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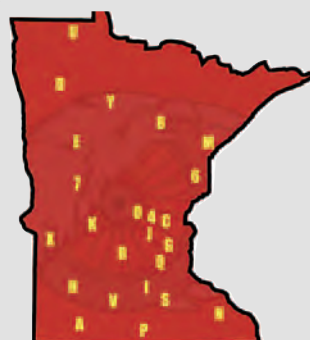
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss 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

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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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WOW - where has the summer gone? There has been so much going on this year. I hope you've had time to enjoy the outdoors and attend some functions. There are so many wonderful people to meet and spend time with throughout our state and nation.

In only a few weeks, I'll be headed for Harrisburg, PA for Meeting of the Minds. Will you be there? The MRF will

be setting its priorities for next year's national legislation. We need to start thinking about that here too.

What do you think our A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota legislative priorities should be?

Will you be active in helping to reach those goals?

Bikerday at the Capitol will be announced soon. Are you planning to attend?

Enjoy the sunshine and cooler nights.

*Jane*



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I've said it before, and I'll say it again, where has the summer gone? (OK I said that last month). I hope you had a chance to make it to the rally in Iowa, along with heading out to Sturgis for a few days and not getting rained on.

Now it's time for our rally and I hope you've made plans to make it out. It's always a good time and a lotta good people. Let's not forget about our hayrides, that's always a great time, along with bike games, rides, bands, and everything else that goes on.

There's a lot of people that put a lot of time and hard work into this event so if you happen to read this article before

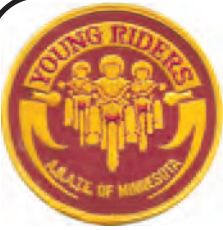
the start of the rally, make sure you thank everybody that's working, a little thanks goes a long way.

Keep checking your Road Noise for events coming up. Looks like there's a few good fall rides coming up and hopefully you'll be able to take part in them, along with myself, if I'm not running to Colorado one week and the next week we're in Michigan. But sooner than later I hope I will figure it out where I should be.

Well, the weekend is just about upon us, and as usual this weekend, like all the rest will be busy, we have Kimball Days, Antique Car Run in Kingston, and Twine Ball Day in Darwin, did you notice there was no S behind days, it's a one day event. I'm getting too old for all this stuff,

Till next time,

*Jim*



# YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We have a Young Rider who attended Bikerday 2023 that receive a letter from her State Senator. The letter specifically addresses a recent accomplishment of the Young Rider and congratulated her on her achievement. When I asked the Young Rider how the Senator knew her name, she said she did not know of any other way they could have gotten her name other than by meeting them at Bikerday. Congratulations to our Young Rider on your recent accomplishment, on the communication from your Senator and thanks for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders.

I recently visited a motorcycle repair and sales shop to talk about A.B.A.T.E., Young Riders and Rider training. The shop I was visiting is recognized as an American V-Twin shop. They told me that because of their area of specialty, young people are not their primary customer base. I mentioned that as true as that may be, I would expect that many of their best customers may have children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren that have an interest in motorcycles. They agreed and we continued to talk about Young Riders. I told them we are looking at events and activities that may interest Young Riders or their family members. I suggested that if they have an open house, or other events at their facility, to let us know. It may be something we would like to post on our Young Riders Facebook page. Then we went on to talk about our rider training Scholarship offerings. They agreed this is a great program and they complimented us for what we are doing. They expressed a concern with the reports of accidents, deaths and injuries and anything we can do to improve this situation is very worthwhile. They also shared thoughts about current trends in the Minnesota legislature and how it may come to have a negative effect on motorcycling.

The discussion was very interesting and I appreciated them taking the time to share their

thoughts. Before parting, I mentioned they could become a business Young Riders supporter, it would benefit young riders and would also put their name in front of our members and other readers every month for 12 months. They have not committed to that yet but I will follow-up.

I want to add a comment about Young Riders supporters, present and future. We recognize the time period, from beginning to end, that the supporter donation covers when we publish the list each month. Example: Proud Supporter July 2023-December 2023. If an additional donation is made to support the program before the first donation period ends, we will publish the new end date but the beginning supporter date will remain as before; July 2023. This will help us recognize long term supporters for the contributions they make.

For more information on how to become a Young Rider Supporter please see the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website, click on links/resources, Young Riders, Become a proud supporter.

Here is the list of current supporters. Thanks to each one and to each chapter.

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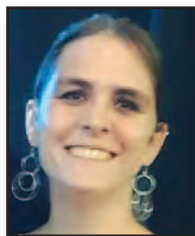
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We are starting to make some head way with the district rider training events. The Southwest District hosted an intermediate rider course on July 30<sup>th</sup> in North Mankato. 11 of the 12 possible seats were filled, all of which were A.B.A.T.E. members. Even more encouraging news is that this was the first rider training course ever taken by seven of the eleven A.B.A.T.E. members in the class! If I have my information correct, two of the members that had been coasting on their motorcycle permits for years went and took the BRC and got their endorsements just so they could take the intermediate course with the district. In my estimation, the Southwest District rider training event was a great success.

I have been working with Edgar Burke in the Northwest District to get a rider training event going up there. He has found some interest in the North Star Chapter and has contracted an intermediate rider course for Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Bemidji range. By the time you read this article, I should have some feedback as to how the course turned out.

I missed the July B.O.D., but I had heard second hand that there were some rumblings of having the Southeast District rider training event in Albert Lea, as I have

been unsuccessful with communicating with the Rochester location. I hope we can get it done yet this riding season.

On the Young Riders Scholarship front, we are plugging right along. So far this riding season, A.B.A.T.E. of MN has paid for 35 youngsters to take the Basic Rider Course. It's neat to hear some of the feedback I receive from these kids. In one instance, the student extended his utmost gratitude to A.B.A.T.E. of MN for paying for his course and explained that he was going to take the \$245. that he saved to pay for the course and go purchase safety gear with it. I work with the college system to get attendance reports on these students. There is a bit of a lag between when they take it and when I receive the report. Currently, I have received reports on nine students of which seven attended their classes. That puts us at about a 77% attendance rate. I expect this number will climb.

All in all, I believe our organization is headed in a positive direction. There are some new and exciting things happening, if you would like to get on board and help, we sure could use it. I'm leaving for Sturgis tomorrow morning, so I need to get packing. See you in the funny papers!

*Jon Fernholz*

*"You are always a student, never a master. You have to keep moving forward."*

-Conrad Hall



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I did a Minnesota legislature new law search for 2023-2024. Here is what I found.

