

## February Minutes 2018

Hi all! Well, the meeting was short and to the point, Shelby, Gray and myself were the only ones who showed up. Yeah, the weather wasn't the greatest and it was Super bowl Sunday, but I sure wasn't going to call off the meeting. Think back and tell me how many times did Butch ever cancel a meeting? None that I can EVER remember! By the time you get this, the Triathlon Challenge will be over with. So, lets focus on the MRF Fund night/ Spaghetti Dinner on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Farmers Tavern in beautiful downtown Ruth Michigan!! We will need some desserts and some auction items for this day. If you can't do that, how about just coming out for a \$10 all-u-can-eat spaghetti dinner, dessert included! ALL proceeds will be going to the MRF to help protect your rights to ride your motorcycle the way you want, with the accessories you want, dressed like you want! Yes, the do-gooders even want to tell you what to wear AND what color!! Wouldn't you look fabulous in that bright fluorescent green or orange outfit? Did you know that the EPA wanted to get a law passed that you couldn't super-tune your motor OR exhaust? How about profiling? Ever get stopped because you were riding a motorcycle and LOOKED like someone they needed to stop? It's happened to me and a few others I know, too. MRF is against profiling as well and we need to support them!! Oh, and did I mention that there's even a few in DC that still want a NATIONAL helmet law? So please help in any way you can on this event!! Remember the date, March 10<sup>th</sup>, starts at 3PM.

The March and April meetings are still at Lucky Thumb and don't forget the Dillinger Ride meetings are at 3 o'clock, regular meeting at 4. Also, the April meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> due to Easter Sunday!

One last thing that I'd like to say. I've been to many different states on my motorcycle and while driving truck. Many times, I've had discussions with people from other countries about life in the US versus their home countries and it just amazes me how many people take things for granted! I mean the freedoms we have, the personal rights that we all have. The ability to go where we can, live where we want, work where we want, even eat what we want. I keep wondering how many people are willing to give up their freedoms and rights? How many people think "OH, that'll never happen here"! Yes, it can happen here! They keep chipping away at your rights, little by little, bit by bit. You as an ABATE member, are you going to sit and watch it happen or are you going to go to the meetings and events? Are you going to help support your organization who fights for your rights and freedoms? Support your regions, support other regions, any way you can.

Hope to see you at a meeting or one of the events this year!

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