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September 2025



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The Prez Report - Gary Kopta

Hello everyone,

It's been quite a year and it's not over yet. I've attended many fun things like field meet and poker runs. I've attended informational things like Governors Traffic Safety Action Team and Committee meetings, and I've also attended a few somber events like escorting the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall.

Last month myself and a few other ABATE members attended a memorial for a young 20-year-old man named Gunner Dortch.

Gunner was on his motorcycle enjoying his ride when an inattentive driver ran into him and unfortunately ended his life.

This young man had his whole life ahead of him. I haven't been updated on whether or not the driver was ticketed or anything else. I will keep you all updated on this when I do hear anything. I guess I bring this up because many of us think something like this will never happen to us. We tend to think it won't happen to our children either. While we were at the memorial a bunch of Gunners friends came on their motorcycles, and I figured it wasn't the time or place to bring up everything ABATE is fighting for. Things like promoting safety and education along with justice for motorcyclists involved in accidents and especially this insurance fiasco.

The hardest thing for me to figure out is how to get these young people involved to help us with the fight to stop what happened to their friend.

If anyone has ideas how we can get the younger people involved I would like to know how. We have tried social media, and I don't know if it is working or not. I am open to any suggestions. Maybe you people with children and grandchildren should be talking about us and what we do with them and maybe treat them to a years membership in this organization. you never know maybe they will stick around.

Our 50 x 50 membership drive is not going well so the gifted membership would help that also.

My wife and I just got back from ABATE of

Indiana's Summerfest.

We weren't there long but had a good time watching the bike games and they also had minibike competitions which were entertaining.

The event was near Jones, Michigan so

I thought maybe I would see a few more ABATE of Michigan members there.

It was really hot that weekend so maybe that's why we didn't have much representation.

Just a reminder that our elected officials are in their district right now so look for their coffee hours and go and introduce yourself and let them know about our concerns. You are a voter in their district, so they are interested in what you have to say. Get to know them now and then hopefully you will see them if you can attend pizza and pop or the freedom rally next year.

Until next month ride safe and watch for the other driver.

Gary



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MATTER
WHAT YOU RIDE
WE ALL RIDE
FOR
FREEDOM OF
THE ROAD



Secretary Report - Eric Eads

I hope everyone is getting some riding in. Ride while you can when you can.

Pennsylvania has a proposed helmet bill. If you think it can't happen here, think again. Pennsylvania modified their helmet law a couple of years before Michigan did, to allow an adult to decide individual choice. That freedom to choose is again under attack. It seems it never stops. We must always be vigilante as the powers that be will never stop in their quest to make us conform to what they want. They will never be satisfied with chipping away at our freedom to choose in all things, and, unless we are always vigilant, they will do just that.

Well, here is some good news! Those new, almost unusable gas cans that are child proof, and vapor proof may soon be coming to an end. The requirements were enacted in 2007 and 2008. In 2020, another requirement was added which required flame mitigation devices. All this resulted in a gas can that was nearly impossible to get any gas to come out. After numerous consumer complaints, the EPA recently rescinded these requirements.

Sports bikes continue to show sales growth, while other types of bikes continue to decline. Sports bike sales rose 71% over a 5-year period. Gen Z riders account for 47% of sport bike sales.

Harley Davidson is rumored to be working on a new bike to compete with Royal Enfield, KTM, and Triumph. The bike is expected to be available in 2026 for a price in the 6K range.

Don't forget to return your tickets to Sherri if you haven't. They are due July 31st.

If you need Awareness Signs, you will now need to get them from Products Lady Kim. Kim will now handle all Awareness Sign orders.

President Gary is still working on trying to figure out where all our money is going that we pay to the State of Michigan, when we renew our motorcycle plates and motorcycle endorsements. The State is apparently keeping it a secret. It's our money as motorcyclists that fund this program, and for the state to attempt to hide where the money is going is a disgrace. We should all be mad.

Hope to see you at the Bike Raffle next month.

Life Members this month are Victor Olivieri, Brian Frank, and Charles Way. Melissa, who is anonymous, and Ron Sangster Jr. donated to Awareness.

Ride defensively.

