

Fellow Victims of Insurance Reform,

I want to open with a special "Thank You" to Dondi for coming to the U.P. and delivering such a great presentation dealing with the insurance reform fiasco that we are facing. Dondi explained how less than 25% of the legislators know anything about No Fault vs. Beau Fault or why "Michigan's insurance rates are the highest in the nation". Because it's the BEST coverage in the nation but you never hear that. In all honesty, think long and hard about taking that scooter out this year without finding out EXACTLY what you have for coverage on yourself and any passenger. This applies to ALL vehicles! After the accident is too late and please remember that somebody has to that fabled "other guy" that stuff always happens to. Dondi's presentation even brought out long time ABATE member, supporter, PAC manager, and former RC of Region 1, Pete LaMoine. It was good to see him after all of these years.

I would encourage all the Regions to attend one of Dondi's presentations. It's a real eye opener and I can't say enough about him and his work for ABATE. THANK YOU, Dondi!

Our May meeting was very well attended with a good mix of new members, part timers, and old steady hands. We opened with introductions of Todd and Katie, from U.P. Cruising and Pat and Karen Sheridan, who bounce between 7 and 17. The Pledge of Allegiance followed with the Minutes and Treasurer's Report given. Both were accepted as read. Chuck said that all is well on the MRF front so we went right to our Legislative Update. No movement was foreseen on the insurance rip off effort at that time. Our crack Legislative team has been spending more time in Lansing than the legislators. They testified on our behalf in favor of raising penalties on distracted driving and dealing with younger drivers who refuse to stop using hands free devices while interacting among us. Thank you too, gentlemen!

Karen Sheridan volunteered to put on an actual Awareness demonstration for us so discussion was kept to minimum due to time constraints. It was announced that Patty and Chris had actually just held their first Awareness session and everyone was very excited to hear all about it. Thank you ladies for reviving our Awareness program! Great job!!

Unfinished Business

A.) Stripper Pole Run report: 42 raffle bike tickets sold, posters handed out to Escanaba businesses, and "Look Twice" bar napkins were provided. Great job folks!

B.) Dondi's presentation report

C.) Freedom Rally report

D.) Field Meet ticket reminder.

E.) Rory meeting report. We discussed what was gone over with Pioneer Trail Park. We had security concerns, primitive area problems and dealt with fire ring and firewood needs by pavilions.

F.) Special Ride Events: Mike T. had reported to me in advance of his route and times, etc. for his Doc's H-D run. Ed and Clyde are in the process of planning a ride to Lake Gogebic.

New Business

A.) Repairs were needed on our copier.

B.) We planned our Awareness booth for May 4. at Elmer's County Market.

C. Awareness napkins report and vote.

D.) Rc's landline has been discontinued. New contact is 905-399-0412

E.) Our June meeting date was voted on and moved to Wednesday, June 12.

Karen then gave us an abbreviated Awareness demonstration. We adjourned and gathered at the Irish Oaks for dinner.

While discussions were limited at this particular meeting, June will be held in our usual fashion.

Please be careful out there and check with your insurance agent before you ride and get the most coverage that you can afford.

Ride safe