

April 8th, 1 p.m. Paw Paw Eagles, Lawton, Michigan

Our very well attended meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance presented by S.O.A. Tim G. Joy G. followed with the treasurers report. We had Joy send a check to the Awareness program for \$100 made on sign sales and cash donations. We also voted to donate \$100 to the state field meet fund. The legislative report and the MRF report, presented by Gary G. and Bear, respectively, mostly focused on autonomous vehicles and concerns now being discussed by legislators across the country finally, with question marks about this program in light of several recent incidences, which at least brings our concerns as motorcyclists to the forefront. Bear also expressed his concern about lackadaisical effort by our membership, and the motorcycle community as a whole, in not expressing our concerns and opinions to our legislative contacts on topics that are important to our physical and financial well being when relating to our lifestyle, driver less vehicles and the catastrophic insurance fund as two examples. I have decided to put forth a legislative contact list for region 12, posting info on our face book page, and pass it on through our email list, so everyone has this information at their fingertips. Hopefully this might help to make our stance known to our state reps and so on a little easier. Hank and Linda expressed concern about the recent influx of Amish to our counties and our roads being littered by horse droppings, making our roads that much less safe than they already are. They recently attended a "Meet The Amish" question and answer event and concern was expressed about making sure everyone was aware of the Amish' rights to the public roadways, but not too concerned about our issues. Their comment was basically "get wider fenders, and bigger windshields". Another reason we should be contacting our local legislators.

Don't forget!! Lets go Bowling, Sunday, April 22nd at 1 p.m. in Paw Paw at Rainbow Lanes. \$20 per person includes shoe rental, lane rental, pizza and soft drink at every lane we rent. AND a percentage of the money go right back to region 12.. contact Melissa Moore at mamoore121684@outlook.com with any questions.. bring your friends and family!!

We will have membership booths tentatively at the following events.. Centreville antique motorcycle swap meet, May 20th. Gilmores antique Motorcycle Show, June 9th and 10th, Delton. Niles Burn Run, Saturday, July 21st, Niles mi. Gary and Joy have generously offered their time to work ALL these events. PLEASE, if you have free time any of those weekends, especially Gilmores and The Burn Run, step up and lend them a hand. They always go above and beyond and any help would be greatly appreciated. We do have plenty of help at Centreville.. Thanks ahead of time to all those people.

Our annual poker run seems to be coming along nicely. Once again, thanks to everyone helping out, which is a lot. Should be a nice event. Saturday, June 23rd. Sign up begins at 10 a.m. with 1st bike out at 11, if riding at your own pace, group leaves at noon. Sign up at Paw Paw Eagles in Lawton, and the ride also ends there for post ride eats, prizes, and cash bar. Great day for only \$10 and supporting our organisation. Still could use door prizes, and booze bottles for the booze basket raffle. contact Melissa (see above again) or me at region12rcterry@yahoo.com. If you have a sponsor, we need that information by the May Meeting. Also tee-shirt pre orders must be in to Joy G. by the same meeting. You can call or text her at 269-998-6215. \$15 a shirt, mens and womens v-neck available.

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 15th at the Paw Paw Eagles. Details to follow.. Mark the date.. Should be a fun time. Any profits above our expenses will be donated to the awareness fund.

We have 2 new members that I am aware of this month. Rod B, I believe from Sturgis signed up as a lifetime member!! Congrats and welcome aboard! Also welcome Lee S. who not only signed up, but attended his 1st meeting!! Although it was a long way from the best meeting I ever held (by a long shot) he swears he is coming back. I think John B. was instrumental in signing these two up. Thanks for the effort John! Dan J. won the big giveaway, with John B. winning a bike raffle ticket. Yours truly won the short run poker run, and my friend Virgil had 244 reasons to attend this meeting but didn't make it! Oh, wait.. 44 reasons... still better than nothing..

RC Terry