

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw
March 3, 2018
MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER
RC – Kim MacLennan

*Meeting brought to order at 5:03 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance

*Moment of Silence for member, Joe Hernandez, as he lost his sister.

*Secretary Report

*Treasury Report

*Kim raised our region flag to show members that all of our rockers had been sewn on thanks to Lee Erskin.
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*The Freedom Rally is scheduled for Noon on Tuesday, June 5th, at the State Capital, Lansing. Rain or Shine. ABATE of Michigan will be celebrating six (6) years of riding with a “FREEDOM of Choice.” Are you concerned about motorcycle insurance, motorcycle only checkpoints, riders education and awareness, keeping your helmet choice option or ANY Motorcycle Issues then PLAN TO BE THERE!!! Region Riders meet at the Petticoat Junction at 10:00 am for a Ride to the Capital.

*According to Gary, RC’s can no longer request a State Report (which informs you of how many active members you have in your region). If you want to know you have to come to a Board Meeting and look individually.

*May 5th will be our Membership Drive. Tom & Mandy, Tim II and Odessa, Bubba & Bonnie volunteered to be on the committee. More details to come soon. ADDENDUM-3/8/18: This years Membership Drive will be joined with Region 21. It’s going to be the Biggest, Bestest, Baddest Membership Drive EVER!! Coney Dog Bar, Random Games, Horseshoes, and more. Purchase a 2 year Membership, receive a free Bike Ticket. Come have some fun and join the cause! It’s going to be a dig, doggiti of a good time!!

*Members decided that as an incentive, whomever sells the most bike tickets will receive \$100. Bob will keep track. As a reminder, please turn in sold tickets to Bob either at the monthly meetings, or drop by the house.

*Tim II announced that he learned at the seminar that ABATE of Michigan will give \$800 to a region to use to promote teaching motorcycle awareness. They’ll come and help get us started. Joe & Lisa, Lois, Kecia and Bonnie volunteered. Tabled until next month.

*Members discussed whether or not more Saginaw folks would come if we had a meeting closer. Tabled.

*Gary shared MRF information. Ethanal could be sold year round. Keep an eye on the pump. The infrastructure bill probably not going anywhere, need to finish spending bill. Digital drivers license – give a cop your phone at a stop? National Government Association published a road map f/sor the state – 9 times motorcycles mentioned in 36 pages. All references are for the need of mandatory helmet law. Most fatalities was cars turning left in front of motorcycles. Harley Davidson recall of the 2008 braking system. “Call to action” still requesting you to call your representatives and request them to support the Motorcycle Advisory Counsel. Gary urged members to contact our representatives regarding the reforming of No Fault insurance. Gary shared that Region 14 was the first to donate to the MRF this year.

*Discussion about the Spring Fling 6-2-18. Horseshoe Tournament after run? Reach out to Region 5 (Muskegon) for some camaraderie? Tabled.

*Discussed the June Poker Run. Need volunteers. Bob & Lois, Randy & Cindy volunteered. Tabled.

*Meeting adjourned: 6:11 p.m.

*NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2018, 5 PM, at the GHOST TOWN SALOON, Elwell, MI.

Spring is really right around the corner, *Lois*