



Region Reports



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 October 7, 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.

Van read the minutes from September Motion to accept by Ann Marie, seconded by Gina Motion carried.

Treasure report was read by Ann Marie. Motion to accept by Mark, seconded by Denise, motion carried.

Road clean-up was a great success thanks to our amazing team.

Operations Officer
Dave "Woody" Berg
Phone: 231 884-2192
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We are still looking for someone to plan this year's Christmas Party. We had a nice turnout for the Cider Ride.

Member of the year voting took place, and Paul Mort was name member of the year! Thanks, Paul, for all of your hard work.

Mark Shickel is stepping down as Secretary. Thanks, Mark, for all the years you dedicated to the region.

No one was opposed on the ballet so there are no changes other than Mark to the Board. We are in need of a new Secretary.

Motion to close meeting was made by Mark, seconded by Gina motion carried.

Next meeting, Wednesday, November 4 at Torch Riviera 6:30.

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

No report this month.

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

Hello Region 5,
We opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

Nominations were opened for Officers positions; you all must like the officers we have, since there were no new Nominations. We also opened nominations for Member of the Year, Voting will be in November.

We had our Toy/Color run on Oct 10, man was that a great day, beautiful weather and color.

October 31st we will be out at Sandy's Harley Davidson for their Trunk R Treat from Noon -2, if you can come out, bring your bike! We will be supplying candy from great donations! Man you guys are awesome.

We discussed next year's Fall Rodeo, and a possible change in venue. This will help lower cost and maybe help profits. Want to learn more, come out and listen.

Our next meeting is Nov 1st, don't forget to change your clocks, we will be back at the Dirty Dog.

Our next big event will be the Christmas Party and Auction on December 7th at the Dirty Dog. Auction items are being collected, if you have anything let us know!

We have 5 counties and 5 Families we want to give Christmas to. Please come out and help us make this happen.

I remember Rand saying "Check your Bike before it checks you" this is a great reminder. We had a tail pipe fall of a bike on the Toy run. No one was hurt and the pipe got picked up but man Check them bikes, or they just might Check you! Thank you, Rand, for a great ride and reminding us all to keep up with maintenance on our rides!
See you all next month!

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

Good evening members. From here to there and back again.

Voting for November will take place at our meeting. If you want to run you needed to sign up in October.

Christmas party is around the corner too. Please bring a dish to pass, something to put in a basket as we will put four or five baskets together to have a Chinese auction. You could get your Christmas shopping done. Anything you want to bring will be placed in the basket that goes with it.

Going to try to play some Christmas games and have a Christmas family feud. Are you in???
Santa might even show up.

January is the seminar and you can book your rooms now. The flyer is in the Rider need more info give me a shout.

A board meeting will be held October 17th. Hope to have info for all to bring you up date in what is happening.

Our president of ABATE is asking everyone to vote!! Vote!!! Vote!!! November 3rd. Get out there and get'er done

A few things to look forward to in the New Year! Game nights, craft day for the girls, dinner at Pipes, visiting another region on their meeting nights. Region 10, 7, 22, and 3 are just over an hour for some of us but I really would like to support them Sometime all a region needs is someone to care. They also have Christmas parties we can all attend. Let's find things to be positive and supporting.

I have been sharing the MRF news and the Calls to Action. Hopefully you are getting on your phone or computer and doing this. Or go on the MRF site

We are looking at getting more people to go to our web page for ABATE. Share to friends and family and tell them they can get all the info they need or when meetings are. Let's get some new members in the New Year!!

Not sure how to get on the site, we can help

Do you have your trifold with new address for our wonderful new secretary Deb Townsend?? If not I have them. Come to the meetings and grab one or ten. We also have our kid membership forms. For \$10 you can sign up your littles your middles and your teens. They get the same insurance as the adults. Newborn thru 17. It would be a good Christmas present for your kids and their kids.

What are some things you would like to see in the coming year. Not just our region but the whole state. Send me a message or text.

Remember we vote on bylaws and State Board members on Sunday January 24,2027. If you don't come to a meeting and vote or express what you would like to see or you don't come to seminar and vote on Sunday you cannot complain!!!

Hope the sun shines for a little longer, your bonfire burns hot, and the hot cocoa stay hot with melted marshmallows

Peace to you all
Merry.

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

ABATE Region 7 - Meeting October 4, 2026 -
Evergreen Park

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm. Pledge,
moment of silence for troops, and prayer by
Deb M.
Attendance 25

Secretary report - read September meeting
minutes. Motion to accept by Parcus / support
Butch.

