

ABATE REGION 19

September 1, 2020

We met again in person on September 1 which was nice!

We started the meeting on a sad note: Wally Shattuck passed away Thursday, August 27, 2020. He was a great ABATE member; we will miss him.

Another sad note: Nikole Karnes (on the ABATE state board) daughter Jasmine passed away.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Pete reminded us to keep contacting our legislators about SB528; remember if they don't hear from us, they won't take it seriously.

The MRF and AMA reported that U.S. Reps. Michael Burgess (R-Texas) and Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), co-chairs of the House Motorcycle Caucus, asked House leaders in August for a floor vote on H. Res. 255, which addresses motorcyclist profiling. The Senate passed an identical version of this resolution in 2018

The AMA joined the Motorcycle Industry Council and others to defeat a proposed tariff on motorcycles, parts and accessories. The U.S. Trade Representative had tried to use motorcyclists as a lever against the European Union and the United Kingdom. This effort was the third by the Trade Representative to include motorcycles and accessories in the tariff discussions. Motorcyclists and the manufacturers have prevailed each time in getting motorcycles and accessories removed from the proposal.

Legislative Officer for Region 19 is open. Please think about volunteering; don't worry, we will help you!!

Treasurer's report: Pete gave the report, which was approved.

AWARENESS: The Motorcycle Awareness event is on hold due to the current situation.

Freedom Rally is now September 29

MRF Meeting of the Minds is Sept 24 in Indy and still on.

Minutes by Vince P.