

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

July 6, 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

- Meeting brought to order 5:04 p.m..
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Tim II announced that, Gary, requested to step down from his position of Treasurer and Legislative role. Tim II asked members for their opinion of having Bonnie take over the position for Treasurer. Members voted with a show of hands in favor of Bonnie moving into that position. Duwayne enquired as to what the requirements were for the Legislative position. Gary stated that it required attending one Wednesday meeting a month in Lansing, meeting with politicians, and reporting back to the region once a month. If you think you might be interested in committing to this position, please get with Tim and/or Gary.
- Treasurer Report.
- Shirts were available for Carla Jo's Memorial Ride and Fundraiser that will have taken place by the time your reading this. Update to be given at the August meeting.
- Shirts were also available for the July Poker Run that will have also taken place by the time your reading this. Update to be given at the August meeting.
- Legislative Report. Motorcycles are really getting screwed with the new PIP (Personal Injury Protection) insurance situation that was not open for public opinion and decided by only the insurance companies who blackmail the younger politicians into thinking about possible profit cuts, then they threaten payout cuts leaving Governor Whitmore with no choice but to sign it. If you happen to get into an accident with somebody who only has \$50,000 in coverage, that's it. That's all you get. No more. Honestly, the best bet would be to get into an accident with somebody who doesn't have insurance, so then your own insurance company would have to pay out in full. This new PIP is apparently locked in for the next 8-years...and then what!? SMH! So, please contact your wonderful state representatives and let them know just how tired you are of getting the shaft just because your a motorcycle rider.
- Still got tickets? Please either get them sold or plan to bring them to the August 3rd meeting. Tickets must be returned no later than the August 3rd meeting. Can't make it to that meeting? Please get your tickets and/or money to Bob, or someone whose going to the meeting to turn them in for you.
- 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. The streets will be temporarily closed to allow for motorcyclists to pass through safely. The following was taken from The Morning Sun: The schedule of events is as follows:
 - Noon to 4 p.m.: Family Open Bowl;
 - 4-6:30 p.m.: Central Michigan roller derby season opener;
 - 5 p.m.: Bikers arrive from "Veterans for Freedom" ride. Anyone wanting to ride can join ABATE Region No. 10 at the Ghost Town Saloon at 6422 Pingree Rd. in Elwell. Call (989) 264-9865 for more information;
 - 5-8:30 p.m.: Biker bowling lanes one to six open, and teen bowling lanes seven to 12 open;
 - 7-9 p.m.: "The Future of Comedy" event. Adults only;
 - 8 p.m.: Beer tent opens;
 - 9-11 p.m.: "Lovers Lane Moonlight Bowl"
 - 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. - Live music from Detour, hosted in the beer tent; and
 - 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. - Open bowling for all.
- Horseshoes are also being planned for September. Exact date and Region TBD.
- Tim asked members to be thinking about different things we can do during this winter season.
- ABATE 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: 6:04 P.M.

*NEXT MEETING: June 1, 2019, Lee & Kecia's Wedding Reception 5 P.M.

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