

## ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

November 6, 2019

LEGISLATIVE REPORT –We signed letters to our state Senators and to Lana Theis (Chair of Insurance and Banking Committee) to urge them to support SB0528. This bill corrects an unintended consequence of S.B.1 which discriminates against motorcyclists and severely limits medical payments in the event of a traffic injury. If a motorcyclist is involved in an accident with a motor vehicle, the motorcyclist is only eligible for whatever benefits the "at fault" driver purchased for themselves, not for what the motorcyclist purchased to protect himself and his passenger. No other class of operators is limited by another's decision and S.B. 528 corrects this gross error.

We are looking for a sponsor to introduce a similar bill in the House.

Vince Consiglio was at the meeting and gave further details on SB 528 and on other happenings in Michigan.

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Pete gave us an update

AMA/MRF: The bi-partisan RPM Act would ensure that converting motor vehicles into competition-only vehicles remains legal. Street motorcycles are considered motor vehicles under the federal Clean Air Act. The RPM Act states that it was the clear intent of Congress when passing and amending the Clean Air Act that motor vehicles, including motorcycles, used solely for competition would be exempt from the Clean Air Act's prohibitions against modifying emission control devices.

STATE SEMINAR: Bill and Sandy are putting together a basket of VHS biker-even tapes to raffle off. Some people brought items at the meeting; you can still please bring your items to the December party.

Legislative Officer for Region 19 is open. Please think about volunteering; don't worry, we will help you!!

We will have our annual Christmas Party Dec 6 at CJ's Upper Deck at 6 PM. This will be in place of our Dec 3 meeting.

This was my last meeting as RC. I want to thank everyone who helped out over the last ~ 15 years. I am looking forward to helping Pete as our new RC; he has a lot of great ideas and is motivated with great drive. I know he'll do well, please support him in his new role.

Minutes by Vince