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- 2) Next Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place
- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments



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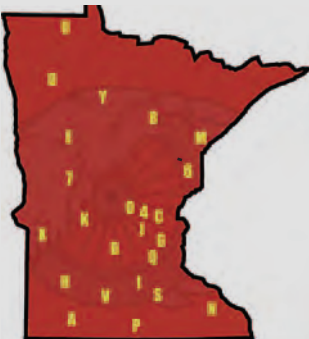
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different types and brands of motorcycles. We are all people with a common interest in a common activity. The fact that we share an interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle we ride.

There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss the operation of the organization. In addition, each chapter holds a monthly meeting in their area of the state. A.B.A.T.E. is a member driven organization. Members are encouraged to participate in any of these meetings.

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by

being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

Our ability to enjoy many freedoms while riding motorcycles in Minnesota is the direct result of the work done by motorcyclists in our state. These people have joined together to fight for our rights and freedoms.

The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota.

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show your commitment to protecting and preserving

your rights as a motorcyclist in Minnesota. Participate in the meetings, rides, and the fundraising activities. You will be informed about the motorcycle activities in the state by receiving Road Noise, the A.B.A.T.E. monthly news publication. A.B.A.T.E. is fun, educational and a great way to meet people and make new friends with similar interests.

With your help, we can continue to promote the positive image of motorcyclists. If you want more information about A.B.A.T.E., please attend any of our meetings, meet other members, and ask questions.

We are pleased that you have decided your rights are worth protecting, that the positive aspects of motorcycling are worth promoting, that education is important, and that the cost of an A.B.A.T.E. membership is a small price to pay to preserve and promote these principles.

Members are the most important thing that A.B.A.T.E. has, so Thank You for becoming a member and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

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Well, I'm sure by now most of you have heard that I have stepped down. I had a heck of a lot of fun the last 10 1/2 years being the Assistant State Coordinator and working with all of you, along with everyone working with myself.

I just felt it was time for me to step down and also Kristie and myself enjoy our winters in Central Texas, where the riding is great and the weather is warm. And when I'm there, I feel like I am neglecting my duties back home.

Some are asking "are we going to see him anymore?" And the answer is yes. I'm not planning on going anywhere. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is actually my hobby. Like I've told people before I don't hunt, I don't fish. I just enjoy riding motorcycle. So I feel it is a perfect fit.

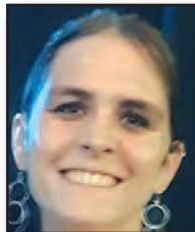
Besides, who else is going to keep an eye on me?

If you don't know who I'm talking about, make sure you ask me at A.B.A.T.E. U., I will be more than happy to inform you who I'm talking about.

I kind of have a lot going on this month and maybe I'll touch base on it in my next month article. So basically, that's it for now.

Thanks, Until next time,

Jim



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April 17th - 19th

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Reservations are OPEN!!

Only call the number above and ask for the room block under A.B.A.T.E University for April 17th, 2026 weekend.

Keep collecting and putting things together for the auction. We will be having a silent and live auction. If you need to send your auction items with someone else before A.B.A.T.E U, please contact your District Director.

There will be a Banquet Saturday evening. You will be able to pick your meal and pay on our website.

T-shirts will be pre-order only at \$20 each! You will be able to do this on our website.

We will be having some Young Riders events going on Saturday from 11am - 1pm. Lunch will be provided for the Young Riders.

Continue selling those raffle tickets for both Friday and Saturday night raffles!

NEW this year! We are moving the King and Queen pageant to A.B.A.T.E University.

Watch Facebook for any updates! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks,

— Stephanie



... at **BIKERDAY** March 25th

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Legislative Team Report

This year we are hearing from many candidates for various political offices. They will be working hard to get elected. Are you taking time to meet them and ask where they stand on our issues? Are you making a commitment to help those that are aligned with us get elected? You can make contributions to campaigns, you can volunteer to do phone calling, door knocking, and put up yard signs. There are many things you can do to help candidates of your choice win. If a candidate is elected, we are going to ask them to help us. Isn't it reasonable to offer to help them? Keep in mind a candidate that is 100% on our side on issues isn't a lot of help to us if he or she does not get elected. Are you going to do your part to help put them in office? You can make use of the PCR (Political Contribution Refund) program again this year. \$75 per person \$150 per married couple. Don't forget if you have not filed for your 2025 PCR refund yet it needs to be filed by April 15, 2026.

We have heard back from several of our members that attended precinct caucuses and know of at least five that have been elected to go on to their county convention. We have three first-time caucuses attendees that are now delegates. These people will have a voice in their political parties' position on issues. They can create relationships, find supporters of our issues, and meet candidates. Taking part makes a difference!

A reminder: Contact your legislative candidates. If you get replies send them to Write 2 Ride so we can track the candidate's position and then send you a W2R patch and/or rocker.

Plan to attend Bikerday at the MN State Capitol on March 25th from 1-5pm. It will be a rewarding experience and will help further the cause of the motorcycling community.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's 2026 Bikerday at the Capitol talking points:

- SF54, HF964 Reduction of sales tax for older motorcycles. We support.
- SF2639, HF2494 Uninsured and underinsured mandate for motorcyclists. We oppose.
- SF2484, HF2519 Digital Fair Repair Act, addition of motorcycles. We support.
- SF2891, HF2956 Remove cap on reasonable attorney fees for motorcyclist equal access violations. We support.
- SF1505, HF686 Development of a model policy for safe traffic stops. We support
(If motorcyclist anti-profiling language is added).

Thank you

Your A.B.A.T.E. of MN Legislative Team

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I am sharing the procedure for taking part in W2R again. I know most of you have seen it many times before but for those that are new this is how it works.

I will also add that we had members from 14 A.B.A.T.E. chapters and one Young Riders member participate in 2025. Why only 14? Don't our other chapters have members that are subject to the decisions made by legislators? Don't they care? Thanks to those that did participate but I know we can do better.

Write To Ride Program

The goal of the Write to Ride program is to encourage awareness and communication between A.B.A.T.E. members and government legislators at the state and federal levels.

Function

The person or persons coordinating the Write to Ride program will collect, and file for reference, copies of correspondence between A.B.A.T.E. members and their legislators. The communication does not need to be motorcycle issues specific but can be related to any issue of legislative concern. Although written communication is preferable, verbal interaction may, at the discretion of the program coordinator(s), be used to earn a Write to Ride patch or rocker if reasonable verification of the exchange is provided. Copies of e-mail correspondence will also be accepted. Eligible first-time participants will receive the Write to Ride patch and a corresponding year rocker.

A.B.A.T.E. members will be awarded a rocker for each subsequent year of participation. Patches and rockers will be awarded only to members providing reasonable proof, each calendar year, of communication with a legislator. If reply correspondence is addressed to multiple recipients, only one member will be presented with the patch/and or rocker.

Program Manager Responsibilities

- Provide information to A.B.A.T.E. members about the Write to Ride program and its function
- If requested, help members identify their legislators and provide appropriate phone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses
- Order patches and rockers as needed, typically through A.B.A.T.E. Products
- With discretion, replace a member's earned patch and/or rockers
- Collect, file, and retain copies of submitted correspondence
- Organize records for patch and rocker recipients:
 - Legislator contacted, Subject of correspondence, Date of correspondence
 - Patch and/or yearly rocker awarded, Date that the award is presented to the member

Member Participation Responsibilities

- Establish initial communication with the legislator
- Forward a copy of the reply correspondence to the Write to Ride Manager(s) along with the A.B.A.T.E. member's name, and chapter name
- If there are multiple reply recipients, please indicate which A.B.A.T.E. Member will receive the patch and/or rocker
- Although not required, a copy of the initial correspondence may be included with the reply
- In the absence of response from the legislator, a member may submit a copy of the initial correspondence, indicating the communication format used (postal service, e-mail, etc.), the date the contact was initiated and the number of attempts made

Are you doing all you can to protect your freedom of choice?

