

Hello Region 18

There was no report for the last 2 months because of the seminar and the super bowl. The deadline was past. I will just highlight the last 2 meetings.

We still have 2 members who could use some prayers, Marion Cuykendall and Tom Majerski are under the weather in rehab facilities. We lost a wonderful member, Richard Roundtree (Kickstand), back in December. He is missed terribly. We have the okay from the VFW and will be planting a tree and plaque at the hall in honor of him this spring. Will post date and time on our Facebook page when we finalize this.

The Christmas party and Chili Cook-off are on the books. Wish more of you would attend our events! We had a great time playing corn hole and the present games.

Would love to see everyone come out to the Awareness Run May 20th. This is an all-day event. There will be breakfast served @ 9:00. The run (scavenger hunt) starts @ 11:00, there will be a horseshoe tournament @ 12:00, dinner @ 4:00, bike show @ 4:00, auction @ 6:00, flea market all day, and music @ 7:00. (see flyer in events page). As you can see, there will be a lot going on, something for everyone! Merry has put a lot of time and energy into this event, please come out and support our region. Awareness benefits every one of you. Do the proper thing and help us keep it going. If you would like to donate something or can help out the day of, contact Merry.

Adam went over our 1-3-5 year legislative plan. We need to identify the 4 most dangerous intersections in our region. Let Adam know what intersections you think should be included. He talked about the MCCA which started the room boiling, so we decided to have Dondi come to our meeting and give his presentation. We were successful in keeping the price of motorcycle plate's increase from not going up to \$100. That is a good point to use to get new members to sign up. He spoke on profiling motorcyclist and the self-driving cars not recognizing motorcycles. We need to step up our contributions to PAC. Insurance companies write thousands of checks to campaigns, we need more money in our PAC fund! We are working on getting some of the Pure Michigan money to promote Awareness. We may be able to pay the Awareness instructors with this.

We need to sell as many Bike raffle tickets as possible. This is something every one of you can do to help ABATE stay functional. We need this money for our organization to survive and keep fighting for you in Lansing. There is no reason each member cannot sell one book of 10 tickets! You have till the end of August to do it. Get your tickets from Karen, Mike or myself. There is always a prize drawn from everyone who sold a book, so there's incentive to sell, sell, and sell!

Tom Diaz has offered to do a mini refresher awareness course this spring. We will be doing this April 22, at 9:00am, at Monroe Community College. If you would like to brush-up on your riding skills before the riding season starts this is the perfect opportunity.

Cody & Merry have volunteered to take over the road pick up until Tom is back on his feet. The first one of the year is April 19th @ 6:00pm. Meet on N. Custer @ the pull off where the gas company is. The first one of the year is usually the worst, many hands, less for all. Get out and help!

We will be doing the games and the bike show at the field meet again. On that note, I have field meet tickets for sale. They are \$20 apiece. If you plan on going you can save a little money by buying them in advance. You have until May to get them at a discount.

Dondi came to our last meeting and gave his presentation. Thank you Dondi for taking your Sunday to educate us on insurance issues. It was good timing as we go into the new riding season. Everyone look over your policy and make sure you have the right amount and right kind of insurance.

See you all at the next meeting!

Mrs Mexican