

Region 11 Meeting

9/27/17

- Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm
- The Pledge of Allegiance led by Al Copp
- The Treasury Report read by Patty;
- The Legislation Report read by Alice;
 - RJ Wilson, founder of Region 11 Motorcycle Awareness Program was killed in a motorcycle accident Monday, Sept. 18, 2017. Please have a moment of silence.

Current ABATE Legislation:

- **HB4480**-- Motorcycle Handlebar height; modify from 15 in. to 30 in. Still in Transportation & Infrastructure committee; no change.
- **SB-568**—Senate version of the bill; shortened to 1 paragraph, introduced & referred to Transportation committee on 9-13-2017.
- **HB4466**—Distracted driving; prohibits using hand-held devices while driving. Clarifies what “distracted” is, and specifies vehicles manufactured with “hands-free” are exempt from the ban. Still in Transportation & Infrastructure committee.
- **HB-4042**—Requires police officer to confiscate registration/license plate of vehicle being driven by an owner who does not have a valid driver’s license. The registration/license will be held for 10 days during the owner must show proof of insurance. If the owner does not show proof of insurance within 10 days, the registration and plate are destroyed, and the owner must purchase a new plate. Still in Law & Justice Committee, where it’s been since January.

New Bills of Interest:

- **Senate Bill 575:** Increase motorcycle operator license fee
Introduced by Sen. Tom Casperson (R) on Sept. 18, 2017 to increase the fee to get and renew a driver’s license “motorcycle endorsement” required to drive motorcycles on public roads. Basically, all it does is change the date of effectiveness to Jan. 20, 2018. Referred to Senate Transportation committee.
- **SB581**—Michigan Vehicle Code (Knezek)
Adds computers, tablets devices, cameras or other Internet-based communication devices to the list of devices not to be used while operating a motor vehicle to Michigan Vehicle Code, and sets

penalties. Sent to Judiciary Committee. Vote of the full committee expected Sept. 28, 2017.

➤ **SB330—Revoked Licenses (O'Brien)**

Expands crime of operation of vehicle causing death while holding a suspended or revoked license or registration to include individuals whose licenses or registrations were suspended or revoked by other states. Referred to Judiciary Committee and a vote of full committee expected on September 28, 2017.

➤ **Senate Bill 552: Increase annual OVR tax**

Introduced by Sen. Geoff Hanson (R) on September 13, 2017.

Increases the annual off-road vehicle license tax from \$16.25 to \$26.25 for a license that does not authorize operation on state ORV trails, and \$36.25 for one that does. If no action is taken the tax expires in 2019, and the bill would delay this until 2024. Referred to Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Committee & expected to be voted on by full committee on September 28, 2017.

➤ **HB5013—Auto Insurance Proposal 3 Levels of Insurance.**

Seniors on Medicare or with lifetime retirement health care could opt out of personal injury protection under a proposal announced today by Democratic Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. A plan would lead to a 20% reduction on auto insurance premiums for the average driver. The bill includes mandated rate relief. An anti-fraud authority would be created and excess funds in the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Fund would be returned to drivers “in rate reductions and rebates.” The Michigan Health and Hospital Association and the Coalition to Protect Auto No Fault both declared opposition to the proposal.

Notes of Interest

- Both the Scorpions, and Street Royalty had their clubhouses burn to the ground. The Scorpions of Oakland County have a You Caring page, where folks who wish to donate to help rebuild, can donate. The address is;

<https://www.youcaring.com/scorpionsoaklandcountymi-960796>

- Welcome Nuggett, a longtime member from Alabama, visiting Michigan.
- We will be having elections on Officers and Committees next month and an Officers meeting at 6pm.

- The Bike Raffle went good and bad, the people in charge this year (Patty & Jinx) will be stepping down, 7 Regions tuned in their tickets the same day as the drawing. We did have a winner from our region, congratulations North Ave.
- We do have new shirts available for sale, \$10 a shirt, we have all sizes. We are going through API.
- The Seminar is Jan. 19th - 21st, 2018 held at Ramada in Lansing. You can reserve your room now. They are filling up fast. Tiny motioned that we do the sponsorship again this year, we will revise this motion next month.
- New Business;
 - **Upcoming Events:**
 - Dec. 10th**- Chili Cook-Off/Broomstick Tournament and Christmas Party held at Total Sports.
 - Jan. 19th-21st**- Seminar
 - Jan. 28th**- Bowling (tickets in advance)
- We would like to introduce two new members, Bob and Darrel
- Summer Tour update;

Rich wants thanks everyone who helped from everyone, he will be stepping down after three years. Rich got nothing but positive feedback from everyone. We do have three people that will be stepping up to take over but it is our big fundraiser and we could still use some help. Round of applause for the committee.
- Arnold would like everyone to know that we were mentioned on the radio about Motorcycle Awareness.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm