

April 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm with the pledge, a moment of silence for the troops and a prayer from Rudy. Minutes were read from the last meeting, minutes accepted as read. Shelby gave us a treasurer's report with that being accepted as read. Marlene gave us an update on the Awareness classes being held and upcoming classes. Butch reminded us to have our LOOK TWICE road signs up by May 1<sup>st</sup>!! and don't forget your yard signs either!!!

I did get a chance to talk with Al Maier about having an Advanced Riders Course for our members and he is willing to do it, BUT we Must have at least 12 members take the course!! So, as soon as I can get 12 definite members to take the course, I will get in touch with Al and get it set up! Cost would \$85 per person. I have 9 names right now, that are interested in taking the course. If you're interested in taking the course, let me know ASAP so I can get ahold of Al. Remember, I want people who are a definite yes and not going to back out at the last minute!!

Butch gave us a quick Legislative report, with the Senators and Rep.'s getting back from their Easter vacation, we're hoping that they get the handlebar Bill passed through! We also talked about the No-Fault Reform that's in Lansing right now. No-Fault is good for you but the cost of the insurance is a Killer!

Next, we went over up-coming events, ours and others in the state! Swap meet in Birch Run, we will be there! Shelby, Ceci and myself for sure will be there, See you there! Our May meeting will be back at Evergreen Park, at the back pavilion! May 26<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Dillinger Ride! The ride includes a meal after the ride, silent auction and prize drawings! We will be giving out trophies for Best Hand Rider, Best Hand Passenger, Oldest Rider and Farthest Rider! The following weekend June 2<sup>nd</sup>, is our Annual Rest In Peace Ride and we will be selling the breakfast tickets again this year for the Beni-Vet Breakfast at LifeSong Church before the ride! Proceeds go to help area Veterans through the local V.A. offices!! June 5<sup>th</sup> is the Freedom Rally in Lansing and we will be doing our rise again, leaving Butch's by 9 am, to the Clio Rest Area, to Perry (Burger King), then in to Lansing!! June 8,9, &10<sup>th</sup> is the STATE Field Meet in Rapid City, let's have a great turn out for this!!! Then June 22-24 is "The Great U.P. Poker Run"!

Last thing is we are needing a Region Secretary, again. If you would be interested in being our Region Secretary, give me a call and we can talk about it!!

Oops! Almost forgot, in May I will be going with Jinx, Patty, Jerry, and Bea to Washington DC for Bikers In The Beltway! It's a GREAT event where you go and talk to your Senators and Rep.'s in DC!! Don't forget to give your bike that safety inspection BEFORE you go for a ride!! Be safe my friends! Until next month.....Tim