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## A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Motorcycles provide fuel efficient transportation for commuting, touring, and relaxation; and
- WHEREAS: Motorcycles relieve congestion and reduce wear on our roadways; and
- WHEREAS: Motorcycle crashes can cause immeasurable pain among individuals, families, and in our communities; and
- WHEREAS: Increased awareness of motorcyclists by motorists can reduce the number of crashes on our roadways; and
- WHEREAS: All drivers should drive with due diligence, giving proper attention to the duty of driving; and
- WHEREAS: Observance of motorcycling awareness calls attention to highway safety, safe motorcycle operation, and encourages motorcycle rider training;
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that American Bikers for Awareness Training and Education of Minnesota

Proclaim May 2026

Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month



Signed *Joe Ruby*

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Coordinator



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



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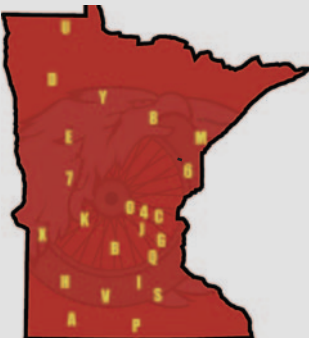
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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hello everyone.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to both our new and returning officers for stepping forward and taking on their responsibilities. This sentiment extends to both our new and long-standing members as well. I hope I had the opportunity to connect with you during the recent board meeting.

With the new riding season underway, I strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of any opportunity to enroll in a riding course—it's a great way to sharpen your skills and stay safe.

Now that A.B.A.T.E. U has concluded, let's looorward to an enjoyable and safe season ahead.

*—Joe*

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

It was a warm, sunny, beautiful afternoon when freedom minded motorcyclists came together on March 25<sup>th</sup> for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Bikerday at the Capitol in St Paul. Bikers from every part of our state arrived via A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's coach buses or on their own. They came to protect and advance the motorcycling rights and common-sense safety agenda that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has been championing for decades.

The bikers gathered in the Rotunda of the Capitol and heard from several very high-ranking legislators. Their message was clear: keep defending your motorcycling freedoms and we will be here to help you.

Afterwards, Bikerday attendees dispersed to meet one-on-one with their senators and representatives. These individual appointments are the backbone of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Bikerday at the Capitol. They make our lobbying efforts very effective. While the progress of our legislative agenda may seem slow, the truth is all Minnesota legislation in 2026 is bogged down. With a one seat majority in the Senate, a tied House with no majority party, and a Governor who is not running for re-election, the 2026 Minnesota legislative session has been a stand-off in almost every way.

If you were at Bikerday, thank you! If not plan to attend in 2027.

Yours in freedom,

*Mack Backlund*

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Congratulations to all who accepted a nomination and allowed their name on the ballot and now have a position in your chapter! I hope that these positions were not just a popularity contest and the right person was voted into the position. We need members we can depend on!

I don't have a lot to say, with everything that is going on, I prefer to stay quiet.

Presidents, please get the new pages from your Chapter Rep and put them in the manual, it will do no good to make all these manuals and they not be current!

Keep on, keepin on!

*— Shelly*



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Spring is going to sneak up on us, then summer will be here. On our Membership and Marketing Facebook page, we have a spot for events and rides. If you have not FOLLOWED the page, now is the time to do it. April and I post some pretty useful and fun things in there.

I am keeping this short, but as always, reach out if I can help with anything. Zoho is your best bet with getting info and you can set up a group with your chapter emails so you can forward that information to them. Constant Contact, if you have something you want me to send out, have your secretary or whoever is in charge of your social media send it to me at marketing@abatemn.org.

I love using the tools we have but need content to use them.

Have a great month!

*— Harmony*

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At our last meeting, we reviewed the agenda for the NCOM Convention May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sessions include:

- Legislative Task Force,
- Florida Legislation,
- Christian Unity,
- Clean & Sober Round Table,
- Women in Motorcycling,
- Veteran's Affairs,
- and an update from each region across the Nation.

This is another convention that addresses motorcycle rights. The more you know, the more prepared you will be to defend our rights!

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### Next Meeting(s):

- May 10<sup>th</sup>, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am
- June 14<sup>th</sup>, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

The Road Noise committee is in need of adding people. We need a secretary and two or three more proofers. It would be a great help to make sure we get all things done and sent out to the printer. Talk to anyone on the committee or better yet join in on one of our meetings just to check it out and get any of your questions answered.

And with the warm weather comes many activities to join in on, check out the Calendar of Events for more details. Thanks!

*— Tammy*



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Hello Biker family - First of all, thank you to the five chapters that followed directions and sent me a typed copy of their order for badges and business cards following their elections. To those that did not and have problems with your badges and or cards, you can either fix them yourselves or I can have them fixed, but you will pay for replacements. We are all adults or so I thought and it is time to learn to follow directions or pay the consequences.

Secondly, I am going to start carrying a smaller inventory to events like the State Rally and A.B.A.T.E. University. There will be some items placed on the website to show what is available for pick up only. I will not ship as shipping costs are too extreme and variable. You will be able to place an order for your size and color preference and pay for it online to be picked up at the next B.O.D. or event. This will help cut down on my on-hand inventory and size guessing for future meetings and events. It will take some time for Kimmer and I to get this set up so please be patient with us.

Third, State Rally T-shirts will be a tie dye this year, however, if you want a specific plain color, style, size, please email me and I will do my best to help meet your desires for the right shirt. Deadline for orders for State Rally T-shirts will be July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, with everything that has gone on in my life in the last five months, I want to thank you all for all the love, hugs and support you have shown me and Tom throughout this. You have shown me what family is truly about. While I do not know where this journey will take me, I am grateful that it led me to all of you along the way.

— Kari



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### **A New Road Ahead:**

**Reigniting Purpose in a New Membership Year**  
New year. New opportunity. Reset. Refocus. Move forward with purpose. Before you twist the throttle ask: What worked? What did not? Like riding, the toughest stretches demand focus—and lead to the best destinations.

Let us recognize this first: we did something right. We welcomed new members. We grew. That does not happen by accident—it happens because people believe in what we stand for. Now we build on it.

Recruiting is only starting the engine. Retention is the real ride. New members need connection. Longtime members deserve recognition. Everyone needs a reason to stay engaged.

### **Creating opportunities to volunteer in the chapter:**

- Take turns writing the Road Noise articles
- Start a chapter calendar
- Plan a run
- Start a mentorship program for new members

### **Recognize contributions:**

- Member of the Year
- Meeting giveaways
- Member spotlights- FB, email, Road Noise
- New member welcomes gifts
- Rides and mileage contests

### **Fostering a strong sense of community:**

- Hold monthly meetings
- Attend other chapter meetings/events
- Organize rides
- Volunteer as a chapter
- Collaborate with other organizations

Motorcycle culture is built on freedom, resilience, and connection. At our core is a mission that matters: **Protecting the freedoms, safety, and voice of riders.**

People do not join organizations; they join causes. "Ride forward together" is not a slogan. It is a commitment. Kickstands up:

**F.I.N.E.** Fuel the mission, Ignition for action, Neutral the distractions, Engine for momentum and see where the road takes us this year. The road ahead is ours to ride—and ours to protect.

—April



**Website Updates** – Work on improving the mobile view for the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website is currently underway. These updates are focused on making the site easier to navigate on phones and tablets. The project is progressing well and is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

**May - Motorcycle Awareness Month** – May is recognized as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Members are encouraged to participate by printing the official proclamation form available on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website. Once printed, please have an appropriate official sign the proclamation. After it is signed, email a copy to [webmaster@abatemn.org](mailto:webmaster@abatemn.org). All submitted proclamations will be acknowledged and recognized on the website.

# Webmaster Report



## STATE RALLY REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s)

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, July B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

### 2026 STATE RALLY:

Family Night Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Rally, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

This year there will be 2 Rally Raffles:

Saturday night drawing will be at 9:00pm for these 10 cash prizes. \$10 to enter:

\$2000	\$1750
\$1500	\$1250
\$1000	\$500
\$250 for the last 4	

Sunday night drawing will be at 8:00pm for the 50/50/50 raffle. \$50 to enter:  
50% to state. 50% to the winner.

If your chapter still wishes to sign out Rally raffle tickets to sell, contact the Gambling Committee at [gambling@abatemn.org](mailto:gambling@abatemn.org).

Sled Pulls are back in a BIG way this year thanks to Sylvester Nagel. There will be a \$1000 cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place!!! More details will follow about the sled pull schedule and entry requirements. If you have any questions, or would like to donate toward the cash prize, contact Sylvester at 763-501-9581.

If you want to place a special order for products at the Rally, contact Kari Duncan at [products@abatemn.org](mailto:products@abatemn.org) by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Family Night will be held that Thursday night from 2:00 - 7:00pm before the Rally officially starts. This is another opportunity for us to introduce A.B.A.T.E. to the younger generation and gives you a chance to enjoy bringing your kids into your chapter campsites for the evening. Minors will need to be wrist-banded at registration and must stay with their guardian at all times while visiting the fairgrounds.

Advanced Rally tickets and the RV camping fee are available to purchase online at the state website. Click on the Resources tab and choose State Rally from the menu. The deadline for online purchase is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

As I write this a new Rally chair will be chosen soon. Please do what you can in your chapter to work together and support the new Rally chair and help the Rally committee make this year's Rally a successful and positive experience.

As always keep those Rally suggestions coming to [rally@abatemn.org](mailto:rally@abatemn.org).

— *Dougie*



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next meeting (s):

July 12<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 11:00 am

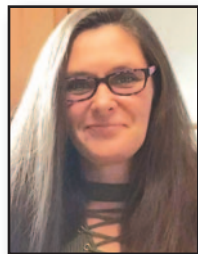
— Kristi



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No Report Received



## HISTORIAN

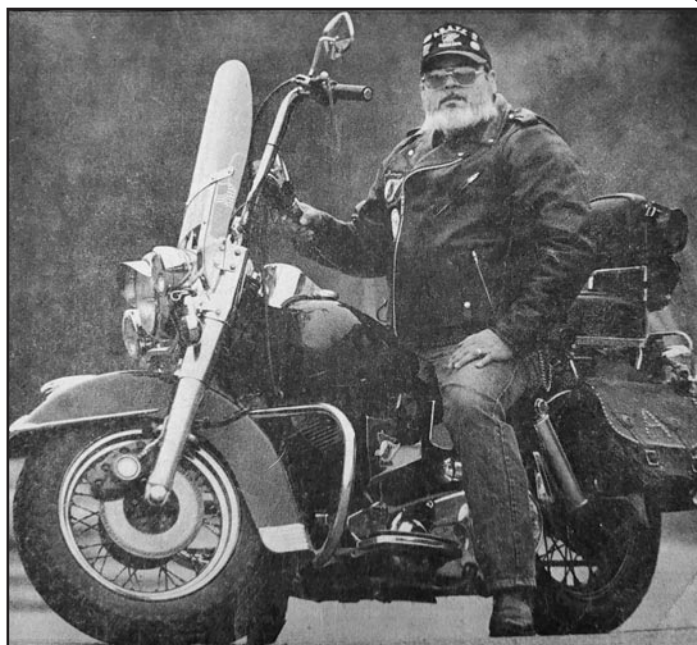
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I present to our members a face to the name of Rick Arguello, the creator of our State logo along with so much artwork that was donated to our organization. I came across this lengthy news article from the Winona Daily News, November 28, 1992, by Sandie McIntire. The majority of the article is Arguello describing to the general public what A.B.A.T.E. of MN is all about. So, I wanted to focus on Arguello and his background specifically.

