

ABATE REGION 10 – Gratiot & Saginaw

October , 2019

MICHIGAN RIDER NEWSLETTER

- Meeting brought to order.
- RC gave thanks to members who were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Treasurer Report.
- RC announced that all sales made from the MC tickets and Look Twice Save a Life signs will go towards our rocker.
- Congratulations to all who helped make the Veteran's Freedom Run a huge success!
- Proceeds from the 50/50 were won and donated to Tom & Mandy. Way to go Josh! You ROCK!
- Fundraiser for Bernie on October 12<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Outcome of that next month.
- With so much going on this month, there will be no Color Tour this year.
- Rich from Region 11 attended our meeting and talked more about the "passport book," titled the Summer Region Tour. The event was established by Region 11 and they're now introducing it to other regions. The event is ran by any interested region and is intended to promote unity between motorcyclists and the general public in Michigan, and also to support local establishments while raising public awareness of ABATE. This event runs from April through September. At the end of the event, a party is pre-established where there will be a drawing of tickets for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place monetary winnings. You receive tickets based on the amount of stops you get stamps for, (20) stops is required as a minimum to obtain (4) tickets that are then put into a barrel used for the end of event drawing. There are also "Bonus Tickets" given for completing different region events. Participating establishments are obtained by purchasing either a black or colored advertising spot. A committee is needed for organizing this event.
- Special recognition to Joe & Sara/Ghost Town Saloon, and Region 10 for their compassionate giving of donations for Tom & Mandy who are still recovering and enduring medical expenses from their recent motorcycle accident.
- Another Special Recognition to Joe Allen and Region 10 for their compassionate giving of donations for the Redman Family whose daughter perished much to young.
- Legislative Report: Senator Lucido trying to change language in SB528. Under SB1, beginning July 1, 2020 motorists obtaining or renewing their auto insurance will be given the option to cap the medical portion of their No Fault Benefits at \$50,000, \$250,000 or \$500,000. The owner or operator of the involved motor vehicle is first priority to pay an injured motorcyclists No Fault Benefits and the motorcyclists claim for medical expenses is bound by the motorist's cap chosen. SB528 fixes this situation by placing the motorcyclist's own auto insurance first in priority to pay the injured motorcyclists No Fault Benefits. This way, motorcyclists like motorists, are provided a choice regarding their No Fault Benefits. Other news in Legislation: No one is sure of what prices of insurance will be; fear is after 8 years, rates will sky rocket again. The MCCA (Michigan's Castrophic Claims Association) will be audited every 2-3 years by an independent firm. Senator from Region 18 area working on Yensch bill – minimum sentencing. Representative from Region 5 area working on lane filtering. Ruth Johnson – SB288 – distracted driving bill – hands free. Jim & Butch had a meeting with Attorney General aide who suggested they put together a program to educate future District Attorneys about sentencing at fault drivers. The TCRS (Traffic Crash Reporting System) data collected between 2012 – 2018 reports that Total Motorcycle Crashes have decreased from 3,511 to 2,648 and that the percentage of those motorcyclists riding without a helmet in those crashes have decreased also from 28.59% to 21.85% in that same period. So, Look Twice, Save a Life education along with Motorcycle Awareness, HAS made a difference.
- ABATE of Michigan's Seminar 2020, save the date: January 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, will be held in Saginaw at the Four Points by Sheraton Saginaw, 4960 Towne Centre Road, Saginaw, MI 48604. Price is \$89 per night. Book online: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1559145888247&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or Call 888-236-2427 or 989-790-5050, ASK FOR ABATE GROUP BLOCK. Book early, limited number of rooms available.

- Halloween Party is planned for October 26<sup>th</sup>. Outcome of that next month.
- Voting for Member of the Year at the November meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.

\*NEXT MEETING: November 2, 2019.

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