



Region Reports



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REGION 1 - Keweenaw, Baraga, Iron, Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton
RC - Todd Wloszczynski

No report this month.

REGION 2
Schoolcraft, Luce, Chippewa, Mackinac

RC - Bernie Winicki

No report this month.

REGION 3 - Antrim, Kalkaska, Charlevoix
RC - Van Dunson

No report this month.

REGION 4 - Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle
RC - Dave Etherton

No report this month.

REGION 5 - Mason, Lake Oceana, Muskegon, Newaygo
RC - Larry BamBam Peters

WOW!! Thank you to everyone. August was busy. We had 4 bike nights, Hill Climb, the Tunder in the Creek, Family Picnic and Fall Rodeo. Thank you to all the volunteers, members and

supporters!!

A representative from MMC was at the meeting and Thanked us for a great job and the hard work we put in to parking all those cars!

At the meeting we voted to only have one Christmas party/ with auction. We also voted to keep to a Chinese auction and live auction. Donations are needed, clean out the basement and garages. We are working supporting 10 Families!!!

Upcoming events:

Next Meeting, Sept 13th at 7-Mile

Oct Meeting on the 4th also at 7-Mile

Oct 10th Color/Toy run (more info coming)

Nov. Meeting on the 1st at

The Dirty Dog

Dec 6th is the Christmas Party/ Auction at The Dirty Dog

Thank you for all your hard work and support!

Gail Folwer secretary

Let's get out there, let's show up!! Secretary Gail Fowler.

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

Good evening fellow ABATE members. It's August out here and it's been hot and sunny. Getting cooler at night. Perfect riding, boating and having a bonfire. Which one have you done so far??? If you haven't done all three then dang it “get er done”!!!

Region 6 is still plugging along. We had our memorial run with attendance down but still had a wonderful day. Thanks Jerry Soto as always!! Also a huge thank you to Gary Kopta and his awesome wife Debbie for coming and hanging out with us. Believe it or not one of our stops was 2 miles from their hacienda and they still kept riding with us. Woot woot thank u both!!

At our meeting today we discussed the field meet, the seminar, the bylaws, had our fifty fifty which Desi Soto won and donated back. Thanks honey. You are ok in my book. I'll keep you!!!

We were invited to Thunder Roads event for Veterans. More on that next month to let everyone know how it went. We definitely need to hit more events at different regions.

Raffle tickets need to be turned

in at our September meeting please. Sold and unsold. So far Jerry and Mich. are in the lead.

The drawing will be October 3rd at Evergreen. Region 7 is hosting so try to stop in and win that \$10000

Seminar was discussed and will be wild Wild West theme with a few new things to do. Like a fundraiser with a jail. Bring your cash folks.

We are also looking for a few ideas for breakout sessions. Got some??? let me know and I'll put them in front of the committee to vote on!! If we get enough we will draw from the winners. Of course we have our breakout session with Dondi, Bear, Jay Jackson and some other great names

Don't forget October is getting close. We will be voting on member of the year and asking if anyone wants to run for a position. You must be a member that has attended meetings, participated in events and supported your region.

Any questions on this let me know and if I can't answer them Gary Kopta our president will help me get the answers.

Hope to see you all next month at our meeting or stop out and enjoy that boat ride with us

Let the sun shine on your cheeks,

Let the wind blow in your hair

Let your beard get lots of tangles

And enjoy life to the fullest!!!

Peace

Merry.

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

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting August 2, 2026 - Evergreen Park

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for troops, and prayer by Paul M.

Attendance 22

Secretary report- read June meeting minutes / no meeting July read Tim's statement from July Rider. Motion to approve as read by Wes N. / support Bob B.

Treasurer report - Paul M. reported for June and July income and expenses. Motion to approve by Wes N. / support Ray N.

Legislative - Butch B. reminded region members of the importance of voting in the primary election on August 4th. E bikes are an issue for Abate and the MRF. They are tentatively being classified with motorcycles without any rules or oversight. Lansing passed the state budget and are waiting for the governor to approve,

Old business - The Shoot and Scoot event in July was a success. Tim has heard positive feedback for this event. We will continue event for next year with improvements.

The Porcupine Bash event date and venue has changed. The new date is August 29th, at the Mayville Veteran's Memorial. Sign up starts at 11 am / kickstands up at noon. There will be a flag ceremony at 11:30. Bob B. has planned the ride to go to region area memorials. Dinner after the ride back at Mayville Veteran's Memorial.

