

Hello Region !

Our October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 1pm.

The pledge was recited. Treasurer Report and MRF Report were given by Jerry Soto.

Our meeting was well attended. Thank you all for coming to the meeting. The chili contest was won by Lorna Meier, congrats. There was 6 pots of chili and very hard to choose one. Thank you to all who brought chili.

December 9th. is our Christmas Party, this year we will be doing something different, bring a gift get a gift. The price is \$10-\$20 gifts, you can buy for a women or a man or something in general that anyone would enjoy. Please write on the gift, women or man. and general. We will need side dishes and please let Beatrice Malleck her cell phone # is 989-493-9004, let her know what your bringing so we don't have to many of the same dishes.

January Seminar, make your reservations now, please mention ABATE when you call.

Just a friendly reminder: If you are going to the Seminar Awards Banquet in January, you can make your reservations now. The Seminar will be held January 19th, 20th, & 21st, 2018 at the RAMADA Lansing Hotel & Conference Center located at 7501 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. Phone (517) 627-3211.

We had 3 new members sign up at this meeting. Welcome to ABATE and giving a shit.

Thank you to all who donated to Toys for Tots/Coats for Kids.

#### **November's Legislative Report by Jeremy "Lil Ice Man" Bouvrette**

-HB-4306 (Tedder) & SB-575 (Casperson): Motorcycle plate fee increase passed and is now LAW. SB-575 pushes out the "take effect" date to Jan. 2018 for one part and February 2019 for another part. We have a serious problem with this but the state's computers are so obsolete that we're stuck. We are working with Sen. Casperson's office to resolve this situation, will update the region as soon as I get word.

-HB-4480 (Hammoud) & SB-568 (Jones): Handlebar height limit is raised from 15" to 30". This aligns with surrounding state's standards. Call Jason Wentworth (R), Gary Glenn (R), Roger Hauck (R) for 6 and ask them to call and co-sponsor SB-568.

-HB-4919 (Barrett): Motorcycle parade/procession bill legalizes this for motorcycles so cars cannot interfere. Get Jason Wentworth (R), Gary Glenn (R), Roger Hauck (R) for 6 and ask them to call Barrett and co-sponsor HB-4919.

-HB-4466 (Howrylak): Makes it illegal to use phones while driving "for all vehicles" unless it's a "hands free" device... While moving AND at stop light/signs. Call Jason Wentworth (R), Gary Glenn (R), Roger Hauck (R) for 6 and ask them to call to support this.

-HB-4997 (Noble): Helmet modification bill to allow ATV users 18 and older helmet use choice option.

Other items we are working on include the formation of a private sector motorcycle advisory board

similar to the snow mobile advisory board which will be empowered to review motorcycle related issues and legislation. If you have any questions or ideas, please let me know and I will bring it up. Jim Rhodes spoke with Marty and Tom Casperson and one of Tom's constituents about removing helmet requirements for ATV's. People can't legally plow snow using their ATV on private property without a helmet on! Jim spoke with Rep. Noble's office about HB-4997 and let him know that we support this bill.

We still need input on items for our presentation at the State Seminar.... And we will talk more at meetings and will report upon future information.

I brought up to the Officers about a couple ideas that I had, 1. Dealing with Motorcycle/Deer crashes and what we maybe could do or bring up to bring some light to this issue. I talked to Jim Rhodes as to whom to ask or bring this up to with the DNR or such. I will be keeping you up on this. 2. This insurance reform that the speaker of the Speaker Tom Leonard said.... "Michigan drivers would no longer be required to buy unlimited medical insurance benefits to cover their injuries in case they were seriously injured in a crash under legislation aimed at lowering the state's high auto premiums by between 20 percent and 50 percent. The plan unveiled September 26th would let motorists stick with unlimited coverage or instead buy either \$250,000 or \$500,000 of coverage.

Auto insurers would be required to cut rates for people selecting \$250,000 in coverage." The Dewitt lawmaker added that it will give residents options that can reduce their costs.." We can already do this on our own! We don't need a cap for everyone who may need that coverage as we all already know that if we get in a bad accident, we are in an "Incapacitated accident". Speaker Leonard then stated... "The measure would subject auto insurers to a fee schedule for health services, similarly to how health insurers' reimbursements to providers are lower for medicare patients." Again, also something I am against and will be keeping up with.

We will/had have a "Legislative Day" at the capitol on Wednesday Oct. 18, at 9:00 a.m. We talked about this at October meeting about me attending and I will update my report about this for the next Rider. For another month, Happy Thanksgiving, I'm Out!

Our Meeting closed at 2:15pm

Heidi Barnard