

## ABATE Region 20 August 2017 Newsletter

And August is here! Man, am I blinking too fast or is the year kinda flying by? Well, the great part about it is that the weather has been wonderful for riding. In my opinion, it has not really gotten hot yet, but there I go, now it will. LOL. Shiawassee, no meeting. At Genesee, there weren't any new members or guests, but a good turnout, so thanks to everyone who came. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and accepted. Membership Officer is looking to be replaced so if anyone is interested please contact Audrey for further information. L.O Report July 2017 by Larry Flood: HB4306 – Passed. Billed raises funding for Awareness & Training. Thanks to all who worked hard to make it happen. SB160 – Autocycle (Slingshot) bill passed the Senate. Presented to Governor July 12. Bill does require a cycle endorsement. HB4466 – Bans hands on phones in cars. Talking point regarding Abate: Saved riders \$100 in registration fees by working to get the bill voted down. MRF News: Currently working on the following: Recreational fuel, Profiling (still an issue). Meeting of the Minds – September 21-25, 2017 – Williamsburg, VA. Considered “Seminar on Steroids”. “STOP THE TEXTS – STOP THE WRECKS” - Pass it on! And from Carrie our on top of it Cares & Concerns Officer: Please keep all these special people in your Thoughts & Prayers: Jr & Amy, Zip & Marte, Carrie & Larry, Terry Brown Sr., Becky & TJ, Ted & Janelle, Vince Fabis-Region 19, Pam Fisher-Region 14, All Bikers & Families, All Drivers & Families, All Military & Families. Birthdays: Neal Darnell, Terry Brown Sr., Kathy Heath. Anniversaries and Milestones: Clay & Sarah Thompson. Per Audrey, Region 20 lost a member, Timothy Hardy. He also belongs to AIM. And for the Almighty Webmaster, Facebook is now up to 590 likes and she is looking for a New Goal of 600. We are almost there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Woo Hoo!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please mention ABATE Region 20 on your pages, if you can. Tell a little bit about what we are about and ask your friends to like our page: ABATE of Michigan Region20. Awareness taught 111 students for July. Total for the year 639. Getting closer to the goal, way to go! Mike is still in need of instructors, so please if you have an interest, get a hold of Kritter. It is really an easy thing to do. Anyone is welcome to attend a training session to see what it is all about. Mike says that if he can do it, anyone can. The Awareness Run on July 22 got rained out, so looking to catch up in next year's events. Boy, that Mother Nature, never seems to fail when it comes to outdoor events. Events Coordinator: No Events meeting needed at this time. Rave Run is Sept. 16. Poker Run and over 100 miles on the ride – Woo Hoo! Dedics will be the start of the run. Bubble man and bounce house at the end of the run. So get with Zip for more info or see the flyer in this Rider, on the Region 20 Website or Region 20's Facebook page. And Zip, thanks for giving a shit by organizing this awesome event. And even though she has moved, the magnificent Margaret is making a quilt for the Rave Run! Margaret, you rock! RC Report by Mike: For Bikes on the Bricks the Region will need help manning the booth on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, the 10th. Bikes on the Bricks is asking help for blockers for the charity ride on Saturday at Vehicle City Harley Davidson. It will be an easy blocking job as the police will cover major intersections. Next Genesee meeting will be on Monday, September 11 due to Labor Day (Everyone have a safe and fun filled day) at Captain's Quarters in Burton at 7pm. See you all then. All Shiawassee meetings are on hold due to no attendance. Wishing everyone lots of good riding time and just enjoy yourselves. Talk to yah next time!!!

.....Be Safe!!

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