New business - August 19th is the Cheeseburger Parade in Caseville. Tim and Bob B. are working on the Motorcycle Awareness float to be in the parade. All are welcome to help.

August 22nd at Ray C's in Lapeer, there is an event for the Epilepsy Foundation, 2nd annual in memory of Joe and Lea Taylor's daughter. Butch B. made motion for region to donate a new membership for this event. Members voted on motion and agreed the region would donate a two year membership for this event.

October 2,3, & 4th weekend is our Carved in Stone / Toys for Tots event and also the Abate state cash raffle to be held at Evergreen Park. On October 3rd. We need someone to do the bag auction and 50/50 raffle for Region 7. Lea Taylor and Leah Pabst volunteered to handle the 50/50 raffle. October 3rd for The Abate Cash Raffle, there will be a band starting at 4:00-4:30, at the big pavilion prior to the drawing. Band will continue playing after the raffle. Region 7 has a pot luck dinner on Saturday. Please bring a dish to pass and table service.

Dan and Jan Brown also during this weekend, have two quilts they are raffling to help with the cost to the region for the up keeping of our memorial stone at Evergreen Park.

Upcoming Event - September 23rd at 5pm - Adopt-A-Highway trash pick at Evergreen Park. Will have pot luck dinner after.

Motion to adjourn by Butch / support Parcus.

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

No report this month.

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

No report this month

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw RC - Amy Penny

REGION 10 SECRETARY REPORT

August 2, 2026

Meeting called to order at 3:10pm.

No secretary report for July.

Treasurer report was given.

September 2026

MRF report was given. Reminder of the Meeting of the Minds September 24-27th. Congratulations to Region 10 for currently having the largest membership and the most new members to date.

Reminder to return all raffle tickets to the September meeting. Time to get any unsold tickets sold.

The Gunner Dortch foundation will be holding "Accident Scene Management" classes this October or November. Keep an eye out for announcement flyer.

Region 10 will be escorting the Moving Wall on September 3rd. Possibly leaving from Shields at 10am. Final details are still being worked out. Watch the region face book page for updates. The End of Summer ride/party will be September 19th. Mark your calendars more details to come.

The color tour was discussed.

If you have any suggestions for bylaws changes or nominations for officers, please give them to Region 10 secretary by October 1st.

Because of the Labor Day holiday the September meeting will be changed to the 13th at Woody's in Merrill.

Upcoming Events

September 13, Region meeting, 3pm at Woody's in Merrill

September 19, End of Summer Ride/party

October 4, Region meeting, 3pm Ghost Town

October 10, Color Tour

November 1, Region meeting, 3pm TBD

December 5, Christmas Party. Ghost Town NO MEETING this month

Respectfully submitted

Debra Townsend

Region 10 Secretary.

REGION 11 - Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb RC - Arnold Schneider

REGION 11 NEEDS A NEW RC. ARNOLD SCHNEIDER (OSCAR) WILL OFFICIALLY BE STEPPING DOWN ON DEC 2, 2026.

I hope someone will step up and take over this

Region!!

Our summer tour party is Sunday September 20. Details are on the back of the summer tour book. Books are still available for sale.

Enjoy the rest of Michigan's riding season!

Oscar.

**REGION 12 - VanBuren,
Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St.
Joseph**

RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joy read the Treasury Report.

Joylynn is going to set a booth up at the ABATE of Indiana's Summerfest Friday, August 14th to Sunday, August 16th. It will be open from 11 am to maybe 10 pm Friday and Saturday and just the morning of Sunday.

The meeting for September will be on Sunday September 13th at 1 pm at the Paw Paw Eagles. See you there!

If you have any Money Raffle Tickets that you have bought or been mailed and not buying from the State, turn into Joylynn with any money and I will get them to Sherri for the raffle in time.

We drew for a 50/50 and a patron in the bar won. We drew for the incentive drawing and Melissa M. won and was present. We drew for a Money

Raffle ticket and Larry B. won.