Treasurers' report - reported on income and
expenses from September. Discussed our
current awareness funds needed for the large
sign maintenance for next year. Need to
send funds in our bank account over a certain
amount to the state by October 10th. Motion
to accept report made by Wes / support Mike.

Legislative update - The legislature has been
meeting in Lansing. No new updates on state
business. The insurance group is scheduling a
meeting with Abate for upcoming discussions
on our current insurance issues. All fund
income from the cash raffle will go to our
lobbyist.

Old business - Tim thanked everyone who
helped and made donations for our Carved In
Stone event October 2nd and 3rd. There was
a good turnout for the event. Barbie won the
Nerf Shoot; Karen won the Bag Toss and Deb
won the Frisbee Throw!! Congratulations!
Our November 1st meeting is going to be our
official Officers Election Day! Come and vote
for the officers who will run the region!!

New business - Tim attended the Meeting
of the Minds in Wisconsin and provided the
region with updates from the MRF. The

MRF call to action system needs to be replaced
with a new system. The MRF membership
is shrinking, and they are looking at means to
promote new membership. The Call-to-Action
software has changed, the company that they
had shut down. They do have a new software
company and it's up and running! It's similar to
the old software, you'll need to put in your zip
code to get the letters to the correct Legislators.

The Taylor family thanked the region for our
donation to the Epilepsy Foundation event in
September.

Shelby began discussion concerning our event
fliers that need to be updated and contain more
information for the event. Membership needs
to assist more in advertising our events to the
general public. A media person would be a great
asset to the region!

Also, discussed donations to the PAC fund and
hospitality room for the January 2027 seminar.

Our November 1st meeting will be held at
Lucky Thumb Motorcycle Club. Meeting
starts at 2:00 pm and after the meeting is our
annual Chili Cook Off. Our region's elections
will be held also!

December 5th at 2pm is our Meeting and
Christmas Party.

Motion to adjourn by Deb / support Bob.

Again, THANK YOU to all who came to
our event and who came for the Money Tree
Raffle! There is still some riding weather out
there so ride when you can but watch out for
the deer! There is A LOT of deer movement
now, so PLEASE be careful! Even in towns, the
deer are a hazard! Nobody can shoot at them
in town, so they aren't so afraid of vehicles! So
BE CAREFUL!! Until next month, be safe and
GOD Bless all!!

Tim.

**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**

October 4, 2026

-Meeting called to order at
3:05pm

-Secretary report was given.

-Treasurer report was given.

-Legislative report was given.

-Congratulations to our very
own Lynn Dortch for winning
the \$5k in the cash raffle.

Thank you everyone who sold
tickets for an excellent job this
year.

-Nominations for officers
and member of the year were
taken and will be voted on at
the November meeting. Make
sure to be at the next meeting
and cast your vote.

*Member of the year
nominees: Chris Cross, Sara
Villalobos, Don Cooper,
Shannon Franz, Jamie
Campbell, Deb Townsend,
Melissa and Mike Wright.

-OFFICERS & Committees

*RC-Jeremy Ferguson *Sgt
at Arms-Ken Townsend

*Secretary- Alisha Ferguson

*Treasurer- Brandi Painter

*Legislative-Jeff Painter

*AC-Bob Shock and Chris
Cross *Road Captain-Don
Cooper, Randy Getchell, 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 send \$250 to
support the seminar. Support,
carried.

-Motion to buy back quilt for
\$230 to raffle off next year.
Support, carried.

-Motion to send \$5500 to
ABATE. Support, carried.

-The End of Summer ride/
party was a great success. Big
Thank You to all who helped
and participated.

-The Fall color tour ride is
October 10th. Meet at Petty
Coat Junction in Alma. Kick
stands up promptly at 10am.
Come at least an hour early if
you want breakfast before the
ride.

-Upcoming Events
October 10, Color Tour.
Overnight event.

November 1, Region meeting,
3pm at Woody's in Merrill
December 5, Christmas Party.

-Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm

-Next meeting November 1,
3pm at Woody's in Merrill

Respectfully submitted
Debra Townsend
Region 10 Secretary

REGION 11 - Lapeer, St.

Clair, Macomb

RC - Arnold Schneider

Hello fellow ABATE
members:

November will be the
last meeting that I will be
conducting as RC.

Summer Tour party went well.
All the book holders appeared
to have enjoyed this year's
book.

Patty and I attended the 2026
MRF Meeting of the Minds
in Milwaukee. Wish there
could have been more Region
11 members in attendance. It
was a very informative and all
around great conference.