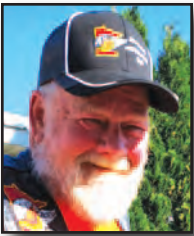
**2023 new law search results:** Minnesota Human Rights Act to prohibit hair discrimination. State road construction gets \$315 million federal funding boost. New law codifies provisions of Indian Child Welfare Act in statute. Juneteenth is now a state holiday. The Attorney General's office gets a \$4.3 million bump to help assist county attorneys. Inflation to be included on both sides of the budget, economic forecast. Transition from federal public health emergency, unwinding medical assistance eligibility. New law says Minnesotans can cast a ballot if not behind bars. New law aims to curb catalytic converter thefts. Federal grants for energy projects get a match from state funds. Annual revisor's law makes needed technical changes. Reauthorization of the environmental trust fund will be put to Minnesota voters in 2024. Driver's licenses will be accessible regardless of immigration status. New law establishes Minnesota as a safe haven for reproductive health care. Trio wrongly imprisoned, handful of others, to get relief via claims law. Easier voter registration, automatic absentee ballots, foreign-influenced spending among changes in new law. Statutory review of physical education standards delayed. Conversion therapy banned for minors and vulnerable adults. Purple signs to mark Prince Rogers Nelson Highway. Universal no-cost school meals instituted for K-12 students. Modifications to substance use disorder treatment. Transition to renewable energy boosted by climate and energy provisions. Cuts and credits, hikes and aids fill tax finance and policy law. New deferred prosecution assessment process for current and former military members. New law permits electronic signatures on last wills. Annual revisor's law makes needed technical changes. One-time funds will help the overworked Office of Administrative Hearings. Increases in funding, fees and taxes are all part of transportation law. Health law lifts abortion restrictions, provides \$1.78 billion in new overall spending. Emergency food shelf services finance law includes numerous rate increases. Omnibus lands bill becomes law. Disaster Assistance Contingency Account replenished with \$40 million. Crime of labor trafficking resulting in death encoded in statute. New law establishes Minnesota as a 'Trans Refuge' state. Plethora of policy, funding changes for state and local governments, election activity. \$50 million from bonds authorized for the Rural Finance Authority. Education finance law appropriates a 10% funding increase for public schools. State establishes a standard of 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040. Judicial system 'forensic

navigators' law clarified, receives extra funding. Protection for grain sellers, money for broadband among key provisions in new law. Unemployment benefits extended for iron ore mine workers. Commerce finance and policy law funds department, expands consume protections. State tax policy brought into conformity with federal code. Housing budget funds support programs for a host of housing hardships. \$240 million appropriated under new law aims to remove all lead in drinking water service lines by 2033. Sizable omnibus pension and retirement funding investment. Program aims to help more Minnesotans retire with greater financial cushion. Pension policy modifications enacted under new law. Law seeks to lower the number of PTSD retirements among first responders. Contractors working at oil refineries must abide by new safety standards. Tourism, unemployment appeals, Giants Ridge account covered in economic development policy law. Additional \$50 million secured for homeless prevention program. Jobs and economic development package totals almost \$1.4 billion. Anti-violence protections, loan forgiveness expanded for health care workers. Collective bargaining agreements between executive branch, state employees. The Redistricted Metropolitan Council map is official. Revisor's law makes technical corrections of miscellaneous errors in statutes. Walz vetoes rideshare regulations bill. Right to abortion chiseled into state law. Family medical leave law allows workers up to 20 weeks of annual paid time off. State gets oversight over health care mergers, power to stop those 'contrary to the public interest'. New law funds veterans and military affairs departments. Funding grows for higher education institutions, financial aid programs. Omnibus law funds public safety and judiciary, sets gun-control measures. Nursing homes and their workers receive state aid. More than \$818 million in legacy dollars will fund improvements to natural and cultural resources. State's college financial aid programs undergo alterations. New law criminalizes creating sex-related deep fake activity. Recommendations from the 2023 Workers' Compensation Advisory Council become law. New law funds more child care and early learning opportunities. Environment and natural resources budget sees big boost under new law. Law legalizes adult-use cannabis, expunges prior low-level cannabis convictions. Nonprofits, water projects, economic development programs in line for millions under cash infrastructure law. Water, transportation projects receive biggest chunk of bond proceeds under capital investment law. Revisor's law makes technical corrections of miscellaneous errors in statutes. Human services policy law modifies health services, SUD direct access and peer recovery requirements.

*Is there anything here you care about? Were there any motorcycle specific issues included here? Will there be next year? Will something matter enough that it will prompt us to write to our legislator?*

*Frank*





## STATE RALLY REPORT

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State Rally! That came up fast! Did you go? Did you have fun? Did you volunteer? Remember the Rally Committee is all volunteers. If you would like to see something change, attend the Rally Committee meetings, better yet, get on the committee!

This year (as of writing this article) we sold 209 advanced tickets, 43 online tickets, and still waiting on seven chapters to send back in.

*Randy*



## STATE TREASURER

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State Rally Time!!

I hope everyone is getting out and putting on some miles while we can. Winter always comes way too fast. But for now, we can enjoy the nice fall weather.

Hope to see many of you at the State Rally. Should be a great time. Make sure to sign up for a shift on security or the front gate. You will meet lots of nice people and usually have a lot of fun! Many hands make the work go faster.

Contact me with any questions concerning A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances.

*Mitch*



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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Having had a good summer so far, people seem to have gotten the message about riding and drinking doesn't mix so well.

Dial-A-Ride has put together a fall color ride for Bemidji on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 9:00 am, kick stands up at noon. \$15 for rider, \$10 for passenger, cages welcome, \$25 carload. The ride starts in Bemidji, and goes around Lake Andrusia, Winnibigoshish, and Leech Lake. First stop is 45 miles at camp and picnic grounds at Federal Dam, with burgers and brats, potato salad, baked beans, pop, and water, good will donation. Gas is available about a block from the camp area. Second stop 30 miles, Dairy Queen in Walker, gas also available. Last leg back to Bemidji by way of LaPorte, depending on if riders want to extend ride, Lake George, around lake Plantagenet to Bemidji. 108 miles to 128 miles. Will have flyers ready to pass out at Rally.



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting(s):

September 10<sup>th</sup>, via phone, 11:00 am

A.B.A.T.E. members are awesome! Thank you everyone for volunteering your time and talents to keep this machine rolling. Our committee has had three new members step up and want to help proof the Road Noise.

Maybe there is something you could contribute to your Chapter or A.B.A.T.E., many committees need new ideas and members to get things going, check one out.

We have seen a few featured articles coming in, please keep sending them.

Teamwork makes the Dream work!

*Tammy*



## HISTORIAN

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Hope everyone is staying cool while still enjoying the summer. As Historian, I have been privileged to have so much information literally at my fingertips. And I'm learning so much. Which got me thinking. How well do you know your fellow A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota motorcyclists?

I have met many members at events, rallies, rides, meetings, etc. I thought I knew them. However, knowing them and knowing what they have accomplished or have contributed to our rights, freedoms and character as motorcyclists are two different things.

With that being said, I encourage you to get out to chapter and state events. Sit in as a guest at a B.O.D. meeting. Meet some new people. Get to know them and about their passions for motorcycling and our freedoms. Ask them what got them involved, how did they get involved, what have they contributed to. I guarantee you will learn more than you think, because the history of this organization lies solely within its members.

In order to keep building upon our history, we need everyone to get involved and help make a difference. I may be Historian, but I also look forward to seeing our bright future. Ride safe. Ride free. Get involved.

*Gaida Gator Trout*



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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We've had a lot of chapters busy getting bears delivered. Believe it or not, seems like only yesterday bears were distributed and it's almost time to pass out Buddy Bear order packets for the 2024 riding season. Sure wish winter went as fast as summer does. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the date for required Buddy Bear inventories to be sent, no later than the 10<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the next two months and ride when you can.

Ride safe,  
*Ma Bear*

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please add this to your calendar and let's make this the biggest Bikerday yet.

### LEGISLATION

The following are bills that have been introduced as of July 14<sup>th</sup>.

- SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light.
- SF 2573/HF 2376 Motorcycle sales tax. Support
- HF2365/SF 2395 Motorcycle sales tax. Support
- SF 1598/HF 1337 Digital Fair Repair Act. Oppose, specifically states not or motorcycles.
- HF2630/SF 2178 Electric Vehicle Surcharge - This states that motorcycles will get charged \$30.
- Political Contribution Refund Minnesota refunds up to \$50 per calendar year of contributions made by an eligible voter to a recognized political party or to a qualified candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state auditor, state senator, or state representative.

*"Pray for the best,  
prepare for the worse, and  
expect the Unexpected."*

*Gary Goracke*



**STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

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Wow, where has the summer gone? I hope you are getting a lot of good riding in this season!

Things are going as they should for the most part.

I've had some questions about reminder notice cards, do you send them out? Absolutely! I make the report out for the labels on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of every month, it may take me a day or two to get them out, but I've never missed a month! So, if you're not getting the post cards, (at this time they are BLAZE ORANGE) Are you getting your Road Noise? Have you contacted me about an address change?

That is all I have for now.

Keep on Keep'n on!

*Shelly Deutsch*



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July is over already, and State Rally is right around the corner. I was glad to show people how to use the QR code. There are other things that I would like to show, and if you have pictures I would like to put a hashtag on them so they can all be tagged to FB and the Instagram page. Can't wait to see everyone and show everyone how much fun we have at rally, when they see them on social media.

*Harmony*

**NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS**



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The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC.ORG) reports that two major bills have been passed in Minnesota and Maine that will create challenges for the powersports industry. One bill is set to ban products containing PFAS chemicals, and both of these bills specify strict reporting requirements.

In Minnesota, HF 2310 bans products for juveniles (KIDS/GRANDKIDS) that contain PFAS beginning January 1, 2025. It also specifies PFAS registration requirements beginning January 1, 2026 and bans all products containing PFAS on New Year's Day in 2032.

Minnesota's new PFAS legislation will prevent significant challenges for powersports companies doing business in our state, "In powersports, PFAS chemicals can be found in or used to produce products such as riding gear, vehicle component resistant to heat, fuel, and chemicals, as well as semi-conductors and chrome plating" explains the MIC report, also noting that Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances are a class of synthetic chemicals used for decades in a wide range of consumer products.

**Fight for Your Right to Repair!!  
Support HR 906**

**Help to Preserve Vehicle Choice!  
Support HR1435**

*N1D - Dale*



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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August 2<sup>nd</sup> report shows that we are up 56 members! Way to go! State numbers are 3,145; 1,467 singles and 1,678 couples.

We had eight chapters with a negative for the month. We really need to get out and if not getting new members, we at least need to keep the old memberships current.

This month there was a tie for first, +16 for Metro and River Valley. Awesome job! Second highest was Southwest with a +14 and third highest was Southeast LC with +13. This all makes sense because a lot of our July memberships are from Algona, but not everything...so keep up the good work everyone!

The summer months are passing by way too fast, so get your riding done and keep those trifolds and memberships forms handy.

See ya down the road!

*Shelly Deutsch*

## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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The last task force meeting was held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Saint Paul College. We had a nice change of pace as Jay Bock put together some invites from the State Patrol, MNDOT Highway Engineers Office, and Dial-A-Ride.

Our first guest was Lt. Robert Zak of the Minnesota State Troopers. Among his many qualifications are overseeing accident reconstruction and experience as a former motorcycle cop (when the program was still running in this state). Lt. Bob showed us a short video of what it was like to take "motor cop" training in this state back in 2007 or so. He congratulated those of us that take continuous rider training and explained how it will prevent diminishing rider skillset.

If you have been reading these articles or paying attention to the rider crash fatality statistics you know that unpermitted and unendorsed riders have become a major issue in the last couple of years. When asked, Lt. Bob said the State Patrol's policy when an unlicensed motor vehicle operator is pulled over, is that the operator is done and the vehicle is towed away. The State Patrol does NOT want the liability of what may happen if the operator is let free to go with a warning. His statement garnered a few cheers. He also encouraged us, as members of the task force, to reach out to the Minnesota Chief's and the Minnesota Sheriff's Associations to get this concept out. Ultimately, it is up to each law enforcement entity, and perhaps each officer, on how they enforce the law.

The two-year term has come to an end for members of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. In the past, A.B.A.T.E.'s recruitment efforts have led to a pro-freedom majority on this task force. They are now accepting applications for the next term. Would anyone in your chapter, or that you know, be willing to apply? The task force term is two years long and meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of odd numbered months (12 meetings during the two year term). If you are interested in details, please don't hesitate to reach out.

It is reported that motorcyclist fatalities are trending down, hopefully the trend continues. As I write this, there have been 35 fatalities this year, as opposed to 52 on the same day last year. Great news considering the past couple of years.

Due to time constraints and respect for publishing space, I will fill you in next month on the MNDOT HWY engineer's report, a proclamation update, and a few other things.

Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

*John*



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Rally Goers!

I hope you all made it to our 35<sup>th</sup> State Rally and picked up your anniversary mugs.

I just picked up a lot of the new items for the Rally and can't wait to sell them to you. I hope you will be pleased with what I have to offer. There are more things coming in the next few weeks, so come out to the Rally to make sure you get what you want and need.

Thank you to everyone that stepped up and helped out at the Rally, whether it be in Products, Security, Registration, Ice or whatever. It takes a village to make these things work.

If your Chapter is having a fundraiser yet this fall or winter and want State Products there or need an auction item, please let me know and

I will try to help you. Also, if your chapter is in need of patches, rockers, etc. let me know at least one month before the B.O.D. and I will bring it with me and give to your chapter rep. I am so excited to get to the Rally and see everyone.

Ride safe until next time,

*Kari Duncan*

### No Reports Received:

## GAMBLING REPORT

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## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### The Caboose Event Center

1045 Craig Ave • Tracy, MN 56175 • 507-212-0999  
Seating for 1-500 — Open Tuesday - Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Diane Fiegan, Event Coordinator



*The Caboose is a family friendly place with home cooking at it best.*

*They hosted our July 2023 Board of Directors meeting and had great food and service.*

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Michele Legried - Flatlanders Chapter

Michele and her husband Virgil have been A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members since 2011.

Michele was the VP of the chapter and had been nominated for chapter President in January of 2013. At that same meeting their chapter rep said he was not able to attend the B.O.D. and they asked Michele to fill in. She accepted and attended that meeting.

At that B.O.D. we were having a hard time finding someone to accept the position of State Secretary. Mack had been talking to Michele the night before and when no one would step up for the State Secretary he saw Michele sitting directly across the room from him and remembered how passionate she had been. He called her out and asked if she could please help them out and accept the State Secretary position. She told me later that she just couldn't say no to Mack. As they say...The rest is history!

Michele has been a real asset to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and Bikers Rights in general. Thanks for all your hard work and we hope you keep it up for many years! Another good story; Michele went to the Harley dealer to get some new boots and left with a new bike!



## BIKE OF THE MONTH

### 2010 Softail Deluxe

**Angie  
Webb-Darwin**

Sand Dunes Chapter

Angie works for Vikingland HD. The shop had pushed this bike on the floor at the end of the day. Before they opened the next morning, she had made it hers. Since then she won't stay off it. In just over a year she has reached 5,000 miles and counting. The bike has CVO paint, ape hangers, detachable sissy bar, six pack rack and lots and lots of skulls.