Eric



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Awareness - Leroy Cuykendall - Big Sexy

Hello Michigan. How's everybody doing this month? It's September, where did the summer go to? I hope to see everyone at the Bike Raffle on September 6th, good luck to everyone. Now that Fall is coming upon us, watch out for falling leaves. Keep an eye out for the grass clippings and now school buses will be stopping. It will get darker earlier in the evening, that means we got the animals jumping out on us earlier too!! Be careful on the road. Look twice. Save your life. We got new student drivers out there too, and talking about student drivers, how many classes has everybody taught? Is your Region still teaching classes? I'd like for your regions to get in contact with me so we could talk about where we can get more kids educated about ABATE. what it stands for and to teach them to watch out for us. I also need the numbers for this seminar coming up in January we need to be teaching all the kids every year how important it is to look twice so please I hope we have every region that has somebody that's teaching locally. If you need any help in that area, please call me. Be careful, ride safe, enjoy the little bit of time we have left in this riding season and the beautiful fall color leaves coming up.

See you at the Bike Raffle.

Leroy



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Shifting Gears - Dondi Vesprini

I hope everyone has been enjoying Summer and keeping your fingers crossed that we get a nice seasonable Fall to extend the riding season as long as Mother Nature will possibly allow. I want to extend a personal thank you to all who have reached out to your legislators in an effort to educate legislators about the damage that tort reform has done to motorcyclists in handcuffing the motorcyclist to the no fault medical cap chosen by the owner/operator of the motor vehicle involved in the wreck with the motorcyclist, as opposed to allowing motorcyclists to claim under their own auto policy like everyone else gets to do and hence get the benefit of your own choice. The effort continues and will continue to try to rectify this situation legislatively and push our bill to allow motorcyclists the benefits of their own no fault medical choice. It is no secret in today's world that our county is divisively politically divided. You need only check your own social media platforms or turn on CNN or Fox News to see that the topic of discussion usually revolves around how wrong and unintelligent the opposing political party is, as opposed to, dare I say, discuss any common ground that the political parties share. What I have found throughout my years in advocating for ABATE of Michigan is that the divisiveness between the political parties is not limited to Federal politics. My years of advocating for ABATE of Michigan in Lansing has shown me that partisanship is alive and well in the halls of the State Capitol as well. While partisanship has seemed to always play a role in State politics, I can't recall a time where it has crippled our government as bad as it is now. Currently, the Senate is controlled by the democrats, the House is controlled by the republicans and we have a Democratic

Governor. The seismic animosity between the political parties has created a situation where the majority of the time, when one political party passes a bill



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from their respective chamber, it just goes to the other chamber where the opposing party in control kills the bill. Bridge Michigan reported in July of this year that our legislature has passed only 6 bills in 2025. That is not a typo, they have only passed 6 bills. Bridge Michigan reported that is the fewest amount of bills passed in the last 20 years. That is an understatement, as the article goes on to say the next lowest total of bills passed came in 2007, when the legislature sent 31 bills to the Governor's desk before July 1. That is 25 more bills than have been passed over the same time in 2025. The article goes to essentially state that the political parties point the fingers at each other as the reason why more is not getting done in Lansing. What are the six bills they passed this year you ask? Two bills related to minimum wage and sick leave law; one bill was to allow schools to waive up to 15 additional days of instruction from the calendar year; one bill concerned allowing Michigan Department of Corrections to transfer ownership of the Detroit Detention Center to the city; and two bills related to extending a legislator's deadline to file personal financial

disclosures (at least they could agree on that one). I don't care what political party you support. What I care about is getting things done on behalf of motorcyclists across our State, which has been made difficult given our current political climate. As you can see, it is uber-difficult to get any bill passed, regardless of what the bill even involves. It is more important than ever that when you contact your legislators, you emphasize that our issue regarding equality to motorcyclists in claiming their no fault medical benefits IS A NONPARTISAN ISSUE. The law does not read that only democratic motorcyclists are handcuffed to the no fault medical choice of the other vehicle, nor does it read that only republican motorcyclists are handcuffed to the no fault medical choice of the other vehicle. It reads that ALL motorcyclists are handcuffed to the no fault choice of the other driver. Legislators need to be made aware that in passing our bill to fix the situation for motorcyclists, they are not doing anything that would offend the constituents of their party. In fact, most legislators that we have talked to over the years support our position, whether they are a democrat or a republican. Where things get dicey is when they ask if we have any support for our bill from "the other party." It is almost a knee-jerk reaction that legislators must unlearn if anything is going to get done in Lansing. Stress to these legislators that ours is an issue that each party can agree to without offending the constituents of their own