Melissa motioned to close the meeting and Joy seconded 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**

We will be doing a Raffle Ticket Round up for region 14 and 15 see shiny Bob or Johnny for more tickets bring them to the August 23rd. Meeting. THANKS to Shiny Bob and Ann Tobian for selling tickets and membership at the Ypsilanti bike and music festival, August 22 ,region 18 is having Aces and 8's poker run and party , \$20 for the ride and a cash raffle ticket. Free Camping, summer is going fast, watch for distracted drivers, meeting 4th Sunday Saline American Legion Post 322. Also region 15. Ride Safe. Johnny.

**REGION 15 - Wayne
Interem RC- Shiny Bob**
No report this month.

**REGION 16 - Oscoda,
Ogema, Alcona, Iosco,
Montmorency, Alpena
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.

Call Woody: 231 884-2192
Email: Dberg01@hotmail.com.

**REGION 18 - Lenawee,
Monroe
RC- Leroy Cuykendall III**
No report this month.

**REGION 19 - Oakland
RC- Bill Stewart**

For the September, 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider

No one would choose to start a Region Report with bad news. Unfortunately that's almost all we have to write about this month. When Region 19's few active members began to gather around our table at the Shark Club, the news about Chip passed quickly from person to person...and that news was as bad as it gets. In July Chip Ashton, one of our older members and the anchor of

our group, broke a hip and was admitted to a rehab program at St. Joe. Not long after that we learned that Chip suffered another incident and was placed in Hospice care. Only a few days later on August the 8th, the word came that Chip had passed away.

Chip was many things to many people. He was an exceptional machinist, the person to whom engine builders routinely turned for machine work on motorcycle, automobile and marine engines. Chip was also a first-class person in many other respects with his family, his biker friends and motorcycle riding (Beemers especially, for many thousands of miles) all contributing to the life of our friend. Chip's loss is an immeasurable blow to Region 19 and we are all deeply saddened.

Making this even worse, it was at this meeting where we also learned that Grumpy, another long-time, active member of Region 19 had recently died. Counting Dave Buchanan's death earlier this year, Region 19 has lost three important members this year alone, three folks whom we could not afford to lose. Sad times indeed for Region 19.

With heavy hearts we turned to our meeting at 7:00 with a period of silence that was especially poignant. The meeting went on in a half-hearted sort of way with RC Bill making only a few brief comments about the MRF and Hess giving an informal report about a victory on the Right-to-Repair front coming from a settlement with John Deere and attorneys-general from the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Arizona. That settlement is a significant development and with these important states involved there is reason to hope that precedent will spread to other states across the country.

The remainder of this report is addressed to Oakland County's thousands of bikers, especially those riders who are also members of ABATE's Region 19. Tuesday September the 1st will find us back at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road in Waterford with dinner

at 6:00 and the meeting starting at 7:00. As our numbers shrink, there is more and more room for new and active ABATE folks at our table. Sad to say, the future of Region 19 looks pretty bleak as our few officers (we have only 3) struggle to keep the wheels turning. We desperately need new, younger and energetic folks to rejuvenate and energize Region 19. If new folks (yes, I'm speaking to you!) do not show up soon, Region 19 may no longer exist at a time when Oakland County's bikers will really need it. Please come out and join us!

Submitted by Hess Bates, Region 19 Legislative Officer.

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

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm with 4 members and 1 guest. Thanks for giving a shit. Treasurer report was read and accepted. Sick call: Kritter is home from the hospital. Prayers for him as he recovers.

Old Business:

State raffle tickets are due to our RC or Cupcake by Sept. 4th.

Bike nights at Vehicle City H-D are the last Friday of each month from 6-9pm.

Michigan Primary election Aug. 4th. I hope everyone got to vote, either absentee, early or at the polls.

New Business:

Fall color ride. We are looking for ideas on a Date to be held, Route and Flyers. Contact Cupcake with your suggestions.

Bikes on the Bricks in Flint. Sept. 11-13. We will not set up a tent for this year as cost is too high.

End of Summer Party. Looking for suggestions on a Date and Place to be held. Contact Cupcake with recommendations.

Officer Elections:

Nominations will be at the September meeting for RC, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring please say so. Elections will be at the October meeting. The

new RC will do Appointments for L.O., Road Captain(s), Sergeant At Arms and Products.
Legislative:
No report
Meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm
Ride and stay safe. Steve "General" Graves.

REGION 21 - Oscoda, Clare, Mescosta, Isabella, Montcalm
Interim RC - Vern Shock
No report this month.

REGION 22 - Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Wexford
RC - Greg Bennett "Break Down"

Meeting was held at the Laughing Horse and called to order by Greg.

