

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

April 6, 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

- Meeting brought to order at 5:04 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Tim announced a change in location for Carla Jo Gustavison Memorial Ride and Fundraiser. This event is being parternered between Region 10 and the Alma Elk's Lodge. The run will begin and end at the Lodge. Kickstands up at 11am. This event is being planned for July 20, 2019. Proceeds will be donated to the Alma Fire Department in memory of Carla Jo. Donated items are needed for the raffle, silent and/or live auction. Members of the Double Wide Ride Band have donated their time for this event and the Gratiot Herald has donated free ad spots. Dan, from "Saginaw," donated an awesome fire ring. All donations can be given to Josh Gustavison, 989-620-1755. Committee Meetings are planned to take place at Josh's as well. Wanna be a part of the planning and coordinating? Get with Josh Gustavison. Tim feels that we have a small committee and would like to have more volunteers. The following are current volunteers: Tim/Odessa, Bubba/Bonnie, Josh/Melissa, John/Cheryl, Duane/Jaime. More details to come.
- Products – Members voted to have a monetary bank for Keisha to use when purchasing products for our Region. Keisha shared that she has been having some struggles with ordering products. This will be one of the discussions at the board meeting on 4/7. We're apparently not the only region experiencing struggles. Products can be viewed at www.abateofmichigan.org/products.
- Tim welcomed our new members.
- May is Motorcycle Awareness month and regions are once again being asked to promote awareness by standing at designated spots on May 4th between 1pm-3pm. Members from Region 10 Gratiot County will be located in Alma at Piper's which is near the traffic light on the South-East corner of M-46 and Alger Road.
- Region 21 would like to sponsor and challenge Region 10 to a Horseshoe Tournament, BOB! ☺ Location and more details TBD and tabled.
- Region 10 Banners arrived and were distributed to those who purchased individually with six banners remaining that will be distributed to establishments frequented by Region 10 between Saginaw and the bridge to help promote awareness. Some of our R10 men plan to distribute Saturday, April 13, 2019. Tim will announce where these banners were housed at our next meeting.
- Mandy announced that there hasn't been a lot signed up or donated for the Hope House Fundraiser that is being held at the Alma Elk's Lodge on April 12, 2019. A Spaghetti Dinner is planned April 12, 2019 at 6pm at the Alma Elk's Lodge. Gary won the 50/50 drawing AGAIN and donated it all to the Hope House Fundraiser. Hope you came and showed your support! Mandy will update us at next months meeting.
- Harley Ticket Raffle. Get with Bob Shock for turning in sold tickets and for obtaining tickets to sell, call 989-601-0694 & leave Bob a message, (he won't answer unknown numbers, so leave your name & number and he'll return your call). A certain person in our region is still selling tickets like wild fire! Please step up and help sell these tickets for a chance to win a 2019 Harley Davidson Ultra Limited. \$10 a ticket. Drawing will take place in September 7, 2019 in Wolverine, MI at 8pm. Need not be present to win.
- Deb reminded members that she is still in need of t-shirts to make that quilt for our July Poker Run. She needs them by the end of April.
- Freedom Rally is scheduled for June 5, 2019 at noon on the State Capital lawn. Come celebrate YOUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE. Ride to Lansing and let them hear your voice and feel your presence! Meeting spots TBD.
- Poker Run planned for July 13, 2019 and will be held at Tom/Mandy's. More details TBD.

➤ Legislation/MRF report:

- ✓ H. RES. 255 - Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling, This profiling bill was introduced March 26, 2019 by Representative for Michigan's 7th congressional district, **Tim Walberg**. "Michigan has a strong and vibrant riding community, myself included, that use motorcycles as a source of recreation and transportation," **said Rep. Walberg**. "Making sure riders are free from profiling coincides with motorcyclists' appreciation for our law enforcement community. I'm proud to work with Rep. Burgess on this effort to foster a greater understanding of the issue of motorcycle profiling and ensure our roads and highways are safe for all to enjoy."
- ✓ Call of Action – MRF meeting with congressmen in April to discuss transportation related issues regarding motorcycles.
- ✓ House Motorcycle Caucus updated its website and added MRF to the list of related organizations proving MRF is raising our profile in DC.
- ✓ Some Senators are mad for the SOS using our motorcycle awareness monies.
- ✓ Our license fees will be raised by \$2.
- ✓ Fundraiser Ideas – Businesses donating \$100 – Tim is going to go to Region 11 to learn more about this idea...tabled.
- ✓ ABATE versus MCCA/No-Fault

*Meeting adjourned: 6:12 P.M.

*NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2019, Ghost Town Saloon, Elwell, 5 P.M.

Riding season is finally here! Yahoo! May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Be Prepared! Be Aware!