We are looking forward
to attending next year's
conference which will be
held in Rapid City, SD. If
you haven't been to one of
these conferences, I highly
recommend fitting it into your
schedule if you are able to.

Oscar.

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

Joseph

RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski

Sunday 10/4/26

Gary started the Pledge of
Allegiance.

Joy gave the Treasury Report.

Bear with the MRF Report -

September 28 USDOT finalized a ruling resetting corporate average fuel economy standards for model years 2022-2031. This protects the industry wide average of 34.9 mpg by 2031, well below the 50.4 mpg protected under rules made in 2024. The standards apply to cars and light trucks, motorcycles are not affected. MRF sees this as defense of the internal combustion engine. The previous rule was seen, even by USDOT as being so high, going to EV's was the only way to meet the standard.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, H.R.8870 has cleared the House Committee in May. Senate Highway Bill won't be introduced until the end of the year. MRF is working to insure the motorcycle friendly parts of H.R.8870 are included in the Senate version.

We are going to have our Christmas Party on December 6th during the regular meeting time at the Paw Paw Eagles. Bring a dish to pass. I will keep record of who will be bringing what starting now.

We made a motion to skip the meetings in January and February due to the weather. We will meet the rest of the year, March through December from now on.

We started to get nominations for the Member of the Year for Region 12. We have two nominees, Chris Gray and Jeff & Julie Hoover, and if you have anyone else to include please notify me as soon as you can. The voting will happen in December at our monthly meeting.

All of the regional positions except a few are open for election. RC, Secretary, Legislative Officer, Sergeant of Arms, Chief Road Captain, Events and MRF are open. Please let me know if you would like to run for any of these positions. Voting will take place at our December meeting.

We drew for 50/50 and the winner was Adam B. We drew for the incentive drawing and Jon K. would have won if he were present.

Gary motioned to end the meeting and Bear seconded it.

Thank you,
Joylynn Wojciehowski
Region 12 R.C.

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale

RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie

No report this month.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw

RC - Shiny Bob

The Fall Colors are out. Time to Vote nominations and member of the year October meeting Nominations all positions for regions 14 and 15 also, vote November meeting. Congrats to McGoo for 1,000,000 mile achievements. December 20th Christmas Party - Bring A Dish to Pass. All Regions Welcome. Region 15 is looking for donations for booze basket for seminar, no meeting in January seminar weekend. Meetings 4th sunday of the month American Legion Post 322 Saline Mi. Watch for Deer and Distracted driver's. 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

No report this month.

REGION 19 - Oakland

RC- Bill Stewart

From Region 19

For the November, 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider

Our October meeting was small, but the issues facing motorcyclists remain large.

The standard first-Tuesday meeting that took place on October 6th was our Region's smallest in recent memory, as a number of our regulars were unable to attend. And despite our many appeals, the arrival of new attendees excited about taking part in Region 19 activities also failed to materialize. Regardless, we will "keep on keeping on," warmly inviting all our Oakland County brothers and sisters to come aboard and help pull the rope. And while the voices around the table were few, the threats to motorcycling have certainly not disappeared; the opposite continues to be the reality.

RC Bill reported on the latest from the MRF:

- There are two new bills in Washington (HR 10067 and its Senate companion 55274) that together constitute the "Ride in Freedom Act." If enacted, this legislation would permit adults to ride without helmets in the District of Columbia.
- On the national stage, the Dept. of Transportation finalized a rule lowering Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards from the previous mandate of 50.4 mpg to 34.9 mpg through the years up to 2031. While motorcycles are not included in this legislation, this change effectively repeals former EV mandates which would have been needed to meet the lofty 50.4 mpg target.

Neither Speedy nor Hess (Speedy's lesser-half) was able to attend tonight, so no Treasurer's Report was presented. But the Treasury remains stable and healthy.

And there was no LO Report (our Legislative Officer was absent), but Bill thanked Hess for last month's Region Report in the October issue of Michigan Rider that discussed the need for current and new ABATE members to attend Region 19 meetings. Our Region exists to represent and support all Oakland County riders, to keep everyone informed regarding what is going on with laws, rules and pressure on motorcyclists.

Bill had a few other comments regarding upcoming Region events:

If you are interested in attending a meeting, read the Michigan Rider; all the info is in there.

- Bill has sent out emails to members for whom he has addresses but has seen very few

responses from those emails.

- Bill asks that if you have an email address, let him know so he can send you notices of our meetings.
- ABATE Region 19 will hold two more meetings this year; the first on the 3rd of November at 7:00p with dinner at 6:00p for those who want to eat. The second will take place on Tuesday, December the 1st for our traditional Christmas get-together.
- There will be no meetings scheduled for January or February of 2027 because of potential weather concerns.
- The Stewarts and Speedy Bates are planning to attend the Seminar in January.

