

Region 12- March 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

Our meeting was called to order by Dan Eby at 1:00pm.

Linda Eads led the pledge of allegiance.

Bear shared his MRF report stating that Pete Buttigieg will play an important role in President Biden's campaign promise of the 4-trillion-dollar plan to rebuild our infrastructure. Congress faces a September deadline to reauthorize funding for highways, transit, rail, and safety programs. Both parties point to spending more on infrastructure as a way to stimulate the economy.

The profiling bill H.R. 255 is dead as the house and senate start over again. The house motorcycle caucus has plans to introduce new legislation in 2021 hopefully, this time the house will do what the senate did in 2018 and go on record to end motorcyclist profiling!

The EPA has proposed changes to the fuel pump labeling concerning E15. The changes could remove the attention striping, caution language, or remove the labeling entirely. There are no motorcycles currently able to use this fuel without voiding manufacturer warranties and causing engine damage to your motorcycle.

Some dates to keep in mind: The meeting of the minds 2021 will be held on 9/23/21-9/26/21 in Atlanta and Bikers in the beltway which will be held on 5/18/21. Visit the MRF website for more information on these events.

Pizza and pop in Lansing will be on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Meet your reps and let them know what we stand for! If we want our reps to back us on all of these important issues that we are facing as riders, we need to let them know how these issues are affecting us!

The freedom rally is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please do whatever you can to build our numbers this year! Bring your friend, brother, sister, grandma!! Talk to them about HB 5013 and what the changes to auto insurance in Michigan could mean for you if you are hit on your motorcycle! Go to [AbateofMichigan.org](http://AbateofMichigan.org) and find it under legislative reports so that they can read it. I was hit on my motorcycle last year in June, right before motorists had the ability to lower or opt out of unlimited coverage in the event of an accident with a motorcyclist. That allows them to lower their monthly premium so of course it is appealing for them to drop the coverage that we would need. I have required a lot of treatments and surgery that I may not have had access to coverage for even though I have full coverage on myself because with this insurance reform, I wouldn't have been able to use my own insurance coverage as I am now bound by whatever insurance coverages that THEY choose! And so are YOU!! Explain to them that HB 5013 is direct discrimination against motorcyclists, as the fate of being bound to the other motorist's insurance ONLY applies to motorcyclists. The turnout of the freedom rally last year was more of a whisper than a roar and in order to really make changes, we need to be taken seriously and a small gathering of bikers at the capital isn't getting the attention that we need to make big changes this year. I hope to see you all there on June 2<sup>nd</sup>! For those wishing to ride as a group from the region 12 area, we will be meeting at the Oasis restaurant for

breakfast at 8am and leaving by 9am to meet up with a larger group in Charlotte to travel to Lansing together.

A discussion was held to change our region's monthly meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. A majority agreed to try it for the rest of the year. Our meetings will continue to be held at the Paw Paw Eagles at 1pm.

Starting in the month of April, they will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday unless otherwise noted to accommodate for holidays, etc. (The May meeting will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to Mother's day.)

Starting next month, we will continue our short-run poker runs after our meetings. If you have any destination suggestions in our area, give me a shout! See you next month! -

Melissa (Kitty)