Are you registered for Bikerday?

Are you doing all you can to protect your life?

Are you registered for a class to improve your riding skills?



Have you heard about Florida's HB429?

Here's a message from National COIR
(Council of Informed Riders):

The introduction of Florida's HB-429 threatens to tarnish the reputation of motorcycle clubs, motorcycle rights organizations and even Christian Motorcycle Groups. HB-429 will allow all of us to be classified as criminals. We are deeply concerned about this bill's potential to criminalize our culture.

Follow National COIR on Facebook, or better yet - join at nationalcoir.org and get email updates directly to your inbox!



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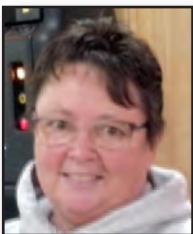
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Hopefully Spring has sprung as you are reading this. It is getting warmer as I am writing, but plenty of snow still left.

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up next month. The committee has been working hard on making this one of the best ones yet. There will be great classes and great people. So, make sure to be there and sign up for the banquet too. If you are a new officer, the training at this event is a must for you.

Hope to see lots of you at Heartland STEAM and Bikerday at the State Capitol.

— Mitch



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Here we are in March! I was on vacation for 3 glorious weeks last 2 weeks in January and the first week in February. It was gone in a blink of an eye! I hear we missed a LOT of cold weather.

Well, I sat down and went to work and got 3 weeks of memberships done in 1 day! My hands really hurt after that.... Then right into election paperwork, all the absentee ballots that were requested were out by the 11th, some Chapter packets were mailed out on the 10th. Fingers crossed all the Presidents get their packets on time for elections, if not, PLEASE call me a few days before your election so we can work something out!

That is about it for now.

Keep on keepin on!

— Shelly



Webmaster Report

State Rally tickets and camping passes are now available for purchase on the website. A.B.A.T.E. U banquet tickets, t shirts, and "Stop the Bleed" class registration are also available online. When registering for A.B.A.T.E. U, please select only the items you are purchasing. Tickets for both events can be found under the EVENTS menu on the website.

If your chapter, or you personally, have made the news in any way related to motorcycling, please send the information to webmaster@abatemn.org so it can be added to the website.

That's all for now!



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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) recently submitted formal public comments to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in response to the agency's request for input on the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Non-Traffic Surveillance (NTS) system. These systems form the backbone of how federal and state agencies track roadway fatalities and serious crashes. The MRF emphasized the importance of these systems to the motorcycling community.

In its comments, the MRF reaffirmed that FARS is an indispensable tool for understanding motorcycle fatalities and developing effective safety strategies. Because motorcycles differ significantly from passenger vehicles in terms of exposure, performance, visibility, and rider behavior, aggregated crash data often fails to capture trends that uniquely affect motorcyclists. Accurate, consistent and detailed motorcycle-specific data is essential for identifying patterns, targeting safety resources, evaluating training programs and guiding sound policymaking.

The MRF also urged NHTSA to ensure that any modernization of FARS, particularly efforts to improve the timeliness of data release, does not compromise data integrity or year-to-year consistency. For a relatively small but high-risk group such as motorcyclists, even minor changes in data definitions or collection practices can distort long-term trend analysis. Transparency and public engagement, the MRF noted, must remain central to any substantial changes in how data is collected or coded.

"FARS is not simply a database for motorcyclists, it is the yardstick by which progress is measured," the comments stated. From rider education and training to



MRF's Todd Reba & Rob Benjamin at the Grounded Hogs event.

infrastructure investment and regulatory decisions, nearly every motorcycle safety initiative depends on reliable fatality data. The MRF concluded by urging NHTSA to prioritize continued funding, accuracy, consistency, and accessibility of FARS, while ensuring that the unique characteristics of motorcycle crashes remain visible in the nation's most important traffic safety dataset.

Todd Riba and I, along with other MRF members, were at Lake Chapters Grounded Hogs event. Lake Chapter asked the MRF if we were interested in being a part of the event, we said yes. Todd and I had a great time and will be looking forward to next year.

Next up is Bikerday.

— Shadow



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YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We went to the ice races in South Haven and it was bitter and cold but a lot of fun. Charlee wants to do it because she saw how much fun these kids/people were having. That shows me, getting our youth out to watch gets them interested.

We handed out trifolds and the next step is to get the parents while they aren't busy. After the races, I think is best.

Rockers for Bikerday should be ready and I'll have them on Bikerday. Are you bringing your Young Rider? It's an excused day from school, and they learn so much.

A.B.A.T.E. University is another event for our youth that can introduce them to A.B.A.T.E. Some chapter events are family friendly, you just need to ask. Or they will advertise it.

Charlee comes to our meetings and you see her at the board of directors meetings. Those might not be great for really littles, they can get bored. All I'm saying is there are so many ways to introduce or show our youth what A.B.A.T.E. is.

Be safe!
— Harmony

Current Proud Supporters of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders

- Jane DoyleJune 2023 - May 2026
- Vicki & Frank ErnstJune 2023 - May 2027
- Tri-County Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN.June 2023 - May 2027
- Lake Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MNJanuary. 2024 - Dec. 2026
- Bob & Toni McChesneyAugust 2023 - July 2026
- Jim & Kelly PiersonDecember 2024-May 2032
- Rolling Prairie Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MNDec. 2025-Nov. 2026
- East Central Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MNDec. 2025 - Nov. 2026
- Chaska American Legion Riders Post 57 ..March 2026-Aug. 2026

You can become a Young Rider Supporter!

We are offering the opportunity to become "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders."

Next Meeting(s):
March 11th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm
April 8th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

There is a lot to report on this time, but unfortunately I only have time to give you a quick overview. The 501(c)(3) for the scholarship program is up and slightly operational. By that, I mean there is money in an account ready to spend in the amount of \$14,000 for the scholarship launch on March 1st. In my estimation there is an extreme amount of other work to be done to get this charitable organization truly operational. If you want to donate personal funds and write them off for tax purposes, you can now do so.

With the proposed balanced budget set to be voted on at the April B.O.D., there have been a lot of cuts, including the Education budget. Last year there was \$600 available to each of our four districts for rider training course reimbursements. The proposed budget, if passed, will appropriate half of that for this next season, which would come to \$300 per District. I am definitely a proponent of balanced budgets, yet I also want to see rider training participation increased. So, what is the solution? Perhaps increased membership? More members equals more dollars available to spend on training motorcyclists! I will try my best to personally sign up at least one new member this year, but I am aiming for three. Can you sign up just one new member this year? Food for thought.

Catch up with you next month.
— Jon



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Next Meeting(s):

March 19th, Saint Paul College, 5:00-7:00pm

The most recent task force meeting was held on January 15th. Since Jay has started using an AI program to produce the meeting minutes, we now get them before every meeting and I'm quite impressed with the results.

Unfortunately, we're still getting the prior meeting minutes and the agenda for the next meeting only two days before the meeting, which makes it difficult to prepare for.

