

Membership meeting minutes, Sunday, June 3rd, Paw Paw Eagles 4310, 1 P.M.

Gary G. began our meeting with the Pledge Of Allegiance. Joy followed with our treasurers report. We welcomed new member, Dave to our meeting. Thanks to John B. for working hard at bringing new people to our meetings on a regular basis.. We discussed that ABATE has decided to stop pursuing, at this point in time, the procession bill. Too many questions about how to satisfy both sides, training, permits, etc. Hopefully this is something that will be looked into in the near future. Bear was out of town, so not much info from the MRF front was shared at this meeting.

Our bill board is up!! It is located on Blue Star Highway, JUST south of The Curve Inn. We have a picture of it on our face book page, Abate of Michigan, Region 12, but it does not do it justice. It absolutely stands out as you pass it on the highway. No way anyone going through there is going to miss it. When you get the chance, check it out. I think most everyone will agree, money well spent. Hank and Linda S. own acreage on M-43, outside of Bangor. They generously offered to allow us to put our own sign up on the edge of their property. A motion was made to support the purchase of materials, and supported by the membership. We now have to find that member that has the talent to do the artwork (Melissa M.?) We are going to start looking into getting this done as quick as we can. Thank you Hank and Linda.

Our biggest money raising event of the year, the annual Poker Run, is on June 23rd. Sign up begins at 10 a.m., and 1st bike out at 11 a.m. if riding the route, but not with the group. The group will leave at noon. The cost is only \$10, which is a deal! We have some tee shirts left, that will be available for \$15 each. We have multiple mens and womens sizes available. They have been very well received and have almost sold out already. The ride begins and ends at the Paw Paw Eagles, with stops at the Strand in Sister Lakes, and Maple Grove in South Haven. Ride returns around 4:30 with food, raffles and prizes to be awarded. Cash bar. Contact Melissa Moore 269-532-9570, or myself, 616-481-3472 with any questions or would like to help out. More door prizes would definitely be welcomed. Thank you.

We will have most the details for the region 12 only fall pub crawl and picnic,, Saturday, Sept. 15th, at our July 1st meeting. This will be a fun time. I will also have more details at that time on our Christmas Party, Saturday, December 15th, at the Paw Paw Eagles. The Nicky Platinum Band has already committed to play. Cost will be \$10 with tickets sold in advance due to limited space, and to help cover our expenses before the event. All money above our expenses will be donated to the state awareness fund. Please plan on coming out and supporting this event.

Our next meet for dinner gatherings are as follows.. Thursday, June 14th, Papa Petes, in Niles on 51, Tuesday, June 26th, at Bt's Pub in Sister Lakes (a poker run sponsor), and in July, thursday, the 12th, at The Local, in Centreville, and on Tuesday, the 24th, at Buds Bar in Schoolcraft. There is no set time for arrival. Di and I will be at each somewhere between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Hope to see some of you there!

Mike H. was the meeting prize winner. He was also one of the four bike raffle ticket drawing winners, along with Kathy D., Gary G., and our newest member, Dave. Jeff M. would have won the incentive drawing had he attended. Good things happen when you attend!

Thanks to Joy and Gary for sitting out in the terrible weather running our membership booth at Gilmores this weekend. Congrats to whoever won the knife at the State Field Meet, whose name I haven't yet received, and thank you Kathy D. for volunteering to help out at the Niles Burn Run, July 20-22. Also, one other late note. We were looking at putting a 2nd bill board up on U.S. 131 near Schoolcraft, but the cost seemed to be a bit out our reach. Since our meeting, we have received an extremely generous, anonymous donation of \$300 to make this sign become a reality. I am working on the details at this moment, but it will run from approximately July 9th to August 18th. Watch our face book page and emails for follow ups. thanks to everyone for the awesome support this year Your Secre-Terry RC.