

March Membership meeting minutes, Sunday, March 4th, 1 p.m. Paw Paw eagles 4310

Gary G. began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the Treasurer report presented by Joy G. The 2 main topics of discussion in the legislative category was house bill 5650, which is the motorcycle procession bill, which our membership was most interested in. Gary broke down the ends and outs of this bill, if it were to pass. No movement, but apparently it is still active. Eric discussed the bill that would change our vehicle insurance as we know it now. Apparently not good for motorcycle or auto owners. Hoping that this will not continue down the line. Bear updated us on the "driverless car" legislation, informing us that senate resolution 154 might be attached to the government spending bill, to slip the driverless car legislation through... this bill would require auto makers and technology to test for recognition on motorcycles as well as allowing the public to see these reports. A motion was also made to purchase region awareness themed coasters (Look Twice, Save a Life), and distribute them to the regions establishments with the largest bike nights, to use only on those nights. The Dock at Bayview, Kalamazoo county, and The Roadhouse in Van Buren are 2 locations. Need our membership to let us know what are the largest in Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph counties are, so we can pass coasters along to them.. Contact Terry at region12rcterry@yahoo.com with suggestions.

We had an open discussion on our annual poker run, which will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. The ride will be approximately 100 miles, with 2 stops in between, yet to be determined. The run will be begin and end at the Paw Paw Eagles, on M 40, Lawton, roughly 2 miles south of 1-94, off exit 60. Food donations accepted. Door prizes, raffles, and cash for the best and worst hand. We are working on getting live music to play from roughly 4:30 to 7ish.. details to follow. We will be raffling off a basket filled with the small shot bottles. We are asking membership to pick up a couple to throw into the basket if you would. Need door prizes also. Doesn't have to be motorcycle related. Melissa is working on an awesome route, almost all country roads. Shirt design will be previewed soon.. Going to be sharp. Contact Joy G. at 269-998-6215 to place shirt orders (text okay) We will be ordering a limited amount so plan ahead. We need sponsors.. that is where we make our money on our poker run. We voted and passed a new idea for sponsorship. If a member can secure a \$100 sponsorship, they ALSO receive a free poker run shirt, along with the 2 that go to the sponsors.. Hopefully that might be a little more incentive to ask some one you know to step up and help out.

APRIL MEETING WILL BE MOVED TO SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1 P.M. PAW PAW EAGLES.. due to Easter falling on the 1st Sunday of the month. Road side pick up will be immediately after the meeting, with the short run poker run to Tailgaters in Marcellus afterwards. Hopefully it will be motorcycle weather finally.

BOWLING, Sunday, April 22nd at 1 p.m. Rainbow lanes, Paw Paw.. Melissa put this package together.. Great Deal!! \$20 a person.. 2 and 1/2 hours of bowling, 1 pizza, 1 pitcher of pop per lane, PLUS... 60% of the money raised GOES BACK TO ABATE.. If just 10 people participate, we get this package, and \$120 would come back to us. Sounds like a fun day out, plus puts some money back into the organization.. Come out, bring some friends..

Ride to Vermontville, Saturday, April 28th.. leaving the Breakfast Place, downtown Lawton, (one of our annual sponsors) roughly around 11 a.m. Come early if planning on having breakfast. Busy place, so allow yourself some extra time.

Other region events discussed with more details in the following months.. Kayak float/campout? tentatively, August 10/11th... Region 12 only end of year picnic/campout, Terry and Dianas, with a Kalamazoo Pub crawl with shuttle, bonfire, and live music.. Saturday, September 15th.. Open Christmas Party, Saturday, December 15th, Paw Paw Eagles.. \$10 per person.. Will have a year long casino raffle package drawing that night.. details to follow.. live music that will make your feet shuffle around.. Plus 2 more poker runs.. Saturday, October 6th, and one with a date to be announced.. one benefits the awareness program, one for the P.A.C. fund.. We are working on a list of week night dinner ride to locations.. this will be completed by April.. please send your favorite stops and preferred dates to region12rcterry@yahoo.com.

Main meeting prize won by an Eagles member, Laura P. would have been the incentive winner if present and Bear won the short run Poker run. We would like to thank everyone for the EXCELLENT turnout at our meeting.. Seen a lot of old faces, along with a couple new ones. Very nice. I hope this continues.. Thank you.. Submitted by R.C. Terry