



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

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and we had a moment of silence. We would love to see more motorcycles and people at Bike Night with Region 5 at the Dirty Dog every other Monde from 6-8 we have music and contests. We also have one every

other Thursday from 6-8 at The Fireside Grocery and Sport in Sheridan Township. Patti has been working hard with the kids on education and fun games. We would love more participation from our members and just to see your bikes and faces.

By time this comes out it, Bike Time 2026 will be over, so I am just going to Thank everyone that Helped and those that came out!
We can't do this without you guys!

We would also like to thank the businesses that are helping to sponsor our Fall Rodeo this year and to the people: Thank you Rick Corley from Sandy's Harley Davidson, Bam Bam, 7- Mile Inn, 2A and the Plumber and Pipefitters Local Union 174. A personal thank you to our Al Folwer for his hard work in getting some of these fine sponsors! Don't forget about our Fall Rodeo in Aug from the 21st -23rd \$75 a couple or \$45 a

person, early entry on the 20th \$10 per person. Located at Twisting Trail Snowmobile Club. This year we are trying something different Halloween Theme. Contest for the best costume and best decorated camp site. Plenty of games and Live music Friday and Saturday night also a community Dinner on Saturday. OH and if you see Road Kill by the Fire, it might get hot! Don't be scared, come on out and have a great time.

We also have the Family Picnic at Stoney Lake August 16th, bring a dish to pass and what you want on the grill!! Bring your family, bring your neighbors, bring anyone this is open to new and old members. From 1-4pm I'm sure we can talk Bam Bam and Al into grillin.

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

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

We are already into July. How is summer flying by so fast. We had some extremely hot temperatures but the shade trees shared their shade with us. I know a lot of you are in the wind. Five of you even headed to Sturgis to enjoy the weather there. Heard it

was 111 yikes is all I can say.

I want to thank Mike Adams for getting a sign to a guy from North Dakota, it's in his yard and he says thanks to Region 6. That's how we do things.

Our Memorial ride is July 18th and I hope a lot of you attended. I want to do something special for folks that have arrived before us to ride in the heavens. So bring your ideas. I'm always opened to them.

Hope you all understand it takes us all to make a region and we need to participate as much as we can!!!

Field meet was a blast. We danced!! We sang!! We got dunked!! Tom and Joan did the bike show so thank you so much. I for one really appreciate that!! We sat around the fire!! We played with other regions (the Lutrells welcomed us to their home away from home))! Thanks

Live auction and silent auction as usual was grand. Dreama fed me so I didn't pass out lol.

We had a new food vendor who will be back next year. She was fabulous and fit right in with all our craziness. She is right here from

Harrison. Buy local.

The band and DJ were great. I don't remember much but I sure heard them and danced till I couldn't dance anymore.

Gary, Butch, Tiny and many many others got in the dunk tank. A new addition to our fun. And it was a super hit. If you couldn't make it you missed a very good time.

Our meeting for July was canceled as we had our memorial run the next weekend and lots of folks were out of town. Next meeting will be in August. Come out and win a free raffle ticket.

Speaking of raffle the drawing is October

3 at Evergreen park. There is camping available just call and make your reservation now. Ask for the ABATE block of sites. Hope to see you all there

Region 7 is doing their best to make it great

Pipes with our fabulous Randi and Doug are doing bike nights on Thursdays. Let's go out and support them and maybe sell a few signs and tickets. It's time

To get busy and move toward our goals. New memberships adults and youths are available at meetings. To renew or bring in someone new. We like new folks and old folks. Youth memberships get the insurance packet we all get when we sign up. Need more info come to a meeting.

Thank you all for being one of the best regions and supporting me with all our events and fun. Want to do more come on and volunteer. It takes a village. One person two people or even three are not enough to pull it off.

As always if you have concerns please come To a meeting and discuss it. Just bitching doesn't get the job done.

Let the sun shine on you as the wind blows in your hair or bread. Let your bike race you thru this life of ours. It's short so give it all you got!!

Merry Garrett
RC of Region 6.

