

Dcoy Ducks, 1 P.M. May 6th

Since there was so many faces, a lot of them new, we went around the room and had everyone introduce themselves. Great turnout. Treasurers report was then presented by Joy. Legislative and MRF followed. Most discussion was based on the possible changes in insurance laws and how it will effect motorcyclists.. Bear strongly urges each and every one of us to contact our legislatures and let them know where we stand. A bunch of us has seen the motorcycle awareness notices that are currently being displayed along the interstates. A shout out to who ever is responsible for getting this done. Excellent! We voted to purchase 50 additional "look twice" signs that we are going to attempt to put up by the road sides at police stations, fire stations and township halls in our region. We also sent an additional \$100 to the awareness program. Shout out to John B. and Joe and Kim W. for their own donations to awareness. In a span of one week, we have had two motorcycle fatalities in our region due to apparent lack of awareness. One, "Jeff," 29, was on his way to work at 5:40 a.m. when a vehicle driver pulled out of his driveway into the path of the motorcyclist. The second, a husband and wife, Mike and Patty, were setting at a stop light when an elderly lady, 77, failed to brake, killing the female rider instantly, and critically injuring the husband. All these people were friends or mutual friends to several of our members. I put names to these situations to let people know that the numbers are not just statistics. These are people with family, friends, careers and dreams that get destroyed in an instant. We have gotten quotes from advertising companies to put awareness billboards up in our region. Adams Outdoor Advertising probably is the best situation for us. We are working on a plan to display our board at different locations in July, August and maybe September. Details at the June meeting. FREEDOM RALLY in Lansing, Tuesday, June 5th. If you can go, GO! We need all the support we can get. Contact Eric E. for details and meeting places. His contact number is everywhere.

Our poker run is coming up fast. Melissa M. wants to have a poker run committee meeting on Monday, May 21st, at 6 p.m. at Dcoy Ducks in Lawton. PLEASE make it if you can. We need to tie up some loose ends. Could use some road blockers to attend to discuss a couple spots we want people at in advance.. Contact me or Melissa with any questions. The ride will be held Saturday, June 23rd. Sign up begins at 10 a.m. with 1st bike out at 11 a.m. Only \$10!! Ride starts and ends at the Eagles on M-40 in Lawton.

We have booths at the Antique bike swap meet in Centreville Sunday, May 20th. Joy and Gary have everything, but could use additional tables I believe. I think they are going to be there by 9 a.m. Also have a booth at Gilmores bike show, June 9th and 10th, which is the same weekend as the state field meet. Please come help them out if you have the time. I know a lot of our membership will be up north that weekend. Check the emails or our facebook page for our list of dinner gatherings that start this month, May. 1st up is Filet Mignon at Angels in Kalamazoo, on Wednesday, May 16th. We also have one on Wednesday, May 30th, at Captain Lou's in South Haven. Our June dinner runs are Papa Pete's in Niles, Thursday, the 14th, and Tuesday, June 26th at BT's pub in Sister Lakes. 6 p.m. is the times, we put down, but get there when you can!

We had a new member sign up, Dan J. and an expired renewal in Joe "which way" R. that I am aware of. Welcome aboard. Cole was our prize winner at meeting, and the incentive winner would have been Joanne M. had she attended. P.A.M. won the short run poker run. See, good things happen when you attend a membership meeting! Next meeting Sunday, June 3rd. Our tee shirt orders should be in and ready for pick up at the Eagles on that day. Hope to see you there. Secre"terry" RC signing off...