

Our region 12 July meeting was called to order by Dan Eby at 1:10 pm.
The pledge of allegiance was led by Linda Eads.

Bear gave the MRF report stating that NHSTA orders auto makers to disclose crash data involving robot vehicles. NHSTA believes gathering this info will instill confidence in the public that the feds are closely monitoring the safety of robot vehicles. On July 1st the House passed a \$715 billion highway infrastructure bill 221 to 201 (2 R's in favor no D's opposed) congress has till Sep/30 to reach a compromise to send to White House. The bill has 5 items involving motorcycles, antiprofiling (federal funds cannot be used to profile/stop motorcyclists based on mode of transportation or clothing), traffic stop data collection, motorcyclist advisory council is re-established, robot vehicles, a new working group on robot vehicles must include a motorcyclist safety group, and motorcyclists safety funds (increase safety funds to states by \$1,470,000).

Be sure to contact your state representatives, senators, congressmen and ask them to support motorcyclists rights (especially HB 4809). We have to get this done before there are more horrible stories of bikers getting screwed out of medical coverage. If you don't know who your reps are call your region RC or LO to find out. Get info on abate's website abateofmichigan.org also.

We are IN NEED of someone to TAKE OVER THE reg 12 SECRETARY POSITION!!! If you can take notes and send them in once a month please contact me (Dan Eby) thank you.

!!!SUMMERFEST!!! IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER FOLKS!!! We need more volunteers for entry/bike raffle tickets/sign sales. Workers are granted free entry & free "motorcycle/tent camping". extra fee for vehicles/camper. Contact Dan Eby or Melissa Moore to sign up!!

Our draw down raffle is august 28th! See Eric Eads, Gary Gerow, or Dan Eby for tickets. Last year was a good time and GOOD FOOD! \$30 gets you an amazing steak dinner, 2 drink tickets, and many chances to win cash prizes! Less than a dinner and drinks at a restaurant but with chances to win your money back +. Bring friends and family!

Our August meeting will be held on Sunday August 8th at 1:pm Paw Paw Eagles with a SCAVENGER HUNT (not a pack run) following. There will be prizes for filled cards at The Strand brewery in Dowagiac.

Hope to see you all there!!!

- Dan Dan