

Membership meeting, Sunday, February 4th, Paw Paw eagles, 1 P.M

The meeting began with Gary G. leading the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the treasurers report by Joy G. Legislative report main topics were 2 past "Gang related" bills that have edited language that would eliminate 501 3c status for organizations such as ours. Abate is keeping a close eye on this. Another topic for discussion was whether the house bill 4919 is still active, which involves motorcycle processions through towns and such.. It is active but no movement. Bear presented alot of info related to the MRF. EPA director Scott Pruitt is currently under heavy scrutiny for several possible questionable practices. Possibly lightening up on the proposed ethanol requirement percentage. Driverless vehicles was a main topic. Two instances in California, with one of those involving lane changing and a motorcycle, and also a fire truck on at an emergency scene that got rear ended at an estimated 65 mph by a "driverless" Tesla. Also a Motorcycle policeman was involved in an accident with a "driverless" vehicle in Arizona.

New business. Went over the seminar. We had another nice turnout. Nearly 20 of our members and guests attended. Discussed topics of the RC meeting. Name tags so new or prospective members can familiarize themselves with officers names. Any officer who wants a shirt embroidered with their name and position contact me (Terry) and we will do so at region expense. RC's are responsible for what happens with the treasury money, so every month they should also receive a copy of the treasurers report. Discussions on liquor baskets and repercussions of putting "food included" on event flyers. The health departments are appearing at events checking food. Has happened at a bike event in our region this past year. Reword it. Bear discussed what to do and not to do when pulled over on your motorcycle. Always ask why stopped. Never consent to any searches. Always turn vehicle off. Inventory search ok only after impound. Probable cause kicks in search. Smell of pot or alcohol is probable cause. Keep your mouth shut. Don't give reason to extend stop.

Wing swap meet, Sunday, March 18th. We will have a booth again this year. If you have parts to sell, we would like 10% to go back to the region. Could use all volunteers we could get. Going to set up tables at entrance and exit to try to sell motorcycle raffle tickets. Metal detectors at entrance. Careful with what you try to bring in. Gary and Joy are setting up a booth at Gilmores antique bike show Sunday, June 10th. Jeff Sanders, RC region 9, gave us the okay to set a booth up in their area.. Thanks Jeff! Since the field meet is the same weekend and a lot of our membership will be there, any help that Gary and Joy can get will be appreciated.

Our annual poker run will be held on Saturday, June 23rd. It will start and end at the Paw Paw eagles in Lawton. The ride will take us to Lake Michigan and back. Melissa is working on an awesome route. This is going to be a nice ride. Fun, food and fellowship at the Eagles after we get back. Working on a little live music during dinner. More Details coming soon!!

We will have an end of year Picnic in September. Either the 15th or the 22nd.. both are Saturdays. This is going to be a fun one! We are going to hire a shuttle to take us downtown Kalamazoo for a roughly 4 or 5 hour pub crawl, then back to RC Terry and Dianes house for food, bonfire and Music!! Please camp. Outside or inside. We have 2 extra bedrooms, a lot of reclining couches and 2 hideaway beds.. 1st come 1st serve on available inside space. Would like to make this a member only (and guest) event. The only expense will be splitting the costs of the shuttle. We will need a head count as the date gets near, so we can figure how big of a shuttle we will need.

There will be a Region 12 Christmas party, Saturday night, December 15th at the Paw Paw Eagles. Details will follow. Live music, Food, Fun!!! Mark it on your calendars.

We will be having two more poker runs this year. One to raise funds for the awareness program, and one, probably in of September, early October for the PAC fund. Details on both to follow.

We are looking into a just for fun bowling event on Sunday, April 15th... Watch your emails and facebook for information.. Will pass it out as soon as possible.

THE KNIFE. Nobody has claimed the knife that we attempted to raffle off at the Seminar. After a lengthy discussion, we have decided to GIVE IT AWAY as a door prize at the Field Meet in June. Everyone with a paid admission will get a FREE TICKET that will be drawn on Saturday night. We thought that was the most fair way to pass this knife on.

Had Hank S. made this months meeting, he would have had a little heavier wallet.. Maybe next month. Dan Dan won the 50/50 and donated it all back to the awareness program.. Thanks Dan. Glad to have you around. Yours truly won the short run poker run which ended up at DCoy Ducks. Next months short run poker run will go to The Roadhouse in Paw Paw. This is an abbreviated addition on our meeting this month. A ton more going on... Make it on Sunday, March 4th to get more details on the fun stuff we have lined up such as some dinner meets and greets, and kayak floats.. Also welcome Steve, who attended his 1st meeting this month. Also like to give an official welcome to Curtis, who has been attending our meeting the last few months. Glad to see you both!! submitted. RC Terry