

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

February 2, 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

Meeting brought to order at 4:59 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim, RC, gave thanks to former RC, Kim, for stepping up and keeping Region 10 alive and to all those who helped make that possible as well.

Treasury Report given by Gary.

Seminar was discussed along with the quilt and how much it sold for. Kudos was given to Deb for making the quilt and the person (Scott Cross) who won the bid.

Harley ticket raffle was discussed. Bob Shock is again in charge of distributing the tickets. Please get with Bob to obtain a packet(s) of tickets. Sell! Sell! Sell! It would be awesome if our region could be the top selling region this year. Drawing will be held September 7, 2019 in Wolverine, MI. A group of us are planning to attend. Interested in being a part of this group? Contact RC for information.

Members agreed to combine the Spring Fling and the Membership Drive that is planned for May 25, 2019 and will again be held at Shock's Camp. Committee was formed with the following volunteers: Bob/Lois, Will/Karen, Duwayne/Jaimie, Harvey/Glenda, John/Cheryl. More details to come.

Poker Run is planned for July 13, 2019 and will be held at Lehner's Landing☺. Committee was formed with the following volunteers: Tom/Mandy, Bubba/Bonnie, Tim/Odessa, Lee/Keisha. More details to come.

A celebration of life will take place on July 20, 2019 with a first (annual?) Carla's Memorial Run. Committee was formed with the following volunteers: Tim/Odessa, John/Cheryl, Duane/Jaime. More details to come.

We had a guest speaker, Nathan Workman, Co-Director of the newly established Gratiot County Hope House that offers temporary housing needs for Gratiot County's homeless (located within the St. Louis Nazarene Church) and will be open now through March with plans to be closed April through September.

There are currently over 600 homeless people in our county. This organization is **Not** federally or state funded, but privately funded through monetary contributions received via their Facebook Page or USPS mail. Donation items such as: bedding, nonperishable breakfast items, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, coffee, trash bags, towels/wash cloths, and volunteers are always needed. A benefit is planned to be held at the Alma Elk's on April 12, 2019 to help raise awareness and funds. Check out their website at:

www.gchopehouse.org.

Safety Awareness report. Kim is currently trying to initiate **involvement with the Driver's Training Program**.

Apparently, our region is responsible for funding this program. **See first bullet under Political Report. A Special Thanks is given to, Randy Randall, for donating a substantial monetary gift. More details to come.

RC suggested having rides prior to our meetings this summer. Members voted favorably and discussion by present members took place regarding having consistent stops, notifying those establishment owners, hanging banners, ticket sales, etc. Tim would like members to come back with more ideas next month.

Political Report:

**Secretary of State is allocating our funds (that was suppose to be used towards Motorcycle Safety Awareness) to senseless studies that are being conducted with old data. Gary suggests we call Secretary of State (517-335-3269) and demand they stop using our funds for such senseless studies. He suggests calling them a lot!!

Gary met with State Senator – 32nd District (R) Ken Horn. He wants to work with ABATE regarding motorcycle issues.

MRF Report:

Motorcycle Profiling – If you get pulled over on your motorcycle and you feel you were profiled, get with Gary; he has a form for you to fill out. This form documents why you were pulled over, what the cop told

you, and why you think you were profiled, among other important details. The MRF needs to know if there is profiling going on and if there is, the MRF is trying to do something about it on the national level.

Discussion regarding our region doing the bike show at the Elk's again this year. Tabled.

*Meeting adjourned: 6:04 P.M.

*NEXT MEETING: January 5th, 5 P.M.

Stay warm, Lois

As the new Regional Coordinator for Region 10, I am not only happy but also proud to recognize our new awareness coordinator Kim Maclennan. She has stepped up and has volunteered her time to do awareness for 10. It is something that our region has not had in the past. She sat with Hot Rod at the seminar in Lansing and got her learn on. He was very helpful in steering her in the right direction. We, as a region are happy to get involved with awareness but also ecstatic that Kim is our lead in the education for others. There is no doubt in my mind that she will do a awesome job and be very successful in her new endeavors. We as 10 members are proud of our region, and also Happy that Kim is part of our team. REGION 10 KICKS ASS

Thank You

Region 10 RC Tim Gustavison