirts, knick knacks, whatever you can find and bring to a meeting. Russ and Becky will accept those items at any meeting to save for the run.

The cost for the PAC Run will be \$15 for driver and \$5 for passenger. The sloppy-joe dinner cost is \$5.00. There will also be 3 tribute bands at the Blue Angels that night. If you are a part of the run and Abate you will automatically get in free.

Kalamazoo Swap Meet - March 12. \$10 entrance fee. Hours are from 10-4.

REGION 14 - Washtenaw and Livingston Counties

RC - Shiny Bob

Date: December 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:10pm.

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

Amos/Secretary report:

November's meeting minutes submitted to Silla December 11th.

December Birthdays: Bob Kenyon, Dawn Kenyon, and Jesse Kenyon

Sally/Treasurer's report:

Shiny Bob presented the Treasurer report in Sally's absence.

Motion to accept: Dawn Kenyon Second

Motion: Bob Kenyon

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Tree man

Second Motion: Cheryl B.

Shiny Bob:

Members are encouraged to attend the seminar January 13 - 15th.

Region 14 "Awareness Ride" May 20, 2023.

Amos will design flyers.

Region 14 "Bike Show with Flea Market & Swap Meet" June 17th. Amos will design flyers.

Region 14 "Just Because Run" August 19, 2023.

Amos will design flyers.

Thank you, Region 18 for hosting Decembers Christmas party and inviting Region 14 to this event.

Ann Tobian/Legislative/Media/Road Captain Report:

Shiny Bob presented Ann's Legislative Report. Sunday January 22nd Face Off for Freedom hockey game at the Chelsea Coliseum. Motor City Harley-Davidson vs Foundation 14. Free Admission.

Wednesday February 8, 2023 is the next Pizza & Pop at the Capital at noon.

Dawn/Awareness Report:

No Awareness report this month.

Next Meeting

January 22nd 4pm

50/50 Drawing: Won by Shiny Bob

Dollar Draw: Won by Amos

Meeting closed: 4:55pm Motion to accept:

Michelle Second Motion: Cheryl B.

Respectfully submitted by: Amy (Amos)

Bachorek Region 14 Secretary.

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

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year we have pizza and pop at the capital on February 8th 2023, we have ax throwing on February 28th 2023, and on March 10th 2023 chili cook-off see flyers in the rider for details and our bowling is going to be April 15th. Sorry pinhead that's the date I was able to get in April so happy birthday pinhead. We will celebrate your birthday at the bowling alley if you can make it if not we will still celebrate. Later your RC Uncle Sam.

**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 members. This winter has been a mild one let's hope that it stays that way. At our Christmas party / chili cook off I like to say congratulations to Karen Brier for winning first place for the chili cook-off and Amy Morris for winning second place. And congratulations to Karen and Abby for winning the cornhole tournament that night. I'm not going to write much about what goes on at our monthly meetings in the newsletter. Treeman says if you want to know what's going on at a meeting come out and see for yourself. Bike raffle tickets are available now so see Karen for your tickets. Pizza Pop and lunch is February 8th in Lansing see flyer hope to see you there. The 2023 freedom rally is Wednesday May 31st this year. We can

no longer park in front of the Capitol there is plans in place to park across the street so far it's what I'm hearing. All are event coordinators are in full swing getting things going for the events for the year. Lady T. Awareness event is May 5th and 6th. Memorial Day run is May 27th with the run being on the 28th More info to come. Dreama is working on the aces and eights party a two-day event August 25th and 26th The gun raffle will start soon we will have two guns this year one gun raffled off each night so buy your gun tickets hopefully it will be the lucky one. She has booked a band for each night. More information to come. Our family picnic this year is with region 14 and 15 and 18 and that will be September 16th. Putt-Putt golf and a bonfire. Color run / Halloween party will be October 14th and before you know it, it will be here. That will be it for now Make sure you pray for all our loved ones that will need extra prayers have a good month. Michele.

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

Submitted by Hess Bates, Region 19 Legislative Officer, Filling in for Region 19 Coordinator Pete Kazelas

A warm winter's greeting to all ABATE Region 19 (Oakland County) members. HELLO to all!!

Or maybe we should make that "LO to all!" My name is Hess Bates and I am Region 19's Legislative Officer. I am writing this report where you usually read the words of Pete Kazelas who is Region 19's RC. But Pete is out of the country through the end of April. At a recent Region meeting Pete told me that

he was hoping that someone would cover for him while he is away. My Far-Better-Half (her name is Speedy, she serves as Region 19 Treasurer) and I instantly raised our hands and said, "Pick us!!" Okay, it wasn't really instant and that's not exactly what we said. But she and I are pleased to fill in because we both feel that there are really important reasons to keep Region 19's wheels turning while Pete is away.

Consider the following points:

- Michigan has a total population of just under 10 million happy folks with about 1.26 million (12.6%) of those people living in Oakland County.

- Lots of Michigan residents are motorcycle riders and our state ranks number 9 among the 50 States with more than 267,000 registered motorcyclists.

- If we make a couple of assumptions and do a little arithmetic, we can estimate that there are over 33,600 bikers in Oakland County alone. Region 19 represents all of those riders, both those who are ABATE members and those who are not.

- And of course, ABATE of Michigan represents that whole quarter-million-plus family of riders from all across our state (even though most of them are not members) and speaks for these folks as they pursue their legal right to ride safely and without prejudice on Michigan's public roadways.

- Because of its population, Region 19 sends more legislators to Lansing than most other Regions. That being said, we must recognize that just our status as members of ABATE actually accomplishes nothing in terms

of protecting the rights of motorcyclists; we must be willing to attend meetings, to plan, to participate and to take action in the struggle to maintain our freedoms.

• Decades of effort by ABATE's leaders have taught that the success of ABATE's legislative agenda requires all of us to engage with our elected Representatives and Senators consistently and respectfully, actively support our legislative friends and strongly advocate for legislation that addresses the concerns of bikers.

• There is no escaping the bottom line; if we sit on our hands, we will accomplish nothing and our freedom to ride will be lost. It's as simple as that.

Please make a commitment to attend Region 19's monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road in Waterford, 48327. We gather at about 6:00 pm for some of the Shark Club's great food and start the business part of our meeting at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Hess Bates,
Region 19 Legislative Officer.

REGION 20

RC - Mark Berger

No report this month

REGION 21 - Clair, Isabella, Mescosta,
Montcalm & Osceola Counties

RC - Brenda Crittenden

No report this month

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Region 3: Wayne Floyd Hart,
Howard Leach

Region 4: Bud Fox, Alan Tracy

Region 5: Tom Richmond,

Melvin Cooter Goss

Region 6: James Lee Rock

Region 7: Brian Donagy, Rocky Laclair,
Nancy Davenport

Region 11: Reb Boyland

Region 12: Terry Marcum, Pam Retz

Region 15: James Pops Bradley

John Slo Slonina

Region 17: Gerry Spomer, Larry Bell

Region 18: Martie Britten

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