

## ABATE Region 20 March 2018 Newsletter

Hi There!!! It is March and spring is on the way. Clocks have sprung forward already. Time to ride is on the way!! There was no meeting for February as it was an All-Region Meeting. Our meetings are now at the end of the month so this will be a short newsletter. As for the L.O. Report, Cupcake has stepped up to be Region 20's new L.O., for now, till someone takes it on. So if interested please contact Bus 989-627-8655. And Janelle will be 50/50. For the L.O. Report, HB4306 passed but won't start for 3 years. This is to raise the price of license for motorcycles to \$25. This won't happen right away because the Secretary of State's PC program won't accept the changes and has an outside company rewriting the program, so that should be about 2019/2020. ABATE even offered to help rewrite the program. If you are headed to Myrtle Beach Week, be ready to be pulled over if you are pulling a trailer or riding a motorcycle to be checked, and this is for no reason at all. The police are looking to impound bikes for no reason. AMA has filed a lawsuit. The EPA has promised to lower the ethanol in gas but raised it instead. New bikes will need to reset their bikes to accept it and it will be hard on old bikes (that's me, ugh!). AMA and MRF are trying to get with EPA. There is a lawsuit in Waco, TX with motorcycle groups-2 feuding, Hell's Angels and Banditos, went to court for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and it was a mistrial. AMA is trying for a 4<sup>th</sup> time. As for cares and concern, as Carrie would pass along, please keep all service personnel in your thoughts and prayers, as well as police officers, EMS and fire fighters. And of course let's try and keep each other in our thoughts. For bike raffle tickets or Field Meet, please contact Bus, 989-627-8655. We now have a Webmaster, Lisa Vail. We are always looking for everyone to try and communicate with others about what ABATE is about and have people like our page. The meetings are up on the events page on Facebook (ABATE of Michigan Region20). Thanks for giving a shit to the three above for stepping up!!! Woo Hoo!! Awareness update: We are moving back the Awareness Party and Awareness Ride this year due to the Easter Holiday happening so early. The Awareness Party is tentatively April 14<sup>th</sup> and the Awareness Ride will tentatively be either May 5<sup>th</sup> or May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned to our website ([www.abatemichregion20.com](http://www.abatemichregion20.com)) and/or our Facebook page for specifics and fliers as the time gets closer. As soon as it is nailed down it will be posted. And our next Region meeting will be on Sunday, March 25 at 2pm at the Durand Eagles #3851, 5240 S New Lothrop Rd, Durand, Michigan 48429. And then same location and time on Sunday, April 29. And hopefully everybody got left chocolate, jelly beans, stuffed bunnies or other fun stuff from the Easter Bunny. And that everyone got time to spend with their family and friends for the Easter Holiday.

.....Be Safe!!

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