party nor painting them as a sympathizer with the other party. Our issue is not about transgender athletes, sanctuary cities or the role of government. Our issue deals with providing equality to motorcyclists, who, regardless of whether they are democrats or republicans, can agree on the freedom to ride and the right to do so with the same protections that are afforded drivers of other vehicles. Stay in your legislator's ears, phones, mail boxes and email boxes. The road is long, but the fight is worth it. Despite the current political climate I can assure you the insurance industry is unrelenting in it's effort to deny motorcyclists their rights. We must be ever more so unrelenting. Keep up the fight. As always, if anyone has any questions or if I can be of legal assistance to you or anyone you know who has been injured in a motorcycle accident, please don't hesitate to contact me as I successfully represent injured motorcyclists statewide. Further, if you would like to have me come out to your Region or any other organization you belong to, to speak or give a presentation on the legal rights of an injured motorcyclist or on any specific topic that your group may be curious about, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (248-569-4646) or shoot me an e-mail at Dondi@buckfirelaw.com. I give presentations state-wide and there is never a charge associated with having me out. I enjoy having the opportunity to come out and meet motorcycle enthusiasts from all parts of our State!

Dondi Vesprini

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<https://abateofmichigan.org/shifting-gears>





SEPT 6TH

ABATE REGION 10

ANNUAL END OF THE SUMMER PARTY!

Sign Ups: 9 AM
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\$15 Single
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Abate Region 12 Shotgun Bowling & Pistol Poker

WHEN: September 20th at 2 pm

WHERE: 5715 N 6th Street Kalamazoo, MI 49009

WHO: Call Bear, Eric or Joylynn to RSVP or more info
269-353-0405, 269-435-2058 or 269-599-1767

WHAT: \$5 per person, 1 Frame of Shotgun Bowling or 1 Hand of
Pistol Poker

Bring your own ear and eye protection, own guns and own
ammunition (00 Buckshot and no Rifle Rounds)

No scopes or lasers please



ABATE of Michigan REGION 11 and REGION 7

SUMMER TOUR END OF THE YEAR PARTY September 21, 2025

Roadhouse 19
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FOOD 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
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at Evergreen Park



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Memorial for our deceased members. There will be fun & games,
Music, and this is also our Toy Run Weekend, so bring a New, Un-
wrapped Toy or a \$10 donation.



Community Fun Fire
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Region 7

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Region Coordinators & Meeting Info

Region 1

TBD

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Van Dunson

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Region 5

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Region 6

Merry Garrett

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Meetings: 1:00 pm
Second Sunday
Baileys Bar and Grill

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Bay City

Region 7

Tim Polk

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Meetings: First Sunday

2PM, Nov.-April

at Lucky Thumb

Motorcycle Club 7394

Bevens Rd. Deford

May - Oct. at Evergreen

Park 4731 Van Dyke Rd.,

Cass City

Region 8

RC - Tara Hendee

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Meetings second Sunday

of the month

Location TBD

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Vern Shock

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Meetings 1st Sunday of

the month at 3

Evergreen Tavern in

Hemlock

Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May

July

Ghost Town Saloon in

Elwell

Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun,

Aug

Region 11

Arnold Schneider

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Meeting:

1st Wednesday of the

month at 7pm.

Chicky's in Almont:

March, May, July,

September & November.

Total Sports in Harrison

Twp: April, June, August,

October & December.

Region 12

Eric Eads

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Meetings: 1st Sunday of

the month 1pm

Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton

Region 13

Dan "Dano" Kenzie

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Meetings: 1st Sun 12

noon

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Parma, MI. 49269

Region 14

Shiny Bob

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Meetings: Saline

4th Sunday 4pm

Saline American Legion

Post 322

Region 15

Interim RC - Shiny Bob

Meetings: Saline

American Legion 4th

Sunday of the month

post 322. 4 pm

Region 16

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Read meeting notes for

dates and times

Region 17

TBD

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2pm

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Region 19

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Meetings: 1st Tues

7:00pm

The Shark Club

6665 Highland Road

Waterford 48327

Region 20

Steve (General) Graves

Phone 810 471-5588

Meeting last Sunday of

Month 2 PM

Region 21

Interim RC - Vern Shock

Meetings TBD

REMINDER

**Monthly Deadline
for updates is
the 12th of each
month.**



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

No report this month.

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

Meeting was held at the Rapid City Tavern and called to order by Van at 18:00 hrs.

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

Van extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance.

Mark stated the minutes. Motion was made and seconded by Van and Ann Marie to approve minutes as stated. Motion carried.

Ann Marie gave the treasurers report. Motion by Karen, second by Woody to approve the report as given. Discussed and carried.

Legislative report by Woody states that they are on vacation so nothing is being done. Woody encourages all to get with your reps for a coffee hour and let them know how we feel about the

insurance bill, the roads etc. When break is over we will hit them hard with figuring out the insurance bill etc. MRF is at Sturgis. Woody encouraged all to become a member of MRF as they are fighting for your rights at the national level.

