

Hey Region 20... A lot has happened in the last little bit here. Last meeting, thanks to all who attended. They might be small but we appreciate everyone. Meetings are still being held at Bus and K cupcakes. Next meeting will be held on October 25th 2pm. As of right now, we are still looking for a new location. We have one in sight but as you all know with COVID-19 things have been hard to secure. There will be a short ride after the meeting and head back to Bus's for a little barbecue. We hope to see everyone there.

I was able to attend MRFs Meeting of the Minds 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. It was wonderful to get to meet so many ABATE members from other states and riders from many different SMROs and clubs. There was even a member of ABATE of Liberia. Many great stories were shared, information was passed along, and friendships were made. There was a lot of talk about profiling, renewable fuels (E-85), autonomous vehicle, emissions regulations, definition of a motorcycle, crash advocacy, federal mandated helmet law, and the big one being the highway bill (which is set to expire in 2021). I am working on implementing some of the ideas I learned into our region and our social media account. Region 20 also updated their sustaining membership for the MRF. We hope everyone updates their memberships as well. As Jinx said, If we don't keep things going at the national level, it will make things a whole lot more difficult for ABATE members around the country, including Michigan. Next year MRF meeting of the minds is being held in Atlanta, GA. I'm already making plans to attend. If anyone has any questions about updating their MRF membership, please contact me or Jinx.

The Freedom Rally was attended by many including a few of us Region 20 members. Congressional Candidate for the 10th district Lisa McClain was there to greet us. State representative Phil Green spoke on our behalf. Vince, Jim, Hot Rod, Abate of Indiana and MRF vice president Jay Jackson, and a few others spoke as well. It was a great day and we had beautiful riding weather. The Detroit Free Press even printed a great article in the business section titled "Motorcyclists claim unfair treatment under Michigan auto insurance law" which was very well written in our favor. According to Dondi, it was the first of its kind thus far.

Legislation has been slow going for us in Lansing lately. We are still trying to push forward momentum on SB-528 but we are being held up in committee. We are hoping for progress during lame duck. Letters are being signed and sent out to legislatures showing support for SB-528. If you haven't sent in your letters, get with me for information on how and to whom.

This coming year I would like everyone to carry a membership application on them and help spread the word about who we are and what we do for all motorcyclists. We are all on the same team folks, let's try to remember that. There is a lot to discuss at the next meeting so, again, we hope to see you there!!