

Sunday, August 5th, 1 p.m. Paw Paw Eagles

Our well attended meeting began with Joy G. leading us in the Pledge, following up with our treasurers report. Not much happening legislatively with the elections coming up. Bear stressed the importance of getting out and voting, and also broke down some of the candidates initiatives, good and bad. Also stated that he contacted several candidates, but no response, including Matt Longjohn, who won his nomination, that neither replied to emails, or a visit to his office.. He also discussed HR 5855, consumer protection and fuel transparency act. Talked about expiring gas taxes and proposed new taxes. Stresses to go to the MRF website, and read whats going on! Had a list of questions that we should be asking our candidates before the November election. Great job, Bear. Thank you.

We had 2 new members this month. Mike P. from Niles, and Jill, who attended her 1st meeting, from Sturgis. Thank you to both of you for joining A.B.A.T.E. Last month, I thanked John B. for the new influx of members, but he deflected it back to Lee. Thanks to both of you, for regularly attending and bringing new members. Great job covering the Sturgis area. Thanks again!

PLEASE NOTE!! Our September membership meeting has been moved to Sunday, September 9th, Paw Paw Eagles, 1 P.M., due to Labor Day weekend the previous weekend. We will also have road side pickup BEFORE the meeting, starting at 11:30. Meet at the Porter township hall, M-40.. Thanks in advance for helping out.

PUB CRAWL and Campout. Saturday, September 15th.. Shuttle leaves our house (Terry and Dianes) at 1 p.m. sharp! The shuttle holds 25, and it's over half full just from the meeting. \$15 a person gets you from our house to downtown Kalamazoo, and back. This is a region only appreciation event. No other cost to attend. No raffles, fundraising, just fun. We ENCOURAGE everyone to stay. Bring your camper, tents, air mattresses, sleeping bags, sleep inside.. whatever works. We have nearly 10 acres of room. Bonfire and live music. Dianes famous chili. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Inclement weather, we party inside.. Lets make this a good time... 616-481-3472, call or text, or email region12rcterry@yahoo.com. with questions or suggestions...

P.A.C. Poker run, Saturday, Oct. 6th. \$10 a person, 4 stops, begins at Ver Hage Cider Mill, 8619 W. ML ave. Kazoo, leaving at 11:30 sharp, and ending in Dowagiac at the Wounded Minnow. Questions? Melissa, 269-532-9570, call or text, and email, mamoore121684@outlook.com

CHRISTMAS PARTY!! Saturday, December 15th. Paw Paw Eagles 4310. \$10! Live Music by the Nicky Platinum Band! Doors open at 6 P.M. food at 7 p.m, Music at 8! We will be raffling off an awesome Laser Cut look Twice sign, along with a 50/50 drawing and another liquor basket, which seemed to go off well at our poker run. ALL money raised past our expenses will be donated to the ABATE of Michigan State Awareness Fund. EVERYONE IS INVITED!! Lets get some people there!! Myself, and Eric E. have the tickets. We would like to presale as many as we can to cover expenses, and get some sort of head count. Contact me by same info as above, or Eric through his contact info in the Michigan Rider, or call him, 269-435-7581. We have reserved a block of rooms at the local Travellodge, \$52 king, and \$56 for 2 queen beds. We are going to run a free shuttle back and forth, (approximately 3 miles) to curb the drinking/driving situation. Call: 877-361-2499, ask to reserve a room from the abate region 12 block, res. number, 5136B57764501. Rooms must be booked by November 9th. They will hold it on your card, but not charge until check in. The rooms can be canceled with no charge by 4 p.m. Decem-

ber 12th. I know that 4 or 5 rooms have already been booked. Rooms are limited, so if you want one, get on it!! This is the 1st time we have tried something like this. We need everyones support to make this a success.

Linda S. was very happy she attended the meeting on Sunday, as she was the big prize winner!! Congrats Linda. Bike raffle tickets won by Diane M. and a customer in the Eagles. Joe R. was also a big prize winner on Sunday. It pays to attend! Our "short Run" poker run is scheduled to go to Gino's East Pizza in South Haven (hopefully it is open by then!) and we have dinner meets coming up at Silver Beach Pizza in St. Joe, on tuesday, August 21st, thursday, Sept. 6th at Lindy's in Cassopolis, and Tuesday, Sept. 18th at Brewsters in Three Rivers. We generally shoot for 6 p.m., but get there whenever you can. We have so far, have had people show for every dinner meeting this year. Hope to keep it up. Minutes respectfully submitted by your SecreTerryRC