No AC report.

Nothing new for awareness this month.

Nothing new with Gina B. on products.

Denise was absent so nothing new regarding membership..

Woody spent some time with a few groups and had a great time talking about Abate. He went to the DYSUN event, and an event by the Scorpions.

Make sure all your bike raffle tickets are turned in.

We have been asked to participate in the Coho Festival Parade on August 23. If you can go get with Woody or Greg Bennett.

Road clean up is set for Wednesday September 24, 2025. If it rains then on Thursday September 25, 25. Meet at the old Spirit Gas station on 131 at 18:30 hrs.

As of now Region 3's Summer Party in 2026 will be held in August on the 21-23rd. The Eagles enjoyed us and will be correcting some issues as they would like to have us back.

Our next meeting will be at Rapid City Tavern on Sept 3rd at 18:00 hrs.

The Bike Raffle Party will be September 5&6 at the Clare County Fairgrounds. See Woody for pre sale tickets for the weekend. The pre sale tickets will end on the August 24th. It will be a fun time with games etc. You will not be able to access the camp spots with a day pass.

Motion made by Mark, second by Ann Marie to adjourn. Motion carried.

Enjoy Bike night!!

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. Biketime campground went well this year special Thank you to all who volunteered! Special Thanks to Rabbit and Jinx for bike ticket sales you two are awesome! Upcoming family picnic August 17 at 1 pm at Benona township park bring something to throw on the grill and a dish to pass and also chairs. Everyone welcome! Fall Rodeo September 5-7 early in on Thursday the 4th, you can buy tickets online on Region 5 facebook page, live music on Friday and Saturday, games and cornhole tournament on Saturday community dinner on Saturday around 6 you must be 18+ to attend and no guns/ weapons, no attitudes, no pets. Gate opens Thursday thru Saturday at 10 am. Everyone come join the fun!

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

Good morning from the sun porch on this rainy morning. But later the sun will shine bright and be 90. We have had a hot month and it's continuing into August.

Just want to say thank you to our region for sharing the fun with me and the hubs. We went on our memorial run. Met up with the folks at Bentleys tavern. Rick and Joan Lawrence lead the pack. AND of course our car took a crap. Just my luck. But we insisted they continue on the ride. Cricket sweet cricket came and picked us up and drove us back to our humble abode. We are so lucky to have made friends with the people of our region since there is no family up here. Don't have any idea what we would do without them. So thanks everyone again for taking us in. Another reason I love being the RC and keeping this region going.

We have our September Bike Raffle Weekend coming up very soon. September 5/6 to be exact.

My region is coming out in force how about yours???!!!! Region 10 is mostly coming for Saturday but they still want to challenge us!!!! Not happening. You have to be there the whole dang time. Well maybe. I haven't asked the committee yet but region 6 I'm trying to whip their asses. And I do know who makes these challenges up. lol. Want to get in on the fun come on. Region 3 is keeping it close too.

I know a lot of regions are struggling but please just keep plugging away. There are a few of us that will give you help. We must make ABATE great again.

Gary Kopta our Pres. has issued a challenge for the region that brings in 50 percent more members and I must say it's a great influence to get it going. Region 6 is doing good but let's make it better. Bring a friend, sign up your kid or grandkids!! Remember they don't have to ride to join us. The member that signs up ten or more from our region will have a gift from me (keep track as you all know I forget stuff) Might be a store bought pie for Rick or a campfire for Soto or a big ole fat hug but something special will be there for that member. We have till June 2026.

Our meetings are still at Baileys Bar and Grill and sometimes Doug makes us chili dogs (my favorite). Any and all regions are

welcome to attend. Take a second Sunday of the month at 1:00 ride and come see the great awesome working hard region 6, we'd love to have ya

This is the beginning of August but we have a lot to do with the state. If you want to run for the board you must submit your request by October 1st. Need more info call Eric Eads, if you want to submit a bylaw or change a bylaw you must submit by October 1st. Need more info call or email Eric Eads, just so you know any submissions go in front of the bylaw committee which is then reviewed to go to the members.

Need more info call or email Eric Eads. Yes I'm saying his name a lot. He does a hell of a lot of work for this organization and we will be lost without him. When you see him at the raffle say, hey thanks for giving a shit. Just saying

Think my thumbs are done for now but I'm sure I will think of more to say. Yes I talk a lot but it's all important lol at least I think so!!!

Ride in this nice weather soon a nasty four letter word will be upon us.

Let the sun shine on your face and the wind blow in your hair or beard

Enjoy every little thing because life is shorter then me
Peace be with you.

