

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

May 4, 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

- Meeting brought to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Correction to last months minutes: Kick stands up at **10:00 am** not 11:00 am for Carla Jo Gustavison's Memorial Ride and Fundraiser.
- Treasurer Report.
- Spring Fling will be held May 25th. Outcome of that event will be given at next month's meeting.
- Freedom Rally is Wednesday, June 5th, Noon at the State Capital. Meeting information will be discussed at our June 1st meeting. This is a great opportunity to let our State Representatives know how we feel about motorcycle insurance, profiling, helmet freedom of choice, education and awareness and most importantly, that we will be voting this election year!
- Awareness Report: None.
- As you should know, May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Quite a few gathered at the corner of M46 & Wright Avenue (Pipers) to advertise awareness to passing motorists. Please see pictures shared with the Michigan Rider.
- A letter was passed around to obtain signatures for the support of a Victim's Rights case in the Jackson area regarding a fatal motorcycle accident involving a man & woman. The letter urged the court to charge the hardest penalties possible to the person responsible for the death of these two motorcyclists.
- The community fundraiser that was held at the Alma Elk's Lodge for the Gratiot County Hope House raised \$11,000. What an awesome community we are a part of!
- Carla Jo's Memorial Ride and Fundraiser discussed. This event is being parternered between Region 10 and the Alma Elk's Lodge. The run will begin and end at the Lodge. Kickstands up at 10am. This event is being planned for July 20, 2019. Proceeds will be donated to the Alma Fire Department in memory of Carla Jo. Donated items are still needed for the raffle, silent and/or live auction. All donations can be given to Josh Gustavison, 989-620-1755. Committee Meetings are planned to take place at Josh's as well. Wanna be a part of the planning and coordinating? Get with Josh Gustavison. Tim feels that we have a small committee and would like to have more volunteers. Tim wants everyone to know that the proceeds WILL go to the Fire Department ONLY and NOT THE CITY! Very important that patrons are made aware of this detail. This has been questioned a lot, so please make those who care, aware!
- The Brenda Loomis Band will play at this years Poker Run, July 13th to be held at Tom/Mandy's. Looking for a good price on a pig to roast. Contact Tim III. Also, more volunteers are needed!
- September 14th is the date for the Veteran's Freedom Ride. The ride will start at the Ghost Town Saloon and end at the Pins (formerly Hardwoods) in Ithaca. The streets will be temporarily closed to allow for motorcyclists to pass through safely. The following was taken from The Morning Sun: The schedule of events is as follows:
 - Noon to 4 p.m.: Family Open Bowl;
 - 4-6:30 p.m.: Central Michigan roller derby season opener;
 - 5 p.m.: Bikers arrive from "Veterans for Freedom" ride. Anyone wanting to ride can join ABATE Region No. 10 at the Ghost Town Saloon at 6422 Pingree Rd. in Elwell. Call (989) 264-9865 for more information;
 - 5-8:30 p.m.: Biker bowling lanes one to six open, and teen bowling lanes seven to 12 open;
 - 7-9 p.m.: "The Future of Comedy" event. Adults only;
 - 8 p.m.: Beer tent opens;
 - 9-11 p.m.: "Lovers Lane Moonlight Bowl"
 - 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Live music from Detour, hosted in the beer tent; and
 - 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.: Open bowling for all.

- Although I'm told that it was a chilly ride in the 43 degree weather, 8 out of 9 banners were distributed by our Region 10 guys on Saturday, April 13th. Banners were housed at The River Rock, The Cabin Bar in Freeland, Evergreen Bar, Prairie Saloon, Brant, The Shed in Marion Springs, the Friendly Bar in Oakley and My Alibi in Gordonville. The 9th one will go with Dan in Saginaw to be placed with the Legion Riders.
- Need more tickets? Get with Bob.
- Legislation Report:
 - ✓ Vince was in court regarding transportation and distracted driving.
 - ✓ EPA and Ethanol was a topic of discussion.
 - ✓ Secretary of State must have started feeling bad because they've put out Awareness ads. Go Figure!
- MRA Report:
 - ✓ Gary explained Rep. Walbergs definitions of H.R. 255 & H.R.338
 - ✓ Call of Action – MRF still meeting with congress to discuss transportation related issues regarding motorcycles.

*Dan motioned to end the meeting; Tim II seconded.

*Meeting adjourned: 6:04 P.M.

*NEXT MEETING: June 1, 2019, Lee & Kecia's Wedding Reception 5 P.M.

Riding season is finally here! May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Be Prepared! Be Aware! Lois.