The Secretary of State website currently shows that there have been no members appointed yet. This was briefly discussed, and what I gathered was that Jay was waiting to send in the documentation for the last member that recently joined. We had a guest join us by the name of Evan Pankow. He is the Legislative Coordinator for the Department of Public Safety and works in conjunction with mainly the Office of Traffic Safety, the State Patrol, and Driver Vehicle Services, and relays information from those departments to the legislature and the Officer of the Governor. He has asked that each of the task force members prepare a short briefing regarding their own experience and factual based opinion on lane splitting. Things like experience on the road, implementation of the statute, and the statute as it is written.

As always, these task force meetings are open to the public, but the lane splitting discussion will be limited to membership of the task force. Jay informed the group that he has received a lot of inquiries from quite a few other states about implementation of this new statute and how it's going, as it were. It's too soon from a data collection standpoint to relay anything substantial, but the ball is rolling.

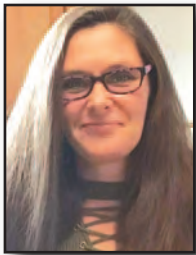
We received an update on the state-run rider training program. As per usual, the bottle neck still comes from the need for rider coaches. It

was also reported that rider training participation numbers are stagnant in Minnesota along with the rest of the states nationwide, except for a handful of states that mandate rider training courses regardless of age. The Basic Rider Course fee for 2026 has risen from \$259 to \$279. All other course rates will stay the same, as well as all the contracted course rates.

We also had an interesting discussion regarding the 2025 motorcycle crash fatality statistics. The reduction in fatalities from 76 in 2024, to 57 in 2025 is definitely a positive reduction. Yet, between 2024 and 2025, alcohol/drug impaired fatalities jumped from 22% to 52%. This was discussed heavily. There was information given that more digging into postmortem toxicology reports may be the reason for this huge spike. I asked if there was more of a focus on this due to the legalization of recreational cannabis, which is certainly a possibility. I also asked if it was possible to get a breakdown between alcohol verses drug impairment simply out of my curiosity to explain this massive spike. The legislative coordinator attending the meeting explained a new testing device that most likely will be proposed to the state legislature this session for future use by law enforcement. It is similar to a PBT device for alcohol detection during traffic stops, but is referred to as "oral fluid screening" for drug impairment screening. This would be used after a positive preliminary impairment screening to obtain probable cause for a search warrant to obtain a urine or blood sample. I am interested to see in the years to come if this statistic was a collection anomaly or a shift in data collection practices that bring the realities of impaired fatal crashes to light.

Lastly, a motorcycle safety month proclamation committee has been formed. Three of us will get together and review last year's proclamation and recommend possible changes to this year's proclamation to the rest of the task force. So there is some movement regarding a proclamation for this May. As the snow melts, the riding season is near, or already here. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

—Jon



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Hello to everyone! Hope you are all getting through this winter. I cannot wait for the warm sunshine and wind in my face, being outside, uncaged and free to roam!

I was recently looking through past State Rally programs, as far back as 1991. And a few things caught my attention. These are merely observations, but I found them interesting. One was the amount of and wide variety of games there used to be, single rider, doubles and non-bike. Some of these are the Mud Olympics, Kick Start, Potato in the Haystack, Ring Joust and the two-and four-person (non-bike) plank race. I would love to see pics!

Another was that as recently as 2022 (from the copies in front of me currently), Sport Bike was not a category in the Bike Show. I find that crazy since, doing a little research, as of early 2025, motorcycle ownership in Minnesota is over 200,000, with Sport Bike registration on the rise. I cannot help but think a lot of these owners are of a younger crowd, along with young owners of all motorcycle categories, ones we should probably be trying to get involved in our fight for our rights and safety.

Lastly, the reappearance of names: the same names of volunteers and chapters, year after year, literally going back 10 to 20 years. While we all appreciate these volunteers and their involvement, I hope that in the future we will see new names, even if just for one year. I think it would be great to get some new ideas and new perspectives.

Again, these are my observations, but maybe a little food for thought.

Hope to see you soon!

—Gaida "Gator"



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Hey! This will be short and sweet. If EVERY chapter can bring me their tote to A.B.A.T.E. University, I would appreciate it.

I do not have much, other than April and I want to promote your events. Constant Contact, Facebook, flyers. Whatever we can do for you. I see there are a lot of events coming up, how can we help?

— Harmony



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Biker family,

Not much going on right now except getting ready to order all the supplies for Heartland STEAM and A.B.A.T.E. University.

Reminder to all Chapters to email me a typed copy of your Officers for the coming year following your elections. It makes my job so much easier, plus the chance of names being spelled incorrectly less likely.

Thank you to all those that stepped up to accept a nomination, whether it be at the Chapter level or the State level. Together, we can make A.B.A.T.E. great.

Stay safe,

— Kari



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Next Meeting (s):

March 7th, American Legion,
Paynesville, 5:00 pm

One of the issues that the 2026 Minnesota Legislature will be wrestling with that should be on motorcyclist's radar will be the final approval of 'Oral Fluid (Saliva) Portable Testers' (OFT) that can be used by law enforcement during roadside traffic stops for suspected impairment.

During the past two years, fifty-seven drug recognition evaluators (DREs) from 41 Minnesota law enforcement agencies from 36 Minnesota counties participated in the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) coordinated pilot project. The portable hand-held devices they looked at can return field results in five minutes from a simple saliva swab. The devices detect recent use of six drug classes and the specific chemicals that can impair drivers:

- Amphetamines: A stimulant that includes legal prescriptions to treat conditions such as attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).
- Benzodiazepines: A depressant that includes legal prescriptions to treat anxiety and insomnia.
- Cannabinoids: Personal possession and use of certain amounts of cannabis and cannabis products are legal in Minnesota.
- The testing instruments detect the psychoactive ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which is the cannabinoid that can impair driving.
- Cocaine: An illegal stimulant.
- Methamphetamines: A stimulant.
- Opiates: A drug that includes legal prescriptions to treat pain.

Once final approval of portable field-testing

devices is passed, a person stopped by law enforcement for roadside impairment testing could face the following:

- A standard field sobriety test, which can lead to -
- Preliminary breath tests (PBTs) and/or Oral Fluid (OFT) testing, which can then lead to -
- Blood or urine tests from DPS' Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)

During the project, the instruments that were being evaluated. Detected drugs in 87.2 percent of tests overall. The most frequently detected drugs were cannabinoids, methamphetamines and amphetamines. More than one drug was detected in 62 percent of the tests. Found that 90 percent of drivers who tested positive for alcohol with a PBT also tested positive for one or more drugs. Field Sobriety test results, as well as PBT and OFT cannot be used in court. What can be used in court to help get a DWI conviction are blood or urine tests from DPS' Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). The pilot project showed that the oral fluid instruments (OFT) accurately detected the same substances the BCA found in its laboratory tests. Most match rates exceeded 82 percent. As expected, the BCA detected more substances than the oral fluid testing instruments due to factors such as its more extensive testing capabilities.

We will keep you updated on legislative actions this year related to this topic.

**Remember: IMPAIRED IS IMPAIRED -
If You Ride Impaired, You Ride Unprepared**

—John



at **BIKERDAY** March 25th



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I recently had the opportunity to attend a chapter event, and during that time, it came to my attention that a particular table was occupied by individuals who were unfamiliar with A.B.A.T.E. and were not members. These guests were drawn to the event because it seemed enjoyable, and they decided to join us. This situation presented an invaluable chance for me and the chapter president to engage with them, introducing all that A.B.A.T.E. represents. Fortunately, I had a trifold readily available, which allowed us to not only cover the key discussion points but also provide them with a tangible resource to take home and review later. This experience served as a powerful reminder of the significance of having tear-offs and trifolds readily accessible, as one never knows when an opportunity to connect with potential new members might arise.

