

Region 11 Meeting 4-25-2018 • Meeting called to order at 7:11pm • The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Twisted Sins • Treasury report read by Patty; • T-shirts for sale \$10.00 small to 2XX • Legislative Report read by Alice; Legislative Days left; June 5th (most important) which is the date of this year's Freedom Rally. This is an election year, so very important to show up in big numbers to show legislature we're not going away. ABATE Bills Not Yet Passed; ▪ HB4480/SB568 -- Handlebar height bills; hearing in house committee on SB568 was scheduled for April 24, 2018. As of this date, no additional information on what the committee decided is available. ▪ HB4466 – Distracted Driving, & HB4997 – Eliminate ORV helmet mandate is both dead bills. There will be no action on these before the end of session. ▪ HB4919 – Motorcycle Procession bill; Abate has decided NOT to push this bill any longer. Added safety requirements (attend classes, be certified, etc.) for individuals acting as road crew for such runs, makes sure the bill too complicated to pursue farther. ▪ Per Jim Rhoades, after meeting with legislators on insurance bills, it was decided the bills are not going to be dealt with by anyone during the remaining term of this legislature. Too many folks up for re-election do not want to cast a vote that might be constructed as "not caring" for catastrophically injured individuals. ABATE was assured no action would happen on the no-fault repeal bills even during lame duck. Chuck K. spoke with our state Senator, Steve Beida, and Rep. Beida pretty much confirmed what Jim was saying. ▪ Don't forget, to get the most information about Region 11 candidates, think about attending a fundraiser. Our region has authorized cash reimbursements for members to attend those fundraisers. So, if you receive an invite, and are willing to go, let us know and we will arrange to reimburse you for the fundraiser entry fee. State/Federal laws prohibit a check coming directly from ABATE of Michigan; all checks must be from individuals, so that is why we cannot pay in advance for your attendance. New Legislation of Interest: House Bill 5815: Require state to post pothole updates Introduced by Rep. Linda Love (D) on April 17, 2018 To require the state department of transportation to publish and update weekly a website with the location of reported potholes state trunkline highways. Sent to House of Transportation & Infrastructure committee. House Bill 5816: Increase government liability for pothole damage Introduced by Rep. Patrick Green (D) on April 17, 2018 To revise a law that makes government agencies liable for damage cause to vehicles by road defects that they knew or should have known exist. The bill would establish that for potholes, government liability kicks-in seven days after the pothole became "readily apparent to an ordinarily observant person." In other words, the bill creates a presumption that the hole should have been filled in the time Sent to House of Transportation & Infrastructure committee. • Next COC meeting is at Scorpions on June 1st at 8pm • Bowling Update (Tiny); there were no complaints about the choice of the bowling alley. We should keep baskets to raffle off. Thanks for all the people that showed up to help support us this year, and a special thank you for all the volunteers. Next year bowling will be March 31, 2019. • Summer Tour Update (Cowboy); everything is running smoothly. The party will be September 16th . • Membership Drive; we would like to have where if you buy a bike, you get a one-year membership, the dealerships will fill out the form for them. Cowboy can pick up the forms monthly. • Horseshoes will be May 20th at Adair Bar. • Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm