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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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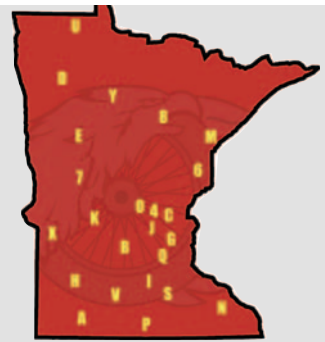
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PLEASE do not respond to requests for gift cards!!! This is ALWAYS a scam! We have talked about scams at board meetings and even had a class at A.B.A.T.E. University on internet security. Rest assured; I will NEVER ask anyone to purchase gift cards for me!

Recently, I was driving home from Iowa, when I saw flashing lights on the southbound lane of Highway 35. As I approached, I saw a bike on its side and a white sheet nearby. Just a few days before, my son-in-law had a car pull out in front of him. Locking up the

brakes several times, the rear tire slid from one side to the other. As he braced for impact, the bike finally came to a stop. The only thing that kept him from serious injury or death was his riding skills. Crashes are happening far too often. How many could be avoided by working on your riding skills? Know your bike - know your abilities - hone your skills! Our Education Committee is even holding free rider training classes in each district this year. Many chapters are holding classes too. Take advantage of improving your skills! I know that we don't always see eye to eye on things that we discuss. But I do think of all of you as friends or family! I don't want to see harm come to any of you, in any form!

Stay Safe!

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I would like to wish everybody a happy Independence Day. I hope everyone is having a safe riding season this year. There have been a few crashes I've heard of, and I wish everyone the best of luck recovering.

As for A.B.A.T.E., I feel we have come a long way and are still moving forward. Take a look at our Young Riders program. It was a dream a long time ago and never really got off the ground. It was reintroduced, we got the right people onboard and I feel it is taking off very strongly. You yourself could become a supporter of young riders. It's what we need; a new group

of a younger generations to take our place in the future. I know we're not all going to be around forever.

I'm sure a few of you are heading south to Iowa or have just returned from their rally, then off to Sturgis, and then back for our own state rally. It looks like a good lineup for the bands. Although, I asked my parents about the bands, and they were upset not to see a polka band. I told them maybe next year.

As for myself, I have an appointment on Monday to check out to see when I get the OK to ride and continue on with other activities after getting my hip replaced. Although in my world things are going very well and I should be back on the bike in no time, but my wife informed me I better ask first.

Til next time.

Jim



Letter to the Editor

I have been a member since 2008, and have noticed over the years that we are more concerned about getting more members than training and education. With all of the fatalities last year and this year I think we need to get back to what A.B.A.T.E. is all about.

Mike Burgess,
River valley member

Letter to the Editor

The last four months I talked to you about the great motorcycle freedom fighter Sputnik's plan of five steps to freedom. The first two steps of Sputnik's path to motorcycling freedom were somewhat simple. Vote and communicate with your legislators. In step three he showed us how putting up yard signs and handing out campaign literature for a candidate you believe in will establish a bond that will benefit both of you going forward. Step four was about working the caucus and nominating system. As Sputnik said, "Only by gaining the support of others can we guarantee our right to ride for years to come".

Now it's time for step five.

Step Five: Running for Office

By choosing to get active in the process using Sputnik's first four steps, it is time to make a commitment: Keep doing these four steps or run for office. Over your head you say? Nonsense. Some of the best friends A.B.A.T.E. of MN has ever had in the legislature were common citizens from all walks of life who felt compelled to serve their neighbors and friends. This is a big step but can be taken in small bites.

Sputnik reminds us that school board elections, city council elections. or county elections are a good way to start. In Minnesota, these folks tend to keep seeking higher office. By taking the first four steps and attempting the fifth, you could be on track to getting your views into policy and law. Think about that!

As Sputnik said "Your five steps are complete but your journey has just begun". If this is your next journey, call me. I can help.

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Congratulations to A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska and its constituents for getting another victory for freedom loving motorcyclists by getting their Governor to repeal the Helmet Law!! Effective 1/1/2024, if you are 21 or older, have approved eye protection and have completed an MSF certified safety course, you can CHOOSE to wear or not to wear a helmet!

Tennessee has two bills in their legislative processes-SB 1450 would create a four-year pilot program excluding adults 21 and older from wearing a helmet if they are insured under the volunteer states Medicaid program. (Companion bill HB0042 failed in House subcommittee) but companion bills HB1454 and SB0298 which authorizes two wheeled motorcycles to be operated between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane on certain limited access highways and interstate highways when the speed of traffic is 25 m.p.h. or less.

Many other states are considering legislation that re-examines the scope and possibilities of such maneuvers, whether called lane splitting or lane filtering!

Stay informed and get involved before you can't!

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Recently I was asked what are bikers' legislative issues. The person asking indicated his understanding of this was; "motorcyclists care about not having to wear helmets and being allowed to have loud pipes." My immediate thought when he said this is what a poor job, we, yes, we do of educating the public about our concerns. To answer his question, I told him what I consider issues important to me and many other motorcyclists. I told him we care about taxes, infrastructure, health care, education, civil rights, domestic security, jobs, the environment and all the things any other person may care about. But I told him in addition to that we care about our mode of transportation and life style. We want to be able to choose the vehicle of our choice, to be able to travel our roadways without being maimed or killed by other motorists or vehicles because someone is in favor of a newer technology. I told him I want to travel on roadways that are suitable for and maintained at a level safe for motorcycles. I told him I care about being able to go about my business without interruptions from others that think because of the way I dress or my mode of transportation I am more apt to be a criminal or engaged in unlawful behavior. I told him I care about motorcycle rider training, education, and the programs motorcyclists support to make motorcycling safer.

Then I told him that although I care about all these things, I understood he may not agree

with my position on these items. I told him I care about having opportunities to share these and other opinions with one another. That we may come to an understanding and possible compromises or solutions to differences we might have. About that time, I realized I had probably said enough. I had given him plenty to think about and I could tell I shared some thoughts he was not aware of, and I wanted to give him time to consider it. I felt I had taken the first step in helping him understand our issues.

I expect that the person I was talking with that day will be running for a political office again next election cycle and I believe I shared some information with him that if elected we may want his help with. I am sharing this with you because I wonder if you agree with some of the things I have said? Do you care about some of the same issues I do?

As the Minnesota legislature prepared to adjourn for 2023, I thought about how many of the things done I would consider accomplishments. How about you? How satisfied are you with the 2023 results. More importantly how satisfied are you with the efforts YOU made to reach legislators and share your opinion? We did not have a great participation in Write 2 Ride or Bikerday at the Capitol this year. Could it have been better, could we have had a more positive impact on the outcome?

