

Operations Officer

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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

Meeting November 4th, 2026, called to order at 6:30 by Van. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave (Papa Smurf) followed by a moment of silence for our troops.
Mark read the minutes from October, motion to accept by Ann Marie, seconded by Gina Motion carried.
Treasure report was read by Ann Marie. Motion to accept by Denise, seconded by Gina, motion carried.
Christmas Party is schedule for December 5th at the VFW in Kalkaska. 4- 10 pm everyone is welcome
Discussion about having a meeting everyother month during the winter. Currnent plan is to have a meeting in January, skip February and have a meeting in March.
Region agreed to sell gun raffle tickets at Seminar
Paul had a safety blip: It's time to store the bike, change the oil and filter, fill the tank add stabilizer.
Motion to close meeting was made by Mark, seconded by Ken motion carried.
Next meeting, Saturday, December 5th at 4:30 prior to the Christmas Party at the VFW in Kalkaska.

REGION 4 - Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Ilse RC - Dave Etherton
No report this month.

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

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence. We would like to thank the people of Region 5 that showed up for the trunk or treats at Sandy Harley Davidson's and Corine's Soul Food restaurant. in Muskegon We would love to see more of our officer's and members next year.
If you made it out there, we checked out a possible new venue for Fall Rodeo. We are trying to lock this in place to have the most time to plan if we move or keep it at Twisting Trails. Have questions, contact an officer or attend a meeting, more to follow.
We voted for Member of the Year, we had a tie, congratulations Jeff and Kim. We did not vote on officer's there is no change.
Upcoming Christmas party at the dirty Dog.
December 6th at 1pm. Everyone is welcome, bring your kids. Santa will be on site, bring a dish to pass and any donations you may have. Rember this event is to support 5 families for Christmas. Would love to see you all there.
Don't forget we have Seminar coming up in January (22nd-24th) If you never been there you should go! ABATE needs you. We will caravan there and back. Let Kim know if you need to reserve a room. Sometimes important things happen here.
Happy Thanksgiving to you all from your Secretary of Region

5 Gail Fowler
Thank you,
Larry Peters
Region 5 RC.

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

Pledge
Moment of
Silence. Bob Betson
Treasurer
Secretary read Jim's letter
LO
MRF legislative priorities for 2027

Below is a brief description of just the top 12 issues on the MRF's 2027 agenda listed as "High Prority." The January 2027 issue of the American Biker Journal will have more detail on each of these high priority issues as well as the full list of an additional 14 priorities that fall in the "Medium" or "Monitor" classification.

The 2027 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Priorities List

HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES:

Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing
funding and other resources.

Data Recording: Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Definition of a Motorcycle: Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
Emission Regulations: Engage the Environmental protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations
Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates: Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
Internal Combustion Engines: Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
Profiling: Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling.
Renewable Fuels: Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)
Right to Repair/Modify: Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the
Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill): Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire 2026).
Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology: Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.
Voting:: gentleman Jim will be secretary. Thank u Randi for the job u did
Member of the year
50/50
Christmas party
Sloppy joes Randi/Doug
Dishes to pass
Silent auction???
Seminar
Vote
Bylaws
Board members

Statewide member of The year
A great meeting with members who care. Come on out and give us your time and thoughts.
Stay warm stay happy
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Merry.

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

Abate Region 7 - Meeting November 1, 2026 - Lucky Thumb MC
Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm. Pledge, moment of silence for troops, and prayer.
Attendance 24
Secretary report - read October meeting minutes - motion to accept by Wes, second by Tamara,
motion carried.
Treasurers report - reported on income and expenses from October - motion to accept by Iceman, second by Butch, motion carried.
Legislative – nothing happening due to elections coming up, everyone is campaigning.
Awareness - Tim will be retrieving the awareness signs that Bob Betson was storing in his shed.
Dan Brown volunteered to act as Awareness Coordinator and has space to store the awareness
signs.
Old Business - Discussed developing passbook for 2027. Motion made by Iceman, second by Mike to start committee for this project, motion carried. The committee members are Tim P- Butch B - Jay S - Tamara F- Joan A - Jeff R.
New Business - Vote for region officers - 2027. Elected for 2027 RC Tim Polk, Secretary Leah Pabst, Treasurer Mike Dubs, LO Jeremy (Iceman) Bouvrette, Awareness Dan Brown, and SOA
Rob Sutherland. Member of the year - Bob Betson in Memorial.
December 5 th meeting 2pm and Christmas party after will be at Lucky Thumb MC. Will have a potluck, fun raffle drawing (bring your $5 item) and gift exchange (bring a gift to get a gift). If you are bringing a dish to pass, please let me know what you plan on bringing so I can make a
list! Santa should be there this year, so be good!
Seminar is coming up fast, get your rooms reserved! Hope to see you all there and remember
that Sunday morning is for the MEMBERSHIP to vote on the Board of Directors and any new By-Law changes! At least show up Sunday morning to Vote!
Motion to adjourn made by Butch, second by Tamara.
Hunting season is coming (Gun season), good luck to all the hunters! There's a lot of deer movement going on, so be careful out there!
See you at the seminar.
Tim.