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

We had a nice turnout for the Scoot & Shoot yesterday, 38 riders signed in for the ride! Everyone on the ride said that they had a GREAT day!! They had fun doing the contests, Helmet Toss, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, Bag Toss and the Dice game! The Winners were:
Helmet Toss—Dennis Schulte
Horseshoes—Leonard Butler
Shuffleboard—Deb Melcher
Bag Toss—Dale Miller
Dice—Kevin Donnell

Over-all Winner---Bob Maskell
Congratulations to all the winners! Glad that everyone had fun! Hope to see all of you next year! Already working on new locations and games!

I would also like to thank everyone that stayed and helped get the tent down and put away! Many hands made light work! Thanks again!

Due to a number of reasons, and time limitations, we decided to do all our meeting agenda at next months meeting. Hope everyone had a safe ride back home! What a BEAUTIFUL day for a ride, and next year you need to bring more of your friends to this ride!

One last item, I still have an open ballot for our elections in November! I need to know by the October meeting if you want to run for any of our Regional positions—RC, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative Officer, Sargent at Arms. We would also like a media person to help with the flyers and postings on our pages. Okay, nuff said! Till next Month,

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

So many events happening every weekend it's been hard to prioritize one to attend. I have been sticking to what is happening in this region and have found that I don't have to explain what ABATE is to members of motorcycle clubs.

People in the general public, and new and even older motorcyclists will ask the question. This knowledge tells me we still have work to do to get our message out there.

I am dismayed to report that having talked to a young woman who works for MDMV that they are getting an increase reports of motorcycle accidents. I don't know the reason for this increase but I do have some options, based on my

experience riding.

The sun is shining the road is calling add I need to prepare for another event today.

Please ride safely

Nick

Region 9 R.C.

REGION 10 - Gratiot, Saginaw

RC - Amy Penny

No report this month.

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!!

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

OSCAR.

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

RC - Joylynn Wojciehowski

Sunday July 12th.

Gary started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joy with the Treasury Report - There was an event we did in June and it wasn't very lucrative for us. We have a small amount for the Region, but we are above water.

Bear with the MRF Report - MRF July 2026 - Meeting of the Minds Milwaukee September 24-27. The future of motorcycling is determined by those who show up at meetings and are involved with legislators and issues affecting us. The future can't keep depending on a small group. Every generation inherits freedoms it didn't create. They also inherit responsibility to defend and pass those ideas to the next generation of riders. If you can make it to Meeting of the Minds, seriously think about going.

Trump issues a memo aimed at Right to Repair Act, not clear if motorcycles will be included as EPA has say over what vehicles are included in. Right to Repair Acts are still in Congress, H.R.1566 and S.1379. MRF is keeping watch on all aspects of this.

This week NHTSA sent a strong message to robo vehicle manufacturers that systems must be able to safely recognize and respond to emergency vehicles. Numerous incidents such as: hitting police vehicles (at least one motorcycle on the side of the road) and driving through active fire scenes, has happened. MRF still is pressing to make sure motorcycles are included.

Bears Quote of the Month: "I remember when I first came to Washington. For the first 6 months you wonder how the hell did you get here. For the next 6 months you wonder how the hell the rest of them ever got here." Harry S. Truman, 33rd President.

ABATE of Indiana's Summerfest August 13th-16th and camping is included in admission. \$50 for ABATE members and \$60 for non ABATE members. It is on Facebook. Located in Three Rivers, MI at Boot Hill Ranch.

We are working on the details of the Poker Run

that should be worked out soon. Also a Fall Color Run to be worked out too.

We plan to have a mini Poker Run after the meeting on August 2nd. Be ready to take a short ride and enjoy this beautiful weather.

We drew for a 50/50 raffle and Joylynn won. We drew for the incentive drawing and Beth S. would have won if she were present. We drew for a Money Raffle ticket and Eric won.

Joy motioned to close the meeting and Gary seconded it.

Thank you,

Joylynn Wojciehowski.

REGION 13 - Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Hillsdale RC - Dan "Dano" Kenzie

Hello region 13!

Well, here we are into July already. Pretty soon it will be bon fires and scarecrows. We just got back from the annual COC picnic, always a good time.