Please share your thoughts, let me know what you think, let your friends know what you think, let your legislators know what you think. We don't all have to agree but we all need to work towards the best possible outcome by doing our part.

Please! Get engaged in the process, share our message whenever you can. Don't forget to forward replies so you will be included in the W2R program.

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Bikers Inside the Beltway 2023



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Upcoming event(s):

September 21st-24th, Meeting of the Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

Hello everyone,

We had a great day for Bikers Inside the Beltway this year in Washington DC. There were approximately 150 bikers from 33 states represented. Minnesota was able to meet with five of the eight legislators. We did stop at the other three and both senators to drop off our talking points. Seven of us were there represented three districts. Next year let's try to get at least one constituent from each district.

Our talking points for this year are to: cosponsor HR906 the Repair Act, cosponsor HR1435 Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchase Act, Seat the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, Reexamining the Definition of a Motorcycle, Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency, Join the Motorcycle Caucus, and thanks for passage of the Profiling of Bikers and to remain Vigilant about it. We need your help. Now that we are back from DC and these topics are still fresh in their minds we need to email, call, or write letters to our four Democratic representatives to have them sign on. All four of our Republican representatives are signed on and are supporting our motorcycle efforts so if you talk with them say thanks.

Are you planning on going to our State Rally? Do you have a good chili recipe? The



MRF will be having our annual chili contest at the State Rally again this year. It is people's choice of three categories: Best, Hottest, and Most Unique. It is nice to have a variety for everyone to try so if you think you have what it takes, you do not need to share your secret family recipe to participate. It's also a good way to find out more of what the MRF does for motorcyclists.

As always if you have a meeting or event that you would like the MRF to speak at please let me or one of the assistant reps know so that we can try to be there.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Jay Hickok
MRF MN State Representative



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Happy Summer Time! Hope everyone is getting out and about, riding and attending events!

As we all know, living in Minnesota, once Spring/Summer hits, we hit the ground running. Therefore, I missed the June report.

I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to me about our deceased A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members and our Chapter Charter members. I truly appreciate the communication and participation.

I wanted to take this opportunity to also reach out to members who may not be able to attend regular meetings or are not online. Therefore, I am reaching out to all of you. The information I am looking for, in order to update the historical records, is the following: Information on ANY deceased members of your chapter. Names, nicknames, date of birth, date of passing, obits, pictures, etc.

I firmly believe that all members should be recognized and celebrated for their participation in A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, whether it was physically, financially, or both. All efforts are appreciated.

Also, I am looking to record who the Chapter Charter members are/were for EVERY chapter. Every chapter, meaning both current and dissolved.

If you have any information, names, dates, positions, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. You can either reach out to me, or contact your Chapter President or your Chapter State Representative.

Have a safe and great summer! Hope to see you soon!

Ride Safe!

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Hope you are enjoying the Summer. There are so many fun rides and events going on it is hard to get work around the house done! But I guess that can wait until Winter!!

If you have any questions on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances, give me a call. I will do what I can to help.

Take care and keep riding.

Later, Mitch



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You were given posters, coasters, and business cards to distribute to the bars in your areas, be sure to get them distributed and go back to check from time to time. We also need a list of bars you left materials at. We need this information, so we know when calls come in for interventions, and where they are coming from, so we can be sure that we have coverage for that area.

Our goal is to reduce deaths on the road for impaired bikers to get them home safe. At this time of three weeks into Dial-A-Ride we have had about 30 interventions. Remember this could be your, grandparent, parent, child, or grandchild's life that can be saved, by just making a simple phone call to Dial-A-Ride (888) 342-5743. Dial-A-Ride is available from Friday through Sunday evening from April 28th to October 29th.



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Thank you to EVERYONE that made A.B.A.T.E. University 2023 a success! This couldn't have been possible without YOU! If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see or not see next year, please reach out.

I hope everyone is doing well, out riding and enjoying this beautiful weather!

Thanks, Stephanie



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Please remember that the summer months are coming and our legislators will be home.

Make it a point to introduce yourself to them. With all the letters you are writing, they would like to put a face with a name.

DC TRIP

We had a very good trip this year. We had in person meetings with all four of our republican congress people. We also dropped off information to all of our legislative offices in DC this year. If you would like to see our talking points, please contact Jay.

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

Thanks,

Gary Goracke

Legislative Director



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It's been a bit slow in the office, but I imagine the next few weeks will increase with everyone wanting to renew before the Algona Freedom Rally. Remember, if you get your membership in after the third Friday of the month, your membership changes to the next month. It may mean not getting a Road Noise for a month.

If you join or renew and don't receive your card, please do not wait a year before contacting the State Office! The cards are sent out within a couple weeks after processing. As always, print clearly and remember to include zip codes. When you get your reminder card and all info is correct, just toss it into an envelope along with your check and send it in!

Keep on, keepin' on!

Shelly Deutsch

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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The last task force meeting was May 18th at Saint Paul College. We had a rider training event before that started at noon which consisted of a hybrid intermediate/advanced rider course. We trained in the rain until it got too heavy and we retired to the enclosed trailer until the weather passed. The weather eventually passed and the last two hours of the course we had a dry range to ride on.

An update was given on the concept of a May motorcycle awareness month proclamation that the task force had been working on. Apparently, Governor Walz made the choice not to make the proclamation and neither did the Department of Public Safety on the behalf of the members of the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. This shouldn't deter us as an organization from reaching out next May to local municipalities and counties to have them proclaim the month of May as motorcycle awareness month.

During the task force strategic plan discussion, we talked about how to get other entities involved with our task force. After Bill Shaffer retired, his contacts in MNDOT, DVS, etc., retired or moved on too. We encouraged Jay Bock to invite contacts from those sectors to our meetings and he encouraged the members of the task force to invite people that could potentially change rider fatality statistics in a positive direction. There has been a steep incline over the last three years of motorcyclist fatalities where the operator doesn't have a motorcycle permit or endorsement. There are law enforcement entities in this state that will simply give a warning to a rider that is un-endorsed or un-permitted to ride a motorcycle. Perhaps we should inform and encourage them to impound these motorcycles and get them off the road. At least as a motivation for the rider to take the permit test and have some form of rider education. I am planning on inviting my county sheriff to a task force meeting. If he can't make it I will, at the very least, inform him of this disturbing trend.

On a positive note, there are eight new rider training coaches in the pipeline. The Motorcycle Safety Center always needs more, as there is a shortage in this state. If you are interested in becoming one, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will have more in my next report about the last task force meeting.