REGION 8 - Ottawa, Kent, Allegan, Barry
RC - Tara Hendee
No report this month.

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

Hello Region 9.
As of this report winter is starting to raise it's nasty attitude and the midterms are mostly over, except for Alaska , and come January we will have a whole bunch of new legislators to educate. Like kids in a class, some will listen and communicate with us and some will have their own agenda and intrsrust . Whichever we get our Government will be rebooted and our work will be ongoing.
The seminar will be January 22-23 at Four Points in Saginaw, you need to get your room by December 20 to get theABATE group rate, voting for the board is on the 23rd usually starting around 9am. The theme this year is the 1800s and aside of the informative workshops there will be games, raffles and partying,hope to see you there.
Nick - Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw
RC - Amy Penny

REGION 10 SECRETARY REPORT
November 1, 2026
-Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
-Meeting called to order at 3:02pm
-Secretary report was given. Correction-add from last meeting the motion $500 was budgeted
for Christmas party. Motion passed
-Treasurer report was given.
-Legislative report was given.
-Member of the year is Sara Villalobos.
-Election of Officers as follows. *RC-Jeremy Ferguson *Sgt at Arms-Ken Townsend *Secretary-
Sara Villalobos *Treasurer-Brandi Painter *Legislative-Jeff Painter *AC-Bob Shock and Chris
Cross *Road Captain-Randy Getchell, Assistant Road Captains Don Cooper, Scott Wymer and
Butch Cornwell *Products-Heather Reeves *Events-Shannon Franz and Lois Shock *Membership &
Welcome committee-Aurora Light *Paparazzi/Social Media-Amy Penny.
-Motion to help 4 families with Thanksgiving meals. 2 Gratiot County, 2 Saginaw County. Motion
carried.
-Jamie Campbell has been appointed Raffle Chair for the ABATE state raffle. She shared that a
sponsor is needed for the raffle license. The AmVets are considering and have invited us to
participate in the Veterans Parade in Big Rapids on November 11.
-It was announced that there are still rooms for the ABATE Seminar in January. Time is running
out though, reserve your room before Dec 20 th to get the group rate. Don't forget the Western
theme.
-There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Mike and Jamie to help with medical costs on
December 12 at the Elks lodge in Alma. The hat was passed for a cash donation today.
Upcoming events:
December 5, Christmas Party at Ghost Town.
No December meeting
Next meeting January 3, 3pm at Woody's in Merrill
Seminar, January 22-24 in Saginaw
-Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm
Respectfully submitted
Debra Townsend
Region 10 Secretary.

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

Hello Everyone,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Region 11 has gone dark until further notice, and we are still looking for a new Regional Coordinator (RC).

At our last meeting at Chicky's Paradise Saloon in Almont, on November 04 2026, we had a long discussion, but no one was ready to step up to the position. As a result, the decision was made to go dark for now. I am open to discussing this role with anyone who might be interested in taking it over.

If you are interested, please contact Oscar at abatemi.region11rc@gmail.com or 810-334-8600. Please do not contact Dave (Woody) Berg or Merry Gerrett regarding this matter.

Please continue to follow the Region 11 Facebook page for further updates and local event information.
Best regards,

Arnold (Oscar) Schneider

REGION 12 - VanBuren, Kalamazoo, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph
RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski

Sunday November 1st,

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joy read the Treasury Report.

Bear with the MRF Report - Legislative high priorities for 2027:
1. Robo vehicles
2. Crash Avoidance
3. Data Recording
4. Definition of a Motorcycle
5. Emission Regulation
6. Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates
7. Internal Combustion Engines
8. Profiling
9. Renewable Fuels
10. Right to Repair/Modify
11. Highway Bill
12. Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology
A full list and more info will be in the January MRF Newsletter.

At the Bikefest in Vegas, colors were banned mid event after being assured they were ok. No one will say you were responsible. Senate Resolution 154 and House Resolution 366, both have language in the 2026 Build America 250 Act bars federal funds for programs that profile motorcycles.

Tesla drops full self driving in Europe. All they did was change the name. We must continue to be vigilant on anything that affects our safety.

Don't forget to vote if you already haven't.

Bear's Quote of the Month: "One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." Plato

Due to the time needed to have the plaques ready for the Seminar, we had to vote for Member of the Year for our Region. Chris Gray is our MotY for Region 12.

We will vote for the Region positions at the December Meeting. If you want to be a part of our Region, this will be your time to shine.

