

Minutes from Region 12 membership meeting, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 17

Our very well attended meeting began with Joy G. leading the organization with the pledge of Allegiance. Bear then presented the MRF report. He discussed the fact that EPA believes they have the right to enforce what modifications can be made to competition motorcycles emission systems, while the MRF believes that is out of their jurisdiction. Bear also discussed a point that ALL motorcyclists, rights organization members and nonmembers alike, should take the time to make contact with our senators and representatives about legislation that directly affects our lifestyle through any means, such as emails, direct phone calls, letters, or any way possible. He stated the low percentage of actual contact made from us individually, and that our voices need to be heard.

We reviewed the fall Region 12 annual picnic and agreed a good time was had by all. Had a nice turnout and couldn't ask for nicer weather. Thanks go out to everyone that volunteered their time to make this a success again.

New business. We are having a fall color ride on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. It will leave Verhage Cider Mill at [8619 W. ML avenue](#), in Kalamazoo at 1 p.m. SHARP! Sign up starts at noon. The ride is approximately 130 miles, with 4 stops. The final stop is at the Wounded Minnow in Dowagiac. The cost is \$10, which will benefit Region 12 to help support our state programs. Melissa has worked hard setting up this event, and the weather is looking good at this point, so if you can, make it out! Should be a great time!

Election nominations are coming up at our November and December meetings with voting during the December meeting. We have operated shorthanded most of this year, and could definitely use some more people to step up and help out. Become an officer, or at least help with a committee. Lots of people may not like the way things are done, or have ideas that could be implemented but don't present them, so this is your chance to stand up and be heard.

We will be having a potluck after BOTH of our next 2 meetings. Contact Melissa at [269-532-9570](#) to see what we need if you would like to help out. Everyone should try to make these next 2 very important meetings, and the food is always awesome. Hope to see a bunch of you there.

We would like to adopt a family again this Christmas. In the past years, we have always come up with a family that has direct ties to our ABATE family. We would like to continue this trend if possible. If you know of someone who could use some help this holiday, please contact Melissa at the number above. Time is short on this, so we need to find a family a.s.a.p.

Don't forget, make reservations for the Seminar in Lansing, January, 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact info is in the Michigan Rider, or at the abate website. Informative and a great time! We have been pushing 30 region members at each of the last few seminars. Let's hope this trend continues. Bear has had an awesome engraved knife made to raffle off. Melissa, don't forget. Those edges are sharp!! Too bad William D. wasn't at our meeting in October. His name was drawn for the incentive. Gotta be there to win! Minutes respectfully submitted by Terry Marcum