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I want to use this month's Grapevine to encourage all of our members to work together. We have one simple goal and that is to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy in relation to riding our motorcycles. We come from all walks of life, and hold our own perspectives which you may, or may not agree with. Unless those perspectives are related to motorcycles and our freedoms, this should never interfere with our ability to work together and help one another succeed. We have a lot of awesome people, doing a lot of awesome things to help our mission, some of which who have been doing the work, holding offices, and volunteering their time and resources since our organizations founding. When we all do a little bit, it makes light work of monumental tasks. With autonomous vehicles sharing our roads, EV mandates, ethanol and emissions regulations, proposed helmet laws we clearly have a monumental amount of work ahead of us. It takes all members pulling together and, in the end, ends up being a lot more fun for everyone that way. Until next time, ride safe.

*Chad Marchand*

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## NORTHEAST

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield

Hello all,

September already? Where did the summer go?

As a chapter we hosted a BRC2 class last month and the response was very good. We had nine chapter members there, which is great considering there was rain in the forecast which affected a couple of individual's decision on whether to attend. The class itself was very informative and a bit humbling when we discovered that even after decades of riding most of us had developed some bad habits which needed to be addressed. The instructors were obviously experienced riders themselves and kept the class moving along on the time schedule allocated. I would recommend that every

experienced rider take this course and not worry about looking bad while doing it. We probably had a total of over 150 years of riding experience between the group, yet every one of us learned something and had our moments of nervousness and small mistakes.

Our annual 'Chic's Memorial Billboard Run' will take place on September 16<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome to participate. We will have details on our chapter Facebook page for anyone who is interested. The run is put on in partnership with A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Region 6B, and pays for the big yellow 'Look For Motorcycles' billboards that many locals will immediately recognize. The proceeds are divided between billboards on both sides of the border with three to four typically being located on each side. Lamar Signs has been a great partner in this with them leaving signs up well past the rental period that has been paid for, sometimes for the entire year. We appreciate everything they do for us.

– Ride Safe, Ed

## METRO

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>,  
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield

I am writing this in August and the first thought that I have is that I hope that you will be able to attend the 2023 A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Motorcycle State Rally in Litchfield at the Meeker County Fairgrounds, from Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> through Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be missing a lot by not attending.

Metro Chapter meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. We have Taco Nights scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Casa Rio restaurant in Anoka from 4pm to 8 p. Our next Taco Nights are September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be hosting a Sunday brunch at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley on September 17<sup>th</sup> and again on November 19<sup>th</sup> between 8am and Noon. Both events are fundraisers for the Metro Chapter.

Getting back to the State Rally. As an incentive for Metro Chapter members to attend this year, we have arranged with one of the food vendors to issue Meal Certificates that can be exchanged for a FREE Loaded Baked Potato



**August Metro Chapter meeting attendees including new members Jay Bock (Motorcycle Safety Administrator for the State of Minnesota - tallest guy in the picture) and new members Shannon and Jameson who joined the night of the meeting (right side of the photo) .**

and an ear of Roasted Sweet Corn for all Metro chapter members at the State Rally. Pick up your Meal Certificate at the Front Gate when you register for the Rally and it can be redeemed anytime over the Rally weekend (this is a \$15 value to you as a way for the Metro Chapter to thank you for being a member and attending the Rally). Hopefully Nick will be able to attend the Rally to take pictures that we can use in the 2023 State Rally Calendar. If you do attend the Rally, please volunteer to help out in any way that you can. If you don't know what you can volunteer for, find another Metro chapter member and they will get you set up.

The Metro Chapter is also planning an October Sunday Family Fun Day for members and their family members. Tentative date is Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Coon Rapids VFW. More details will be available, so keep an eye out for updates on our webpage, [www.metromn.com](http://www.metromn.com) or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/190580868718741>

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## SAND DUNES

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield  
Sand Dunes Fall Ride, September 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Bailey Ray's, Santiago, MN.  
Reg 9:30, KSU 10:30.

### Next Meetings:

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. The Buff, Big Lake, MN  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. The Buff, Big Lake MN  
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm. The Buff, Big Lake MN

Greetings,

It's been relatively quiet for the Sand Dunes Chapter lately. We have a good contingency of chapter members attending the State Rally, which may be over by the time you read this.

We are looking forward to our fall ride, September 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at Bailey Ray's in Santiago. We will have registration at 9:30 with kickstands up at 10:30. We would love to see you join us.

That's all for now. Ride safe and Peace out!

– Michael Olkives  
President, Sand Dunes Chapter





**East Central "Shameless Bribe Winners."**

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meetings:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, State Rally, Litchfield, 9:00 am  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, American Legion, St Francis,  
11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,  
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
September 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, Hay Days, Almelund  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, Anoka Halloween Parade,  
Downtown Anoka, 11:00 am

Rally is coming up quick and Sharen Wright is looking for registration volunteers on the evening shifts. See Sharen if you're interested.

East Central is happily taking part in the Anoka Halloween parade this year to raise A.B.A.T.E. awareness.

Summer Thunder was a lot of fun and we'd like to thank everyone who came out for the dinner ride. We had 20 bikes and 24 riders turn out for a relaxing ride and dinner at McBee's on Ann Lake before returning to St Francis. A big thank you to McBee's in Ogilvie for the hospitality and raffle give aways.

We would also like to thank our East Central road guards for a job well done. Five East Central road guards attended the **We Saw the Light** fundraiser on August 5<sup>th</sup> for suicide survivors support group put on by the Bond Slaves.

Our Shameless Bribe Winners this month scored rally tickets, garage bling, self-help book and an A.B.A.T.E. hat (see photos above).

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling.

– Your VP, Jim

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## CENTRAL

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## JACK PINE RIDERS

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## UP NORTH

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See you  
at the  
Rally!



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

I hope you are reading this at YOUR State Rally! I also hope this was the most fun YOU had at the Rally!!

As I'm writing this, we are just moments from making the trip to Sturgis! As we ride the Hills, we meet new people and learn about Bikers in other parts of the country or the world.

As fall comes upon us, we will descend into the woods to attempt to reduce the number of deer crashes. And then comes sausage day when we as a family get together to create good food for the winter.

Although the weather is getting cooler, we still ride the back roads and talk about A.B.A.T.E. with folks that aren't fortunate enough to know who we are.

Thanks to Jon Fernholz for helping get it set up and North Star chapter for taking advantage of the FREE District Rider Course. Keep this in mind for next year. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will pay for YOUR chapter to take a rider course in your area. I Feel this is VERY Important. As we get older our reflexes are not as sharp as before. I personally take a rider course every year. If it saves my backside or someone else's it is worth it!!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

*Edgar*

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### FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

#### Next Meetings:

September 9<sup>th</sup> - Mike Miller's house , 6pm

#### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,  
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

Greetings FFR members,

It has been fun to see members getting out and about on their motorcycles this summer. If you have a chance, come check out our State Rally on Labor Day weekend. It is always a great time. If you don't know where we camp at Litchfield, just ask at the gate. They do have day passes available if you choose to come down for the day.

As the summer is now here, please check out our Facebook page to see what is going on. Sunday rides have started up and they will be posted on

the Facebook page, I look forward to seeing you soon.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

- Double G

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### BORDERLAND

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### HEART OF THE LAKES

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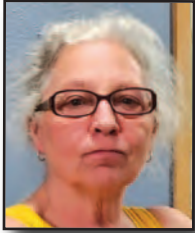
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Greetings All!