Please come out for Our Region's next meeting on November the 3rd at the Shark Club, 6665 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48327. Please take a bold step forward to help protect motorcycling. It will require all of us working together to ensure that the motorcycle life style continues to survive.

Enjoy the rest of the year, stay safe and God Bless!
Bill Stewart, Region 19 RC.

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

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm with 8 members and 1 guest. Thanks for giving a shit!

Treasurer report was read and accepted.

Sick call: nothing

Old Business:

End of Summer party/picnic was good. Rain quit just in time.

Fall color ride. Oct. 17th with a rain date of the 18th. Meet at O'Reilly Auto Parts in Durand.

Park on the East side of lot, Durand Rd, side. KSU at 12. Come with a full tank, gas station next door. Going to Flushing A Drive-In for lunch around 1pm. Then on to Spicer Orchards south of Fenton for cider and donut, which will be the end of the ride. Around 70-75 miles.

The Cash Raffle was drawn on Oct. 3rd. Congrats to the winners.

New Business:

Seminar is Jan. 22-24, 2026. Same place as last year. Four Points Saginaw, 4960 Towne Centre Rd. Saginaw, Mi. Rate is \$99/ night. Reservations 989-790-5050 press 0 for front desk, ask for the Abate block. Group rate ends Dec. 20th. This years theme will be 1800's/Western. No donations needed for our Region raffle.

Officer nominations took place. Thanks to those who stepped up and accepted the nomination.

Voting to take place at next months meeting.

Open Discussion: nothing.

Meeting adjourned at 2:48pm

Until next month, be safe on two or four.

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

Region 22, October 2026 Meeting Report

Meeting was held at Laughing Horse and called to order at 18:37 hrs. by Greg.

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

The minutes from last months meeting were discussed and a motion was made by Ty second by Greg to approve as discussed. Discussed and carried.

Chey presented the treasurers report. Motion by Karen, second by Ty to approve. Motion carried.

No legislative report.

No AC report.

Awareness report: Karen states nothing new.

Old Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: Greg discussed the Christmas party and that the Laughing Horse will split the cost of the band for our Christmas party Motion was made by Greg, second by Mike to split the cost of the band "Strings Attached" for our Christmas party. Discussed and carried. Greg stated that Region 10 will be up to our area on Oct 10 to go to Crystal Mountain around 13:00 hrs. to ride the Alpine Slide and stay in the area overnight. It would be nice to meet up with them, ride the slide, eat and ride with them in our area. Greg stated that he was looking for ideas for the winter months to do as a group. Get with him if you have any ideas. The seminar is January 22-24 and will have a western theme. Strings Attached is available for the summer party August 21, 2027. Greg made a motion to book them for that date, second by Karen discussed and carried.

Karen stated that Erik's Ride is having their chili cook off at the Traverse City VFW on February 20, 2027 from noon till 15:00 hrs. She also stated that the ride is scheduled for May 15, 2027. She stated that there is a pre sale of ride shirts starting soon so we can have them by the ride. Watch for the fliers. Any questions get with Karen.

Ty stated to be vigilant when out riding. There is a lot of craziness out there. Also please watch what you post on Facebook. Taking pictures of accidents and posting them is hurtful to the families of those involved and its hard to retract what's been posted.

Karen met up with CMA at Peegeo's and welcomed them to Region 22. It was a great day for a fall ride.

Nominations were made and accepted by most.

Think about nominations for member of the year for Region 22.

Our next meeting will be November 4, 2026 at 6:30 and will be held at Laughing Horse.

Meeting adjourned

PS: There is a rather funny story regarding Greg and Don and them riding together on one of the recent rides. Its really worth asking about and finding out who rode bitch/backpack.

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

Region 23, October monthly meeting.

We had some small changes to our fall color ride and dinner.

It will be on SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH. We will be meeting at Tractor Supply in Grayling at 1:30 kickstands up at 2:00 make sure your tanks are full this will be a 2 hour 100 mile ride. Ending at the Dead Bear brewery in Grayling for dinner, live music, raffle and a 50/50. The price is \$25 per person or \$40 for couples . A limited menu option is included in the price. Dinner at 5:00 pm.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH from 4-8pm, we will be at the Family Fare in Grayling for a trunk or treat event. We will be passing out candy ,stickers and membership applications.

Copper Kettle distillery in Houghton Lake is working with us to have one last event before the snow flies. More details to follow.

BE SAFE ON THE ROADS.





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