As always, make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

Big John

ROAD NOISE



EDUCATION

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There is a lot of good news to share this month, but I will try to keep it short. For reference, please keep in mind this article was written on June 10th.

The middle of last week Ridgewater College (three rider training sites) launched our Young Riders Scholarship Program on their website where a person registers for a rider training course. By the next week, 11 of the 22 possible locations in this state had also launched. Within 24 hours I received, processed, and registered five students for a Basic Rider Course. one in Albert Lea, two in Duluth, and two in Anoka. Our online presence within the college system is only at 50% and I am already beginning to get the feeling that this will become the time equivalent of a part time job for me.

Regardless, I believe that this is the direction our organization needs to go. If we do not get the younger generations involved, all we enjoy, have worked for, and believe in will cease to exist.

The first of the district rider training events will be happening in two weeks in Pine City (for the Northeast district) and I am hoping there will be good participation. In the other three districts I am struggling to get classes contracted due to some of the following factors. Rider coach availability, lack of communication and drive from the college contacts, and lack of willingness to participate from our membership. Granted we got a late start on a new program this year, but we still have time to accomplish it! I anticipate it will be ready sooner and more prepared next riding season.

More to come and I will catch up with you next month.

"The more things that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

-Dr. Seuss

Big John



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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I have more trifolds and tear-offs! I will have them at the B.O.D. to hand out! Are you getting out and handing out the materials that were given out at the April B.O.D.? Everyone wants more, but I'm not seeing many new trifolds come through the office.

The June 2nd reports show another decline of 28 members! We are at 1466 single and 1678 couples. The Chapters with the highest increase this month was tie: Buffalo Ridge and Flatlanders with an increase of +7 members, next high was Sand Dunes with an increase of +6, and another tie for 3rd highest goes to South Central and Straight River with an increase of +5. The most decrease was a chapter that lost -11. Our largest Chapter has 240 members and the smallest Chapter has 46. I think we can get out and help each other increase memberships!

This year the work schedule for the Freedom Rally in Algona filled up better than it has in past years! Out of 16 shifts, only one shift didn't have anyone sign up. If you signed up and worked your shift THANK YOU!

See ya down the road!

Shelly Deutsch



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Next Meeting(s):

July 9th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

August 13th, via phone, 11:00 am

Remember summer passes by quickly so start filling in the Labor Day Weekend for our Rally, there is many things going on, check the Calendar of Events for dates.

The Committee continues to look for proofers to help with the Road Noise. If you are interested, join us at the July meeting in Montrose to answer any questions you might have.

We are always looking for Business, Bike, Member and Veteran of the month by sending in the featured articles to the roadnoise@abatemn.org

Tammy



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting (s): July 9th, Ugly Bar,
Monrose, 12:00 pm

Kristie



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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No Report Received



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We will be attempting to combine a Young Rider event with district rider training classes. We would like to invite young riders to visit and observe the rider training event. This will allow Young Riders to see firsthand how the classes are conducted and talk with participants and instructors. If we can work it out with the districts involved, the instructors and the school, we will invite people to watch the class and then join the participants and others present for a lunch and soft drinks when the class is complete.

As reported last month, we have secured funds to help support Young Riders expenses not eligible for funding with gambling revenue. As we have said in many other places, thank you to those that have stepped up. We now have an opportunity for businesses to take part and become Young Rider supporters. Here is the current program.

THE PLAN!

We are offering the opportunity to become "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders." Private parties may be listed as "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" at a small donation of \$200 per year. A.B.A.T.E. chapters can be listed as "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" at a fee of \$400 per year. Either group may participate in 6-month increments.

How it works, make a minimum \$100 personal donation, \$200 chapter donation and we will recognize the donor as a "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" for six consecutive months. Double the donation we double the

time.

Businesses that make a donation of \$700 will be listed as "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" for twelve consecutive months.

Our method of recognizing supporters will be to post their name and the donation period covered in Road Noise, on our Web Site and on the Young Riders Facebook page.

You can become a Young Rider Supporter.

Mail donations to:
A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Treasurer
16550 226th Ave NW Elk River MN 55330

Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota or A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders are not tax deductible.

The last thing to add now is by the time you see this issue of Road Noise all Young Riders should have received a gift from us. The gifts are courtesy of John Matthias, owner of several Culvers restaurants. I am under the belief there may be additional gifts sent in the future. Thanks John "Johnny" Matthias.

That's it for this month.

Frank

A.B.A.T.E. and A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders thank the

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

Jane Doyle, June 2023 - November 2023
Dan Matzdorff, June 2023 - November 2023
David "Too Tall" Carlson, June 2023 - Nov. 2023
Jon Fernholz, June 2023 - November 2023
Bob Sturges & Harmony Lillie, June - Nov. 2023
Jim & Kristie Orn, June 2023 - May 2024
Mike Toby Pharr, June 2023 - May 2024
Alex & Kelly Erickson, June 2023 - May 2024
Vicki & Frank Ernst June 2023 - May 2024
*Tri-County Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN,
June 2023 - May 2024*



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Greetings fellow bikers,

Hopefully by the time you get this, your chapter will have asked if you want the 35th Anniversary State Rally Mug that will be on sale at our State Rally for \$15. If you do want one or ten, I hope someone from your chapter ordered them. I will have some extras on hand, but I don't want to have a bunch of them left over when the Rally is done.

I also have a sign-up sheet with times listed that I could use some help. Specifically set up, tear down and working throughout the Rally. Please let me know if you are interested in helping during any of those times.

If your chapter is having a fundraiser and wants State Products there, please let me know and I will do my best to be there. Also, if you have an idea for something you would like to see and need a

specific size or color, let me know.

I think that is all for now, until we meet again, Ride safe.

Kari Duncan
State Products Manager



STATE RALLY REPORT

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We had our last meeting in May with a total of 10 members in attendance. Our next meeting will be held Friday, July 14th in Tracy at 8:00 pm. Please remember to bring all your Chapters advanced ticket sales or left over tickets to the meeting to be turned in. We should have posters available to hand out to the Chapters then.

