

Region 6  
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Hello from Region 6

We have had a short summer but tried to make the best of it with a campout at Ralph and Gail's home. They opened their property to all of us and did we have a blast? why yes we did Camping, food galore and a huge fire to enjoy. We had approximately 38 people there so it was a good showing. Rick Lawrence as usual put together a nice run for everyone that wanted to go. Thank you to all that came, thank you to all that brought food, thank you to all that brought silent auction stuff (Sue a brand new member brought so many baskets to donate) We had a little rain but Ralph's barn held us all and we stayed pretty dry. So again thank you for coming out and enjoying our company. Let's double the participation next year.

The seminar is well on its way. New place so new rules but as long as we are together that's what counts. If you have ideas for breakout sessions let me know and I will tell the committee Rooms need to be booked. It's not far from us as it's in Saginaw. Look in the rider for info or give me a call

The insurance debate is in full swing. Dondi is all over the state explaining what is going on. It's a scary time for motorcycles my friends so find a region that Dondi is speaking at and attend. Region 10 and region 6 are trying to get a meeting in November to have both Dondi and Jim Rhodes come and be guest speakers. I would really like to have a question/answer time so we can get some issues discussed. Get on Abate of Michigan site read your rider so that you can come and have good questions. By that I mean I realize that we have concerns and we want things solved but the board is working hard on this. They are not sitting back and letting it happen.

By the time this comes out the bike should be awarded to a lucky winner. Can I say I would love it to be from Region 6 ( or maybe region 18 as I miss them all) well of course I can. I'm very proud of my region for selling and returning their tickets so I could get them back to Patti. You all rock and in true fashion you all gave a shit.

Jeremy is still working hard to keep us informed by having a chat line for officers on what's going on. I'm hoping anyone that would like to join that site would get ahold of myself or Jeremy. Some might ask why. Well instead of having one meeting a month you can stay informed on a timely basis. Sometime by the time we have a meeting what we need to know and do is past the time to do it. So let's communicate!!!

Randy has done an awesome job of attending bike nights and getting the word out in our region. Thank you sir. Hoping next year to have more locations. If you know of any let us know. I'm also going to look into the fairs in the area and a few none biker venues to set up a tent and get the word out. The ice cream stand on 30 has invited us to hang out and promote Abate. I myself think cool we can do that. It's a busy road and what better way to have a great time then with a

scoop or two of your favorite flavors.

If anyone can hook me up with drivers training classes let me know. We need to get started on awareness classes to get our young adults to look twice save a life.

Joan Lawrence is now our treasure. She is so awesome for taking this hard job over. People that know me know I need all the help I can get doing math!!! Thank you Joan. Everyone that sees Rick and Joan at all the events give them a hug for all they do for Abate. We have some of the best members in the state.

Our meeting for September will be September 15 due to the 9/11 weekend. Hope you all had a blast!!

I want to close by saying that this region has accepted me with open arms. They have given me support they have given me time they have given me respect. They have even taught me how to say the names of places and roads. I'm learning every day. So come join us at a meeting or event. We will welcome you with what we have to offer a friend and member!!!!