

Region 14, February 24, 2019 A Region Meeting in Milan, MI

Regions attending: 14, 13, 15, 6, 18, 19

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

Special condolences went out for family and friends of "Fiz" who passed away on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Rhoades- told us how together Fiz and himself started ABATE of Michigan.

Details of arrangements were given at this meeting.

Awareness- Hot Rod mentioned Region 21 has extended an invitation to attend their meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone wanting to go to this meeting contact Hot Rod.

-May 4<sup>th</sup> is "May is Motorcycle Awareness" day here in Michigan. Like last year, Hot Rod would like to see Regions selecting high traffic areas displaying their Awareness Signs. Send Pictures and post on Facebook.

-Hot Rod asked for 10 volunteers to form a committee to help with the "Suicide Prevention Run" scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>. George mentioned they want to get 1000 bikes to attend this run. Suicide Prevention Month is September.

-Reminder that Insane Throttle, Black Dragon and Podcast will be attending the Field Meet in June. These Podcast are promoting ABATE.

-Proclamations in your city! Get with the people in your city to make a proclamation that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and to get this information on their Cable station.

Hot Rod is also writing for the Riders Report Magazine.

Dondi presented a Check for Awareness to Hot Rod.

Michigan No-Fault- Dondi talked to us about changes in No-Fault that would be devastating. He gave us a breakdown of this if is repealed, Motorcyclist will not have a no-fault claim for lost wages or medical expenses. Many other items would not be covered such as personal care, home care and updates to home to allow function, or rehabilitation.

Dondi suggested that we meet with our Legislators and educate them using the handout from the Seminar.

Dondi also spoke about the House Bill (HB 4024). This bill proposes caps on all No-Fault benefits – medical expenses, wage loss, replacement services and attendant care. These caps are on the Auto Insurance of the person who hits you. If they choose a lower cap you are capped in your claim to their insurance. Dondi discussed many other problems with this bill and open discussion followed.

Jim Rhoades spoke about Legislative Days in Lansing and the Freedom Rally. Find your Legislator in Lansing and how to contact them. Visit their offices and give them information on the Legislation summed up in the sheets handed out at the Seminar.

George Fischer asked everyone to pull out their cell phones, go to Facebook-Town Hall. There you will find the State and Federal Representatives and information on how to contact them. Secretary of State Joselyn Benson direct phone number 527-335-3269. Contact her and let her know the Awareness Funds are earmarked to Public Service Announcements, Awareness Signs, etc... Last year these funds were mis-appropriated and used for research that has already been done, a waste of taxpayers' money.

Jynx talked about the MRF. He mentioned that if you own a Motorcycle you are on a Gang List. He asked us what if that list is changed to "Terrorist".

We will continue to keep an eye on Profiling, along with the C.O.C.

RC George asked Dondi to look into the Roadside stops to test Saliva for drugs in Michigan. The swabs can detect usage up to 4 days prior, and come with a DUI if found positive.

Motion to close the meeting given by George B. second by Julie.

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