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I haven't received any feedback as to when and where we should hold a meeting, so what I am going to do is have a meet and greet on April 6 at 4 pm at Fireside Grill in Lansing. The Fireside has good food and drink and with a little luck it will be a good day for a ride.

Dates to remember: PigFest will be April 12, 13th at the the Ramada on W. Saginaw in Lansing, Region 9 will have a table for information, sign up forms, and of course Harley Ultra raffle tickets.

June 5th is the Freedom Rally at the State Capital in Lansing

June 7,8,9th is the 42nd ABATE of Michigan Field Meet.

9/11 Remembrance Run, party, and Harley raffle drawing is September 6th- 8th in Wolverine Mi.

ABATE regions have events happening all around the state all year, for more information check the Michigan rider, ABATE's newsletter or go [www.abateofmichigan.org](http://www.abateofmichigan.org).

On the legislative front there is a bill to take away no fault insurance, if made law it MIGHT save you a few dollars, but in case of an accident it could cost you Hundreds of thousands.

ABATE is also working on higher penalties for distracted drivers. I just saw a news report of a guy that got 17 years for killing a biker and his passenger when he was drunk, he had been busted twice before for drunk driving. Shouldn't distracted driving, that studies have shown to be as bad as drunk driving, be treated the same way?

Tiffany and Rocky from the MRF had a set down with Michael Fox, a Highway accident investigator and Eric Emery, chief of the safety research division. They talked about what could done to make motorcycling safer. Eric asked what the MRF's concern is for the future, he was told that autonomous vehicle technology be able to recognize motorcycles. The MRF continue to work on a bipartisan bill to stop profiling of bikers. Eight days till the first day of spring, hang in there.

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