

March Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm with the pledge followed by a prayer from Rudy Thompson. Before we got on to business, I presented Mary Anne with the plaque I accepted for her at the seminar. Thanks again Mary Anne!!!

We had no minutes from February cuz there was no meeting! Shelby gave us a short Treasurer's report, and all is good, just had to pay a few bills.

Karen gave us an AWARENESS report, 1st she went over numbers and awards at the seminar! 2nd, she reported that Butch checked on powder coating for our LOOK TWICE signs (the 9 ft. pipe them hang on). The pipes are too long for the oven to cure the coating, so we will have to paint the pipes. Also, one of our signs will have to be moved. As of right now, the sign will be moved just a little farther west on M-46, to the Life Song Church property. Just waiting for an OK from the church elders. While we're talking about Life Song Church, they WILL be doing the breakfast again this year before our annual Rest In Peace ride!! So, come out early, have breakfast, then head over to Evergreen Park for our annual Blessing. After the blessing is the Memorial Ride!!

Legislative report was given by Butch and myself, starting with a report on the Pop & Pizza Luncheon. Was a good event with over 200 Legislators, their aids, and capital staff! Had some very good discussions with legislators and their aids as well!! Even had a few asking for more info on this no-fault issue! Butch gave us a report on the no-fault issue, which basically call for a repeal of all no-fault benefits!!! Remember to vote in the August primary election!! Also, if you are going to run for precinct delegate, you have until May 1st to register!! We need precinct delegates, so think about doing a little to help!! Up coming Legislative days are April 18th, May 16th, and June 5th. June 5th is our annual Freedom Rally at the capital, this is the one day YOU REALLY NEED TO GO TO LANSING and make our presence know!!!

Last night, (March 10th), was our annual MRF Fund night at Farmers Tavern in Ruth! I want to thank EVERYONE who came out and helped raise money for the MRF!! Also, to ALL who donated items for the LIVE auction, everyone from Ray C's to Dick & Judy, Wes & Leah, and who ever else donated! Cindy and her helpers did a fantastic job with the spaghetti, salads, and garlic bread! Oh, and to all who brought deserts, too!! What a good meal, and if you weren't there.....Shame on you!!

Aprils meeting is going to be on April 8th because April 1st is Easter Sunday and I know many people will be with family on that day, so we're moving it to the 8th! April 18th will be our Spring Trash Pick-up date. Jim asked to have it that day because Jim and Betty will be out of town the day it is normally held. If we're going to eat afterwards, Jim and Betty need to be there!! So, we voted, and it was approved, the 18th it is!!

REMINDER: Starting in May, the meetings will be back at Evergreen Park, with the Dillinger Ride meeting starting at 3pm, regular meeting at 4.

May 6th is our meeting date and if you plan on helping with the Dillinger Ride, you need to be at this meeting!!!! We will be going over every detail for that event!! The Dillinger Ride is on May 26th at the INNBETWEEN Saloon! We want this to be a flawless event!! May 13th I'll be heading out to DC with Jinx and Patty, Soto & Bea for the MRF BIKERS In The BELTWAY event. Lots of offices to go to in a short amount of time! May 26th is the annual Dillinger ride, see the flyer for all the details!!! Also, May 6th is the annual Thunder Across the Thumb Ride which starts and ends at the Moose Lodge in Caro. Sign up at 11, leaving at 11:30. Dates for this event are May 4, 5, & 6th!

June 8,9, & 10th is the Annual State Field Meet and I have a few tickets for sale, so if you want the pre-event price, give me a call!! Hope to see you all there! This event is put on for all ABATE members to get together and socialize, meet new members and to make new friends!!! Come and have a fun weekend with fellow ABATE members!!

With that being said, hope you all have a GREAT month and remember to give your bike that good safety check before you go on those long rides this year!! If you ride early, ride safe! May everyone have a safe riding season!! Till next month, Tim