"Rick Arguello has received national as well as state-wide recognition for his detailed ink drawings that promote safe motorcycling along with a love of biking. Arguello is the volunteer staff artist for 'Road Noise', which is the state newsletter for American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota."

"Arguello, who has not had any formal art training since high school, executes the incredibly detailed drawings to make money for his chapter, Lower Corner, to use as fundraisers. He sketches the design he needs in pencil initially and then finishes the rendering in ink; he does not use computers or copy machines for the detailed work of his borders or backgrounds, which often repeat a central theme such as a motorcycle wheel or silhouetted rider.

The many components he brings to his artwork



range from familiar Minnesota scenery such as bluffs and trees associated with the North Country to striking renditions of the American Bald Eagle, which represents freedom to bikers. Arguello's art depicts men and women bikers and frequently uses the outline of the state of Minnesota and the A.B.A.T.E. logo."

"I love my biking and my artwork. They just seem to go together for me," stated Arguello.

Rick Arguello was 48 years old at the time of this news article.

Thank you Rick Arguello, from all of us. You are no longer physically with us; however, you are forever in our spirit, which you helped create.

—Gaida "Gator"



## EDUCATION

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### 1991 HeritageNext Meeting(s):

May 13<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

June 10<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

Even though the scholarship program has separated from A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota to become its own 501(c)(3) charitable organization, I will continue to keep you all updated through these Education Reports. Since the scholarship program launched on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, 56 youth have been registered for Basic Rider Courses at a cost of over \$15,000. This program continues to gain traction and grow. We can now except tax-deductible donations from anybody willing to donate. If you are interested or know somebody who is, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

As I have reported in the past, pending approval of the budget at the April B.O.D., there will be \$300. of District Rider Training funds available for each of the four districts. Please get with your newly voted in District Directors and figure out how your district should spend these available training dollars. That is all for this month, catch you on the flipside.

*"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."*

-Daniel J. Boorstin

*-Jon*

## A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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Nothing new to report.



## GAMBLING REPORT

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Hello Everyone - I hope by the time you get this it is riding season. Remember to report your Buddy Bears monthly, Also the State Rally tickets are here. if you did not get them at the B.O.D. let me know if you need them.

*- Angie*



## YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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Hey all, We have a date for our Young Riders Bike Rodeo! September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield: Dirt Bikes, trikes, peddle bikes, lunch, and all that.

There is a dirt bike instructor program coming up and if you're interested in being an instructor, get a hold of me for more information. It's in Jordan and the class is going to be paid for.

We're pairing with AMA this year and there's a lot of exciting things to come!

Watch Facebook!

*- Harmony*

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

Vicki & frank Ernst ..... June 2023 - May 2027  
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A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... Dec. 2025 - Nov. 2026  
Chaska American Legion  
Riders Post 57 ..... March 2026 Aug. 2026

**You can become a Young Rider Supporter!**

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



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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It is a beautiful Minnesota summer weekend, and the day is perfect for riding your motorcycle. The temperature is in the mid-80's, there is not a cloud in the sky, and a light breeze is blowing. You have been on the road for about four hours. Soon you will have to stop to refuel. Not only is your motorcycle's gas tank nearly empty but your stomach is growling as well. The next town is the home of one of your favorite roadside bar/restaurants. You can almost smell the grilled onions on the hamburger you know that you will soon be ordering. And, you are thirsty - your throat is dry - you start longing for a beverage that is icy cold and wet enough to quench your thirst (you are the kind of person who really savors the taste of a good beer) - in your mind, you hear the bartender asking you "What kind of beer can I get for you?" Instinctively, in your mind, you answer, "Make mine an N/A."