This year's Christmas Party will be at the Paw Paw Eagles after our December 6th meeting with a potluck style dinner and a White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring a dish and a gift with $20 or less value for each person who will attend our party.

The bowling event has been worked out and it will be Saturday March 13th, 2027 at 3 pm to 5 pm in Three Rivers again. See the flyer in the Rider.

We drew for 50/50 and a patron at the bar won. We drew for a bumper sticker and Bear won. We drew for the incentive drawing and Tom W. would have won if he were present.

Joy motioned to close and Gary seconded it. Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski
Region R.C.

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

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw
RC - Shiny Bob

ITS GETTING DARK EARLIER Top cash raffle ticket sales for Region 14 Shiny Bob Region 15 Johnny Rotten,Thank For Given A Shit ,Christmas Party December 20th all Regions are welcome Bring A Dish to Pass, region 14 member of the year Johnny Rotten, no meeting in January we will be at the Seminar, American Legion Post 322 Saline Mi. WATCH FOR DEER and Distracted Drivers,Ride Safe Johnny

REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC- Shiney 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

We had our regular meeting on November 1st.
The members present voted to approve a slate of current Officers to continue for 2027.
We discussed the up coming election.
All other items on the agenda discussed will be completed by the time you are reading this.
If you are interested in helping LeRoy prep the float for the Ida parade reach out to him.
Next meeting is December 6th.

REGION 19 - Oakland
RC- Bill Stewart

From Region 19
For the December, 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider
The Riding Season is Largely Finished but
the ABATE and MRF Missions Continue

Region 19 met on Tuesday, the 3rd of November when those who were able (and motivated) to attend met around our usual table at Waterford's Shark Club ("too many members to count on a sloth paw!"). A nice dinner was enjoyed by all after which the meeting was called to order at 7:05 by RC Bill. Our Treasurer and our LO (Speedy and Hess) were unable to attend because Speedy's doctor appointment did not begin until way late. A question comes to mind; how is it that patients can sit for hours in waiting rooms but cannot themselves be late for their appointments?

Bill started the meeting with his MRF report that while it did not include much that was really new, that report clearly points out that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is working hard on a complex set of issues in support of bikers' rights. From the MRF's November/December 2026 issue of American Bikers Journal comes a list of important issues confronting motorcyclists at the national level:

- Protecting the future of Internal Combustion Engines (ICE).
- Supporting the passage of Anti-Profiling Legislation that would prevent abusive interactions between members of law enforcement agencies and bikers who are minding their own business.

- Safely integrating Automated Driving Systems (fully autonomous vehicles) into the traffic mix.
- Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency, necessary to protect bikers from inadvertently mis-fueling their bikes because of obscure labeling found on fuel pumps and reduced availability of E0 (gasoline with no ethanol) and E10 (gasoline mixed with no more than 10% ethanol).
- Updating the Definition of the Motorcycle, ensuring that side-by-sides and three-wheelers with steering wheels are not classified as motorcycles.
- Defending the Right to Repair, thus protecting independent motorcycle repair shops.
- Holding manufacturers of Driver Assistance Systems accountable when they make deceptive claims about their partial automation systems, labeling them as "Full Self-Driving," for example.

Each of these topics deserves its own complete discussion but we will not attempt to provide that detail in this space. The list does however serve to point out that every member of every ABATE Region in the country really should also be a member of the MRF.

Bill pointed out some other interesting things:
- Mike (one of our regular attendees) sold the winning ticket for ABATE's 2026 cash raffle to one of his rider friends. Way to go Mike!
- ABATE has decided that next year's fund-raiser will be another cash raffle.
- There are approximately 270,000 licensed riders in Michigan (these folks all have "CY" endorsements on their drivers licenses). But it appears that there are about 400K motorcycles being operated in our state. Does this mean that there are 130K unendorsed Michigan riders? That would not be good because unendorsed riders are typically less well trained and thus more likely to be involved in crashes. Higher numbers of crashes and injured riders threaten the freedom to ride for the rest of us.
- ABATE is planning to add some new products to its inventory…sounds like a good excuse to get a new hat!

Regions 19's schedule of upcoming meetings is as follows:
- December 1, 2026 will see our next meeting but ABATE business will be set aside and we will just enjoy one another's company for a little holiday dinner and get-together.
- Region 19 will not hold any meetings in January or February of 2027 but the Region should be well represented at the ABATE Seminar in Saginaw over the weekend of January 22-24.

If you have been waiting for just the right time to come to your first Region 19 meeting, our December gathering might be exactly what you have been looking for. On December the 1st, 2026 we will meet at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48327. We have your seat at the table all ready to go and we hope to see you there.

Hess Bates, Region 19 LO
Reporting for Bill Stewart, Region 19 RC.

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

Meeting called to order at 2:30pm with 8 members present.