Another Rally in the rearview mirror! 35 years this has been going on and I have only missed 2! The memories and the people I've met over the years, most are old friends and a lot of new friends. The faces change over the years, but just as many stay the same. We are all like minded and believe in the same rights for motorcyclists - freedom of the road! Although we have all gotten older, it is nice to see younger people starting to attend the Rally also. With that being said, it is time to start letting more young people know about the Young Riders Programs. Let your grandkids, nieces, nephews, sons and daughters know. The more information that gets out to the schools and colleges and through word of mouth, the more likely we are to garner new members down the road.

If you are looking for something to do, check out the Road Noise Calendar of Events, Flyers and Chapter Facebook pages. There is something fun and exciting going on every weekend. New to A.B.A.T.E., come and check out a chapter meeting. Ask questions and be involved. If an answer can't be found at a meeting, the officers can usually find someone who can answer your question.

Remember also that Dial-A-Ride is still going on over the weekends until the end of October and if you do pickups or get someone home safe that has over indulged, please let the Dial-A-Ride team know. They need those numbers and would rather you be embarrassed and alive than in an accident or dead. Put your pride aside and call them at 1-888-342-5743.

I hope to see everyone soon at one of your upcoming meetings.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

*Donna*

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## TRI-COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Mike & Tobi Pharr's home, 28825  
Oak Hill Lane, Henderson, 6:30 pm Potluck,  
7:00 pm meeting (Bring dish to pass if you like)  
October meeting place TBD

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Social, 12:00 pm  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, Highway pickup, 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to the TriCounty Chapter's Freedom Social on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Carver Beach Playground in Chanhassen. Join us for this free event from noon to 4:00 pm for fun,

food, and games. Beverages provided! Kids welcome! Free! Please see page 32 in Road Noise.

Highway pickup is scheduled at 10:00 am Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> between Jordan and New Prague by trains! Follow detour suggested in last month's Road Noise!

Curious to find out what chapter won our challenge?! It was scheduled to end at State Rally weekend. Which chapter won for largest growth from overall membership increase and which chapter won for the largest growth resulting from new membership?!

Till next month, Peace out.

- Gerry

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

September 17<sup>th</sup>, Tillies, 1155 Lake Shady Ave S,  
Oronoco, 11:00 am

October thru March: Rochester American Legion,  
915 2<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Rochester, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

Fall Buddy Bear Ride—more information to come!

September 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: Bikers on the Beltway,  
Meeting of the Minds 2023

### Greetings All:

First off, I need to apologize for the mix-up in meeting dates. The meeting date information in the August Road Noise was incorrect but that was the information I was given at the June chapter meeting. This information got changed between the June meeting and the July meeting. Please watch Facebook for meeting information as that is the most current information.

Well, our summer is winding down—BUMMER—hope everyone had a safe and fun riding season. I can't believe another month has passed by so fast. It has been a very busy summer for our chapter and for me personally.

As you may remember, we had our Summer Shenanigans Party in July. We had a really good turn out for our very first party and had a lot of

fun until a thunderstorm decided to pee on our party, chasing the vendors and many of the party-goers away. It didn't stop us though as we moved the party inside and continued to party. The bike games were a lot fun and the mud wrestling was a hoot to watch. Michelle almost became a victim of that mud pit but after a lot of life threatening, she was saved from the mud.

We want to THANK the Isle of Dreams Bar and Event Center for allowing us to have our party there and also thank the vendors who came, including the food truck—the food was really good. A special THANK YOU goes to all of those who came to the party and especially those who came from other chapters, RCs, and MCs to support us. We are already starting to plan next year's party.

We are planning to have a Buddy Bear ride with the other chapters in our district in September. Watch Facebook for more information on this.

We want to welcome all new members and say thank you to those who have renewed their memberships. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly chapter meetings which are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:00. Location subject to change so check the Road Noise or Facebook for more information on meeting locations.

So long until next month.

— Terry

See you  
at the  
Rally!

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

September 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Reggie's,  
Owatonna,  
1:00 pm

October 14<sup>th</sup>, Box  
Car Tavern,  
Waseca,  
1:00 pm

November 11<sup>th</sup>,  
Reggie's,  
Owatonna,  
1:00 pm

### Upcoming

#### Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 16<sup>th</sup>, Buddy Bear Run, Hi-Vee,  
Owatonna, 9:00 am

October 19<sup>th</sup>, Bingo, Elk's, Owatonna 6:00 pm to  
9:00 pm



Thank you to all the riders that showed up at our scavenger hunt ride and Cash Wise food stand fundraiser. You make it fun and worth going. Be safe and ride free.

– Zoomer

## FLATLANDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tony and Stacy Roe's,  
10:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Summer's Done Run,  
11:00 am registration, 12:00 pm ride

SAVE THE DATE. Open to the Public. Come on out for the whole weekend. Contact Tony Roe the week prior to arrange a time to bring out your camper. 507-438-5962. They can be brought out early so you can ride the day of event. Free camping Friday and Saturday. Meals will be provided. Free will donation. Bonfire both nights, music by DJ, ride and bike games, smoked pork and ribs dinner provided Saturday after the ride as part of entry fee. Silent auction Saturday. Always a good time with good people. Hope to see you there.

Check out Flatlanders Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Facebook Page for events and info

– Da Buff

## RIVER VALLEY

### Next Meeting(s):

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State  
Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
Fall Ditch Cleanup, TBD

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, January Thaw Dance,  
Eagles Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm

Welcome to fall. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We would like to thank everyone that turned out for the River Valley Gives Back Ride this year, and a huge thank you to the planning committee for their work in putting everything together to make it a success.

Our Fall Ditch Cleanup is coming up soon. We will set a date at our next meeting.

We already started planning for our January Thaw Dance. The date is set for Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will need as many volunteers as we can for this to make it, once again, an awesome dance! More details to follow.

Please be safe riding this fall as harvest starts.

– Papa Frank, President



## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**SHELLY DEUTSCH**

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September, Rally time, did you go? Remember this was your party to attend, did your Chapter sell your ten advanced tickets? Did you or your Chapter sell any Rally Raffle tickets? Are you going to attend Chapter rides or events? These things all help A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota grow.

The "E" in A.B.A.T.E. stands for Education. The Education Committee put funds out for FREE Intermediate Riding Classes in all four Districts, for 12 members each. The Southwest District was held this year in Upper North Mankato at South Central College. I had 12 members sign-up, three had to back out (one being me, in a neck brace) but I had three alternates, thank you! Only one person didn't make it to the class, so we ran with 11. Jon thought that was a pretty good turnout, everyone said they enjoyed the class and the instructors said many times to me this was a great class, everyone was open to learn new things.

Until next time!

*Shelly Deutsch*



**SW District Intermediate Rider Class.**

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## **BUFFALO RIDGE**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

September 7<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minnesota,  
6:00 pm

October 5<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minnesota,  
6:00 pm

### **Upcoming Event(s):**

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,

Litchfield

September 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>st</sup>, Meeting of the Minds,  
Harrisburg, PA

We are excited to share we have had 108 students in the last six weeks in the Share the Road class. We hope everyone has been out with their Passports hitting all the stops you can.

Ride Free!

## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting(s):

September 24<sup>th</sup>, Swimming Pool Park, Madison,  
12:00 pm

October, to be determined

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,  
Litchfield

Congrats to Tom Dilman on winning the two promotional rally tickets and for bringing the most guests to our meetings. We will be doing this ongoing.

