

RC Merry Garrett  
July

Good afternoon my Abate family. I'm sitting at my picnic table enjoying the sun and the heat. Yes, I love summer. It could stay like this all year. Listening to my friends talking about their adventures good and not so good. We are counting our blessings as two of our members met a lady who shouldn't be driving anymore and almost caused serious damage. A guardian angel was watching over them. Thank u for that.

There's so much going on throughout the whole state as we are still fighting for our rights. We can't even get to our reps and senators unless we email, call or go pony express. So that's what we need to do. We had a call for action Vince had us post on emails and Facebook and it was productive. Read about it in our next Michigan Rider

By the time you receive this we will have had our field meet. Hoping it was all we needed and wanted. Our region, region 10 and region 17 got us a blues/classic rock band for Saturday night. Were they good?? I let u know next month if we danced all night and sang so loud. Wally and region 3 have worked very hard to make this field meet work as you all know we had to cancel ours in June. But next year we will be back again. So hopefully you came out and supported Abate and had a great time

Our region has been working their tails off. Selling bike tickets, selling signs, bringing new members, supporting other regions events, adopting members from other regions that know we have a good time and going to other regions events.

Ralph and Gail's party is coming up. It's small but mighty. So much food and a great ride with some of the best members in the state. I might seem like I'm bragging and maybe I am but this region has been putting us on the Michigan map. Thank you all.

Bike tickets are coming in fast and furious. If you have any you just couldn't sell that's ok bring or mail them back to myself or Mimi, we will try to sell them  
At a bike night or an event. We as the committee know how hard it has been this year to get this done. We hope that all regions did what they could as this is the money maker for the state. So, turn in all sold tickets at Ralph and Gail's or mail to me. My address is 5901 Alice Dr, Gladwin, MI 48624. I will see that they get to the right person

Our region went to the UP for their annual poker run. And yes, I made it over the bridge for the very first time in my 65 years young age. I can say it was a beautiful day and the view was breathtaking. We had 10t members there. We camped we danced we rode we ate out we looked at all the scenery and all that this lady can say is we are going back next year for a week or two because there was so much more to see.

Which brings me to another subject. You don't have to ride to belong to Abate. You have to love motorcyclists that's give their hard work to a great organization. We hope to be back on our bikes next year but we still enjoy every single minute of our Abate life and it's family. I for one have made some forever friends that I know I can count on in a second and they can count on me

We have lost another great hard-working member to that bad word that brings such sadness to family and friends. Kevin Hall I have known you for years and know that every person you touched shall miss

you. Have a meeting in the heavens and sell a few bike tickets would you. Love to Susan and his family as they deal with their loss

Our member of the month will be Rick and Joan Lawrence, the two of you keep us riding and smiling. We thank you for all you have done and will continue to do. Big Rick as we call him, and his sweet wife are outstanding to so many regions and have always done their very best to welcome all members young and old. New and improved. Stale and vibrant they make it worth belonging to region 6

I want to thank Gerry Spomer for all he has done to make my job as an RC smooth. He gets a lot of phone calls from me making sure I'm doing what needs to be done. If you are an RC contact him, he enjoys (lol) the talks. I want to thank Eric Eads for getting updates and lists to me quickly. I want to thank Pam and Wally for their hard work to make a field meet even happen. Everyone should thank someone in their lives that make a difference. It makes them smile and know that hard work pays off

So, keep the wind in your hair the sun on your face and a smile to share with someone who needs it  
Peace  
Merry