

Mar. 3, 1 pm, Tailgaters, Marcellus

Pledge of Allegiance, Treasurer's report. Eric has the budget for the state if anyone would like to see it. Several region members attended the Pizza n Pop and said it went well. LEGISLATIVE: Gary says nothing new just the same old thing with the insurance industry. If anyone is interested in calling Jocelyn Benson, Secretary of State, to voice their opinion on the extra charge being levied on motorcycle registration that is supposed to go to the Awareness Fund but is instead funding a survey, call her at 517-335-3269.

MRF: Bear reported as follows - MRF met with AMA, motorcycle industry council & H.D. to discuss common goals about robot vehicles & safety concerns. Agreed on framework for priorities & met with staff of House Energy & Commerce Committee to discuss legislative agenda about robot vehicles. With congress being divided and both House and Senate having different agendas progress will be difficult. NTSB for 1st time has incorporated motorcycles in developing of standards for vehicle crash warning and prevention systems. NTSB's top 10 most wanted list of safety improvements is on the MRF website. Congressman Wahlberg and Burgess (Texas) consistently take the lead on motorcycle issues. Burgess has disclosed problems with NHSTA and will probably sponsor resolution on "May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month". Wahlberg is committed to introducing another anti-profiling measure. Call or email or write your reps, get replies back to Bear so they can be forwarded to MRF.

AWARENESS: Den Mother spoke about going through her grandchild's drivers education book. The only mention of motorcycles is that you have to take a test at the Secretary Of State to get your endorsement. Nothing about watching for them, how to see them, where motorcycles might be or driving defensively. Young people are being taught to drive without a mention of motorcycles and we're the ones out there on the streets getting run down. ABATE of Pennsylvania's Awareness signs are given to them by the State of Pennsylvania.

REGION EVENTS: Pub Crawl, May 11, \$15/person. HIGHWAY PICKUP: First trash pickup of 2019 will be BEFORE the Apr. 7 mtg., be at the Porter Township Hall, M40 at noon. Annual Poker Run, June 22, HANK "MAGIC" STROMEYER ANNUAL POKER RUN, shirt and flyer design was approved, committee mtg will be right after the Apr. 7 regular membership mtg. INCENTIVE would have gone to Tony S. if he had attended.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE BACK AT THE PAW PAW EAGLES, M40, LAWTON, 1pm.....highway cleanup first at noon - mtg at 1 pm - and poker run committee mtg following the membership mtg. All help is welcome and appreciated for highway cleanup and the poker run.

Respectfully submitted....PINKY