Did you know that if you are caught riding your motorcycle without an endorsement that it

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## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting(s):

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield,  
7:00 pm

October 7<sup>th</sup>, Rivers Edge Golf Course, St. James,  
following ditch clean up

November 4<sup>th</sup>, VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Fallen Friends Run, Buckshots Bar  
& Grill, Butterfield, Kickstands up at noon

September 30<sup>th</sup>, First Annual Family Picnic,  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

October 7<sup>th</sup>, Ditch Clean Up, 10:00 am

Hello Family!

Hope everyone has been out putting on some miles during this hot summer we've been having! We have been busy planning out First Annual Family Picnic Day! Would love to see other chapter members come and socialize while watching all the kiddos have fun. Planning on a tattoo booth, bring a bicycle and turn it into a motorcycle, lots of games and fun for everyone! Hot dogs and chips provided. Still working out the details, but should be a great time for all! And what a great way to get the younger ones involved and maybe even get some signed up as a Young Riders. I've already started getting my granddaughter involved. She took her first motorcycle ride with grandpa Duball and now she's hooked! She'll even be on the Fallen Friends ride.

Keep checking our Facebook page for more information and updates!

Have fun and be safe!

– Lunch Lady

could mean up to 90 days in jail, \$1,000 fine and your biked towed? If something happens to cause damage to person or property, criminal charges? I wouldn't want that for no one. Easy solution...take the beginners course for three days and receive your endorsement.

When you get this issue, the State Rally will be in full swing and I can't wait!! Hopefully our chapter will have great representation once again!!

A committee will be setting up rides/event for next year. We need members to step up and join the committee.

Keep your kneez in the breeze,

– Gypsy Mama

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## SOUTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,  
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore community Center  
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

September 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

Hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend! Summer has gone by too fast. It feels like there should be several months of hot, delightful sunshine to look forward to. Instead, we are looking at Labor Day, Minnesota Rally, hunting season, and making plans for those bike changes we make over the down season.

Our group has been hanging in there, small but mighty, they say. Most of us are grandparents. Let's get some new blood flowing!

We just got back from a day trip to the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa. Unfortunately, the museum lost momentum during Covid and has not recovered. We spent several hours there on a Wednesday. There was just a sprinkling of folks there, checking it all out. September 6<sup>th</sup>, or thereabouts, is the last day the place will be receiving visitors. If you want to read up on this very interesting place, go to: Anamosa's National Motorcycle Museum to close, auction collection, after financial struggles, as printed in the January 23<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Des Moines Register. Better yet, go see the place! You'll be amazed!

God Bless our troops and their families! Be safe out there,

BAM - Becky Murphy

## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Informal get together,  
Rally grounds  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, Chris  
Kalway's home,  
Howard Lake, 3:00 pm  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, Choo  
Choo Bar, Loretto,  
3:00 pm  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave's  
Town Club, Delano,  
3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

- September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>,  
A.B.A.T.E. of MN  
State Rally, Litchfield  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, Fall Run, Getaway Motor Cafe  
Carver, Registration at 10:00 am, Kickstands up  
at 11:00 am  
September 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, Meeting of the Minds,  
Harrisburg, PA  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, Ditch pickup, Community  
Center, St. Boni, 11:00 am

We have our fall run scheduled for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming so watch Facebook for updates. Quite the adventure is being planned.

We were able to have our bike show at Camp Friendship. We had roughly 90 campers who were able to enjoy, take photos, ask questions, and sit on the bikes. This event is always very rewarding and an exciting experience for the campers and this year did not disappoint. The smiles were wide and plentiful. We had the opportunity to present our donation check to the camp in honor of Dan Arne. Dan had a special place in his heart for the True Friends organization. Dan served many roles for the chapter: Sergeant at Arms, Products, and Chapter Vice President. He is greatly missed by many.

Planning has started for the Grounded Hogs fundraiser. Advance tickets are available as is the newly launched scholarship program, look for the form in future issues of Road Noise or contact a chapter member to sign up. The committee has plans in motion to make this the best one ever. So, make plans to be there and bring a few friends! This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride.

Grounded Hogs Sponsors:



**Donations to True Friends in memorial of Dan Arne, during our Bike Show at Camp Friendship.**

- Gold: Bitzer Garage Doors, Frederick Creek  
Sheet Metal  
Bronze: Kimmer & Notjo  
Until next month my friends - Ride Free  
– April

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## SOUTH CENTRAL

No Report Received

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## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield,  
6:00 pm  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

- September 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,  
Litchfield  
September 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, Meeting of the Minds,  
Harrisburg, PA

Summer is flying fast, trying to get as much riding in as we can. There is a lot going on this summer and the older we get; the quicker time goes. You need to be able to take the time to get out there and ride or do the things that the summer has to offer, or it will be over.

We are signing up for shifts at the State Rally to be more involved this year. After the State Rally, we will be officially in fall and into our fundraiser.

Stay safe!



# MINNESOTA STATE RALLY

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

35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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## 2023 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

### DIAMOND

Farm Rite .....Dassel  
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## 2023 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

### GOLD

Dial-A-Ride  
Honky's .....Grove City  
Freedom First Riders ..Grove City  
South Central Chapter ..Litchfield  
Schlauderaff Implement .Litchfield  
Steffes Auction .....Litchfield



## 2023 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

### SILVER

Brotherhood  
Motorcycle Club .....Nordic  
Central Chapter .....St. Cloud  
CJ&J Trucking, LLC .....Kimball  
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East Central Chapter .....Bethel  
Lake Chapter .....Delano  
Litchfield Liquor .....Litchfield  
Metro Chapter .....Twin Cities  
Flatlander Chapter .....Wells  
North Star Chapter .....Bemidji  
Rolling Prairie Chapter ..St. James  
Sand Dunes Chapter .....Big Lake  
Sled Pulls .....Braham

## 2023 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

### CHROME

5KTrucking, Inc. ....Salol  
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BK Heating & Air, Inc. ....Ottertail  
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Buffalo Ridge Chapter .....Marshall  
Darwin Bottle Shop .....Darwin  
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Heart of the Lakes ....Detroit Lakes  
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Kingston Mini Mart .....Dassel  
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Mr. Potato Head .....Shakopee  
Northeast Chapter .....Duluth  
Punt Companies .....Prinsburg  
Red Goat Grill .....Watkins  
Southeast LC Chapter ....Rochester  
Straight River Chapter ..Owatonna  
Todd's Rod Chop .....Lowry  
Tri County Chapter .....Savage  
Way West Chapter .....Madison

## 2023 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

### COPPER

2<sup>nd</sup> Street Customs .....Litchfield  
Binsfield Tire .....Litchfield  
Buzz and Karen .....Lake Chapter  
Cosmos Motorcycle Supply .Cosmos  
Glacial Ridge Chapter ....Glenwood  
Kimmer .....Arizona  
Riverside Store & Tavern ..Litchfield  
Sons of Silence MC .....Hutchinson  
Thirsty's Bar & Grill .....Dassel

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## **2023 STATE RALLY V E N D O R S**

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The Biker Lawyers, PC

Got Ink Tattoos

Inkology 102 Tattoo Studio

Bigfoot Woodworks

Spanky's Woodshed





# **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BIKER TO ATTEND MOST BIKER EVENTS**

**If you do attend a Biker Event, there are a few rules that you must strictly adhere to:**

- **Enjoy the delicious food - it was probably included for FREE with the price of admission - and probably the beer and soda as well**
- **Enjoy adult beverages responsibly - don't drink and drive**
- **Enjoy the live musical entertainment which is usually provided**
- **DANCE until your feet hurt and SING until your voice is hoarse**
- **Laugh a lot and have FUN**
- **Make some new friends and catch up with old friends as well**
- **Generously participate in 50/50 drawings, raffles, silent and live auctions and donation boxes that support worthwhile local causes**
- **Purchase something from the Merchandise Table**
- **Seriously consider becoming a member of the host organization**

**Share this Important Notice with all of your friends**



## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders Scholarship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of MN is a non-profit motorcycle rights organization that stands for **American Bikers** for **Awareness, Training, and Education**. Our organization promotes motorcycle crash prevention through motorcyclist safety awareness, training and education.