Merry Garrett

September 2025

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

Meeting August 3, 2025

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for our troops, opening prayer by Paul Melcher.

Secretary Report - No report for July. Meeting attendance was 23 people.

Treasurer Report - Provided income and expenses for June and July. All sold bike tickets need to be turned in before end of August. Motion to accept treasurers report by Butch / support Bob.

Membership - Added one new member.

Legislative Report - Butch informed region the insurance bill is currently a dead issue. Fund raiser was held for Representative Greg Alexander.

Awareness - There was a Memorial Ride on July 26th for Gunner Dortch. He was the great nephew of Paul and Deb Melcher, who are members of ABATE. The family is donating all proceeds to the Abate of Michigan Awareness Program.

Bob Betson has been promoting Awareness at Steel Horse Ranch in Caro, every time they have and event.

Upcoming Events
August 13th Cheeseburger Parade, Caseville - Region

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will have float in parade. All volunteers welcome to participate.

August 23rd - Porcupine Bash, Caro VFW -Saluting or Military
September 5th 7 6th Bike Raffle Drawing Weekend, Clare County Fairgrounds
September 12th & 13th Born To Be Wild, Elkton.

Motion to adjourn meeting
Bob /support Ray.

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry RC - Tara Hendee

Meetings second Sunday of the month.
Location coming soon.

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

Hello Region 9. Well, here we are just 3 short weeks to Bike Raffle weekend, by the time you read this someone will be the happy winner of a Harley or Indian motorcycle. I hope all of you got your chance to be that winner.

I ran out of tickets at the Wild Injun's party along with Look Twice signs, I hope to have both in stock for the Brothers of the Ring Back to the River party. Unfortunately, since the Capital Harley-Davidson open house is not till September 13, I will not have raffle tickets there. Battles on the legislative fronts are ongoing , on the state side we have lane filtering , the insurance fix, and helmet laws keep popping up like weeds that refuse to die. On the

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federal side there is the right to repair, Biker profiling, dangerous E-15 fuels, and autonomous vehicle regulation are all ongoing battles. With congress on break you may well see some district meetings around the state.

Hope I saw you at the Bike Raffle weekend, if not for the weekend at least on a day pass. Ride safe, Ride free

Nick
Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Vern Shock

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Meeting adjourned

Vern Shock

REGION 11 - Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb

RC - Arnold Schneider

No report this month.

REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass,

Joseph

RC - Eric Eads

Sunday August 3rd,

Linda started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric opened the meeting with the Treasury Report. Joy stated at the Niles Burn Run they sold a few yard signs, t-shirts and a few Bike Raffle Tickets.

Bear with the MRF Report - MRF is pleased that NHTSA is adding four of our recommendations to the latest survey on motorcycle crash avoidance: engine size, years riding, annual mileage and safety training history are fundamental to understanding rider risk and behavior said MRF President Kirk Willard. The four factors above will now be included in the NHTSA survey that originally only asked about type and number of motorcycles owned, as well as the location, age, and crash history of those responding to the survey. Collecting this data is a win for motorcyclists. This study moves beyond safer crash outcomes toward true crash avoidance. MRF has long said that a crash that never happens is better than a safer crash.

California DMV is seeking a temporary suspension of Tesla's manufacturing and sales license for misleading consumers by marketing its driver assist systems as capable of full autonomy. But they require constant human oversight. For motorcyclists sharing the roads, this translates into serious danger. Last year a Tesla hit and killed a motorcyclist near Seattle while operating in full self driving mode.

Related - A Jury in Florida awarded \$329 million to the family of a deceased woman and her injured boyfriend. This is the first time that Tesla has been with a judgement in, one of many, many fatalities that have happened as a result of its auto-pilot tech. Tesla plans to appeal. Imagine that. The incident involved a driver who drove through an intersection at 62 mph and hit the couple. Driver had dropped his phone and allegedly received no alerts as he ran a stop sign and stop light.

Congress is now on their "well deserved" august vacation. This is the time to get in touch with them at their office or town hall meetings. Go to their website for info. Let them know who you are and your concerns regarding rider rights and safety.

Bear's Quote of the month: "If Chuck Norris was president, he'd protect the secret service." Unknown.

There is a bill in the Senate for Lane Filtering, currently

in the Committee. This is Michigan's first bill for lane filtering that is sponsored by Senators Lindsey, Daley & Lauwers.

If you have any Bike Raffle tickets you need to turn in, Gary will take them in our Region and forward to Sherri. He can be reached at 269-998-6217 or message Joylynn on Facebook, if that is easier.

