

Hello all of you snow shovelers!

Our "wintery mix" just sucks this year. I've had to shovel off our roof 3 times to remove the "mix"! Mimi wanted to get away for the winter and hang out on a beach somewhere. I told that we'd have to come home sometime and might be facing an even bigger mess with our ice dams and such. Then we hear from you tweeners and lowers that you have no snow and are actually able to ride. You just broke all of the Yooper's hearts!

Why is it that our Rep. Beau LaFave, can't understand the consequences he inflicted upon Michigan motorcyclists by supporting S.B.1? I cannot understand his failure to comprehend the situation he put all motorcyclists in this state in. He just keeps repeating that we can buy as much insurance as we want, so there is no problem. If your bills total more than the other guy's coverage, just go on Medicare or Medicaid. Let me try to explain. HEY BEAU! WE CAN PURCHASE ALL THE FREAKING INSURANCE WE WANT! WE JUST CAN'T USE IT IF WE'RE HIT BY AN AT FAULT MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER! WE CANNOT EXCEED HIS PURCHASED MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR HIMSELF! -- BECAUSE HE'S AT FAULT AND WE'RE NOT A MOTOR VEHICLE. PLAIN ENOUGH? YOU DID THIS! YOU CREATED THIS! FIX IT! This is worse than being forced to purchase catastrophic care (MCCA) coverage for your bike and then not being able to use it under the pre-reform system. If you get hit by a car now, you'd better pray the driver isn't a cheapskate or a pauper because you're only get what they bought for themselves - not what you bought and paid for! What you bought and paid for only covers you in an accident that DOESN'T involve a motor vehicle. There's Beau's "sweetheart deal" with the insurance companies.

I've got a couple of questions for Rep. LaFave:

- 1.) Who wrote S.B.1? It sure seems like the insurance lobbyists wrote it for the insurance companies.
- 2.) Have you bothered to see what the requirements are to qualify for Medicaid benefits in Michigan? Google it.
- 3.) You're telling Michigan seniors that there is no need for them to purchase auto accident medical coverage if they are on Medicare. Are the Feds now picking up the medical bills for injured Michigan drivers and riders?
- 4.) How much are healthcare premiums, Medicaid taxes, and Medicare charges going to increase to cover your new reform program that shifts auto medical costs to them?
- 5.) Would you be a nonresident tourist in Michigan knowing that you will have to pay out of your own pocket - not your insurance company's - any bills that exceed whatever the at fault driver purchased for themselves?
- 6.) What do our amending House and Senate Bill sponsors know that you refuse to acknowledge?

Michigan motorcyclists had better do their research before they take their scooter out of the garage this Spring, Everything they own could be taken from them to cover their medical bills in the event of an accident. It's a whole new world out there and not a good one that Beau created.

We held our January meeting on the 8th due to our original date falling on the holiday. We called the meeting to Order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without change. The Treasurer's Report was given and approved as read.

Legislative Update

"We're being politely ignored in Lansing," is how one officer put it. That is probably due to inadequate contacting by us. Contact Gerry for information on who and how to contact our Senators.

Unfinished Business

- 1.) Our MRF Sustaining Membership was returned in the mail. We used their provided envelope??? More to follow
- 2.) Seminar Update. Discussion of auction items and scheduling took place.
- 3.) Senate responses regarding S.B. 528 were reported on. Senator McBroom has responded to a few of us but Senator Theis must figure that she doesn't need to respond.
- 4.) Stripper Pole Bus Run. Update and scheduling report were asked for. Chair unavailable. Saturday April 25 is the date.
- 5.) Region 4's Chili Cook Off was reported on and participation was requested.
- 6.) Pub Crawl Report. Barbie gave a report and asked for gaming volunteers. Keep Saturday, March 7, open for a good time!

New Business

- 1.) Todd and Katie from U.P. Cruising informed us about a miniature golf type of poker run that could be a great event for us. Jean is making copies and gathering info and ideas.
- 2.) A Dinner Ride Committee was debated, and we have set up Road Captain, Mike Thompson, and Mimi, to look into short organized dinner rides to favorite dinner spots an hour or so away. More to follow as info comes in and destinations and dates are found.

That's about it for this month. Contact LaFave and McBroom and let them know how you feel about being discriminated against by their insurance reform fiasco. Everybody is going to be pissed when they try to balance the savings vs. the benefit loss and cost shift scam. Be Safe! Research your coverage before you ride!! CYA!