A.B.A.T.E. is currently funding a scholarship program to pay for the cost of attending rider training courses. These funds are limited and will be approved based on application date and required criteria until all available scholarships have been awarded.

Why should you consider taking a rider training course? We believe that continued motorcycle training is key to building the proper foundation of good riding habits and better rider skills to create the best overall motorcycling experience. Taking annual training courses is key to refreshing your skills, maintaining your riding ability and improving your overall skillset.

What better investment can you make than yourself? What better pay off can you have than attending a free rider training event while possibly earning your motorcycle permit or endorsement?

The application requirements of the A.B.A.T.E. scholarship training program include:

- Be at least 15 years of age (and under 21 years of age)
- Have a valid Minnesota Driver's License prior to attending a course
- Meet the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center requirements for attending a course

Scan and email applications to [education@abatemn.org](mailto:education@abatemn.org) or send via USPS to:  
Jon Fermholz, 310 Benton St W, Cologne, MN 55322

Application Form on Page 30



# A.B.A.T.E. of MN Young Riders Scholarship Application

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Drivers License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Course: \_\_\_\_\_

Location and Time of course:  
\_\_\_\_\_

What prompted you to take a rider training course?

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR JULY 2023

## BUFFALO RIDGE

Richard D Anderson .....N  
 Aaron / Darcy Beek .....R  
 Greg Fischer /Jamie Gladis .N  
 Wayne Gorton .....R  
 Robert / Karla Koplin .....N  
 Matthew McDermott .....N  
 Hannah Oellien ..... N  
 Rick Read .....N  
 Brayden Rohlfs .....N

## CENTRAL

Kelly Andreason .....R  
 John Bierschbach .....N  
 David Boese .....R  
 John D Burg .....R  
 Trevor Combs ..... N  
 Joshua Donnay .....N  
 Robert Eggerth .....R  
 George Eisenbacher ..... N  
 Hank Foster .....R  
 Chad Fuchs ..... R  
 William Gebhard .....R  
 Lawrence Hoeschen ..... R  
 Zachary Hoeschen .....R  
 Alisha Holmquist ..... R  
 Ian Johnson .....N  
 Clarence Kempson .....N  
 Doltin Klaphake .....R  
 Danny Kuhn .....R  
 Michael Lochen .....N  
 Trevyn Ludwig .....N  
 Tony Luetmer ..... R  
 Hollie Luitfield .....N  
 Mark Magnuson .....R  
 Jim Moore .....R  
 Dominic Novak N .....  
 Larry / Donna Pagel .....R  
 Wayne Schwinghammer /  
 Susan .....R  
 Rodney Sibbert .....R  
 Kirt Stuve ..... R  
 Robbie Terres .....R  
 Scott Welle .....R

## EAST CENTRAL

Jeff Bergquist /  
 Rodney Leteller .....R  
 Alan Corbecky .....N  
 Tim Jensen / Darlene Krutsch R  
 David / Jody Meyer .....R  
 Doug / Rae Ann Mosiman .....R  
 Mike Mowery .....R  
 Nick Oman .....N  
 Craig Readell /Ashley Jansen .N  
 Julie Tschumper .....R

## FLATLANDERS

Dean Reiter .....R  
 Jim Schuler .....R  
 Cody Sorenson .....R  
 Daniel /Julie Stuart .....R  
 Jamie Tapp .....N  
 Shane Thom .....N

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Laurel Brandt/  
 Kimberly Quigley .....R  
 Terri Brunsvold .....R  
 Bradley A Collins .....N  
 Doris Grimm .....R  
 Michael Harlow ..... N  
 Eric / Michelle Hellermann .N  
 Gerald J Hines .....R  
 Ronald Jennissen .....N  
 Greg Karvonen Susan "Suzi" .N  
 Kevin / Debi Koep .....R  
 Chad Kuebelbeck .....N  
 Jim / Patty Lindemann .....R

Shanna Mitchell .....R  
 Dean / Donna Olson ..... N  
 Cory Rauch .....N  
 Rich / Ann Reimers .....R  
 Robert Tyson .....R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Lee Bjork .....N  
 Ken Inselmann .....R  
 Jesse Lambrecht .....R  
 Steven Loxtercamp .....R  
 Tara "Spoon" Lynette ..... R  
 Todd Miller .....N  
 Gregory Rutledge /  
 Melody Conant .....R  
 Kurt / Charlene VanLuik .....R  
 James Wilke .....N

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Jonathan Bader .....N  
 David Borgen .....N  
 Heather Haarstad .....N  
 Randy Hammer/ Deb Morales R  
 Josh Julien .....N  
 Chad Kieffer .....R  
 Matthew / Amanda Weston .N

## JACK PINE RIDERS

David A Christensen .....N  
 Bill Conway/ Barbara Heil .....R  
 Bill Cort .....R  
 Chad LeMay .....N  
 Don Lentz .....N  
 Daniel Olson /Dana Kristine .N  
 Rick Peterson .....R  
 Leroy Price Jr .....R  
 Christopher Sjodin .....N  
 Bob Swenson .....R

## LAKE

Jerald Coleman ..... N  
 David Dertinger .....N  
 David Duffy .....R  
 David Grommersch .....R  
 Tyler / Katie Koep .....R  
 Jeff Kuusi / Michelle DuChaine R  
 Kyle Moy / Casey Moy .....N  
 Mark Rickabaugh .....R  
 Dean /Tammie Webb .....R  
 Jesse Woytcke/ Stacy Sinsa-  
 baugh .....N  
 Jonathon Yarnes .....N

## METRO

Joseph Amberg .....N  
 Douglas Deitering .....R  
 Joe Derosier / Kya Smith .....N  
 Steve Farkag .....N  
 Jerome Fisher .....R  
 Shelly Flasch/ Jason Peachey N  
 David Frank .....R  
 Dan Gill .....R  
 Vernon Harmon .....N  
 David Johnson .....R  
 Paul Knutsen .....R  
 Rick Laabs/Marilyn Combs .....R  
 Michael LaFlamme .....N  
 Mark C Mikkalson /  
 Susan McNamara .....R  
 Greg Mortenson .....R  
 Jennifer Penley/  
 Amber Franklin .....N  
 Tony Polutnik-Davis .....N  
 Steven Schoenoff .....N  
 Craig St John .....N  
 Brad Stevensen .....R  
 Roger Velasco III .....R

## NORTH STAR

Andrew Gonzales .....R  
 Sharon Polman .....R

Maria Sorenson .....N  
 Heffrey Udean /  
 Shanna Newman .....N  
 Jeremy VanWert .....N

