

Helmet bill still awaits its fate. Thank you to Dan and Dennis who both had met with house rep Sarah Roberts to discuss the bill. I'm sure your personal presence with her made an impact that she'll remember when you contact her about any issues. If you're not a registered voter, you still have time to do so in order to vote in the November elections. Voting is your opportunity to have your voice heard. Don't tell me, it doesn't make a difference. There have been elections, ballot proposals and mileages won and lost by a small margin, yes even by 1 vote. If you come across any campaign fundraisers, get the info in at a meeting. The senate campaigns could prove to be a bit fierce in 2010. A lot of them have already begun raising money to foot their campaign bills. It all makes a difference.

On a personal note, gotta say thank you to Tiny for running the July Mt Clemens meeting. Russ and I both were tied up with personal business and unable to attend. Also thank you Debbie for the notes you wrote up. We're hoping the Hen House meeting in Dryden was well attended last month with their steak out so they'll continue to offer a great meal at a cheap price for meeting night. State rep Kim Meltzer was out with a guest last month at the Mt Clemens meeting. He discussed and demonstrated an inflatable motorcycle safety vest. Instead of just pushing to do whatever with his idea, he wanted to first hear feedback from motorcyclists instead. Even if you don't like his invention, you have to respect him for wanting feedback first from the people who could possibly use the item. It was quite interesting and unique.

This month there's a biker's blues bash going on the 13th. Sign up is at Detroit Harley in Centerline, info www.bikersbluesbash.com Tribesmen are having a poker run on the 27th. Sign up at their clubhouse on Foster road in Fostoria, info 989-871-3420. Help the homeless benefit on the 12th at the historic grace church in Mt Clemens. It's an art fair, tex mex bbq, live music etc. for \$10 each, held 3-7. There is a motorcycle run after the concert. Info look up grace house Macomb. On the 20th, Leatherworks has a fallen soldier poker run. Sign up 10-1 at the shop on Vandyke in Washington. Info 586-786-3050. Riley HOH has a beef bash on the 12th and on the 19th is their mega party. Coming 10-4 is the MI Dressers toy run, road capt Chris might have a meet up spot for us. If so, will be posted on the region website under events and stated at this month's meeting. Also, next month is our bikes in the park benefit. See the flier for details. Wanna help, wanna be a vendor or just wanna donate some prizes, if so email me at tm5307@yahoo.com which by the way will be my new email for those that may need to contact me.

Our region elections will be November 25th at the Mt Clemens meeting. Nominations/volunteers will be taken and recorded at the October meeting. If warranted an election will be held in November, if not warranted meaning only 1 person was interested in each position the 2010 region officers will be named and take over in January 2010 or sooner if needed. All positions are up as they are 1 year terms. Those in the current positions are always asked if they're still interested. If so and someone new is as well, then we have an election. If only 1 person is interested in a position, they have it by default. Positions open include RC which runs and oversees every aspect of the region, forms committees for events, decides who writes the region news, decides who will do the email list, decides which info is sent to be posted on the region website, decides who takes care of AC lists and awareness sign info along with a lot of other decisions on how region stuff is handled. CO RC assists the RC with anything the RC needs including running a meeting in another county. Treasurer responsible for recording all

money aspects, depositing all money, and paying the region bills. Also responsible to maintain accurate books of the region, report on our accounts at the meetings and submit reports to the state level on a monthly basis. Legislative officer gathers, reports, informs etc on all legislative items relating to motorcycle issues and then some. Secretary records minutes from the meeting to print a copy and then send to the region website and CO RC, gathers information to bring to the meetings, keeps a copy of pertinent info on file for at least 1 years time, keeps a copy of event results if and when turned in by committee chairs to help the next committee. Awareness director sets up which schools we can work in according to our volunteers and their schedules, maintains our supplies for these demonstrations, and reports on awareness items at the meetings. Assistant awareness director helps the director in any way that benefits the both of them. Webmaster is responsible for posting info sent by RC or person RC delegates to be in charge of what info to post, also needs to update the site as needed, forward questions on the region over to the RC, etc. Road captain sets up meet up spots for region rides, legislative runs like the freedom rally in Lansing all while making sure the route is run as safe as possible for all those attending. Products is responsible for maintaining, ordering and selling region products. Ordering requires a membership vote unless a budget was put in place at the beginning of the year. Sgt @ arms aids in noise at the meetings, watches over events and handles situations when warranted at events, rounds up volunteers for security when needed at events whether our own or money makers for the region and handles the scheduling for such events where security is needed. These descriptions were intended to give you an overview on what goes on where. Alterations do happen, additions are added and so forth. The positions above are voted in whether by default or election. The following is not a voted position, but just a volunteer basis. That is the AC's that help and assist the RC or CO RC when needed, maintain a few bike shops each in which they post our info in racks purchased by the region, be a spokes person for our region and inform shop owners on what's going on so they can relay info to their customers when asked. Hope all this helps you a bit. The one item though you need to remember is that in order to run for a voted position or vote if an election is needed, your membership must be current 30 days prior to 11-25. Last year a few were signing up the night of the vote, please look at your abate card now and if you need to renew, please do it. Have a bit of respect for abate's bylaws and process by taking care of your membership renewal ahead of time.

Till next time

Terry



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\$3 to Enter Pool Tournament - 13 years & up to Enter

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