

Region 6

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Good morning my Abate family. First off, I want to apologize for no newsletter last month. My excuse well!!!! I just forgot and then it was too late. I have now set an alarm to remind my forgetful butt.

We have been very busy in region 6 and it will continue thru the summer months. We have Bubbas back yard swap meet on May 8th. Yes, it will be done by the time you get this. But we hope to sell a whole bunch of bike tickets and signs. Bubba always welcomes us with open arms. If you ever are in Linwood stop by and see him. We have many more nights and days where we will set up our brand-new awning and get busy doing what we do.

We have Gilders Harley shop in Westbranch on June 2nd, it's their annual open house and they invited us to join them. Please stop in, work the booth, talk to the folks that ride about abate or just have a hotdog. Let's get this done. It's a great opportunity for the region to get out there. We will also be having quite a few others so if you have a spot let me know. I will be doing a list and dates next month.

We also have our first event of the year. Horseshoes and Game Day at Roadside. Rain or shine. We will only be having two events so I can only hope that everyone will be there and support us. We will have a silent auction and 50/50. Come have a blast. We have a lot planned. We will also have a booth outside and would like our members to each work one hour selling bike tickets and memberships. Signs too. Rob from Roadside will have a meal for us at a good price. Cash bar. Starts at 1:00 on May 15. Be there or well you know something to do with being square. But where else can you have friends come together.

The very next day is our presentation from Dondi our ABATE attorney. I have invited the Hog chapter from Westbranch, folks from We Ride Michigan and any regions that want to make this important meeting. Dondi has a letter that has all the power points he will go over and what we need to do. ABATE will also have a number for the bill this next week because it's no longer called SB528. Just so you all know this is more important than the helmet bill, this affects your life you're living your everything because if you by some sad fate get hit by someone that doesn't have enough insurance you are screwed. I can't put it any better except for a bad word that probably is not good to put in here so use your imagination. Lol. Please bring a friend, bring ten, bring a hundred. It's that important. By the way Dondi is taking time away from his family and doing this for FREE. Can't you give ABATE a few hours out of your day. Ride there and grab a burger and a pop. Again, it's IMPORTANT to be there.

We had a great meeting last month some new faces and some old faces. I receive a beautiful plaque of appreciation. It was a wonderful surprise. We also had two of Pinconning finest join us for our meeting. One even rides. They shared their knowledge and listen to ours. They even bought tickets. I have their names but maybe shouldn't post them as they were on duty. Lol. Thank you, gentlemen, for joining us.

June 2 is the Freedom Rally. If you can attend that would be awesome. We need a good showing. On April 28 Vince Dondi and Bear had a meeting with Jason Wentworth office. They said it went ok but of course we all knew that. Please keep the emails and phone calls going. Cricket will give you more info at our next meeting.

Field meet updates. Get your field meet tickets before May 31st or they go up to \$25 a person. I only at this moment have three left. So our region has gotten 27. That's so awesome. The membership voted to not do the meals all together this year so if you go, please bring your own or get with your camp mates to figure it out. I of course am on the committee so I will be eating on the run. Just give me a bologna sandwich but chuck from region 17 promised me one of his famous burgers. Holding you too it. It is first come first serve in campsites if you come up on Friday all sites have water and electric unless you go out in rustic. Two years ago, it was too wet to use that area. We have two great bands for both nights. I hope everyone understands that we are doing things we do at seminar and things we always do at fieldmeet. So, it will be a very busy weekend. I realize a lot of you want to take a ride but our region is doing the bike show and will need help with that. So let this old girl know if you will help. Live auction, silent auction, band, bike show, golf cart rentals, annual voting and meeting, breakfast provided Sunday morning from the field meet committee during voting and so much more. It's a jam-packed weekend and the only STATE event this year. So, if you go for a ride cool but make it short and sweet so you don't miss our ABATE happenings.

July 17 is our Memorial Run. More on this next month. But save the date please. I want to make this a membership drive also. Most membership gotten gets a little surprise. From now till then. Let's do this.

I think I have talked your ear off enough and if I forgot anything my number is in the rider. I'm always glad to hear from my region and other likeminded people. If you have concerns or complaints, I have a department for that too.
Thanks for listening. Keep your face in the wind your hair getting tangled and above all else be safe. Peace
Merry