## NORTHWEST

Devin Paradis .....N

## RIVER VALLEY

Marvin Anderson Christina Hall N  
 Trevor Anderson R  
 Joseph Barber Heidi Barber R  
 Adam Borth N  
 Austin Claeys N  
 Jerod Etes N  
 Kevin Fortin R  
 Curtis /Denise Gilbertson .....R  
 Kenneth / Dezata Gimmer .....R  
 Wayne Gottschalk/  
 Mary Steinhaus .....R  
 Derrick Havemier .....N  
 Matthew Hector .....N  
 Brian More .....R  
 Andrew Murphy/ Brittney Bell N  
 Jesse O'Brien .....R  
 Rick Pongratz .....R  
 Jim / Lisa Prom .....R  
 Robert / Julianna Rieck .....N  
 Glendon Schwartz .....N  
 Dave "Heimy" Solheim .....R  
 Ryan Stoltzman / Kelly More .R  
 Thomas / Melissa Swanson .....R  
 Holly Unander .....N

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

Eric Dietz .....R  
 Curtis Eidhammer .....R  
 Mike Heiderscheidt .....R  
 Jim Hilpipre / Gina Lemert .....N  
 Ben Hirschman /  
 Kassandra Brotherton .....R  
 Wendy Moore .....N  
 Jeff Nelson .....R  
 Kirk Nichols .....R  
 Klarice Rinne .....R  
 John Taylor .....N  
 Adam Tripp .....N  
 Chase / TiffanyVaske .....R

## SAND DUNES

Rick Anderson .....R  
 Paul Curtis .....N  
 Patrick Drew .....N  
 Larry Grimlie .....N  
 Tim Lewandowski .....R  
 Fred Pawelk/ Debra Kviz .....R  
 Michael Thompson .....R  
 Mike /Sharen Wright .....R

## SOUTH CENTRAL

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 Paula Anderson .....N  
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 Dennis Dillon .....R  
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 Al Hopkins .....  
 Brian Johnson .....R  
 Richard Johnson .....R  
 Del Liebrenz .....R  
 James Pease .....R  
 Wes Peters .....N  
 Cody Rusch .....R  
 Michael Schmidt .....N  
 Nathan / Brittany Schroeder .N

## SOUTHEAST LC

Ryan Benson .....R  
 Clinton Brainard .....N  
 James Cleven /  
 Jennifer Sackreiter .....R  
 Arthur Hudson .....R

Reed /Leslie Johnson .....N  
 Michael Kubat/ Shelia Fawcett R  
 Josh McDonough .....N  
 Shane /Carla Moore .....N  
 Ryan / Crystal Smith .....R  
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 Todd Willard .....R  
 Randy "Chewy" / Kay Zwart .N

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 Terry Bourassa .....N  
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 Brian Dykstra .....N  
 Paul Fischer .....R  
 Norman / Cheryl Gries .....R  
 Steve King .....N  
 Doug / Denise Kirkpatrick .N  
 Tyler Marotz .....N  
 Christopher Obbink/  
 Brandy DeSollar .....N  
 Larry Richter .....N  
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 Jonathan / Sadie Wagner .....N  
 Chad Walton /  
 Charlene Gronseth .....N  
 Steven White .....R

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Jeffery Allen .....N  
 Brooke Bulver /Randy Wolke .R  
 Christopher Dwyer /  
 Teresa Schalz .....N  
 Dale Kuchinka .....N  
 Cody Paschke .....R  
 Dean Patrick/ Nancy Pflager .N  
 Rebecca Peterson .....N  
 Larry Reiter .....R  
 Olivia Schutz .....N  
 Victor Van .....N  
 Chris / Rachel Waskosky .....R

## TRI-COUNTY

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 Brian Erickson .....N  
 Jonathan/ Mandy Fredrickson R  
 Zachary Fredrickson .....R  
 Tanner Fuchs .....N  
 Lance Heine /  
 Rachel Walker-Heine .....N  
 Norma Hernandez .....N  
 Russell Hestness .....R  
 Allen Hoeschen .....R  
 Andrew Kropiwka .....R  
 Chris Kubes / Kristina Nevelle R  
 Steven Olstad .....N  
 Cory Poulson .....N  
 Mark Rogers .....R  
 Christopher Schwede .....N

## UP NORTH

Bob / Donna Maxie .....R  
 Danny Millan .....R

## WAY WEST

Ed Olson Jr .....R

## CORRECTION:

The Augst issue of Road Noise had New & Renew list for June 23, but the heading was incorrect and it said May 2023.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
9/1/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/2/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/2/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Litchfield Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
9/2/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	informal get together at Rally Grounds	12:00 PM
9/3/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/3/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Litchfield Fairgrounds	11:00 AM
9/4/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/3/2023	East Central Chapter Meeting	State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds	9:00 AM
9/7/23	Buffalo Rige Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
9/7/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Mike & Tobi Pharr Residence	7:00 PM
9/8/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/8/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield	7:00 PM
9/8/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
9/9/23	Buddy Bear Run Straight River	after Meeting	
9/9/23	Fallen Friends Run	Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield	12:00 PM
9/9/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Mike Miller's House	6:00 PM
9/9/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/9/23	Lake Chapter Fall Ride	Getaway Motor Café, Carver - 10 AM registration	11:00 AM
9/9/23	Northwest Chapter Food & Toy Run	Gary Johnsrud place, St. Hilaire	10:00 AM
9/9/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Gary Johnsrud place, St. Hilaire - ride to follow	9:00 AM
9/9/23	Rolling Prairie Fallen Friends Memorial Ride	Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield	12:00 PM
9/9/23	Straight River Chapter Buddy Bear Run	Following the Meeting	
9/9/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna	1:00 PM
9/10/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Wilderness Bar and Grill, Williams	3:00 PM
9/10/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/10/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
9/10/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
9/10/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
9/11/23	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4 - 8:00 PM
9/16/23	Straight River Buddy Bear Run	Hy-Vee, Owatonna	9:00 AM
9/16/23	Straight River Chapter Bingo	Elks Club, Owatonna	6 - 9:00 PM
9/16/23	Tri-County Third Freedom Social	Carver Beach Playground	
9/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	12:00 PM
9/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Ditch Pick up	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	10:00 AM
9/17/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Tillie's, Oronoco	11:00 AM
9/17/23	Tri-County Adopt-a-highway ditch pick up		
9/21/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/22/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/23/23	Flatlanders Summer's Done Run	Tony and Stacy Roe's Following Meeting	11:00 AM
9/23/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/24/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Tony and Stacy Roe's	10:00 AM
9/24/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/24/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Swimming Pool Park, Madison	12:00 PM
9/30/23	Rolling Prairie First Annual Family Picnic		11-3:00 PM
9/30/23	Sand Dune Fall Ride		
10/1/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
10/4/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Valley Inn, Eden Valley	7:00 PM
10/5/23	Buffalo Rige Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
10/6/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

10/7/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
10/7/23	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick-up	Community Center, St. Bonifacious	11:00 AM
10/7/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalway's House, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
10/7/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Rivers Edge Golf Course	
10/7/23	Rolling Prairie Ditch Pick up		10:00 AM
10/8/23	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
10/8/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
10/8/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
10/14/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car Tavern, Waseca	1:00 PM
10/15/23	Way's & Means Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
10/28/23	Anoka Halloween Parade	downtown Anoka	11:00 AM
11/4/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Choo Choo Bar, Loretto	3:00 PM
11/4/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St.James	3:00 PM
11/11/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna	1:00 PM
11/12/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM

## **FREEDOM EVENT** **Tri-County FREEdom Fall Social**

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Aug, Sept 23

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