

May 2nd 2021

Our May meeting was called to order by Dan Eby at 1:19pm.

Lind Eads led the pledge of allegiance that was followed by a brief moment of silence for our fallen sister, Patty Rahn.

Dan pressed the importance of amending SB1, the auto insurance reform. He also reminded everyone of the importance of building attendance at this year's freedom rally in Lansing. Please contact your local legislators to address this issue ASAP!

Bear gave the MRF report and spoke about HR2141, which pertains to the reauthorization of the motorcycle advisory council. They are responsible for dealing with infrastructure concerning motorcycles, such as safety barriers, road design, construction, and the implementation of autonomous vehicles. The bill also sets aside seats on the 12-member board for motorcycle riders and advocates. One seat each for a national motorcyclist's foundation, association, and a manufacturing association. There is an e-mail alert about supporting this bill on the MRF website. The MRF is still communicating with the EPA about the proposed changes to labeling on the E-15 pumps.

We have a new group page on Facebook labeled: "Abate of Michigan Region 12" as another means of getting up to date information concerning our events and for member contact.

Our annual poker run is Saturday, June 5th! Sign up starts at 10AM at The Eagles rec. area in Three Rivers (see flyer) Hope to have a great turnout this year!

Summerfest is coming to Michigan! Region 12 will be working in conjunction with Region 1 of Indiana to draw membership for Michigan at the Boot Hill Ranch in Jones, Michigan from August 13th-15th this year (see flyer) Please contact Dan or Melissa if you would like to volunteer time for membership/ticket sales. Abate vendors will have free entry to the party if working the event. There will be a fee for car/RV camping. Motorcycle/tent camping has no fee for vendors. Limited electric sites! Merchandise vendors are still wanted. Contact Kris Bardo @ 574-596-7266 or KrisBardo18@gmail.com

There are 150+ acres of camping space available plus overflow at this property. This event normally draws 2,500-3,000 people each year in Indiana so let's make this year go down in the records and show them that Michigan knows how to party!

MEETING UPDATE: Due to the upcoming field meet and our annual poker run in June, our June meeting will be held on Sunday, the 6th at 11AM in Covered Bridge Farm county park- 56705 Covered Bridge rd., Three Rivers, MI 49093. It's a nice, newly constructed park across the bridge with covered seating.

Thanks for tuning in and I hope to see you all soon at our annual poker run! -Melissa (Kitty)