Regarding our promotional materials, if there is a need for additional trifolds or tear-offs to be made available for distribution at the upcoming A.B.A.T.E. U event, please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know. I am more than happy to facilitate their delivery either to the chapter representative or directly to you if you plan to be in attendance. As a helpful tip, you can easily create additional copies of the tear-offs yourself. Simply arrange three copies on your copier and then copy them in a two-sided format.

I am fully available and dedicated to providing assistance and support to you.

Together We Are Better—

—April



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Next Meeting(s):

March 8th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

April 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

May 10th, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

March is going to be a busy month with the State and Chapter elections, Heartland STEAM, and Bikerday. Check out the Calendar of Events for more and hopefully Mother Nature gives us good weather for all events.

We are in need of help with proofing the Road Noise if you have ever thought about doing it ask one of the people on the committee now if you have questions.

The featured articles folders are all empty again. It is very easy to submit one of the featured articles, you can go to our website and fill out the form, attach a picture, and submit, and we will take it from there.

Thanks! Happy spring!

—Tammy



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):

March 20th, Heartland STEAM, Alexandria, 2:00 pm

April 17th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Hello Everyone! Well by the time you get this I hope spring has made some what an appearance and I am so looking forward to getting back on the bike and riding again!

There is not a lot going on in the gambling, just a reminder sell those A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets and get them in for chapter credit by April 4th. Let us make the raffle the best yet!

—Angie



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s)

March 14th, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

April 17th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

May 16th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

June 20th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

July 17th, July B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

2026 STATE RALLY:

Family Night, Thursday, September 3rd

Rally, Friday, September 4th -

Monday, September 7th

Congratulations to Noel Huggett (South Central) for designing the 2026 Rally flyer! I designed the T-Shirt, as we had no submissions for that.

Family Night will be held that Thursday night from 2:00 - 7:00 pm before the Rally officially starts. This is another opportunity for us to introduce A.B.A.T.E. to the younger generation and gives you a chance to enjoy bringing your kids into your Chapter campsites for the evening. Correction to last month's report, there will not be a Young Riders rodeo at the Rally. Look for their other Young Riders events throughout the season.

As announced at the January B.O.D., the King & Queen Pageant will no longer be held at the Rally at the end of the season. Instead, the 2026 King & Queen will be announced at the beginning of the season at A.B.A.T.E. University. So, start planning who you want to attend A.B.A.T.E. University to represent your Chapter for the pageant.

Also start talking about what volunteer shifts your chapter wants to sign up for. The volunteer sheets will be available for signs up at A.B.A.T.E. University. Last year we had trouble filling spots for registration and evening security.

The Fashion Show will still take place that Saturday night. The location is changing to the wooden band shell area by the front gate. Advanced Rally tickets and the RV camping fee are available to purchase online. The deadline

for online purchase is August 1st.

Also discuss at your next meeting how many Rally advanced tickets your chapter would like to sell and contact Erin Fredricks at erinfredricks22@gmail.com by April 1st with that information. Those advanced tickets will be given to your Chapter Rep at A.B.A.T.E. University if they are requested.

We could use your help with signing up Rally sponsors. The new sponsor form is easy to use and provides all the information a business needs to know about both sponsorship programs. Also, on the form there is a QR code they can scan to sign up and pay online, or they can still mail the form and fee. When you drop off a form to a business, be sure to fill in your information on the back of the form, so that the business can contact you if needed to come pick up the form and fee. The form is available on the state website to download and print or contact Ingrid at (763) 516-7029 to request more forms.

If you would like to attend a Rally meeting over the phone and you are on Facebook, contact Ingrid and she can add you to the group rally chat for the meetings.

To the Rally Committee, I hope all of you can plan ahead to attend our Rally meeting at A.B.A.T.E. University on Friday, April 17th at 8:00 pm. We will be taking a group photo!

As always keep those Rally suggestions coming to rally@abatemn.org.

— Dougie



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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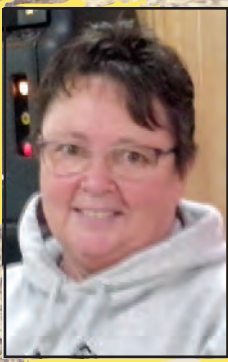
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Next meeting(s):

April 12th Ugly bar, Montrose at 11:00 am

I hope to see you all at Bikerday at the Capitol and A.B.A.T.E. University.

— Kristi



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines



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March has some pretty important dates coming up. First off, our Chapter & State elections, are you practicing your voting right to get the best person into the job? Chapter events are happening all over the state, check out the calendar of events in the back of the Road Noise. Think about attending & helping out other chapters. Who knows, you may meet some pretty cool people there! Next Heartland STEAM March 20th-21st, are you signed up? There is still time! It's a great way to meet like minded people from 7 states and most times there are others in attendance too! The most important date is Bikerday, March 25th. Remember, if you can't go please contact your legislators by sending an e-mail, a call, or even snail mail. Get the word to them we will be there and we care about what's going on to biker rights! And, if you do go, send them a thank you note, then send any response onto Frank and earn your Write to Ride patch or rocker. Good luck to everyone who stepped up and said yes to accept a position on the ballot! Until next time!

Until next time, *Shelly*

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

Friday March 6, Community Center,
Rushing, 7:00pm

Easter is in early April, therefore our meeting will be Friday, April 10th, Community Center, Rushing.

Hello , All of You Beautiful People!

Damn that ground hog! Nasty little vermin! But he can't take summer and riding from us !

Along with happy thoughts and plans to ride, comes our yearly nominations for A.B.A.T.E. officers. If you have someone in mind that you'd like to nominate, then DO IT! Maybe your group is in a rut and someone has fresh ideas for a successful event or a new challenge! So nominate them. Elections will be held very soon. Get to a meeting and get your nominee on the ballot.

Please keep our military members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Include our beloved country during these challenging and often frightening times.

– BAM, Southwest Chapter

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Legion, Paynesville, 3:00 pm
April 4th, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

March 7th, 7-11 pm Biker Prom, Paynesville Legion
March 20th-22nd Heartland STEAM
March 25th Bikerday 1:00-5:00pm

Hi, Working on Prom and we have a thought to auction our single guys off. You'd have a date for the night! Haha It's March 7th. We still have pre-sale tickets. The hotel is in the same parking lot, so if you need, get a room now, at a discount.

We have our annual Memorial Weekend campout tentatively planned. We're headed to see the trolls in Detroit Lakes. We have a few others in the works.

I think we're more excited to get back out for the wind therapy, it's been a cold winter. I hope everyone who's been somewhere warm had fun. See you all soon!

– Harmony

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

March 28th, Outlaw Saloon, Nissau,

time to be determined

April 25th, Outlaw Saloon in Nissau,

time to be determined

May 31st, Dawson Gnome Park, 10:00 am

June 28th, Watson Sag near Watson, 10:00 am

July 26th, the Woodlake Park, Wood Lake

10:00 am

August at the State Rally grounds

September 27th, Madison swimming pool

park, 10:00 am

Upcoming Event (s):

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn,

Alexandria

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol

April 17th-19th, A.B.A.T.E. University,

Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Greetings everyone,

Spring is coming!!!

Don't forget that our March meeting is our chapter officer elections and State Office elections. You need to have your current A.B.A.T.E. membership card with you to vote.

March is a busy month. Heartland STEAM is the 20th-22nd. If you've never been to one, consider it.

The entire hotel is booked for this event only.

You'll be able to attend different classes with like-minded bikers from all over. It's a great time.

Our President will be offering a session at this event.

Bikerday is at the Capitol March 25th - we get to show and speak with our elected officials about biker issues. You have to pre-register and can do so on the state website.