Some of you reading this are thinking, "That will never happen," almost the same way people say, "You'll never see me on a trike." Minnesota has a strong tradition for brewing beer because of the influence of many German immigrants following statehood in 1858. Minneapolis and St. Paul became the home of Grain Belt, Schmidt's, Hamm's and Gluek's with other regional breweries in New Ulm and Duluth. In 1920, a Minnesota Congressman introduced the Volstead Act which became the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. constitution, commonly known as Prohibition. Between 1920 and 1933, your choices were 'near beer' and 'no beer'.

Throughout history, many alchemists attempted to take worthless base metals and transform them into gold. The same thing

happened during Prohibition - brewers tried to make 'water taste like beer' - and even today, nearly a century after Prohibition ended, many people are still left with a bad taste in their mouth for non-alcoholic beers.

But something interesting happened. Since the early 2000's, major national beer companies, regional brewers and our modern-day local craft brewers have realized that it is possible to make non-alcoholic beers by taking the alcohol out of their beer while retaining all of the flavor, body and boldness of real beer. Today, there are over 1,380 non-alcoholic (N/A) beers available. N/A beer is the fastest growing segment in the brewing industry today, not only in the United States but around the world.

Okay, then what is holding you back from giving today's N/A beers a try? N/A beer and motorcycling go hand-in-hand - icy cold, wet enough to quench the driest dusty throat, flavorful enough to match any of the world's best beers and, as an added bonus - N/A beers will not impair your judgement, dull your reflexes or lead to any annoying, long-lasting legal consequences.

So, the next time you are out riding, and you stop for a refreshment, try saying those four words that really make sense today - **"MAKE MINE a N/A"** [ Want to see what 1380 non-alcoholic beer options look like today? <https://beerfordriving.com/beer/> ]

... and on a related note, please make sure that we know who is your group's contact to receive information and phone calls from Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride and where your Dial-A-Ride trailer is located (we need the house number/street name/city/zip code) - send that information to [mcdar1596@gmail.com](mailto:mcdar1596@gmail.com)

*— John*



## Letters to the Editor

Dear MN ABATE U Young Rider group  
and ABATE U Banquet attendees:

We wanted to pass along our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thank you for allowing us to present the messages from our No Boundaries Tour Ride, the Fight Against Human Trafficking and Motivational Missions charitable, non-profit.

As a result of your many gracious Chapter donations, and from passing the hat, as well as from A.B.A.T.E. U book sales, A.B.A.T.E. U resulted in a fantastic \$1,550 of donations provided to the Motivational Missions/No Boundaries Tour Ride 501 (c)3 Charity for continued human trafficking awareness and education.

Those of you that received the No Boundaries Tour Book, please read it, and then pass it along for others to learn more about the evils of human trafficking and how to possibly respond if you witness this. For those that would like a copy, it can be ordered through Amazon.com under "No Boundaries Tour, the Fight Against Human Trafficking" by Scott Gottschalk in both e-book version, or paperback, with 100% of the sales proceeds applied towards the MMT/NBT Charity foundation to fight human trafficking.

Again, thank you for doing your part to learn about this fastest growing crime in America, and for doing something to battle against human trafficking! Our children's and grandchildren's lives may depend on your awareness one day.

Please reach out me if you would like to have me provide a presentation for a group, a meeting, a church gathering, or a school in your area. Best wishes to the brothers and sisters of A.B.A.T.E.

Scott & Astrid Gottschalk  
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## MRF REPORT

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Have you asked yourself what can you do to help protect your rights as a motorcyclist? If the answer is yes, I ask that you please go to [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) and fill out the recent Call to Actions. This lets your Legislators and Representatives know that those issues are important to you. The Call to Actions are easy to fill out and it takes only a couple minutes.

Did I mention that you don't need to be a member of the MRF to do the Call to Actions? When you go to [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org), click on the drop down menu and click on legislative and then click on federal legislation and your there.