Matt, our chaplain led us in prayer followed by the pledge which was recited by all followed by a moment of silence.

Greg welcomed all who showed up for the meeting. He stated that there is a lot of things happening all around us and a lot of things that will keep us busy. He reminded all that we need to keep the negativity out of our region.

AC Mary stated that our T-shirts are not really selling. Karen made a motion, second by Mary to lower the prices by \$5 per shirt. Motion discussed and carried.

Karen presented copies of the minutes. Motion was made by Mary, second by Ty to accept the minutes as presented. Discussed and carried.

Chey gave a treasurer's report. Motion was made by Karen, second by Mary, to accept the treasurer's report. Discussed and carried.

Matt, our legislative guy stated that there was nothing new to report.

Sgt. of Arms stated that the light house ride was great and a fun time was had by all who attended.

Karen our awareness gal and Sarah showed up to send off the group on the light house ride. After the bikes left a woman in a truck stopped the girls and questioned what was going on. They had a great opportunity to share all about motorcycle awareness, after that she thanked them. Karen also states that she has spoken to people she doesn't know trying to raise awareness. She also sold signs at bike nights at the Pines.

OLD BUSINESS:
Our summer party: We have vendors coming and things are filling up. Woody will check to make sure that there is someone there to sew on patches. We will have one more meeting before the party. It will be on Aug 16th at 18:00

hrs. at Eagles.
NEW BUSINESS:
It was brought to our attention that some things don't seem to appear on our Facebook page and that we might be missing a lot of notifications. Karen made a motion to have Mike Hansen be our social media person, second by Russ. Discussed and motion carried.

Our next meeting is in September. Karen made a motion that our meeting would go back to Wednesday nights, second by Russ. Discussed and motion carried. Our next meeting will be September 2, 2026, at 18:30 hrs. at Laughing Horse.

Meeting adjourned.

**ABATE REGION 22
SUMMER PARTY**

*****AUGUST 21-23*****

**FUN TO BE HAD BY ALL
KIDS
WELCOME TILL 9:00PM
LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY NIGHTS**

**WE WILL PARTICIPATE
IN THE COHO FESTIVAL
PARADE ON SAT.
KICKSTANDS UP
AT 11:45 AM TO GET
TO THE PARADE,
PARADE LINE UP STARTS
AT NOON**

**13:00 HRS PARADE
STARTS**

RETURNING TO THE CAMPGROUND THERE WILL BE FUN GAMES, BOTH BIKE AND NON-BIKE

18:00 HRS DINNER.....A TACO BAR \$10 - AGES 12 AND UP \$5 - AGES 6-11

THERE IS A DAY PASS AVAILABLE FOR \$10. AFTER 18:00 HRS \$5

PRIMITIVE CAMPING \$50 PER COUPLE FOR THE WEEKEND
\$35 FOR SINGLE FOR THE WEEKEND
OPEN TO ALL.

**REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee
RC - Ted Calabrese**

Region 23 August 2nd meeting minutes. We're going to reschedule September's meeting because of the Labor Day weekend. To the following Sunday. September 13th... Lori at Twisted attitude leather and More in Houghton Lake has signed up 4 new members , And still have raffle tickets and signs available. Don't forget your 15% discount for new and existing ABATE members. The Red Circle Bar, would like to host a bike night . We are planning a trunk or treat on October 24, at the family fare in Grayling. We'll have a tent up with Raffle Tickets, Abate signs and Candy to pass out. All bikes all are invited to this family-friendly event. We're working on a fall color ride in October as well. There will be more details to come as we get closer to the event.
BE SAFE ON THE ROAD.
TED CALABRESE



TABS for TOTS ~ Tabs are used toward the purchase of medical equipment for Children's Hospital Wards. Also purchase a "Pull Tabs for Tot's" patch for \$5. It's a great looking red, white and black round patch with above picture on it. Money from sales are added to the tab fund.

Send tabs and money for patch to:
Stan "The Tabman" Demski
27705 Larchmont. St. Clair Shores, MI. 48081



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The MCOC represents motorcycle club members and individual motorcyclists alike to fight for everyone's freedoms and rights as bikers. We work with and support ABATE and MRF to ensure what we all enjoy - the freedom of motorcycling without discrimination.

To join and support the MCOC contact

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