Randy

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Saturday July 15, 2023, 9:00 AM The Caboose, Tracy, MN

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to orderJane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and WelcomeShelly Deutsch
InvocationEdgar Burke
Roll callMichele Legried
Agenda approval / changesJane Doyle
Secretary Report - April 2023Michele Legried
Treasurer's ReportMichelle Backlund

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative DirectorGary Goracke
Motorcycle PAC of MNMark Senn
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)Dale Peterson
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)Jay Hickok
Write to RideFrank Ernst

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)

ABATE UniversityStephanie Christensen
EducationJon Fernholz
Young Rider's ProgramFrank Ernst
GamblingDan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear ProgramSharon Polman
HistorianGaida Trout
MarketingHarmony Lillie
Membership and Member RetentionShelly Deutsch
Passport RunJon Smith
ProductsKari Duncan
PublicationsTammy Winkels
RallyRandy Prochazka
RevisorBob Gerhart
Ways and MeansKristie Orn

OTHER REPORTS

State OfficeShelly Deutsch
MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)John Nelson
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task ForceJon Fernholz
Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota Jane Doyle and Frank Ernst

OLD BUSINESS

ABATE Manual Update

NEW BUSINESS

Heartland STEAM recap

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GAMBLING REPORT

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Nothing to report.

REMINDER **A·B·A·T·E**
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ROYALTY PAGEANT
CHAPTER CHALLENGE AT THE STATE RALLY

Get your King and Queen nominations to
Fred Pawelk at fpawelk@yahoo.com
Please include: Chapter name and nominee names
(Nominee's cannot be related or dating)

Round 1 and 2
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023 AT 5:00 PM
In the Main Grandstand
3 Male & 3 Female contestants moving forward

Final round
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2023
After the Fashion Show in the Main Bar

BIKE OF THE MONTH



“Mary Bette” 2011 Road King

Mary Bette's number two is Jon Fernholz who has been a member of Tri-County Chapter since 2012. Her customizations include: 18" Carlini Gangster apes, a Roland Sands intake, 3" Rinehart true dual exhaust, seat and lever modifications to accommodate a sasquatch, and a couple of scratches (that can be fixed). She enjoys interstate travel, hills with tight turns, and the occasional rider training course.

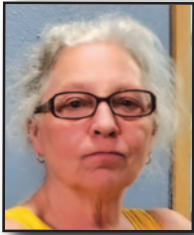
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



HEIDI'S BAR in Sedan

She always supports our chapter and A.B.A.T.E. in general. The bar might be in the middle of nowhere, but when you go in, "everybody knows your name."





SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings SE District!

First off, I am apologizing for not getting to your meetings this past month, but life definitely got in the way this month. Hopefully things quiet down soon and I can get back in the game! I will be at your meeting soon or see the Reps at the B.O.D. in a few weeks. In the meantime, have a great summer.

Ride Safe. Ride Smart.

Donna

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

- July 6th, Augusta Ball Park, Chaska, 7:00 pm
(Potluck & BYOB 6:30 pm)
- August 3rd, Augusta Ball Park, Chaska 7:00 pm
(Potluck & BYOB 6:30 pm)
- September 7th, Mike & Tobi Pharr residence
(Details & Directions in next issue)

Upcoming Event(s):

- August 19th, 27th Harley Heaven Fundraiser (with 1/3 proceeds to benefit Tri-County Chapter)
- September 16th, Tri-County's Third Freedom Social
(Details TBD. Watch Road Noise for further details)

Summer grill-outs and potlucks are happening at the next three meetings! Bring your own beverage and a dish to share! It's always a fun time outdoors with time to visit with new members, guests, and us old timer members!! Thanks to Representative Bobbi Harder, District 17B, for visiting our June grill out meeting and also thanks to our State Coordinator Jane Doyle for being there also!

Our chapter voted to once again host our third Freedom Social to be held in Chanhassen on September 16th! Food and ice cream available! Enjoy the day while enjoying your freedom!!! Invite your representatives and friends!!

Remaining t-shirts are available from the TriCo Carver Ride Fundraiser. Most sizes available and asked donation is \$10. A big thanks to Cody Hess and Albies son, Josh Schueren for making and donating these shirts!

Winners of our chapters two state rally tickets were Paul Kleaver and Jim Bengston. Congrats!

Never been to a meeting TriCo members??? Now is the perfect time to get on your bikes and come to our grill outs! We welcome new faces!!!!

Peace out,

– Gerry, Zoomer



Our chef for the summer grill out meetings . . . Albie.

Flatlanders May Motorcycle Awareness Washout, Ride, Meeting



FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

July - no meeting
 August 26th, Kipp and Christy Fuller's, 11:00 am
 September 24th, Tony and Stacy Roe's, 10:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

August 26th, noon Buddy Bear Run
 September 23rd, Summer's Done Run, 11:00 am
 registration, 12:00 pm ride

Still have passport books and state rally raffle tickets to sell. See Dan Bye.

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

– Da Buff



SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

July 16th, Chatfield Park (County Rd 2), Chatfield, 11:00am (please bring a chair and a beverage if you wish)
 August 20th, Tilly's, Oronoco, 11:00 am
 September 17th, BJ's, Theilman, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

July 22nd, Summary Party, Isle of Dreams Bar and Event Center (watch for advertising on Facebook and flyers)

Hi all: Well summer is finally here (WHOO WHOO), and it came with a vengeance. Be safe out there when riding—drink plenty of water, dress appropriately, use sunscreen and watch for those travelers in cars.

July 22nd is our first Summer Shenanigans party. We are planning bike games and a ride. There is

free camping (can come in on Friday if you wish) as many from our chapter will be there on Friday. Need to bring your own power and water but there is plenty of camping space. Vendors who want to set up are also welcome and there is no charge for this either. We will have music by **Slippin' Jimmy**, food trucks, and rumor has it that the Isle of Dreams will have a mud wrestling pit for those who want to get down and dirty. Come and join the fun and bring your friends. All are welcome.

As always, a big Thank You to those who become members and to those who have renewed their memberships. This is very much appreciated and we hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

I think that is all for now but there are plans in the works for other events so stay tuned for that.

Ride safe and hope to see you at our July party.

– Terry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

July 8th, JC Park, Owatonna, 10:00 am (Changed)
August 12th, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm
September 9th, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 29th-July 1st, Freedom Rally, Algona, IA
August 18th-19th, Cashwise Food Stand
Fundraiser, 10:00 am

September 1st - 4th, State Rally, Litchfield
September 9th, Buddy Bear Run, following
chapter meeting.

Greetings to all Straight Jackets and Friends.

We're full on into the summer riding season with many things going on. Keep up with it on our Facebook page for updates and information. Be safe and ride free.

– Zoomer

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

July 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
August 13th, Eagles Club, Mankato,
12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 19th, River Valley Gives Back
Ride w/A Fresh Start
September 1ST-3RD, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairground, Litchfield
DTBD, Buddy Bears Run



With summer riding under way, we need to continue to promote motorcycle safety and especially awareness! There have been way too many motorcycle accidents and deaths this early in the season. I encourage all chapters to try and ramp it up with getting new and old members to sign up with us to continue our goals to educate everyone from riders and motor vehicles drivers to our young people learning to drive and ride to be aware of their surroundings.

