

ABATE REGION 19 MEETING

April 2, 2019

NEW MEETING TIME!! 7 PM Still CJ's Upper Deck

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Vince Fabis told us there are 18 bills about insurance reform. He also told us about HB4181 and HB 4199 that would increase penalties for texting and driving. We also discussed the proposed gasoline tax hike: the money should go directly into the transportation fund but Vince reminded us that they told us that back in 2015 but all the \$\$ were transferred to the general fund.

The Freedom Rally will be June 5.

Pete attended a hearing about E15 where Vince Consiglio testified. Pete gave us a good update about the debate.

There are two bills to vote in a State Butterfly, one in the House and one in the Senate.

Vince P. contacted Representative Matt Maddock on HB 4424 which would establish a flat vehicle registration tax for older vehicles. Rep Maddock responded right away and will support the bill.

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Pete gave us an update of our status.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH – Pete brought up the Proclamations that cities and townships will do for us. Pete submitted requests at Huntington Woods, Berkeley, Troy, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

May is only a couple of months away! We will be having two Awareness Spots on May 4 which is the ABATE State Awareness Day. One will be Saturday May 4 from noon – 2 PM at the SW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward; the other will be at the Shark's Club on M59 from 9 – 2 on Sunday May 5.

MRF: Hippy Bill brought up that the MRF will be increasing its membership fee by \$5; renew now!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

We discussed doing a First Responder meeting sometime in July/August, potentially in conjunction with Region 14. We did this some years back at the VFW in Milford (located midway between Region 19 and 14) and attendance was good. Vince F. will see if he has any contacts that could help. Pam will check another facility in Milford to see what they would charge.

Minutes by Vince