Not too many showed up for the meeting, but that was expected being the holiday weekend. Main thing that was covered was the evets that we have coming up Aug 1st is our pac run! And it is shaping up to be a great one! Then on Aug 22nd it is time for the annual Special Olympics fund raiser that we hold in conjunction with the Proud Vets. Jinx covered the

Fieldmeets and the Lansing rally. Sounds like both had a great turnout. On the MRF front They are trying to get the definition of a motorcycle set. Still fighting on the biker discrimination laws. They seem to be having the same problem that we are experiencing, they need people to step up and help out

I have set a goal for myself this year. That is to have all events for 2027 planned out and flyers made by the seminar. Trust me for me right now that is a very steep goal but lets see if I can pull it off.

Bumper our Road Capt. Reported that it seems like every week that you here of someone going down on a bike, few of these have been fatal. As always keep your head on a swivel. Don't expect that they see you. Act like they want to kill you. The cars are getting smarter but it seems like the drivers (not always the cagers fault) are getting dumber. Well, That's about all for this month. Next report should be a great one with everything that is coming up.

Ride safe!
Dano.

REGION 14 - Livingston, Washtenaw RC - Shiny Bob

Thanks to all who showed up to the freedom rally and the Field Meet, Chef Mark donated a booze basket for the live auction for reg.14 The bike games went well, thanks to all for

setting them up, we had gold metals for the winners, they had captured the flag contest which reg. 15 won which we will bring to the seminar for others to participate. August 9th we will be setting up a booth at ypsi bike and music festival to sell our cash raffle tickets, please help us sell some tickets it is ABATE's biggest fund raiser for the year see Shiny Bob at reg. 14 or Johnny Rotten reg. 15, meeting 4th Sunday of the month 4pm American Legion Hall Saline. RIDE SAFE. Johnny.

REGION 15 - Wayne
Interim RC - Shiny Bob

Meeting with Region 14 in Saline. We are encouraging all our members to sell, sell, sell those cash raffle tickets.

Our Member Martha Geyer is participating in the Hoka Hey a 10,000 Mile Motorcycle Challenge starting August 2, 2026.

Tracking code if you'd like to follow her journey on the Hoka Hey.



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

REGION 19 - Oakland
RC- Bill Stewart

From Region 19
For the August, 2026 Issue of Michigan Rider

The first Tuesday of July found Region 19's few and faithful back at the Shark Club in Waterford for our monthly meeting. Dinner began at 6:00 (thank you Mike for your generosity!) and was accompanied by friendly banter among old bikers with a lot of miles under their wheels. The chatter continued right into the start of the meeting at 7:00p.

The Pledge of Allegiance was really the only formal part of the meeting after which our RC then thanked us all for being there and explained that he didn't have much news from MRF. Our Treasurer reported that she had sent the Region's \$100 check to Mother ABATE in support of the Field Meet and gave a summary on the state of the Treasury.

Johnny M (he had ridden his 1976, 93-inch S&S shovel head Super Glide to the meeting and it was great to see that old bike in the parking lot!) then ran the rest of the meeting as he presented an entertaining report on the Field Meet which he had attended. ABATE of Michigan's 50th Anniversary celebration, a good bike show with a nice variety of bikes, the well-deserved dunking of President Gary were all standout activities at the Meet. Johnny said that there were lots of people there, all having a good time. His report acted as an instant time portal as folks all around the table started telling stories of Field Meets past...with Bill being locked in the beer cooler, the "Camp Cheer" and of course the always popular burnout pit with its smoky excesses, blown tires and questionable judgement. More memories and stories from Fowlerville's Easyrider Rodeos and the Michigan Harley Dealer Association Rendezvous in West Branch made us all smile as we looked back over the many years, the good times and the inevitable challenges that make motorcycling special and

rewarding. RC Bill's assessment? Just fun BS table talk about old times making this a great meeting. This year's ABATE Cash Raffle also came up for discussion with us hoping that it will prove to be successful for the organization.