We finally had our Spring Ditch Cleanup, after cancelling earlier due to bad weather. Thank you to our small group (Tony Crandell, Erin Fredricks, Kelly Wells, Becky Smayling, Tracy Heideman and Mike Burgess) who came to help out during this busy time of the season!

A Buddy Bears run is in the planning and will be coming soon so we're looking forward for more of our chapter coming together for that ride.

We are very much looking forward to our 5th Annual River Valley Gives Back Ride. This year we are teaming up with A FRESH START. They support and provide services to those experiencing and emerging from homelessness with new home essentials. Hope to see a lot of you there!

A shout out to Way West...hope you are getting ready and practicing for the tug of war at our MN Rally in Litchfield! Better start now...you'll need it!

A reminder here to check your Road Noise and Facebook pages for future events and information. We really should try and support as many of our other chapters' events as we can. Get a group and ride to the event together...fun, fun, fun!

And please encourage anyone you know to join A.B.A.T.E. We are continually fighting for our rights as bikers. Informational trifold are available from just about anyone. Every membership helps!

Be smart and be safe out there...and of course, enjoy!

– Papa Frank, President



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I hope you're all getting out and about and getting some good riding in! As of writing this article, I have not been able to swing a leg over my bike or my trike. Had some setbacks this last month, but finger's crossed I will soon!

This next subject really bothers me to talk about, but it needs to be said. If and when you think you need to talk smack about other Chapter members please know your surroundings, just like riding your bike, you better have an escape route, if it makes you feel like a better person, I feel bad for you. The Chapters are having a hard enough time holding onto members, so please STOP it, if you get caught at it, suck it up and go and apologize immediately!

The July B.O.D. will be held at the Caboose in Tracy. I've been trying to contact them to see about setting up a breakfast buffet and maybe a hamburger buffet after the meeting or we can order off the menu. It's a small town, not a lot of choices, we have met there before. We sure got the run around from a few other campgrounds in our area, this was the 5th place that finally said yes to us without backing out! The campground is first come first serve, but I think we will be OK, so no need to call the number on the poster, that will get you to the City Office. The Motel is a small mom and pop place across the road from the Caboose.

We are still waiting on a date for our Intermediate Rider Education Class.

Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

July 29th, Clubhouse, Ormsby, 10:00 am
(July/August meeting), ride to follow
September 8th, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield,
7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Litchfield
September 9th, Fallen Friends Run, Buckshots,
Butterfield, kickstands up at noon
September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

Thank you to everyone that showed up for the washout and spring ditch clean up! Was a great turnout! Having golf carts sure made a huge difference! Thank you, Andrew, for getting that set up for us!

We had a great turnout for our Kickstart Run. Thank you to everyone that came on the ride, and it was nice to see a lot of new faces and was a lot of fun!

I'd like to welcome our newest member of Rolling Prairie. Congratulations Tibbs and Amanda on your beautiful baby boy Liam!

Our Buddy Bear Run was held on June 11th, and we delivered all our Buddy Bears.

Ride safe friends!

- Lunchlady

SOUTHWEST

Upcoming Event(s):

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

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

June 25th, Woodlake City Park, Wood Lake,
12:00 pm

July 30th, Buffalo Ridge Resort, Gary, SD 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

July 14th - 15th, B.O.D. Meeting, Tyler

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

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

Greetings, summer is here in full swing. Ride safe everyone.

We voted to change our Chapter meetings during the summer riding months to the last Sunday of each month, at noon. So, get out there and enjoy the weekends!!

Thanks to the chapter members who stepped up and completed the ditch cleanup and to Jen and Jim Toth for delivering Buddy Bears to the Cottonwood Fire Department.

July 14th and 15th is the July Board of Directors meeting in Tracy. (Kudos to Emily -Chapter Rep for doing a damn fine job.)

The Chapter is doing a Memorial Run in conjunction with the Bellingham Appreciation Days July 22nd. Details are still being worked on as I write this. Stay tuned to our Facebook page.

Here's a challenge to ALL A.B.A.T.E. CHAPTERS to get your teams ready for tug of war and participate in all the rodeo games at the Rally. Points will be awarded for participation towards



the traveling trophy.

Stay Cool and keep your knees in the breeze,

– Gypsy Mama

BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Event(s):

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

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

and we went for a ride before. It was great to get out there and make new friends and hang out with the old ones. I was able to get videos and they will go on our social media.

Most of our chapter is going to miss Algona this year. We will be getting together at the B.O.D. in July.

I need to say, I had contact with a group of bikers and they each had two beers within an hour and a half, then were on their way. They didn't get 1/8th of a mile from us and one bike hit the other. The one person was not paying attention. They both have small injuries, but are alive, thankfully! PLEASE, be aware of your surroundings and of other bikes.

Stay Safe,

– Harmony

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

August 5th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

September 2nd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

October 7th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 17th, Hospice Ride, Glenwood

July 14th - 15th, B.O.D. Meeting, Tracy, camping

August, Duffy's Run, Camp in Winona

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

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

Hello people!

Finally, we went from freezing to burning up.
Hello, Minnesota. We had our meeting on the 3rd

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

July 8th, Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm

July 29th, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

September 2nd, Informal get together, Rally grounds

Upcoming Event(s):

August 4th - 13th, 83rd Sturgis Rally

August 8th, Minnesota Day in Central City, SD

August 19th, Gear Head

Get Together, Maple Lake

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

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

We were blessed with excellent weather for our annual Memorial Run. This run is always dear to our hearts. We appreciate the opportunity to visit members of past. A special thank you too all who shared memories. It is nice to remember and, for some of us, to learn about the men and women who have made up Lake Chapter over the years. As one member said "As long as we



Lake Rider Training

keep saying their names they are never really gone."

Our July meeting will be up at Smoker's place in Breezy point. We will start with a chapter run up to Breezy Point. Kickstands up at noon on Saturday, July 8th leaving from the Holiday Gas Station located at 14740 165th Ave SE, Becker. The meeting will be at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to camp out or join those that ride back. We welcome those who want to join us for this adventurous afternoon.

Until next month my friends - Ride Free

– April

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

July 5th, Off Center Tavern & Grill, Clara City, 7:00 pm

August 2nd, Riverside Tavern, Forest City, 7:00 pm

August 30th, September meeting, Litchfield Fairgrounds

Upcoming Event(s):

July 22nd, South Central Burger Fundraiser, Mies Outland, Watkins, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

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

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

We had a good turnout for our spring Ditch Cleanup, thank you to everyone who helped clean the ditches for Adopt-A-Highway.

