

**ABATE of MI Region 7**  
Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2017

Meeting Called to Order 4:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for our troops, those home and abroad

Prayer – continue prayer for Pat Sheridan and Tim Polk and family on the passing of his Mother

**1. Minutes**

- a. No minutes were read

**2. Treasurer's Report** - Shelby Roby

- a. No report was read
- b. Shelby needs the bike tickets by the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August. If you have sold them or not. The tickets need to be in before the drawing and accounted for.

**3. Awareness Report** – Karen Sheridan

- a. No report was read. Karen or Marlene were not in attendance. Tim did report they are busy doing classes.

**4. Legislative** – Butch Brown

- a. As Butch was unable to make the meeting. Tim gave a Legislative report.
- b. Tim said there is not much going on in Lansing.
- c. U.S. Department of Energy (EPA) stated it was safe to use gasoline mixed with 15% ethanol. Currently it is 10%. This increase will cause damage to engines. If you have concerns or comments they need to be directed to EPA.
- d. Research has shown autonomous cars currently being road tested do not detect motorcycles. One biker in another state has been killed by one of these cars. If autonomous cars do not detect motorcycles, can they detect a person walking across the street or a child running into the street chasing a ball? More research is definitely needed.

**5. Old Business**

- a. Tim reported on Region 3 Biker Bash. The Field Meet was held at this same park, and will be there again next year! He said the campground was nice. There were clean bathrooms and showers. Beautiful roads to ride. Tim suggested everyone should make plans to attend next year.
- b. Brite Lites & Loud Pipes – Tim stated the turnout was low. 15 people attended this event. It will be held next year. The event maybe hosted by someone else if Tom doesn't want to host it. It is an important event as the money raised goes directly to our Awareness Program. The money is needed to purchase supplies like pens and bracelets that are given out during the Awareness classes.

## 6. **New Business**

- a. Cheeseburger Festival - Judy Wallace has taken the lead on the float for the Cheeseburger Parade. She can use help with the float. If interested contact Shelby Roby for Judy's telephone number. We will be passing out candy and beads again this year. If you would like to participate in the parade it is on Wednesday night, August 16<sup>th</sup>. For those who plan on participating we will meet at Draino and Dawn's house in the early afternoon.
- b. August 26<sup>th</sup> – Porcupine Bash - It will start and end at the American Legion, Port Austin, MI. Registration and doughnuts at 10:30 a.m. Those attending will leave and go to the Port Austin Veteran's Memorial Park for the Ceremony at 11:30. Afterwards we will have pizza and go on a ride. After the ride dinner and entertainment at the American Legion. All proceeds from this event will go to the Veterans. The American Legion will be collecting items to be given to the Veterans. See the flyer for the wish list of items needed.
- c. September 9-11<sup>t</sup> - Wolverine/Bike drawing. Ticket sales are down this year.
- d. September 27<sup>th</sup> – Trash Pick-Up. Meet at Evergreen Park at 5:00 p.m. Tim is going to contact Jim and Betty Comet to find out if they are planning on a lunch afterwards.
- e. September 29, 30 and October 1<sup>st</sup> Carved in Stone Weekend at Evergreen. The money raised at this event is used for the monument. Shelby is planning on having her Bloody Mary Bar. If you would like to donate anything for it bring it with you or give it to Shelby. Toys will be collected on Sunday at the meeting. Toys stay in the Region.
- f. This is in the early planning stages Tim would like to do a meet and greet around the region to educate on ABATE and sign up new members. He will be attending a break out session at the Meeting of the Minds on how to sign up new members. Hopefully, he will bring back some good ideas with him. He is planning on sometime between the months of November – February.

## 7. **Open Floor for Questions, Comments, and Announcements**

- a. Judy Wallace is still collecting beer tabs and bottle caps. The money is given to support the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Meeting Adjourned 5:29 pm