

July 1st, 1 p.m. Paw Paw Eagles

Joy G. led ANOTHER very well attended meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, then followed with the treasurers report. Gary reported that the handlebar legal height has been raised from 15" to 30" on May 23, 2018. Main topic from Bear in MRF report was that President Trump signed off on allowing E-15 fuel to be sold year round. Contact your representatives and have them support H.R. bill 5855, which would expand awareness on using fuel with more than 10% ethanol in it, mainly through fuel pump labeling, fuel pump safe guards, and education. MRF is working together with Congressional boating caucus to push support for this bill. Also noted... More toll roads are being proposed, basically highway funding is going broke.. New member, once again signed up by John B., Joan, from Sturgis. Thanks for joining abate and especially thank you John for continually expanding our membership. We all need to be proactive in signing up new members... Thanks to both of you again.

Our poker run has come and gone, and came off flawlessly. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated, got sponsors, and attended the ride. Special thanks to the Eagles for donating their space for us to start and finish this event. Shirts moved very well, pretty much sold out of men's, but do have a few women shirts left. Get with Joy if wanting to purchase one. Thanks again everyone!!

We have decided to QUICKLY try to put together an ABATE calendar for 2019. We need HIGH quality photos. Must be 300 megapixels minimum (phone cameras won't cut it). We would like to get all the pics in by, say, August 25th. Patty G. is working with a local printer to put this together. We would like to have them completed and ready for sale by the October swap meet circuit. We need dozens of pics to sort through. Something motorcycle/region related would be great. Pokers run event photos, landmark and bike photos, ride with your dog? send a pic.. mail the files to Eric Eads.. ericrdpilot@frontier.com or me (terry) at region12rcterry@yahoo.com.. Lets put forth some effort and get this done.. thanks.

We will have a booth at the Niles Burn Run on July 20-22. Joy, Gary, and Kathy are manning it on Saturday, and Di and I will try to make it out for Sunday. Sunday is the ride. Cost per couple, 2 up \$35, single rider \$30 - worth every penny. Money goes to a GREAT cause, and money includes ride, food and entertainment. Sign up starts at 9 a.m. ride leaves at noon. Last year they sent 38 kids to camp at no cost to parents.

Region 12 only picnic is Saturday, September 15th. We are getting estimates on shuttles to and from our house to downtown Kalamazoo for a pub crawl. Leaving our house around 1 p.m. , leaving downtown around 6, returning for food, large bonfire and (hopefully) live music. If horrible weather, will be moved to the rec room inside. We must split the cost of the shuttle, no charge for anything else. Camp, curl up inside, bring your motorhome... whatever. Dish to pass is welcome. Info will be completed soon and passed on through Facebook and region12 email list.

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at the Paw Paw Eagles. Nicky Platinum band is being hired to play. The cost is \$10, and advance tickets will be made available. Doors open at 6, dinner at 7, music at 8. Any money raised past our expenses will be donated to the state awareness program. BRING ALL YOUR FRIENDS. Flyer is being put together at this very moment. Looking at getting discount rooms in Paw Paw with a free shuttle to and from the Eagles. Details to come..

We have meet for dinners on Thursday, July 12th at the local in Centreville, and Tuesday, July 24th at Buds in Schoolcraft. We have scheduled another one by popular demand, back at Angels Gentlemen's Club on Wednesday, July 25th. Filet Mignon night... August dinners are Thursday, August 9th at Bangor Tavern, and Tuesday, August 21st at Silver Beach Pizza in St. Joseph. Get there when you can.

The Sturgis Toy Run WILL be held this year. It will be a one day event at the English Knights Motorcycle Club grounds on Parkville just north of M-60. It will be a go at your own pace poker run, that starts and ends at the Club Grounds. \$10 per person, \$15 per couple, plus minimum \$10 toy per bike. Kick stands up at 11 a.m., return by 3 p.m.

So Mike H. was the lucky winner at the meeting again. Diane and Dan JZ. won bike raffle tickets. Had Ruth G. attended, she would have been the incentive winner. It pays to attend the meetings.. Once again, thanks to each and every one of you for taking time out to attend the meeting. Very nice.
Minutes by SecreTerry RC..