Remember to call (888) 342-5743 to use Dial-A-Ride if you have had too much to drink, the Dial-A-Ride service will come pickup you and your bike. This free service is available on weekends all summer through October beginning at 6:00 pm Friday until bar closing on Sunday.

We are hosting a burger fundraiser at Mies Outland in Watkins on Saturday July 22nd from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm during their Indian Demo Ride Days that weekend. Come and say hello, check out the motorcycles and grab a burger!

Ride Free & Safe!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary





NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I'm writing this after getting home from helping Central Chapter with another Ride for Heroes. Thank you to all the members who worked, gave, and volunteered to make it another safe, fun, and successful ride. It was awesome to see members from East Central, South Central, Lake and Sand Dunes all come out to support their neighboring chapter.

I saw similar support from neighboring chapters on the Sand Dunes Spring Ride and Scavenger Hunt. Including East Central, South Central, Lake, Jack Pine Riders, and Metro. Metro Chapter's Metromorial was also an awesome day with awesome people. Once again, I saw friends from East Central, Jack Pine Riders, Sand Dunes, and Lake.

It's awesome to see all the support from neighboring chapters. The more we work together, the more we can achieve. So please, get out there. Ride. Help your chapter. Support your neighboring chapter. Make new friends, and have fun.

I hope to see you out there soon whether at a meeting, ride, or event.

Until next time, ride safe.

UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

July 9th, Bernie's Main Dry, Keewatin, 1:00 pm
August 13th, Calumet Saloon, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

July 29th, Dogger Memorial Ride, Calumet Saloon

Hello from the Up North Chapter!

We have decided to change our meeting times. Meetings moving forward will be 1:00 pm the second Sunday of each month. Starting July 9th, we will be at Bernie's Main Dry in Keewatin. Then the August meeting will be at the Calumet Saloon. In July, there will be the Dogger Memorial Ride on Saturday, July 29th starting at the Calumet Saloon. Registration 11:00-12:00 pm. Kickstands up at noon. There will be a DJ and food after the ride.

We have State Rally tickets for sale. If you would like to purchase one, contact Jay Hickock. Hope to see you down the road.

– Up North President, Chris Parks

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s): (note, there are some time changes)

July 16th, Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm
August 20th, TBD, 10:00 am
September 17th, Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

July 7th-9th, 17th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson
August 4th-13th, 83rd Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, SD

Looking forward to seeing you all at our 17th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown featuring live music, camping, vendors, bike games, human games, auction, bonfires nightly, memorial ride, and more. Check this issue of Road Noise for the poster.

The next roadside cleanup will be in September. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all that help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

For more events, check the Road Noise Calendar of Events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevine's 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

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 6th, American Legion,
St Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming event(s):

July 7th-8th, Upper Kettle River
Shakedown, Finlayson

July 7th-8th, Family Fun Fest,
Andover City Hall

July 14th-15th, B.O.D. meeting,
Tracy

July 29th, Summer Thunder
Membership Drive & Fun Run

August 19th, Joe Boys Poker Run

Sept 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN
State Rally, Meeker County

Fairgrounds, Litchfield
Sept 8th-10th, Hay Days,
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METRO

Next Meeting(s):

July 11th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

August 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Metro Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Taco nights at Casa Rio restaurant in Anoka are on the second Monday of each month. These are a fundraiser benefiting the chapter. A portion of each person's bill is donated back to the chapter. Good Food + Good Cause = Good Times.

Make sure you stop by and see us at the Andover Fun Fest. This is a new endeavor for us and we are trying to get exposure for our organization and the Young Riders program. Speaking of the Young Riders program, East Central chapter has voted to donate \$200 to this new program.

Planning for the Summer Thunder Run is underway and we could use some help.

Rally Tickets and Passport books are on sale now. Contact President Jim if you want one.

The State Rally is coming up quick and Sharen Wright is taking over the registration table this year. She needs volunteers to help. If you can spare a few hours, sign up for a shift. Great place to meet folks. Sign up as a chapter or as an individual.

We would like to thank Bob McChesney for doing a blessing of the bikes after our last chapter meeting in the parking lot of the American Legion.

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

– Your VP, Jim

As I write this, the MetroMorial Day celebration is in the history books. The weather gods blessed us with an unbelievable day. Thanks to everyone that attended, to all of our great vendors and to our host, Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley. This was our third attempt at a fundraising event on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. All three, as an event, were successful. Those that attended had a good time, a great meal and enjoyed great music and hospitality. However, as fundraisers, there is room for improvement. We did achieve a couple of our goals however - our MetroMorial Day celebration was kidfriendly, family-friendly and pet-friendly and we were able to enjoy the support of some of our newer members as well as some renewed interest by some long-time members. Now that the event is over, we need to sit down and discuss what we want our yearly 'big event' to look like and what factors we consider that will allow us to call it a 'success'. If bringing in hundreds and thousands of dollars to both the chapter and to the state, then we will need a lot more effort and dedication from our rank and file members. It is one thing to ask for something, it is another entirely different thing to put in the effort necessary to be successful. But I guess, this is not a problem faced only by the Metro Chapter.

In the next 60 days, we will focus our attention on getting as many Metro Chapter members as possible to attend the Labor Day State Rally in Litchfield. Getting people involved, having them attend events, having them step up to volunteer seems to be important pieces in achieving the kind of chapter that we would like to have.

Until next month, I hope that we cross paths at some of the seemingly 100's of motorcycle events that will take place between now and the end of Minnesota's riding season.

SAND DUNES



Next Meeting(s):

July 9th, The Buff, Big Lake,
5:00 pm

August 13th, The Buff, Big Lake,
5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

July 7th-9th, Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally,
Litchfield
September 30th, Sand Dunes Fall Ride

Greetings! Sand Dunes Chapter completed our annual spring ride in May and it was a fantastic event! We had awesome weather, great attendance, food, scavenger hunt, and lots of fun. On top of an amazing ride, we were able to raise money for a great cause - IGYSIX, a veteran's rider group that brings awareness to veteran suicide and homelessness.

In other chapter news, we have made an important change to our monthly meeting location. Starting with our July 9th meeting, we will no longer be at KJs

Refuge in Orrock. We will now be meeting at The Buff, 16722 198th Ave, Big Lake. Meeting to start at 5:00 pm. We have had a long history at KJ's and it has been a great place to meet. It was a difficult decision but we felt for several reasons that it was time to make a change.