Treasurer report: No report.
L.O. report: No report.
Sick call: Nothing.
Old Business: Our Fall Color Ride was pretty good, we had 8 people with 4 bikes and 2 vehicles. Seminar is Jan. 22-24, 2027 at Four Points Saginaw. 4960 Towne Centre Rd., Saginaw. 989-790-5050. Room rate $99 group rate ends Dec.20. Ask for the Abate Block. Theme this year is 1800's/ Western.
Officer elections took place. RC- Steve Graves, Treasurer- Steve Graves, Secretary Julie Warner. Thanks to all that stepped up.
New Business: Field Meet will be June 11&12, 2027 at Clare County Fairgrounds.
The next State Raffle will again be a cash raffle. Tickets should be available after Seminar.
Toy Drive: We will have a Toy Drive for the less fortunate. If you come to next meeting please bring a new unwrapped toy up to $10.
Possible dinner ride/run. Tabled til next meeting.
Open Discussion: Nothing.
Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm
Until next time, keep the rubber side down.
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 called to order by Greg at 18:33hrs. at the Laughing Horse Saloon. The pledge was led by Greg, and recited by all followed by a moment of silence for our military, past and present.

A word of welcome was made by Greg, thanking all who were in attendance.

Our Christmas party is set for December 5th at Laughing Horse at 18:00 hrs. Ladies/ladies and gents/gents gift exchange starts at 19:00 hrs. and the band at 20:00 hrs. It was mentioned by Greg that there should be some kids gifts just in case. There is a $20 limit on all gifts. Chey will do the flier for the party. Kids are welcome but need to be gone by 21:00 hrs. The kitchen is open for food but will close at 22:00 hrs There will be live music.

Thanks to the folks who met with Region 10 at Crystal Mountain. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Mike for encouraging us to join in the fun for Downtown TC with Ride with Purpose for "Bike or treating" for Halloween. Thanks to all who showed up and also those who showed up to Northern Exposure for Bike or treating there a week or so before Halloween. Motion was made by Karen, second by Ty to have Mike coordinate the events for October 2027, Discussed, Motion carried.

Karen made a motion, Second by Ty that we have a booth at the Cadillac Swap meet and that we pay the charge. This is a great event to get our name out. Discussed and motion carried. Get with Woody when the dates are announced.

Chey presented the treasurers report. Karen made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Greg. Discussed and carried.

Karen presented the minutes from the last meeting. Motion by Ty, seconded by Greg to approve. Discussed and carried.

Ac Mary gave us a challenge to each get 1 new member. Then their name will go into a drawing for something special. She also wanted to know what to do with the remaining t-shirts. Motion was made by Ty, second by Mike to sell at the swap meet and/or give to the new members as supplies last. For the new year of t-shirts the sponsors will pay $100 for their name of the back of the shirt plus aa shirt and for $125 they will also get their name on the trophy. Motion for that was made by Mary, seconded by Ty, discussed and carried.

We discussed the new ABATE bylaw changes. We have a few suggestions that Karen will take these to Woody. We also discussed that we need to be careful on our word choices so we do not misrepresent Abate or our region. We need to remind everyone that everything that is a region event needs to go thru Greg first. Region fundraisers and perks were discussed as well. Karen will bring a print out of all the position descriptions at the January meeting..

Ty gave us a reminder that the daylight is shorter. Please watch out for animals and stupid people or is it stupid animals and people.

In regards to the seminar Karen made a motion and Greg seconded the amount of money that we will use for the seminar basket. Discussed and motion carried. Karen made a motion, seconded by Greg to have Ty be in charge for the basket and pick a theme to go along with the seminar theme. Discussed and Carried.

Karen made a motion to cancel the December meeting so that everyone can have a great time at the party and just relax and enjoy and be ready to go in January. Discussed and motion carried.

Our list of important people is as follows:
Greg Bennett.....RC
Mary Bennett.....AC
Karen.....Secretary
Chey.....Treasurer
Ty.....Sgt. of Arms
.....Legislative Officer
Ty.....Road Captain
Karen Robinson.....Awareness and Michigan Rider
Mike Hansen.....Media

Region 22 was given an awesome piece of art that was done by the guy at the summer party. We put the names of everyone that was at the meeting into a hat and drew a name to become the owner of the art work. Ty was our winner.
Meeting adjourned

REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee
RC - Ted Calebrese

Region 23 had two events in October. The Fall color ride and dinner was a great time. The weather was nice . The Dead Bear Brewery had a nice dinner menu. The Road Captain did a great job organizing the ride . Lori helping with setup and signed up two new members after dinner.
The other event was the trunk or treat at Family Fare in Grayling. Twisted attitude leather, Tractor supply,
And other members donated candy and motorcycle stickers to the kids.
It was a really fun time.

We are currently discussing some sort of Christmas event.

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