

September 2019

This month's meeting was on Saturday July 20th; unfortunately, attendance was very low due to folks having to work and vacations etc. We only had a few of the Chapter officers in attendance. Only 8 folks signed in.

We did have a great report from William Cleveland on his trip to Washington DC to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers inside the Beltway event. He gave everyone an update on his meetings with various elected officials and their staff members and what issues were being discussed and what to expect to see coming up in the future.

Will also made sure to emphasize that Dale, who is our State MRF Rep, has been doing an exemplary job and has really improved in his interactions with our elected officials. This is good to hear because at the Meeting of the Minds the MRF will be asking if ABATE wishes to retain Dale as our State Rep.

The members in attendance also had a very good open discussion on issues affecting motorcyclist. The local election season is upon us and the City of Tucson will be electing a new Mayor. There are several candidates running and one of them, Steve Farley, is a member of our Chapter. As we discussed, we do not endorse any particular candidate but we do encourage everyone to get out and vote. We also discussed the various candidates' records and how they have voted on motorcycle issues in the past. Steve Farley has been recognized for his work on motorcycle issues when he was serving in the State Legislature.

The next major event on the calendar is "MEETING OF THE MINDS" which is the annual conference for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. This event will be held in September in Minneapolis. I also encouraged everyone who is not a member of the MRF to join.

Due to the low attendance and not having the proper items to do the drawings there was no 50/50 or membership drawing at this meeting.

As always please keep promoting our Business Memberships to those you do business with. We have been doing Great on this so let's keep up the good work.

We are trying to save the Chapter some money by cutting down on postage. Please make sure the State Membership Officer has all your current information as well, this includes phone numbers, email addresses, address changes etc. You can email her at membershipofficer@abateofaz.org.

Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride Endorsed!

Jim Butsback