We made changes to two standing committees, the Ride Committee and Rodeo Committee. We have added additional members along with current members to continue both outstanding events. Our next ride will be on September 30th. At the end of June, we will be handing out our chapter's first Merit Award. Winner to be announced at our July meeting. This award will be presented to the person who has shown commitment to A.B.A.T.E. and the chapter through their participation in events, volunteering, leadership and other criteria. This award will be presented every July with the winner receiving free Rally tickets and possibly other prizes.

Finally, by the time this is published the Summer Hummer in Wisconsin and the Freedom Rally

in Algona, Iowa will be in the books. We have members going to both events. We will also have members going to the Upper Kettle River Shakedown in Finlayson.

That's a wrap. Ride safe. Peace out!

- Mike
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NORTH EAST

Hello all,

Things have picked up again with some good riding weather finally. Now if the smoke from Canada would clear up, it would be perfect.

The chapter had our semi-annual road cleanup and the tick infestation was pretty heavy. Not my favorite thing to deal with, but we got the job done.

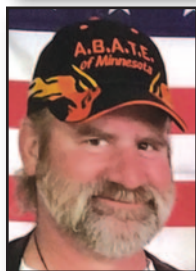
Our new "Look for Motorcycles" billboards are up as of May. Some of last years were still up at the time I'm writing this, which is awesome. We pay for the billboards with an annual ride in conjunction with A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Region 6B. The proceeds are divided between billboards on both sides of 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 paid rental period, sometimes for the entire year. We appreciate everything they do for us.

Dorrie's annual Awareness Rally has come and gone for the 11th year with seventy plus people attending and local news coverage. We line both sides of the street and hold up various signs promoting driver and rider safety as well as pro-motorcycle slogans. The response from the locals has been very positive with many people commenting about either seeing us in person or on the news. Thank you Dorrie Meyer for arranging this event every year and giving us the chance to get out and be heard.

– Ride Safe, Ed



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Howdy Folks!! Summer is Screaming By!

Hoping as you are traveling down the beautiful roads of Minnesota that you're spreading the word of the best motorcycle rights group in the state!

Young Riders Program is ramping up. If you know someone under the age of 21 that would like to partake in this program let me know. I will work with them to make it happen. We are trying to set up a district rider course. Please, if you have any interest let me know. There are many options as far as where in the district this could take place. This is FREE to any A.B.A.T.E. member!! Let me know and I will work to make it happen.

The State Rally isn't that far away!! Are you promoting the rally by getting sponsorships or people's interest? This is A.B.A.T.E.'S big fundraiser. I don't see any reason why we can't get us ALL together for a good time! See Ya on the Road!!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE. My phone is always on if ya want to talk 218-849-5021.

Edgar



Greg and Oggy throwing axes Spring Ride-In 2023



NORTHWEST

Upcoming Meeting(s):

- JULY Meeting: July 8th, Mentor Muni, 11:00 AM, Ride to follow, weather permitting
- AUGUST Meeting: August 5th, The Other Place in Fertile, 11:00 AM, Ride to follow, weather permitting
- SEPTEMBER Meeting: September 9th, Gary Johnsrud's place in St. Hilaire, 9:00 AM, Ride to follow

Upcoming Event(s):

- Membership Ride & Benefit Ride for Devin Paradis, a local young man with a brain tumor - August 19th, more information to come. Check our Facebook page for updates.
- Food & Toy Run: September 9th, starting at Gary Johnsrud's at 10am. Check our Facebook page for updates.

- Tiffany

NORTH STAR

Upcoming Meeting(s):

- July 22nd, The Woodshed, Laporte, 4:00 pm
- August 19th JD's, Solway, 4:00 pm

I want to wish a warm welcome to all the new and renewing members. Also, a big thanks to all that was at the chapters' 1st annual meet and greet, as well as ride for the troops. It was a blast.

It is gonna be a fun summer with the Water Carnival. We will be hosting the bingo tent from June 29th to July 4th, to all the rides to deliver Buddy Bears and going to chapter meetings. Most events that the chapters are hosting are posting to the North Star Chapter Facebook page. Don't forget to check it out.

- Be safe and have fun, Kyla



Recipients of this year's FFR chapter awards which were announced at the 15th Annual Freedom First Bike Show. Patty Sherod (left) received the Member of the Year award. Jeff Beattie and Carol Saar (2 right pictures) - received a Battle Horse award (for years of commitment and giving of themselves for the good of the chapter)

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Meeting(s):

July 8th, Garfield City Park, Garfield, 10:30 am
 August 12th, Garfield City Park, Garfield, 10:30 am
 September 9th, Mike Miller's house, 6:00 pm

Greetings FFR members,

The bike show was a great success. Thanks to all that chipped in and worked a shift. A special shout out to Miss Patty, Bob, and Derek and any others I may have forgot on the committee for all the hard work in making this another successful bike show.

The chapter awards are:

- Howard "Santa" Ogaard Memorial Member of

the Year: Patty Sherod

- Todd Johnson Memorial Battle Horse Award: Jeff Beattie and Carol Saar

Our definition of a Battle Horse is someone that continuously goes out time after time and fights or works for the mission statement of A.B.A.T.E. The award is a custom-made knife by Battle Horse knives with the FFR logo and T/J logo on it.

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

BORDERLAND

Upcoming Meeting(s):

July 9th, Fourtown, Grygla, 3:00 pm
 August 20th, Rainbow Supper Club, Strandquist, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

July 15th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN B.O.D., The Caboose, Tracy, 9:00 am
 July 14th-15th, Mid-West MC bike and car show Fun Run, Warroad Casino
 July 29th, American Legion Run, Middle River

Hello Borderland!

So far, we have had a good riding season and we thank all the showed up at our June chapter meeting. We also had our district director there and we thank Edgar for his support and leadership! We discussed more involvement in Dial-A-Ride, Northwest district advanced riding course, charitable donations, chapter fundraising and State Rally. We voted to do a chapter chrome sponsorship and members Mark and Shelly Lunos also did a chrome sponsorship. That's awesome!

Let's get more sponsorships and keep selling those rally raffle tickets.

Well, we got through pride month. We have one flag day on June 14th and it seemed that the main flag flown in June was a different kind of flag. Let us hope and pray that in the near future we will be prouder of the good ol' U.S.A. We must do what we can to hold on to our freedom and to stop the bleed in America. Ride safe!

- Twistin' da wick, Tim

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received





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 or send via USPS to:
Jon Fernholz,
310 Benton St W,
Cologne, MN 55322



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?

