

ABATE Region 20 September 2017 Newsletter

Should I say it, fall is fast approaching. However, we still have plenty of riding to get in before the white powder flies, so hopefully you all can get the time to ride! At Genesee, there was Laura Behan and Al which was nice to see them. And we had a pretty good turnout for this month, so thanks to all of you who came. Treasurer report was read and accepted. Membership says we need more members. L.O Report for September by our L.O. and MRF Rep. Larry Flood and read by Carrie: The following bills were discussed during the L.O. Conference Call 08/28/17: HB4306 – Motorcycle plate increase for rider's education and awareness passed the house and senate and is waiting for the Governor's signature. This increased original endorsements by \$2.00 and renewals by \$.50/yr, or \$2.00. SB160 – Autocycle (Slingshot) bill passed the Senate. Presented to Governor July 12 We were asked to let this legislation pass as it is. Abate informed the legislature that we will address this issue in the fall and will work on changing the definition on the federal level thru the D.O.T. Congressman Tim Walberg will address this issue for us later this year. HB4466 – Bans hands on phones in cars. No activity on this bill yet. HB4480 – Increases the handle bar height limit from 15" to 30" from the lowest part of the seat to the lowest point on the handle grips. Abate Leadership is meeting with House Leadership to discuss moving this to a Republican Legislator. MRF News: Congress is back from the August recess this week. Don't expect much policy work getting done due to the packed to-do list such as: Debt Ceiling, Funding the Government, Funding Hurricane Harvey and Irma relief efforts. There has been some progress on a driverless car bill in the house. MRF has been communicating with Federal Law makers to be sure testing is "robust" on these cars and guaranteeing motorcycle recognition. New studies have been release on Helmets and the MRF has issues a Freedom of Information Act request on these studies. Check out the following abstracts at: Trrjournalonline.trb.org/doi/pdf/10.3141/2637-06 and Trrjournalonline.trb.org/doi/abs/10.3141/2637-04. These links will be added to the website and facebook for those of you interested in reading them. And from Carrie our Cares & Concerns Officer: Thoughts & Prayers: Jr & Amy, Zip & Marte, Carrie & Larry, Terry Brown Sr., Bubbles & Booboo, Highbeams, Bootie, Ross Hopkins, All Military, Rescue Workers, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Remember 9-11. Birthdays: Georgia Wilson, Charlie Short, Larry Flood, Margaret Hopkins, Amy Frantz. Anniversaries and Milestones: Dale & Patti, Zip & Marte, TC & Shannon. Facebook is now up to 599 likes and she is looking for a New Goal of 600. Well, all we need is ONE more to make the goal, so let's help Carrie get what she is looking for. 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 Region20. Awareness has a grand total for the year of 746. Mike is still in need of instructors, so please if you have an interest, get a hold of Kritter. It is really an easy thing to do. Anyone is welcome to attend a training session to see what it is all about. . Rave Run is only days away and hopefully we will see good weather and a great turnout for such a caring organization. The run will be 105 miles and will have 4 stops. RC Report by Mike: Mike thanked everyone who volunteered for Bikes on the Bricks as blockers and booth helpers. At the booth sold T-shirts, patches and Awareness yard signs. Mike received 3 quilts from Margaret, one for the RAVE Run, one for Seminar and one for the Awareness Billboard-starting on sale after Sept. 16. So, once again a HUGE thank you to the extremely wonderful Margaret for all her time and effort into

creating the quilts and so quickly. Thanks for Giving a Shit!! Teddy Bear brought up some interesting points from a State Board meeting Next Genesee meeting will be on Monday, October 2 at Captain's Quarters in Burton at 7pm. See you all then. All Shiawasee meetings are on hold due to no attendance. If you get the chance get out and ride since I hear that the weather will be warming up. Get it all in while we can.

.....Be Safe!!

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