

## ABATE Region 20 July 2017 Newsletter

Hello again!! Nice to see everyone tuning in!

Shiawassee, no meeting. At Genesee, Guests from Whaley's Children's Center: Sam Roth and Dawn Weisner. Whaley had a request to see if we could help them with raffling off a brand new Harley Davidson Jukebox and a Harley Davidson bandana quilt. We offered them lots of ideas and offered a spot at our table at Bikes on the Bricks. They are working with Fox. Looking to raise \$10,000. Individuals from Region 20 would be able to help sell tickets. Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and accepted. Still need members. Audrey doing thinking and with being so busy with Treasurer things, needing someone to take over membership as an officer. If you are at all interested and want to find out more, please contact Audrey. We need membership drives. Going to be going to Bikes on the Bricks for Membership. Why is membership low in region was posed as a question. We won the battle with the helmet bill, but not won the war for the choice to wear helmets or not. There were 40 people at a Region 13 meeting hosted by them and attended by Region 18 and Region 25. 2 guests from Region 20.

L.O Report July 2017 by Larry Flood: On May 29, 2017 the Michigan Supreme Court refused to hear a lawsuit (for the second time) which sought to use the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to require the MCCA to disclose information regarding the process used to set and raise their annual assessments. Call your Representatives regarding the following bills: SB24.241, HB5354, HB4049. Key points of these bills are: 1. End the MCCA's FOIA exemption; 2. Require MCCA Board to include one member representing the public; 3. Require MCCA to comply with Open Meetings Act and FOIA; 4. Require an annual MCCA audit by independent CPA firm.

MRF News: Meeting of the Minds – September 21-25, 2017 – Williamsburg, VA. Considered "Seminar on Steroids". "STOP THE TEXTS – STOP THE WRECKS" - Pass it on! 46 states including DC, Puerto Rico, Guam and the US Virgin Islands have banned text messaging for ALL drivers. Thanks to your hard work Larry!! Woo Hoo!! Bike Raffle tickets and moneys turned into the state, hopefully you purchased your ticket, as you might be the lucky one!! Good Luck to all.

July 2017 Cares & Concerns: Please keep all these special people in your Thoughts & Prayers: Jr & Amy, TC & Shannon, Zip, All Bikers, All Drivers, All Military. Birthdays: Terry Welch, Marte Merrill, "Basic" Bob Miller, Audrey "Highbeams" Coon. A special birthday wish to Lifetime Member Eric Wallace who now lives in Florida and worked closely with Kritter in Awareness. Anniversaries and Milestones: Carrie & Larry Flood. And for the Almighty Webmaster, Facebook is now up to 578 likes and she is looking for a New Goal of 600. Please mention ABATE Region 20 on your pages, if you can. Tell a little bit about what we are about and ask your friends to like our page: ABATE of Michigan Region 20. Details on the Awareness Run on July 22 will be in next month's report. Looking to get the rest of the money for the 2018 billboard. Awareness by Kritter: Taught 96 students for May. Total for the year 528. Lost 20 students on 6/20 for a 4:30 class, had no one to cover it. Need instructors. 1 was on vacation and one was working. Please if you can help fill in for daytie classes, please get with Kritter, as he desperately needs help. Details on the Awareness Run on July 22 will be in next month's report. Products: Mike picked up 10 B4B shirts to give to Margret as she was in town and willing to make us a quilt. She will need more shirts, so please get them to Kritter to get them to Margret. Margaret Rocks!! She is not even in Michigan any longer and still busting her but to get us another quilt! Thanks for giving a shit!

Events Coordinator: No Events meeting needed at this time. Bikes on Bricks coming up, but no meeting necessary as focus is for membership. RC Report by Mike: Bikes on the Bricks will need help manning the booth on Saturday, September 9th and 10th. Bikes on the Bricks is asking help for blockers for the charity ride. It will be an easy blocking job as the police will cover major intersections. Old Business: Hickory Lounge is not being sold, so trying to stay there for meetings for now. Rave Run is Sept. 16. Poker Run and long ride. Dedics will be the start of the run. Bubble man and bounce house at the end of the run. Shiawassee meetings will be happening at 2pm at Hickory Lounge on Sunday, August 6. Our next Genesee meeting will be on Monday, August 7 at Captain's Quarters in Burton at 7pm. See you all then. Please have fun in this great weather. Please watch out for all the things laying in the road, TC just had a very close encounter.

.....Be Safe!!

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