Due to the Bike Raffle Drawing and camping weekend, we will NOT have a monthly meeting in September. See you in Paw Paw for October 5th October monthly meeting at 1 pm

August 8th through August 10th is Abate of Indiana Region 1's Summerfest. Flyer is on Facebook page for Abate of IN or ask Dan or Melissa for details. Party is in Three Rivers at Boothill Ranch, \$20 for the weekend if Abate member or \$30 for non Abate.

Bike Raffle Drawing is September 5th and 6th at Clare County Fairgrounds, Harrison, MI. Pre sale tickets are available with Eric \$30 singles or \$50 couples or day of will be \$35/\$60. Day passes are available also for \$15 per person. See flyer in Rider for more details.

We will raffle off our Region 12 Raffle item, the Air Rifle, to a winner at the Bike Raffle Drawing on Saturday September 6th. Tickets are still available with Eric.

Pistol Poker and Shotgun Bowling have been finalized.

We will have the event on Saturday, September 20th, at 2 pm in Kalamazoo. Bring your own safety equipment, guns and ammo and get ready for some (safe) fun! See flyer in Rider. \$5 cash per person day of event per frame or hand.

The Region 12 Annual Fall Color Run will be October 19th. Details are still being worked out. Any questions, ask Melissa. Donations will be accepted for ride door prizes and flyers will be printed at the October 5th monthly meeting.

If you have any ideas for the Christmas Party date, time and location, please reach out to Eric, Bear or Joylynn. We are still working on the final details, so make your voice heard.

We drew for 50/50 raffle and Joy won the pot. We drew for the meeting incentive drawing and John M. would have won if he were present. We drew for a Bike Raffle Ticket and a patron in the bar won the ticket. The incentive meeting jackpot is growing. You might want to come to the meeting in October to help clean out that thick stack of bills. You have to be IN IT to WIN IT ;)

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale
RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie
No report this month.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw
RC - Shiny Bob

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. Dawn, Secretary- we appreciate all of the Regions that come to our meetings. Region 15 asked if they could come and have their meeting at the Saline American Legion before Region 14's meetings and we voted, yes.

Cheryl, Legislation - no report
Ann, MRF- Tim Walberg is a huge supporter of our motorcycle rights and needs are support.
Eric Eads wants to retire as Secretary of

ABATE , 1 1/2 years from now.
Seminar, January 23rd to 25th.
Pizza and Pop February 11th or 18th.
Freedom Rally June 3rd or 17th.
Sally, Treasurer- doing good
Shiny Bob, RC- I have presale tickets for the bike raffle drawing.
Keep selling those bike tickets.
Hopefully, we can get a booth for the Ton Up bike festival on August 10th.

We had two other regions at our meeting and it was brought up that as members. We were wondering why we didn't have access to the minutes from the board meetings. We are hoping that someone can get back to the R.C's , and let us know by our next meeting.
We were also wondering why we don't vote on the board members on the Saturday at our Seminar .That way we wouldn't have to wait around on Sunday to see who was voted in as board members.

REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC - Shiny Bob

Region 15 will be moved to Saline American Legion 4th Sunday of the month post 322. 4 pm Shiny Bob will be temp RC for the rest of the year, all are welcome it will be after Reg 14 meeting.
Ride Safe.
Johnny.

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.
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Region Photos

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meet them. They are
pretty cool!



Reg. 18 - Tent clean up and Ace's and Eights



More photos on Page 30

REGION 18 - Lenewee, Monroe RC- Leroy Cuykendall III

We started the meeting at 2:05 with the Pledge and a moment of silence. LeRoy gave His RC report. He thanked everyone who helped at the Lenewee County Fair, especially Viking, who stayed the whole week!

Dale Biniecki a candidate for Monroe County Commissioner spoke with the members for about 15 minutes. It was a really good Q and A.

Chief road Captain Mike gave us an update on the A's & 8's run coming up.

Viking gave a in depth report on the Lenewee Fair.

The midsummer Road cleanup was completed by Smash, Abby, and Brian W. There were 15 people in attendance. The meeting was closed at 3:15.

After the meeting 10 members went to SMASH and Abby's house for a Tent Cleaning and Pizza Party!

It took about 3 hours and a case of beer, several pizzas to get it done. We all had a blast. The following Thursday SMASH and LeRoy took down the tent and packed it away till next year.

August 9th was the A's & 8's Ride. It was hot, but fun. The ride was a little over a hundred miles and covered a lot of Region 18! Thanks again to Mike and Sass for putting together another fun event.

Our next meeting is September 14.

