

## ABATE REGION 10 – *Gratiot & Saginaw*

November 4, 2017

### MICHIGAN RIDER *NEWSLETTER*

\*Meeting brought to order

\*Pledge of Allegiance

\*Treasury Report

\*Secretary Report: I shared my reason for not getting Region 10's newsletter in on time last month. Honestly, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> doomed upon me. Newsletter handouts were given to those in attendance.

\*Discussed the Halloween Party having to be canceled and the events leading up to that cancelation.

\*Discussed the Color Tour's lack of participation with only four bikes riding in the wet and cold weather. Bravo to folks on those four bikes who weathered it out. Along the way, a donation was given to the group for the Children's Baptist Home.

\*ABATE of Michigan's Board of Directors have requested all Region's to hold off on nominations and voting until after the State Seminar. This will be tabled until February. Members in favor.

\*Don't forget: ABATE Seminar & Party 2018! January 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, RAMADA Lansing Hotel & Conference Center. Rooms are once again \$89 + tax, this includes a Hot Breakfast Buffet for each guest per day. Most of the hotel is reserved for ABATE members, however, it's still a good idea to make your reservations now if you want to attend. Be sure to get your tickets for the Awards Banquet available for \$20. If you have never attended an annual seminar, you should experience it for sure. The break-out sessions that are held have a lot of great information relating to motorcycles and motorcycle rights. Representatives from the PAC and MRF attend and share a wealth of information as well. You can purchase products from ABATE of Michigan, plus they have a silent auction of items donated by different regions, which a special THANKS goes out to our new member, Dan Leaman, who donated a Harley Davidson dye cast kit for the seminar's silent auction. Want to swim? You can do that anytime, even at midnight if you want. They have music every night and a good time is had by all.

\*We have another new member signed up from the Saginaw area. Please welcome, Tony Crawford! Dan Leaman, also from Saginaw, who signed up a couple months ago, said he's going to bring more of his friends from the Saginaw area! How cool is that!? Way to go, man!

\*Discussed Bernie's Santa Ride. November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Alma Elk's Club, 2pm-8pm. Buffet Dinner \$10, 50/50, raffles, Auction; donations are welcomed. All proceeds are used to buy gifts for less fortunate children in the community. Shopping for those gifts will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can provide a dish, contact Kim. Contact Bernie, or Kim for more information. Note: not affiliated with ABATE.

\*Kim discussed the noise level and members having a hard time hearing. Often, other patrons don't realize that we are having a meeting and will be loud, disrupting the meeting and making it hard for the members to hear well. We may have to look for another place? Please give your feedback to Kim.

\*Dispersion of fund overage was discussed and voted on.

\*Legislation: Gary updated members related to house bills, and MRF. Gary also gave members a very informative brochure titled, "Did You Know." A brochure that outlines many things the MRF has done in legislation.

\*NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2017, 5 PM, at the GHOST TOWN SALOON, Elwell, MI.

Meeting adjourned 5:57 p.m...

Happy Trails, *Lois*