A.B.A.T.E. University is April 17th-19th in Alexandria. This is also a great time. State Office elections will be counted and announced.

Our chapter is ordering Buddy Bears. If you know of any ambulance, law enforcement, ect. that would like any, contact Joe Ruby.

— Gypsy Mama
Way West Chapter

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesdays at 7:00pm:

March 4th, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield

April 1st, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield

May 6th VFW, Hutchinson

Upcoming Event (s):

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

Wednesday, March 25th, Bikerday at the
Capitol, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

April 17th & 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

April 12th, Food Drive, 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 13th, Ditch Clean Up, 6:00pm

May 16th & 17th, 2 Day SC Spring Fling Bike Show,
Litchfield Civic Arena

Saturday June 13th, MEIS Burger Day, 10:30am -
2:30pm

Saturday June 20th, Fun Run & Membership Drive,
10:30am registration

As you can see above, we are busy planning all of our events and are excited for another busy spring!

Save the date for our annual Spring Fling Bike Show at the Litchfield Civic arena this year. This is a 2 day event on May 16th 10am-6pm, and May 17th 10am - 3pm. We have a new Event Hostess, Angie Cairl. Thank you Angie for volunteering! She is looking for door prize items and additional vendors. Please contact her at 320-221-5690.

Please join us to vote on officers at the March 4th meeting, your vote matters! Hope to see you on the road soon.

— Ingrid Cohen



at **BIKERDAY** March 25th



Lake and East Central Heart On



Harley O'Hern

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

- March 7th, Red Lodge, Waverly (Election Meeting) 3:00 pm
- April 4th TBD, 3:00 pm
- May 2nd, Missile Park, St Bonifacius, 3:00 pm

Thank you to Rockford Township Hall for hosting our February meeting and Grounded Hogs Fundraiser. It was fantastic to see everyone who came out for Grounded Hogs. Thank you for taking the time to come and spend time with us.

Both Bikerday and Heartland STEAM are fast approaching. You can register online for both of these events. If you are unable to attend Bikerday the chapter has drafted two letters that you can send to your State Representative and State Senator. Those will be posted on Facebook and emailed out soon.

Riding season will be here before we know it. Rider training classes are scheduled for May 30th for Intermediate and May 31st for Advanced. Reach out to Sherry at sedgett50@gmail.com . Spots are limited and will go fast.

A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets are still available until the end of March. This year, we are hosting two exciting drawings. The Friday night drawing features a total of 600 tickets, while the Saturday

night features a total of 800 tickets. The prizes are truly substantial, and the odds of winning are exceptionally promising. Your participation in these sales will directly contribute to funding our gambling account.

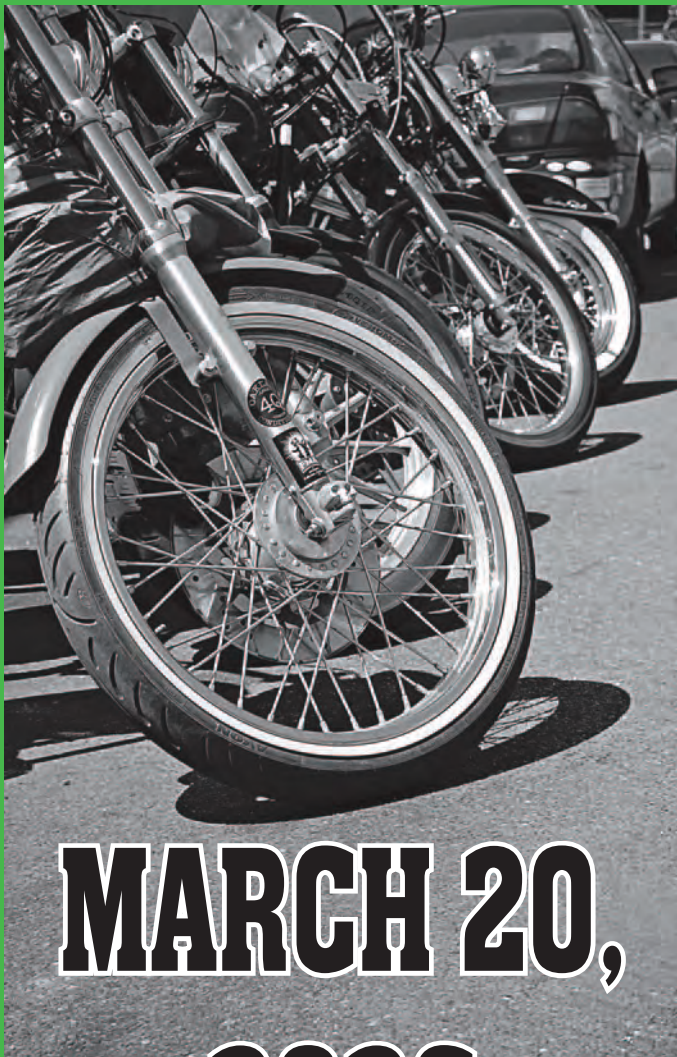
The chapter is currently seeking an enthusiastic individual passionate about our chapter to oversee the management of our chapter products. If this sparks your interest, please reach out to either April or Jim.

Officer nominations have concluded. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who were nominated and accepted the opportunity to serve our chapter. If you are attending the March voting meeting, please bring your A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Membership card to the meeting.

The nominees are:

- * President Nominee: April Murch
- * Vice President Nominee: Jim Kosse
- * Chapter Rep Nominee: Todd Riba
- * Treasurer Nominee: Cyndi Buttweiler
- * Secretary Nominee: Sandy Bengtson
- * Sgt at Arms Nominees: Dean Webb, Jim Bengtson, Mike Jencks, Tammie Webb, Randy Deters, Keith May, Chris Paumn, and Rob Benjamin.

Until next month my friends . . .
– Ride Free April



MARCH 20,

2026

FIRST DAY

OF

SPRING!

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Lewisville Muni, Lewisville

3:00 pm Committee; 4:00 pm Regular

April 4th Village Inn, LaSalle

3:00 pm Committee; 4:00pm Regular

Upcoming Event (s):

March 14th, 33rd Annual Chili Feed, VFW, St. James

5:00-8:00 pm

March 20th-21st, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn ,
Alexandria

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello fellow bikers, Chili Feed, Chili Feed, Chili Feed. That is what's up. We are very excited for our 33rd Annual Chili Feed on March 14th at the VFW in St. James. All you care to eat. Variety of Chili's, as well as Loaded Potato Soup, Sloppy Joes, Bars, and all the fixings. \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Silent auction as well. Hope to see you all there.

Save the date for the following events hosted by Rolling Prairie coming to you later this year:

May 9th Washout

May 30th Kickstart Ride

September 12th Fallen Friends Memorial Ride

BUFFALO RIDGE

Greetings Freedom Fighters!

Election of officers will be held Wednesday, March 11th at 3:30 PM at Dave's Muscle Cars in Lynd.

Please come and make your voice heard!

The B.O.D. will be voting on whether our chapter gets shut down at the April meeting, So, this will most likely be our last Road Noise submittal. Our "chapter" will be carrying on the Share the Road message under our own name, as we believe that educating new drivers will keep ALL motorcyclists safer out there on the roads. AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND EDUCATION. . . always!

Stay safe out there!

– Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treas., Buffalo Ridge



NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!