To apply, print off the application, send it via email or USPS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
7/1/23	A.B.A.T.E. Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
7/2/23	A.B.A.T.E. Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
7/5/23	North East Chapter Meeting	Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
7/5/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Off Center Tavern & Grill, Clara City	7:00 PM
7/6/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Augusta Ball Park, Food @6:30 pm	7:00 PM
7/7/23	Andover Family Fun Fest	Andover City Hall	
7/7/23	Jack Pine Rider's Upper Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/7/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
7/8/23	Andover Family Fun Fest	Andover City Hall	
7/8/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Garfield City Park, Garfield	10:30 AM
7/8/23	Jack Pine Rider's Upper Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/8/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point	3:00 PM
7/8/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Muni, Mentor - Ride to follow	11:00 AM
7/8/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's, Owatonna	1:00 PM
7/9/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Fourtown	3:00 PM
7/9/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
7/9/23	Jack Pine Rider's Upper Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/9/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
7/9/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
7/9/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
7/9/23	Up North Chapter Meeting	Bernie's Main Dry, Keewatin	
7/9/23	Ways & Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
7/10/23	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	
7/11/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	Coon Rapids VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
7/12/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Off Center, Clara City	7:00 PM
7/14/23	BOD Meeting	The Caboose, Tracy	
7/14/23	Mid-West MC Bike and Car Show	Fun Run, Warroad Casino	
7/14/23	Rally Committee Meeting	The Caboose, Tracy	
7/15/23	BOD Meeting	The Caboose, Tracy	
7/15/23	Mid-West MC Bike and Car Show	Fun Run, Warroad Casino	
7/15/23	Sindaddy Benefit Ride		
7/16/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Village Bar & Grill, Pine City	1:00 PM
7/16/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Chatfield Park, Chatfield	11:00 AM
7/19/23	Joe Boys Run	St. Joseph	
7/22/23	North Star Chapter Meeting	The Woodshed, Laporte	4:00 PM
7/22/23	South Central Burger Fundraiser	Mies Outland Indian Demo Ride Days, Watkins	10:30 AM-2:30 PM
7/22/23	Summar Shenanigans Party - Southeast LC	Isle of Dreams Bar and Event Center	
7/29/23	American Legion Run	American Legion, Middle River	
7/29/23	East Central Summer Thunder Ride	American Legion, St. Francis	TBD
7/29/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigan's, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
7/29/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Clubhouse, Ormsby	10:00 AM
7/30/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Ridge Resort, Gary, SD	12:00 PM
8/2/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Riverside Bar, Forest City	7:00 PM
8/3/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Agusta Ball Park, food at 6:30 pm	7:00 PM
8/4/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/5/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/5/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
8/5/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	The other Place, Fertile - ride to follow	11:00 AM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

8/6/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/7/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/7/23	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	
8/8/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/8/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	Coon Rapids VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
8/8/23	Minnesota Day at Sturgis	Lumpy's Casino - Central City, SD	2:00 PM
8/9/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/10/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/11/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/12/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/12/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Garfield City Park, Garfield	10:30 AM
8/12/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Moose Lodge, Fairbault	1:00 PM
8/13/23	92nd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/13/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
8/13/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
8/13/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
8/13/23	Up North Chapter Meeting	Calumet Saloon, Calumet	1:00 PM
8/18/23	Straight River Cashwise Food Stand Fundraiser		10:00 AM
8/19/23	27th Harley Heaven Fundraiser		
8/19/23	Gear Head Get Together	Maple Lake	
8/19/23	Joe Boys Poker Run	St. Joe's	
8/19/23	Minnesota Memorial Run	Registration	12:00 PM
8/19/23	North Star Chapter Meeting	JD's, Solway	4:00 PM
8/19/23	River Valley Gives Back w/A Fresh Start		
8/19/23	Straight River Cashwise Food Stand Fundraiser		10:00 AM
8/20/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Blue Moose, McGregor	10:00 AM
8/20/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Tilly's, Oronoco	11:00 AM
8/23/23	Sand Dunes Fall Ride		
8/26/23	Flatlanders Buddy Bear Run		12:00 PM
8/26/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kipp and Christy Fuller's	11:00 AM
8/29/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Informal Get Togethr State Rall Grounds	
8/30/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Litchfield Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
8/30/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Ridge Resort, Gary, SD	12:00 PM
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	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
9/2/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	informal get together at Rally Grounds	
9/3/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/4/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/6/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
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
9/9/23	Buddy Bear Run Straight River	after Meeting	
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	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Gary Johnsrud place, St. Hilaire - ride ot 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 Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna	1:00 PM
9/10/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/16/23	Tri-County Third Freedom Social		
9/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	1:00 AM
9/17/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	BJ's, Theilman	11:00 AM
9/21/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/21/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/22/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/22/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/23/23	Flatlanders Summer's Done Run		11:00 AM
9/23/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/23/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/23/23	Sand Dune Fall Ride		
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	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2023 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

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 2023 State Rally, to be held September 1st-September 4th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

As part of our Sponsorship program we are offering generous recognition, advertising, vendor space, and passes for the participation of you, your employees and customers in our event.

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

Diamond Sponsorship

The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000

It includes:

- Your business will have signage on either side or above the stage area in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine, A.B.A.T.E.'s official publication (circulation 4,000+)
- A full page ad in our Rally program and your company name and logo included on the cover
- Your company name and logo listed on our website
- 12 free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

Gold Sponsorship

The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000

It includes:

- Medium signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your Company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a half page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Six free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

Silver Sponsorship

The Silver Sponsorship is \$500

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a quarter page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

Chrome Sponsorship

The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Two free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

Copper Sponsorship

The Copper Sponsorship is \$100

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
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- One free weekend pass to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon!

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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

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Don't forget to purchase a \$20.00 passport book from your chapter. \$10.00 goes to the state, \$10.00 goes back to your chapter. We have 155 stops this year in the book that also lists discounts for passport customers.

If you want to participate in the contest, get your book signed at each stop and mail in your passport at the end of the riding season to the address listed inside the book. The top 10 people with the most signed stops will win prize money!

We also recognize the business with the most frequent stops, so please mail in your books at the end of the season. Even if you think you don't have very many pages signed, you never know, you still might win!

We hope you enjoy using the passport to plan your routes this summer. *Apologies for the misprint in this year's passport book for the 6th Annual Passport Run. On page 3, all the guidelines under Passport Rules are for this year 2023, not 2022!! Next year, instead we will be sure to put the year on the front cover.*

If you have any questions, or your chapter needs more books, contact the Passport Run Committee. The committee is still looking for admin help. If you are interested contact Ingrid Cohen.

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