REGION 19 - Oakland RC- Bill Stewart

Report from Region 19
For September 2025 Michigan Rider

Because Region 19 did not meet during August (our RC and several of our regular attendees were not available) the report from Region 19 will be short. And actually this report is intended simply to invite all Region 19 members to attend our next meeting at which we hope to discuss progress on some of the challenging issues faced by ABATE of Michigan as summer of 2025 passes.

The current situation in Lansing can be summed up pretty easily:

1. Only 6 pieces of legislation (one of them to proclaim Michigan's State Duck!) have been passed so far during the current session.

2. Many important pieces of legislation languish in the turmoil. An important example; our elected officials have failed to pass a state budget leaving school districts and government planners at loose ends.

3. And if governmental malfeasance gets your attention, as was reported in the 27 July edition of the Detroit Free Press, state workers have been assigned office space in a building owned by a wealthy political donor—at a cost approaching \$900K—when there was and is plenty of space available in a nearby building already occupied by many state workers.

4. There has been complete failure to make progress solving any of the problems caused by 2019's SB 1 in the six years since its passing, even though legislators are fully aware of the PIP crisis faced by bikers and...

5. ...the gutting of Michigan's attendant care industry caused by the 45% slash in the reimbursement rates specified in SB 1.

6. Lansing's political quagmire has handcuffed ABATE's veteran activists, the dedicated bikers who have worked for years (decades) walking the halls of Michigan government. ABATE's leaders are now as frustrated as they have ever been.

7. These folks need the support of all Michigan bikers, ABATE members and non-members alike. Please make specific effort to thank ABATE Prez Gary Kopta, State LO Bear Schuitema, former State LO Jim Rhoades, Little Iceman, Tommy Smith and all the other LO's and activists from around the state as they continue to go to bat for Michigan's motorcyclists.

Please join us on September the 2nd at the Shark Club,
6665 Highland Rd, Waterford. Dinner is will be at 6:00 with the meeting beginning at 7:00. There will be lots to talk about!

Submitted by
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A Citizen's Guide to State Government.

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If you're new at this type of letter writing, here are some suggestions on how your letters can be most effective: How to write a letter to your representative: Click [HERE](#)

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**REGION 20 - Genesee,
Shiawassee
RC - Steve (General)
Graves**

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm with 8 members in attendance.

Pledge and prayer was led by our very own Prez.

Gary Kopta. Thank you for attending.

Treasurer report was looked at and accepted.

Old Business: All has been concluded.

New Business. Suggested to Prez. that a time change for the Bike Raffle drawing be looked at for next year, so day riders could make it back home at a somewhat decent hour. He said he would bring it up to the board in October.

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

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Region Bike Nights

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Region 1) Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton

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Region 5) Mason, Lake, Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo

Region 6) Gladwin, Arenac, Midland, Bay

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Region 8) Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry

Region 9) Ionia, Clinton, Eaton Ingham

Region 10) Gratiot, Saginaw

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Region 12) VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, Joseph

Region 13) Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

Region 14) Livingston, Washtenaw

Region 15) Wayne

Region 16) Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Alcona, Iosco

Region 17) Marquette, Dickinson, Menominee, Delta, Alger

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Region 19) Oakland

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Reg. 18 - Tent clean up and Ace's and Eights - Continued



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ABATE OF MICHIGAN FIRST ANNUAL BIKE RAFFLE DRAWING WEEKEND

**Sept.
5th-6th**

**PUBLIC
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**GATES OPEN AT
NOON
SEPT 5TH**

**DRAWING SEPT 6
AT 8 PM**

**CLARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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HARRISON, MI**