Bikerday 2026 – The most important day of the year for motorcyclists! March 25th. Check the A.B.A.T.E. web page. Get registered. Get on a bus. They will take you right to the Capitol steps. Bring a friend. Bring a young person. Every youngster I've seen in the Capitol is in awe from the amazing building. This is another big year in politics. Get to know your legislators. These are life long friendships. **Your voice is heard!**

Heartland STEAM is March 20th - 22nd. This is a very informative conference. Seven surrounding states will be coming to Minnesota to take in good knowledge and comradery. This takes a lot of planning and participation. Please take time to help out. Let's show the other states how WE Excel at this!!

The weather is starting to warm up. The days are getting longer. **Get them bikes ready!** You don't want to be in the garage working on your bike as you hear others ride by enjoying the Freedom of the Road YOU work so hard to protect!

Contact me with any questions or concerns.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE — *Edgar*

NORTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls, 3:00 pm

April 4th, Rod Olson's, Mentor, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 29th-30th, 37th Annual Spring Ride In, Island Park, St. Hilaire

Bikerday at the Capitol is soon approaching. Just the week after Heartland STEAM. I encourage everyone to attend one or both events providing

great opportunity to speak to your lawmakers and meet likeminded people with similar goals.

Attendance at our chapter meetings has been great! Participation, lively discussions, motions and coming together in the end with a vote makes our chapter strong and meetings fun!

We have a few A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets left. Get em while you can! If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket, contact Oggy or message our Facebook page.



Save the date for the Spring Ride In!

Come on out to the March meeting and vote for your favorite officer nominees!

— Ben

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Skippy Finns, Badger, 5:00 pm

April 14th, Skippy Finns, Badger, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 7th, Borderland Ground Hogs party,

Skippy Finns, 6:00 pm

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn,

Alexandria

March 25th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

April 17th-19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

May 2nd, 27th Annual Borderland Membership Drive

Hello Borderland!

The March 7th meeting is our state and chapter officer election meeting with the Ground Hogs party to follow. There will be a pot luck dinner and a gift exchange (optional) \$25 limit. So, grab a friend and a gift and have some fun! The date is set for the Borderland chapter 27th annual membership drive, but the location is TBD. Put that date on your calendar now!! This is our most important event of the year. It's a chapter fundraiser and one way to build and maintain a strong membership. And it's so much fun!!

We want to thank our members for buying and selling the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. The money our organization and our chapter make on this is such a big deal for our charities and programs!

See ya soon and Spring is just around the corner!

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

No Report Received

NORTH STAR

No Report Received

HEART OF THE LAKES

Happy St Patrick's Day in advance, may the luck of the Irish touch you all.

Our chapter has a somewhat busy month with the upcoming Annual Pool and Dart Tournament on March 7th at the Silvermoon in Perham. Pool starts at 2, darts at 5pm. Raffle drawing at 9:45 pm. Free food until gone with live music and a silent auction. Hope you can make it out!

Following up with our Chapter meeting on the 13th, again at the Silvermoon at 7pm.

And let us not forget the day that our organization is all about..... Bikerday at the Capitol on the 25th.

I hope all that can make it are registered and ready with great talking points.

One month closer to the wind!

Gods smile on you all,

– Jess

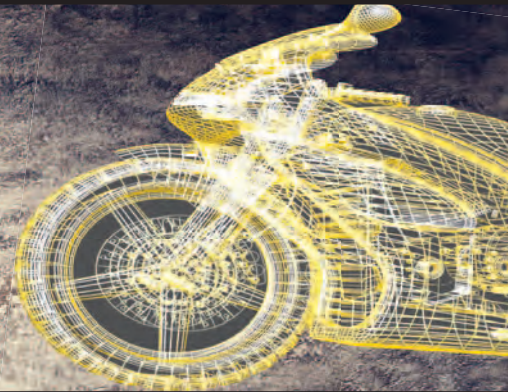


A.B.A.T.E. U

April 18th 9:00 am

Holiday Inn Alexandria

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines



FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

March 14th, American Legion, Emmons, 2:00 pm
April 25th, Serviceman Club, Blooming Prairie, 3:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders

Here we are 3 months into the new year already, good lord, where does the time go? As it is, Bikerday is this month, March 25th, 1:00 pm at the Capitol. All I can say, and continue to say is, Get on the Bus!! Bus schedules are published on the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website. For those of you from the SE District coming out of Rochester the bus will load at Wildwood Sports Bar at 10:30 am and will depart at 10:45am. For those of you coming out of Owatonna, the bus will load at Walmart at 11:30 am and depart at 11:45 am. This year we have a lot of friends of A.B.A.T.E. retiring and others moving around so we need a huge group in the Capitol. Hopefully we can pack the buses!!

Just a few other things, since I need to keep this short:

1. Sell those raffle tickets, the payback goes a long way to helping others.
2. Spend your Damn Money, donate your gambling funds to charity and help to make others feel special.
3. You can also donate your money to the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Rider Scholarship, the new 501c3.

If you wonder why we do what we do...It's because the "Freedom of the road is worth every risk" and every moment made!

Keep thinking sunny thoughts, the days are getting longer!!

Peace, Love and Hugs



STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

March 8th, American Legion (Basement level)
Owatonna, 1:00 pm
April 12th, L&M Bar, Dundas, 12:00 pm, meeting to accommodate our Meet & Greet event
May 10th, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol
May 3rd, Steele County Fairgrounds, 30th Annual Blessing of the Bikes, start time 11:00 am, Straight River will assist with bike parking again. There is also a ride that will follow the Blessing, more details to follow.

Hello! Hope everyone is doing well. I know that I am getting the itch to ride. Elections are coming up. Hope everyone accepted nominations for the position they wanted. As with any election, your vote counts. Good luck to everyone running. I am certain there are going to be some changes in the officer positions. Change is a good thing. So that being said! I am not going to be the President of Straight River, I will remain a member. God Bless!

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

March 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

April 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

Upcoming Event (s):

March 20th - 22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol

April 17th - 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 2nd, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

Hello all!

Here we are—spring is just around the corner... yay! Riding weather is (hopefully) on the way, and I'm guessing many of you are already getting your bikes ready. Now's the time to start marking your calendars, because we've got a lot happening.

Planning is underway for our Annual May Motorcycle Awareness Parade and Fun Run, happening Saturday, May 2nd. This event helps promote motorcycle safety and awareness, and we'd love to have Chapter members involved. Committee meetings are held before our regular meetings. Watch for updates on flyers and our Facebook page—and remember to start seeing motorcycles!

Bikerday at the Capitol is coming up this month! Please consider attending—this is an important event for all bikers. Even if you didn't sign up, you're still welcome to attend and show your support.



This month is also election time, so please plan to attend the meeting and vote for your officers. If you want a voice in your Chapter or would like to see changes, this is your chance to get involved. A big thank-you to our outgoing officers for your time, dedication, and hard work!

Looking ahead, A.B.A.T.E. University is next month and is a must for new Officers and Sergeants at Arms. You'll learn your responsibilities, attend great classes, and enjoy socializing, games, and the auction. Reserve your room at the Alexandria Holiday Inn at (320) 763-6577.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make our January Thaw Fundraiser Dance a success—whether you attended, volunteered, or worked behind the scenes. Be sure to check out a couple of photos from the event!

We're excited to welcome our new members and thank those who renewed. Bring a friend to a meeting or event and help us grow our riding family.

Hang in there... before you know it, we'll be back on the bikes and feeling the wind!

– Big D, President



TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

March 5th, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
 Membership committee meeting 6:15-6:30 pm
 Fundraiser meeting 6:30 pm
 April 2nd, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
 Fundraiser meeting 6:30 pm
 May 7th, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
 June 4th, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
 March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol
 April 17th-18th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
 May 2nd, Tri County Carver Ride chapter fundraiser.
 Starts in Carver
 August 22nd, 30th Year Harley Heaven ride with a third of proceeds going to Tri Co.
 Leaves Jordan at noon.

