

Region 14, August 26, 2018 Meeting in Milan, MI

Hot Rod led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.

George signed up 9 new members and introduced them.

Special guest in attendance was President of Abate of Michigan Vince Consiglio and Congressman Tim Walberg.

Treasure report was given by Julie with income and expenses for the month. Motion to except the report was made by RC-George and second by George F.

Awareness- Hot Rod has placed another order of supplies for awareness classes. Discussed the Board Meeting that was held earlier in the day. Introduced Congressman Tim Walberg, who is an ABATE Member and rode to our meeting. Mr. Walberg then got up and spoke to us.

- Think carefully about candidates, research records.
- Find out where they stand on Rider Education and Insurance. Facts vs Fiction
- Currently he is on the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus where they are working on the issue of Motorcycle profiling.
- He also serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, "Fuels".

Tim said that if the economy is going well we have more choices, he asked us to "Think across the board" "Vote American".

Next Vince Consiglio, told us that Tim is a "True Champion to ABATE". Noting the patch on Tim's vest MRF-is like ABATE in Washington.

Vince congratulated George and Hot Rod on Memberships increase and the Awareness program skyrocketing.

Still need Rider Coaches, currently there are 56 instructors and 2500 new riders were trained.

Legislative Report-George F. What ABATE Means.

- You have a responsibility to contact your representative.
- Find out about your local, state and federal representatives by clicking on the lines in the upper corner of your Facebook page and clicking on Town Hall.
- Contact them directly or their staff and ask questions about Motorcycles, insurance, legislation.
- George handed out information on the MRF, AMA. The MRF has information about the Meeting of the Minds. AMA handout is their position paper.

Pam told us the dates the Seminar and that the contract with the Hotel has been signed and people can start making their reservations. January 18,19,20, make sure to tell them you're with ABATE.

Fundraiser September 30<sup>th</sup> Forgotten Eagles in Saline. Car and Bike show \$20 Donation includes 1 food ticket and 2 drink tickets.

October 7<sup>th</sup> is the “All Region Softball Game” at the Milan Nature Park. \$5.00 per person, food provided donations accepted. Registration is at 11:30am - game is 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Bus trip to Firecrackers Casino departing at 3:00pm. \$40 per person gets you \$20 play card, \$5 off your meal or use at the gift shop. Please contact George for more information.

Motion to close the meeting was given by George B. second by George F.

Ride safe,

Damselfly