

Region 3, 2020 September Meeting Report

RC: Wally Shattuck

Dave C. called the meeting to order.

Pledge Of Allegiance and a moment of silence by Dave C.

Minutes read by Mark. Motion to accept by Dave C, second by Woody. Motion carried.

No Treasurers report. Dave C is on the account now and a signer as well.

Legislation.... Sept 24-27 There is a meeting of the minds in Indianapolis. There are great speakers and a lot to learn. Dave and Bea will be going so make your reservations and join them there. The Senate Bill and House bill are still out there but it's a lame duck right now. Bill 528 puts our insurance first instead of the others. Send letters to our reps and senators regarding this bill and how we need this to pass. There are sample letters online or contact Dave M and he will assist you. The Freedom Rally is Tuesday, Sept 29th. Meet at the Shell station in Kalkaska with a roll out at 0700 hrs. If bad weather is in the forcast a decision will be made the day before if drivers are needed.

Our 2020 bike raffle will be held in Wolverine the weekend on Sept 11th. Good luck to all those who purchased tickets.

We can use the Abate logo on our shirts as before, but we must purchase any patches from the state. With that being said let's let started on our shirt designs. Mark will see that we get 2-part forms made up for vendor receipts.

Dave M stated that there is some discussion regarding leaving the campground. He mentioned that he found a Rustic camp for \$1000 for the weekend. This will be reviewed as well as looking at other options if needed.

There was some discussion regarding moving all our ABATE property to storage for the winter. There will be a work bee on October 10, 2020 at 1300 hrs at the Shattuck residence. We will be moving the stage and trailers as well as equipment to the Berg residence for winter storage. Patty will get with John P regarding his belongings in the trailers before he leaves for the winter. Woody will handle getting the games from the bowling alley in Bellaire.

There will be a road clean up on Wednesday Sept 23rd at 1800 hrs. We will meet at the Spirit gas station on 131 and Plum Valley Rd.

We need to work on getting new members, A suggestion was made to have a gathering for families. Ann Marie, Gina and Gina will work on this for the future.

We need to ride more as a group. Find a place that you want to ride to, invite others and go. There will be a dinner ride on Sept 16th. Meet at the Village Market in Rapid City at 1830hrs.

Dave and Bea will host the October 6th meeting. They will serve grilled cheese with everyone else bringing chili for a cook off. This will be at 1900hrs.

Karen made a motion to purchase more signs and signposts for awareness. Second by Ann Marie/Mark. Motion carried. It was discussed to put more signs up and to start getting with Kalkaska county for their approval.

Discussion was made regarding future bike nights. Several suggestions were made, and research will be done and brought back at a future meeting.

Woody made a motion to purchase memory ribbons for Wally. There were questions regarding how much, where were they worn or placed, as there was writing on both sides. It was decided to table this until more information could be brought back to the group. Another motion was made to have patches made. This was also tabled until a price and drawing were finalized.

As everyone has probably heard by now that our "Wally" has passed on. He gave everything that he had to fight the battle.

There will be a memorial on September 12th in Otsego where he was a young lad and family still resides.

On September 19th Wally will get his final ride. Meet at the Alba Sportsmans Club at 1100 hrs. Kickstands up at 11:30. Cars will follow behind. He will ride to the American Legion in Fife Lake for a final memorial service.

Trisha had a big heartfelt thank you to everyone for supporting them.

Thanks for everything Wally! Ride with the Angels!

THE LAST RIDE

I stood and I watched as my Brother rode by, It wasn't the way it should be

He rode not his bike, but in a long black cage and he rode by himself not with me

But I shed not a tear for this Brother of mine for he lived free and loved his lifestyle

So, ride on my Brother and rest in peace till we meet again after while

And when my time comes to take that last ride, you can bet it'll be with a smile

Cause I love to ride and I'll be going home so I'll enjoy it to the very last mile.