The current Call to Actions are  
H.R. 3385: Definition of a Motorcycle

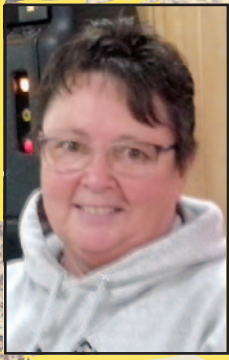
S. 995: The Choice In Automobile Sales Act ( CARS )

H.R. 2218 & S. 1072: Stop California From Advancing Regulatory Burden Acte ( STOP CARB )

H.J Res 87 & H.J. Res 88: Support Congressional Review Act  
H.R 1566 & S.1379: Repair Act  
( Right to Equitable Professional Auto Industry Repair

Thank you

— Shadow



# SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Thank you for all your support during the election! I will do my best to keep the chapters informed with any information that will need the chapter's views and votes. When I was Director in the Southwest District, I made sure to send the chapter membership list at the end of the month and also letting them know how many singles and couples that are current in your chapter. I will do the same for the Southeast District.

If you need to contact me, send me a text to the State Office, I check that account daily.

Until next time,  
— Shelly

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting (s):

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna,  
1:00 pm

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Classic's Pub, Waterville, 1:00 pm

July 12<sup>th</sup>, Channel Inn, Warsaw, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event (s):

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Awareness Parade, Mankato

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Blessing of the Bikes, Steele County  
Fairgrounds, 10:00 am, ride to conclude  
at 4:00 pm

May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade \* line up time  
has not been released

Happy Spring!

Riding season has begun; make sure you are  
watching for the sand and debris before you  
attempt your "zoom zoomies".

Hope A.B.A.T.E. U. has a great turnout.

Welcome to all the new officers, we are looking  
forward to starting this year strong.

Straight River is working to put together a  
group training. We will update chapters once  
confirmed, if our members might be interested.

We are looking forward to getting our Buddy  
Bear Ride set up. We have 200 of the little guys  
to donate this year.

As always, you can find updates on our  
Facebook page.

Ride safe & free!

— John "Zoomer" Knudsen,  
Straight River President

# TRI-COUNTY

## Next Meeting (s):

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, Carver Beach Playground Park, Chan-  
hassen,  
7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event (s):

April 26<sup>th</sup>, Highway Pickup  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, TriCounty Fundraiser, Carver Ride,  
10<sup>th</sup> year, 10:30 registration. Doghouse Bar,  
\$20 per person  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Harley Heaven Jordan  
September 19<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Social Chanhassen

Our chapter currently has 60 Buddy Bears in possession with 25 designated for Waconia Fire Department and 15 bears were approved for the Montgomery Fire Department. Arrangements for delivery presentations will occur in the summer! 20 Buddy Bears are waiting for a home...

Frank was awarded some gifts for his many years of active involvement in the MSATF! Congrats Frank for making a difference!

Highway Pickup will have come and gone by the time this article comes out! Thanks to everyone who showed up to help!

Also the Carver Ride is happening May 2nd... One of the first rides to happen in this area! Carver !

Registration is 10:30 am to noon and off we go!!Join us! Pics to happen in next months article!

Motorcycle Thoughts to Ponder:

*I don't ride a bike to add days to my life... I ride a bike to add life to my days.*

Anonymous

– Peace out People, Gerry



**Ride Safe:**  
May is Motorcycle  
Safety Awareness  
Month

# FLATLANDERS

## Next Meeting (s):

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Kurt and Alicia Wallace's House,  
115 5<sup>th</sup> St SE, Geneva, 4:00 pm

## Upcoming Event (s):

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Washout at the I35 Northbound  
Welcome Center, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Ride to follow

Hello everyone!

Here we are in May, better than a quarter of the year is gone already. Hope everyone has been able to take advantage of those few days to ride. If you haven't been out yet, please do a check of your ride to make sure it is ready to ride.

