

The meeting began with a treasurer's report from Joy G. Bear once again kept us updated with a ton of information from the MRF. Number 1 priority, signing up new members! The MRF, like most other organizations is taking a huge hit in funding and membership. Membership is \$35 a year, or 3 for \$95. Go to the MRF website to sign up online... The annual meeting of the minds is in Indy this year. Must be a current MRF member to attend. Cost and location can also be found on the MRF website, or current editions of the Michigan Rider. July 1st, house passed H.R. 2, a highway bill that is beneficial to the riding community. It increases funding for motorcycle safety, anti-motorcycle profiling, among other things.... by the way, Fred Upton voted against this bill.... don't forget, rally at the Capital, September 29th.

We had 2 guest speakers at our July meeting, Held at the Harvey House in Constantine... 1st, was Jack Coleman, running for District 59 state rep. Mostly talked about the possibility of toll roads coming to Michigan, and the distribution of money on school funding. He is an avid motorcyclist, and an a.b.a.t.e. member. We can use all the support we can get in Lansing. The 2nd speaker was Elena Oelke, running against Fred Upton in the August primary. Very interesting lady. Born, and spent her childhood and early adult life in Russian (u.s.s.r.) She lived through socialism, and moved to America, and is watching what is happening in politics and concerned that America is slipping into what she moved away from. She feels that Upton needs challenged, and is in for the fight. look her up for more info, and she also has a Facebook page with more information.

By the time this is received the field meet, July 17th-19th will be history. Seems a lot of presale tickets have been had. Great news. Also Melissas coast to coast ride will have happened. Still one camping spot, I believe, is still available. July 24-26. Call Melissa at 269-532-9570.

Linda S. is having an estate sell Thursday, July 30th to Sunday, Aug. 2nd. TONS of rare collectible and motorcycle memorabilia, among other stuff. I BELIEVE there is a flyer for this event in the Rider. U.A.W. 2093 poker run, Sunday, August 23rd, Leaves the Union Hall at 11 a.m. corner of Hoffman and 131 in Three Rivers. This year's ride benefits the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services, located in Three Rivers. Cost is \$20, tee shirt and end of run meal at the Harvey House included with pre-registration. Pre-registration ends on July 31st. Contact Terry (me) at 616-481-3472 for more details and sign up info... watch Region 12 abate page for flyer.

Reverse Raffle!! Saturday, August 29th. Constantine American Legion post...doors open at 5 p.m. dinner 6, drawing starts at 7. \$30 a person, includes a couple drinks, a Steak Dinner, and a chance to win some cash... up to \$1000 total, depending on amount of tickets sold. great time, and supporting 2 outstanding organizations, between the American Legion and ABATE. A ton of room, so social distancing will not be a problem... we need your support.... Eric, Joy, and I have tickets available.... Eric, 269-221-0706, Joy, 269-998-6215 or terry, 616-481-3472.

Prize winners at our meeting were, CHEEZY!! and tyrannosaurus Rex! Our next meeting is scheduled for the Paw Paw eagles, for the 1st time in months. BUT, watch the Region 12 Facebook page, and your emails. Possibility of location change with the Covid 19 regulations...

We will make a decision A.S.A.P. Kind of out of our hands but doing our best. Respectfully, your
"not so temporary" SecreTerry