Our LO made only a few comments, thanking those present for supporting ABATE, MRF, AMA, the Confederation of Clubs, ABATE's friends among elected officials, and all the groups working to protect the lifestyle that we had just celebrated in the conversation related above. If ever we are tempted to think that our memberships and our efforts to support motorcycle rights groups don't matter, we should think how our lives would have been different had it not been for motorcycling, the motorcycle friends we have made, Field Meets, Fowlerville, West Branch and even our little meetings at the Shark Club. Life is made worth living by sharing the good times and the bad with those who have similar values and interests. If motorcycling has made a significant contribution to your life, you might consider joining us for our next meeting. Every person around our table recognizes the need for us to protect one of the most important components of our lives.

That next meeting will be at the Shark Club (6665 Highland Road in

Waterford) on Tuesday, the 4th of August 2026; we gather for dinner at 6:00p. The meeting will begin at 7:00. Please know that there is plenty of room for you around our table.

Submitted by Hess Bates,
Region 19 Legislative
Officer.

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

Meeting was informal, no info.

**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 outside and called to order at 17:29 hrs by Greg.

A prayer was said by Matt followed by the pledge and a moment of silence.

Greg extended a Welcome to all who were in attendance. He stated that there was a few positions now open in our region. Matt Ritter stepped up to become the Legislative officer. Karen has stepped up to be the secretary. Karen made a motion to have Ty be the new Sgt of Arms. This motion was seconded by Gina. Discussed and motion

carried. Ty will also be our road captain. Thanks to those who filled our empty positions. Greg made mention that the police are ticketing folks who ride downtown and rev their engines. There have been several complaints. The police are also ticketing those who do not come to a complete stop. Make sure your foot/feet are planted on the ground at a complete stop so as not to have a discussion as to whether you stopped or not. This is for downtown Traverse City.

There are no minutes from the last meeting.

Our treasurer was absent but a brief report was read for the month of June.

Woody reported that there are a lot of club events and different organization rides happening. Pick what you can and enjoy. He stated that the field meet was a huge success. Strings Attached have been booked for next year field meet. The seminar is the 3rd weekend in January and the theme will be the "Wild Wild West". More to follow.

Our new Legislative officer is Matt and he states that the sessions in Lansing don't start until next week. Right now they will probably be working on Bill 365 which is the lane splitting. This is different than the lane filtering.

Our new Secretary has

nothing this time.

Awareness: There was discussion about different approaches to getting the awareness message out. It was suggested that we have a think tank meeting. This idea will be revisited. In the meantime, everyone should speak of motorcycle awareness to people everywhere...get the word out.
Mary our AC still has lots of tickets for the raffle. Get with her to sign them out.

Our new Sgt of Arms has nothing this time.

Our Road Captain states that there is a Light house ride on the 25th of July. They are meeting at Roys at 3 mile and Hammond with KSU around 8:45. If it is raining than the 26th will be the day. Watch Facebook for the event.

Our chaplain gave us a message regarding God and our positions.

Our summer party is coming together nicely. Mary has a list of food items still needed, get with her if you can help.

Some things to look at when you register. \$10 per poker hand, and on Saturday \$5 for playing the bug splat. We will ride in the Coho festival parade on Saturday. The parade starts at 13:00 so we will leave the campground about noon. Loads of fun and an awesome opportunity to raise awareness.

The next meeting will be August 2nd at Laughing Horse at 17:00 hrs.

Dates to remember:

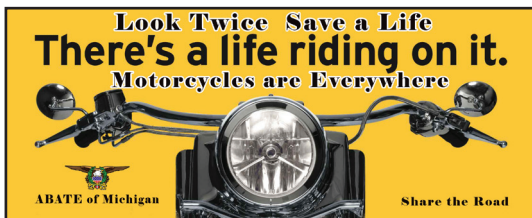
The Region 22 Light House Ride.....	July 25
Hell to Paradise ride.....	July 24-25
Dyson Ride.....	July 31-Aug 1
Summer Party.....	August 21-22
GTI Ride.....	August 29
Recovery Road Riders.....	August 30 - Poker run
Raffle Drawing.....	October 5
M22 Ride.....	October 22
Christmas Party.....	December 5

Meeting adjourned at 18:27 hrs.

REGION 23 - Otsego, Crawford, Roscommon, Missaukee

RC - Ted Calebrese

No report this month.



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

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