

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

December 2, 2017

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

\*Meeting brought to order

\*Pledge of Allegiance

\*Secretary Report

\*Treasury Report

\*Kim shared with members that money raised for the Baptist Children's Home was delivered and how happy they were to have this money donated as they would now be able to fix their water pipes.

\* Members were reminded of the ABATE Seminar and getting reservations.

\*Discussed the fundraiser for Bernie's Santa Ride that was held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Alma Elk's Club. All proceeds raised will be used to buy gifts for less fortunate children in the community. Shopping for those gifts will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bernie, or Kim for more information. Although this is not affiliated with ABATE, Bernie is an ABATE member and this event is held every year.

\*Discussed nominations. Members voted to reduce the nominations at the January meeting and voting to be done in February. You must be present to win. Region 10 needs you to fill these positions, to help keep our region growing in the right direction. New blood is necessary for fresh ideas. So, please, consider stepping up and be a part of our future needs.

\*Each year our region participates in obtaining a tag from the Christmas gift tree at Walmart. Members agreed to once again provide a gift for one boy and one girl.

\*Members voted to donate money to the Hernandez family to help with medical expenses. Their little miracle boy is home now and doing well.

\*Kim presented an idea she had for next year's Poker Run, she suggested that she would like to have something big to raffle off and asked for help in figuring out what that item could be.

\*Legislation: Gary updated members related to house bills and highlighted that the autonomous vehicle that was on auto pilot crashed into a police officer who was on a motorcycle. The handlebar bill passed. Heights for handlebars was increased from 13" to 30". Butch and others will be going to Lansing next week for Motorcycle Awareness issues. Gary made a call of action to members asking us to get on the ABATE website and click the link to fill out a form and submit to the U.S. Senators for the Motorcycle Advisory Council as only 5000 people nationwide have done so already, but only 178 people from Michigan. There are over 3000 ABATE of Michigan members and the council needs our help. \*\*\*Gary shared with members that he is running for ABATE State Treasurer and asked members for their support. Way to go, Gary! We couldn't be prouder! So hopefully you'll have attended the Seminar and voted for Gary.\*\*\*

\*NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2018, 5 PM, at the GHOST TOWN SALOON, Elwell, MI.

Meeting adjourned...Happy New Year, *Lois*