

Greetings Fellow Freedom Fighters!

Where did Summer go? Ya know as an RC, I have to try to keep peace in the Region that is comprised with staunch activists of both parties. I try to stress that in every election year the status quo can change, and power can shift to a different party. We have to deal with whichever party is currently in power, regardless if they are your first choice or not. Always look for commonality. But this year has thrown me for a loop. I cannot imagine anybody that rides a motorcycle or uses any other gasoline powered vehicle or tools, supporting the party of the Green New Deal. I cannot imagine lifelong outdoors men and women supporting folks that want to forcibly buy back (read: confiscate) semi-automatic rifles. The Dems aren't shy about their goals. They are informing you right up front. They are open about it and proud of it. Biden has told Beto that he's going to help Joe with gun control. They preach open borders and every candidate raised their hand in the primaries supporting FREE healthcare for all illegals, past, present, and future. These hand raising Bernie Bros will be future cabinet members! WTF? Even folks that were born here and paid taxes for 50 plus years that are on Medicare have to pay a monthly premium and pay out of pocket for what isn't covered. Should they renounce their citizenship to get a better deal? The ACA (Obamacare) is a joke. Without Federal subsidies, it costs a thousand a month with a 12 thousand dollar deductible! That's affordable? "You can keep your doctor and keep your plan. Period!" Remember that one?

The reason I'm ranting here is that the Green New Deal does away with all fossil fuels and air travel. I suppose until we have battery powered boats it shuts down shipping and ocean travel too. Poor Hawaii and Puerto Rico! Imagine the chaos and the jobs that are going to be lost! No flying to visit Grandkids or to go to Vegas or Florida. Once again, they're bragging that they are going to implement this plan. Harris is a supporter right along with Biden. AOC (aka Sandy Cortez) will have the cabinet post to install this misery. Every building in Amerika will have to be retrofitted with energy efficient appliances and mandatory new weatherization. No more glass and steel buildings either. I don't want a high-speed golf cart that drives itself for my primary vehicle. I was born in 1951. I'm a child of the 60s. I love the smell of burning nitro in the morning. Make 'em fast and make 'em loud. Burn the tires right off of 'em! They make more every day! I don't want my Harley to go hhhmmmmmmmmmmmmmm! Geeezuz! What is the attraction of this load of horse pucky to bikers, boaters, truckers, oil workers, miners, RV manufacturers, 4 wheelers, farmers, race car drivers, and the rest of the economy that is going to die? Think of the industries that are going the way of buggy whip makers! Are you really willing to fundamentally change Amerika because "Orange Man bad!"? Are you really willing to give up some of your guns because, "Trump Tweets lies and I'm offended".? Are you willing to see your retirement investments and 401Ks get decimated because Trump supposedly said something bad 20 years ago? Do you hate the man enough to make the personal sacrifice and bring ruin down on Amerika? Trump was not my first pick, but he has done all in his power to keep his promises. I'm just afraid Joe and Kamala will too. That ain't my America!

When corporate America has to start paying your way, they will go their way.

We opened our September meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given, and questions were answered concerning bills that came in for our poker run after our July meeting. A Legislative Update was given by the RC. We welcomed new member Bob Miller.

We moved to Unfinished Business:

- A). UPNorth Lodge Bike Night for ABATE was reported on. Bald Eagle Harley Davidson was our sponsor again and we appreciate their generosity.
- B). Return to the Rusty Rail Run was reported on. This was Chuck's project and it was a great success!
- C). Ford River Bike Nights are done, and a final tally was presented to the membership. Mimi had a great year!
- D). Kraemer's Bike Nights are also concluded. Barbie and Jean and their Crew stepped it up again this year!
- E). Remembered Riders Run was discussed, and Chuck defied the weatherman and did better than ever!
- F). Region 4's 911 Remembrance Run was discussed, and plans were made.
- G). Wally Shattuck's passing was announced and our participation in a fundraiser for him was discussed.

New Business

- a). The Sept. 29, Insurance Rally in Lansing was discussed. Volunteers are needed to attend.
- b). Our printer took a poop. Bob M. donated one to us until a new poster printer can be researched and info presented at October meeting.
- c). Cash disbursement will be voted on next month after receiving poster printer estimates and info.

I'd like to personally thank all of Region 17's members who supported our efforts to raise funds to keep all Michigan motorcyclists safe and secure. A special thanks to those who actually ran the events and the fundraisers. Thank you for your support all of these years.

And a special "Farewell" to Wally Shattuck. He was a great supporter of 17's events and a great RC. He was a voice of reason on the Board and was always the first to try to help with any problem that ABATE had. I can't remember how many years ago I met Wally, but in reflecting on our friendship, I can honestly say that I never heard him say a bad word about anybody, and more importantly, I never heard a bad word said about him. That is quite an accomplishment considering the posts that he held. Godspeed and ride easy, my friend.