

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

August 3, 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

- Meeting brought to order 5:02 p.m. by Area Coordinator (AC), Bob Shock, (our RC was in South Dakota with family & friends). 18 members in house!
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- No Treasurer Report, (our Treasurer is also in South Dakota).
- Bob discussed the motorcycle tickets. If you have tickets not turned in PLEASE return sold/unsold tickets to Bob asap!
- No Legislative Report.
- AC announced canoeing over Labor Day down the Muskegon River as requested by RC who will update at our September meeting, (wow, where'd summer go!).
- Highlights of the Poker Run was discussed. Awesome job committee members!
- Highlights of Carla Jo's Memorial Ride was discussed. Phenomenal job committee members! Biggest Community Event ever!
- Still asking for things to do this winter. A couple ideas were given: Gangster Themed Party, Going sledding. I just remembered an event we did in the past, baseball! We played against Region 21. That was fun.
- AC announced that an Awareness Coordinator is needed as Kim is no longer able to fulfill that duty. The Legislative Coordinator is also needed as Gary is no longer able to fulfill that duty. If you'd like more information or if you're interested, contact our RC.
- 50/50 won by Mike VanHeck and donated back. You ROCK, Mike!
- ABATE's lawyer, Dondi, will be coming to talk about the Insurance Reform. Date TBD.
- Members voted to move the Color Tour date (TBD, maybe early September?) due to having a Benefit for Bernie to help with medical bills for his recent accident he endured. The benefit will be October 12, 2019 and the MOB will partner with Region 10 for this event. More information to come.
- AC announced that we will be having a Halloween Party on October 26, 2019. Tabled for more discussion.
- September 14th is the date for the Veteran's Freedom Ride. The ride will start at the Ghost Town Saloon and end at the Pins (formerly Hardwoods) in Ithaca.
- Horseshoes are also being planned for September. Exact date and Region TBD.
- REMINDER: ABATE of Michigan's Seminar 2020, save the date: January 17th - 19th, will be held in Saginaw at the Four Points by Sheraton Saginaw, 4960 Towne Centre Road, Saginaw, MI 48604. Price is \$89 per night. Book online: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1559145888247&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or Call 888-236-2427 or 989-790-5050, ASK FOR ABATE GROUP BLOCK. Book early, limited number of rooms available.

*Meeting adjourned: 5:29 P.M.

*NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2019. Only a couple more months of riding season left here in our great state of Michigan. Unbelievable huh? Remember, Always Be Prepared! Stay Aware! Your Secretary, Lois.