Our chapter is always so generous... donations made to the State Rally, sustaining membership and

Freedom Fighters, and A.B.A.T.E. U. We are fortunate to be able to do this to support our many areas of motorcycle awareness!

Thank you to our current nominated members for the next year! Elections held at March meeting.

Our fundraiser committee has been meeting prior to our chapter meetings. Stops will be beginning in DogHouse Bar in Carver, Gray Fox in Green Isle, Backwoods Bar in New Auburn, FatBoys in New Germany, ending at 212Bar in Cologne (food provided at last stop). \$5 off price if you renew or are a new motorcycle enthusiast signing up the day of the fundraising ride. The Dial-a-Ride trailer will be used to follow this ride for any accidents or bike needs. Bill Ernst will pull the trailer during our ride. Please join us for fun and door prizes!!

Thanks to all our members who attend our meetings and have their voices heard! It's how things get done.

– Peace out.... Ger



EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

March 29th, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am
 April 26th, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am
 June 7th, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am

Upcoming Event (s):

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Alexandria
 Holiday Inn
 March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol
 April 17th-19th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria Holiday Inn
 May 3rd, Road Guard class, Pine Technical college

Hey All,
 Here's that busy month I've been warning you about!
 First, I want to thank everyone that came out and supported us at our Heart-On Valentine fundraiser. We

were able to collect a big box of personal toiletries as well as a large cash donation to Stepping Stones, an organization to help homeless back on their feet. It was a GREAT success and it was great seeing everyone.

On to business. Heartland STEAM is coming up as well as Bikerday at the Capitol. Make sure you are there! As Bikers it may be our only chance to be VISIBLE.

Also, a reminder that we may have room open in our May 3rd Road Guard Class. Get a hold of me if you're interested.

Short and sweet this month! See you at Bikerday! If I can get there, you can too.

'til next time. Shiny side UP! – President Jim

Next Meeting (s):

March 3rd, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

April 7th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

March 14th, St Patty's Warmup, 6:00-10:00 pm

March 28th and 29th, Donnie Smith Bike Show

April 6th, Metro Meet and Eat

April 19th, Brunch at Route 47

May 24th, Metromorial

As the days get longer it is a sure-fire sign that Spring is around the corner. The weather is starting to warm up. And what a better way to warm up than doing A.B.A.T.E. things with your A.B.A.T.E. friends. This month has seen Metro really getting out there and staying busy. Did you get tickets to the St Patty's Warmup? If you didn't then you'll miss one heck of a party. Pandemic Rocks takes the stage to keep everyone entertained and up and dancing. The silent auction will have all sorts of goods from many different donors. A bake sale to satisfy that sweet tooth. A selfie station to get that perfect profile picture. And we cannot forget about the free beer. March 14th will be a night for the books. Hope to see you all there!

The first round of officer nominations saw many people step up in the chapter and we thank you for your involvement. Jameson has been nominated for another year as President. Benny is accepting the nomination for Vice President. JJ has once again agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. Shannon has been nominated for both Secretary and Chapter Rep. Rounding out the nominations are our Sergeant at Arm nominees, Rob, Aron, and Eric. A huge thank you to all who have stepped up.

Donnie Smith is coming up fast! March 28th and 29th at the St Paul Rivercenter. Come see how Metro has updated the booth. This will be a great opportunity to renew your membership or talk a friend into joining. We will have some state products available so your new member can take home some swag as well.

As we enter the last quarter of the membership incentive challenge don't forget to keep signing up new members. Metro was so close to winning the last round for the highest percentage increase in members. And while we may not have won the check, we did take home the trophy for the most new members signed up! This would not have been



possible without all your support. Let's push and see if we can't take home that check at A.B.A.T.E. U!

Metro is in the planning stages for the Metromorial fundraiser! Get this on your calendar early and bring the family! This is a kid friendly event and will once again be headlined by our one and only Southern Express. May 24th, save the date! More details coming soon!

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting (s):

March 4th, Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

April 1st, Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

March 14th, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

Not too much to report on this time around. Getting ready to attend Bikerday at the Capitol and hoping it will be well-attended and a successful event.

We've set the date for our annual Bunwarmer fundraiser. It is March 14th at the River Inn in Scanlon. The band will be Virgil Caine, there will be a room block at the First American Inn across the freeway from Black Bear Casino. The phone number is (218) 384-3535, mention the A.B.A.T.E. Bunwarmer event when you make reservations.

That's about it, pretty slow right now. Stay warm!!

- Ed

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

March 15th, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, 1:00 pm
April 19th, Mavericks Bar and Grill, Beroun, 1:00 pm
May 17th, Marge's Bar and Grill, Brook Park, 1:00 pm
June 21st, Squirrel Cage Bar and Grill, Willow River,
1:00 pm
July 19th, Village Bar and Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm
August 16th, Endzone Bar and Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

March 25th, Bikerday at The Capitol
April 17th-19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

It's time again for elections. Elections for chapter and state officers will be held at the March meeting. (Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, 1:00 pm)

The band lineup for the 2026 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. I do not have that information at this time, but if you want more information, attend the next chapter meeting. Poster and event tickets will be coming out soon.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 17th

at 11:00 am sharp. Chapter meeting to follow highway clean up. The last cleanup had a great turnout. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

Keep in mind, you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non-members are encouraged to stop by and see what we are all about.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events. For updated chapter/ events and information, log on to our website: <http://www.jackpineriders.org>

Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus

SAND DUNES

No Report Received

UP NORTH

No Report Received

CLASSIFIED ADS

Fifth wheel for sale or trade for Harley Davidson motorcycle. 2009 KZ Sportsmen Select 28.5 feet long. Includes truck hitch, tripod, jacks, and chucks. One owner, no smoking, very good condition. Washed and waxed every fall and stored inside every winter. Brand new tires. At seasonal site for 10 years so only about 1,000 miles towed. Lots of storage inside and out. \$9,000. Call or text 320-420-7547. (FEBMARCHAPRIL)



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16550 226th Ave NW,
Elk River, MN 55330