**EARLY BIRDS
DEALS- \$30.00
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COUPLES AT THE
GATE: \$35.00
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COUPLES DAY
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*\$100 for 6 issues	*\$450 for 12 issues	*\$850 for 12 issues	*\$1,550 for 12 issues
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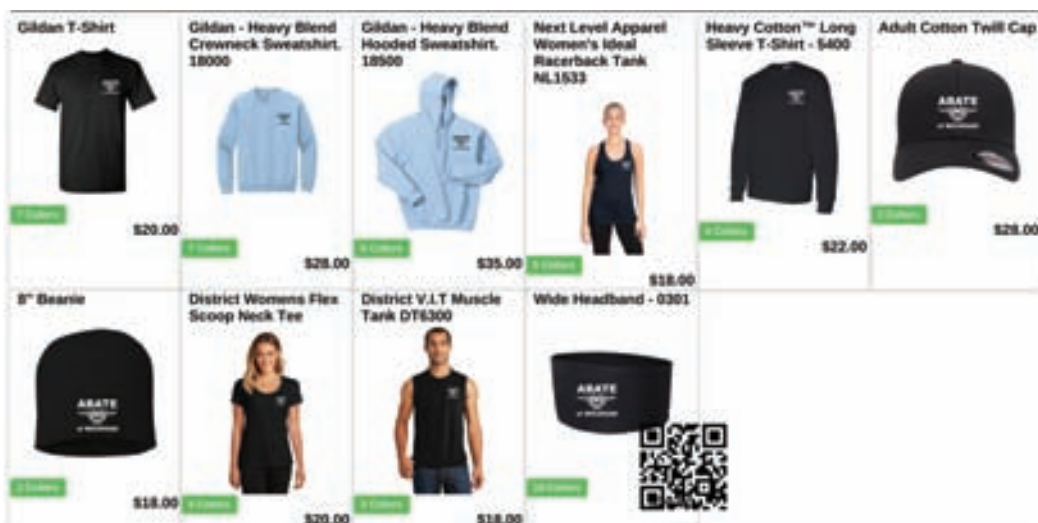
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Bike Nights are highlighted in GREY



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Date	Region		Contact
		Region Bike Nights	
May - Sept	Reg 12	Bike Nights Wednesdays May - Sept at Paw Paw Eagles from 5-9 pm at 63237 M-40 Lawton, MI 49065	Joy 269 998-6215 or Gary 269 998-6217
June 2-Aug 25	Reg 3	Monday Nights 6 - 8pm Fallen Timers 13901 US-31 Beulah, Mi	Momma Dragon 231 392-1577
June 4 - Aug 27	Reg 3	Laughing Horse Saloon 15888 Lindy Road Thompsonville, MI 49683 Every Wednesday	
June 4 - Aug 27	Reg 3	Rapid City Tavern 9395 Valley Rd NW Rapid City, MI 49676 Every Wednesday	
	Reg 11	Sunday - Bike Day - Chicky's Paradise	
		Region Events	
Aug 23	Reg 7	Porcupine Bash Caro VFW	Tim 989 670-9976
Sept 5 - 6		Annual Bike Raffle Drawing Weekend	Merry Garrett 734 652-9739
Sept 6	Reg 10	End of Summer Ride - will end up at the Clare County fairgrounds where for the bike drawing	
Sept 7	Reg 11	Boobapalooza	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 12 - 14	Reg 7	BORN TO BE WILD at Ackerman Park Elkton, MI	
Sept 14	Reg 11	9th Annual Ride to Shine Observation Run	Arnold 810 334-8600
Sept 16	Reg 10	Annual End of Summer Party	Vern: 810 922-1168
Sept 20	Reg 12	Shotgun Bowling & Pistol Poker	Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435-2058/269 353-0405/269 599-1767
Sept 21	Reg 7	Summer Tour Book Party	Tim 989 670-9976
Sept 21	Reg 11	Summer Tour End of the Year Party	Arnold 810 334-8600

Sept 24	Reg 7	Adopt-A-Hwy Trash PU Evergreen Park	Tim 989-670-9976
Sept 25 - 28	MRF	Meeting of the Minds	
Oct 3 - 5	Reg 7	Carved In Stone Wknd Evergreen Park	Tim 989-670-9976
Oct 11	Reg 5	Toy Run	
Oct 11	Reg 10	Color Tour	
Oct 19	Reg 12	Fall Color Run - TBD	Melissa 269 532-9570
Nov 2	Reg 7	Meeting, Chili cook-off Lucky Thumb	Tim 989-670-9976
Nov 8	Reg 11	Euchre Tournament	Arnold 810 334-8600
Dec 6	Reg 3	Christmas Party	
Dec 6	Reg 7	Christmas Party & Meeting Lucky Thumb	Tim 989 670-9976
Dec 7	Reg 5	Christmas party	
	Reg 12	Christmas party - no date or location - TBD	Eric, Bear or Joylynn 269 435 2058 269 353-0405 269 599-1767



Gunner Dortch was a 20 year old who was hit and lost his life July 15th while on his way home. Gunner was wearing all his safety gear and had pulled out behind a truck making his way home. An older lady turned as the truck passed her and turned right into Gunner and ultimately ending his short life. The driver of the truck said he wasn't going any more than 40 miles per hour. It is unknown at this time if the driver was on her phone or anything else at this time.

A celebration of life was held and all donations received that day is being donated and used as awareness as the family wishes. Gunner's parents,

Matt and Deb Dortch, want to help raise awareness so that another parent never has to go through this. They are also joining ABATE to help in our fight.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Vern Shock



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