

The June membership Meeting was held outside at RC Eric's house in Constantine, Sunday, June 7th. The weather was great, turnout was awesome. We had 3 months to catch up with. Going to condense it best I can.

Joy opened the meeting with the treasurer report, followed by Bear and his always excellent job covering the MRF. Bikers on the Beltway had been canceled due to Covid... updated us on the attempt to ease regulations on autonomous vehicles during the crisis. Motorcycle fatalities decreased a percent nationwide for the 3rd year in a row. 43 states and 1 territory received federal awareness Grant's totaling \$4.2 million, which Michigan didn't even attempt to apply for. Please go to the MRF website to get the full reports and more and SIGN UP. The current economy is hurting the MRF, along with other rights organizations and are need of support badly. Sign up or renew your MRF and ABATE if you can.

Price of ABATE membership will increase \$5 if you still would like to receive the Michigan Rider in the mail. The increase will take effect by the time you receive this.

Field meet date changed to July 17th and 18th in Kalkaska, flyer is on line at [abateofmichigan.org](http://abateofmichigan.org) for more info. Eric has tix. \$25 apiece in advance.

The reverse raffle tickets are on sale! \$30 includes steak dinner, couple drinks, a chance to win a share of \$1000.00 in cash prizes, and most important, support 2 great organizations at once, the American Legion in Constantine, and ABATE Region 12. You do not need to be present to win! Dinner will be held August 29th, at the legion, doors open 5 p.m. Contact Eric or me (terry) for tickets. If you want tickets, I will even drop them off within a reasonable distance. Great excuse for a ride. Call me. 616-481-3472. Please help make this a success. This, along with bike raffle tickets, are probably our best chance for raising funds to keep help keep ABATE afloat.

Speaking of raffle tickets... after a discussion at the meeting, the region decided to purchase \$300 worth of raffle tickets (30 tickets). We are randomly drawing 30 names of CURRENT members out of a can at our next meeting, and Eric will be sending them to the winners who are not present. Now is a perfect time to renew if your membership has lapsed. Our July meeting will begin at 6:30 at the Harvey House in Constantine, Wednesday, July 8th. Come early if ordering food. Our August meeting will be back at the Paw Paw Eagles on Sunday, August 2nd at 1p.m.

Don't forget the coast to coast ride July 24th-26th! Cost is \$40 per person, which includes camping at both sites, and food on the grill! Limited space! Contact Melissa to reserve a spot and clarify details. Also, a region 18 member has volunteered to carry camping equipment from Monroe to Lake Michigan, easing the packing situation on Saturday morning. A giant thumbs up to Wayne!! Melissa's number is 269-532-9570.

Freedom rally has been rescheduled for September 29th.. see the rider for new info.

Vintage Motorcycle Day at Gilmores has been rescheduled for, yep, Saturday, August 29th... 8 am-4pm. I'm going to have a busy day! Incentive won by recent new member, Eric... I think Kim W. was the other region winner. Also, the Secretary position is currently open. Contact Eric or Terry if you would like to help out. Whew. Done for now.

"Jack Coleman, Candidate for the 59th District joined ABATE and attended our meeting. He is retired Navy, and a commercial pilot. He supports ABATE and will fit in well as a member. He would appreciate your support August 4th"

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