at **BIKERDAY** March 25th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
3/1/2026	Donnie Smith Bike Show		
3/1/2026	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
3/2/2026	Metro Chapter Meet & Eat	Welch's Big 10	4-8:00 PM
3/3/2026	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	10:30 AM
3/4/2026	North East Chapter	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
3/4/2026	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
3/5/2026	TriCounty Chapter Fundaiser Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
3/5/2026	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/5/2026	TriCounty Member Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:15-6:30 PM
3/6/2026	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
3/7/2026	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Perham	5:00 PM
3/7/2026	Borderland Grounded Hogs	Skippy Finn's, Perham	6:00 PM
3/7/2026	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Payneville	3:00 PM
3/7/2026	Glacial Ridge Chapter Prom	American Legion, Payneville	7:00 PM
3/7/2026	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	skippy finn's, perham	5:00 PM
3/7/2026	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge, Waverly	3:00 PM
3/7/2026	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls	3:00 PM
3/7/2026	Pool & Dart Tournament - Heart of the Lakes	Silvermoon, Perham	
3/7/2026	Rolling Prairied Chapter Meeting	TBD	
3/8/2026	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
3/8/2026	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/8/2026	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
3/11/2026	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	3:30 PM
3/11/2026	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom	6:00 PM
3/13/2026	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Silvermoon, Perham	7:00 PM
3/14/2026	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Emmons	2:00 PM
3/14/2026	Metro Chapter St. Pattys Warm up	Route 47, Fridley	6-10:00 PM
3/14/2026	Rally Committee Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	12:00 PM
3/14/2026	Bunwarmer	River Inn, Scanlon	
3/14/2026	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	
3/14/2026	St. Patty's Day Warm up	Hwy 47 Pub & Grub, Fridley	6-10:00 PM
3/15/2026	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Jundtion	1:00 PM
3/19/2026	Motorcycle Safety Taask Force Meeting	TBD	5-7:00 PM
3/20/2026	Heartland STEAM	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
3/21/2026	Heartland STEAM	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
3/21/2026	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
3/22/2026	Heartland STEAM	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
3/25/2026	Bikerday at the Capitol		
3/28/2026	Donnie Smith Show		
3/28/2026	Way West Chapter Meeting	Outlaw Saloon, Nassau	
3/29/2026	Donnie Smith Show		
3/29/2026	East Central Chapter Meeting	Amrican Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
4/1/2026	Noth East Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
4/1/2026	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/2/2026	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
4/3/2026	TriCounty Chapter Fundraisr Meeting	Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska	6:30 PM
4/4/2026	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	
4/4/2026	Lake Chapter Meeting	The Stanchion, Hamel	3:00 PM
4/4/2026	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod Olson's, Mentor	4:00 PM
4/4/2026	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Village Inn, LaSalle, Committee Meeting 3:00 PM	4:00 PM
4/6/2026	Metro Meet & Eat	Welch's Big 10	4-8:00 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/7/2026	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/8/2026	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
4/9/2026	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
4/10/2026	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Community Center, Rushing	7:00 PM
4/12/2026	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	South Central Chapter Food Drive		10 AM - 2 PM
4/12/2026	Straight River Chapter Meeting	L&M Barn /dundas	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
4/14/2026	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Perham	6:00 PM
4/17/26	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/17/2026	Rally Committee Meeting	A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria	8:00 PM
4/18/26	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/19/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Maverick's Br & Grill, Willow River	1:00 PM
4/19/26	Metro Chapter Brunch	Route 47 pub & Grub, Fridley	
4/25/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Serviceman Club, Blooming Prairie	3:00 PM
4/25/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Outlaw Saloon, Nassau	
4/26/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
5/2/26	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St.Bonifacious	3:00 PM
5/2/26	Motorcycle Awareness Parade		
5/2/26	TriCounty Carver Ride Chaptr Fundraiser	Starts in Carver	
5/3/26	Road Guard Class	Pine City Technical College	
5/3/26	Steele County Fairgrounds 30th Annual Blessing of the Bikes	With Ride to follow	11:00 AM
5/6/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	VFW, Hutchinson	7:00 PM
5/7/26	TriCoounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
5/10/26	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
5/16/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
5/16/26	South Central Spring Fling Bike Show	Litchfield Civic Arena	
5/17/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Bar & Grill, Willow River	1:00 PM
5/17/26	South Central Spring Fling Bike Show	Litchfield Civic Arena	
5/24/26	Metromemorial		
5/29/26	37th Annual Spring Ride In	Island Park St. Hilaire	
5/30/26	38th Annual Spring Ride In	Island Park St. Hilaire	
5/31/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Dawson Gnome Park	10:00 AM

NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

SAND DUNES

Dan Larson /Jenny Melsness .R

JACK PINE RIDERS

Ed /Rebecca Melzark R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Jeff Sonstebly R

Terry Storey R

UP NORTH

James Rahnasto R

Dave /Rosie Marolt R

SOUTH CENTRAL

Gregg Berggren R

EAST CENTRAL

Fred Pawelk /Debra Kviz R

David /Lisa Bright R

NORTHWEST

Steve Tischman R

METRO

Dave "Putz" Schmoll R

RIVER VALLEY

Loren /Kymn Files R

LAKE

Bill / Cathie Jensen R

Matt /Marilyn Thell R

Hugh Scott Brown R

Kathy Lynn Moreland /

Terry Lee Newbauer R

Fred Pawelk /Debra Kviz R

Christopher Paumen R

Sherry / Mike Edgett R

Robert "Bob" Nowak R

FLATLANDERS

Kurt /Alicia Wallace R

Maya Fuller N

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Neil "Castro" Kuchenbecker .R

Richard / Cindy Sandbo R

WAY WEST

Roy Stolpman R



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.

Tentative Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 9:00 AM • Holiday Inn • Alexandria

Opening	9:00 AM	Call to Order	Jim Orn
		Pledge of Allegiance	Shelly Deutsch
		Invocation	Edgar Burke
		Roll call	
		Agenda approval / changes	Jim Orn
		Secretary Report - Jan. 2026	
		Treasurer's Report	Michelle Backlund

Legislative Reports	Legislative Team	Team Member(s)
	Motorcycle PAC of MN	Mark Senn
	NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	
	MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	Rob Benjamin

Committee Reports <i>(Committee Chairs submit written reports up to 5 minutes for verbal reports, if more time needed request in advance)</i>	A.B.A.T.E. University	Stephanie Christensen
	Education	Jon Fernholz
	Young Riders Program	Harmony Lillie
	Gambling	Angie Morberg
	Buddy Bear Program	Sharon Polman
	Historian	Gaida Trout
	Marketing	Harmony Lillie
	Membership & Member Retention	April Murch
	Passport Run	Jon Smith/Em' DeJager
	Products	Kari Duncan
	Publications	Tammy Winkels
	State Rally	Dougie Cohen
	Ways and Means	Kristy Luhman

Other	State Office	Shelly Deutsch
	MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)	John Nelson
	Motorcycle Safety Advisory / Task Force	Jon Fernholz
	MN Motorcycle Club Coalition & Confederation of Clubs of MN	

Old Business	Bikerday 2026 Recap	
	Heartland STEAM 2026 Recap	
	A.B.A.T.E. of MN Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Proclamation	
	2026 Budget Approval	
	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Discussion	

New Business	State Officer Election Results	
	By-Law Proposal Results	
	Announce Chapter Officers/Chapter Challenge	
	Presentation of Awards	

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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not-for-profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2026 State Rally, taking place **September 4-7th, 2026 at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.**

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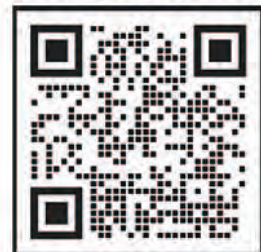
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1. All rounds will be held Saturday, April 18th at A.B.A.T.E. U in the Courtyard, after all breakout sessions and before the Banquet.
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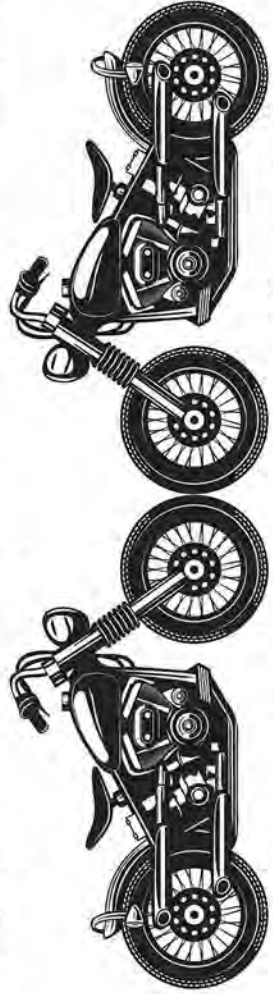
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Karaoke, dancing, food



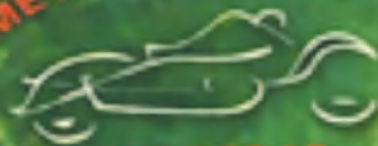
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