A.B.A.T.E. U. and elections are all over. Were you surprised by what took place, the people who moved into positions, the messages that were given by everyone? Whether you were or were not, at the end of the day, everyone must work together to ensure that A.B.A.T.E. continues to stand strong and bring about change when needed. Also, the information that was shared, TAKE IT BACK to your chapters. It is very disheartening when members state, "I never heard that or heard about that." Chapter Reps, this is your

responsibility to ensure that the messages are getting back to the members.

Although the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle is done, the State Rally raffle should be in motion. Sell those tickets, get the pay back, and share that money with those in need. This is a huge part of who we are as an organization and good human beings.

### ***I have been asked to share the following information and introduction:***

Hello everyone, I would like to introduce myself, I am Jeff May. I am the new president of the Flatlanders. I'll be trying to fill the boots of Tony Roe. This will be a new challenge for me as well as a learning experience. So, please bear with me as I continue to learn and meet the challenges of the position. My biggest hope is to continue to move forward with the mission of A.B.A.T.E. and the Flatlanders. If I can do half the job of my predecessor, Tony, in his dedication to A.B.A.T.E. and the Flatlanders, I will be a success. Thank you and if you have any suggestions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

With that said, I just have one more thing to share:

*"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery; Ride and live today."*

- Anonymous

- As always: Peace, Love and Hugs

*Memorial Day*  
Honoring all who served  
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# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting (s):

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

## Upcoming Event (s):

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Spring Ditch Pickup

June 13<sup>th</sup>, Mike Berg & Fallen Friends

Memorial Ride

Hello all,

Welcome to May...as the sun warms up, the sound we've all been waiting for returns—the unmistakable roar of bikes on the open road. Let the riding season begin!

With that said, it's Motorcycle Awareness Month, and the River Valley Chapter is kicking things off in a big way with our Motorcycle Awareness Parade & Fun Run on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Help us spread the word and remind everyone that we're back on the roads—watch for motorcycles!

Looking ahead, plans are coming together for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mike Berg Memorial Ride on

June 13<sup>th</sup>. So ride out, show your support, and stick around at the end for live music from *Long Gone Daddy*. Check our River Valley Facebook page for full details—and remember, "If we can save just one life...!"

Our Spring Ditch Pickup is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:00 AM in the CHS parking lot in LeHillier, followed by a luncheon and after-party. The more hands we have, the quicker the work—and the sooner we can relax and enjoy some good company.

A big welcome to our new members, and thank you to everyone who renewed—we're glad to have you riding with us. Keep spreading the word about A.B.A.T.E.; every new member strengthens our voice and our mission.

Here's to a season filled with great rides, strong friendships, and unforgettable miles. We look forward to seeing you out at events – both ours and our fellow chapters'.

Ride safe, ride often, and we'll see you on the road. Don't forget to hug often.

– Lori Sotebeer, Sgt-at-Arms



May is ...  
**MOTORCYCLE**  
**SAFETY AWARENESS**  
**MONTH** #seemotorcycles



# NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Yeah, Riding season is here!

Thanks to everyone in the Northeast District for voting me in as your District Director. Welcome and thank you to all new and returning chapter officers. I am looking forward to working with the members of the NE District.

Hope everyone made it to A.B.A.T.E. U. It's always an educational and fun time. WOW what a busy time the last couple of months have been with Heartland STEAM, Bikerday and A.B.A.T.E. U. It helped fill the time while we waited for riding season to get here.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Let's all do our part to make sure people are AWARE that motorcycles are back on the roads and to look twice. Remember the only small voice is the one that is never heard.

**WHAT'S UP?** Northeast district meeting.

**WHEN?** May 16th, mark your calendars for 1:00 pm.

**WHERE?** American Legion, 525 Main St. N, Pine City.

All members and officers are welcome and encouraged to attend district meetings. The first order of business is the October B.O.D. that will be held in the NE District.

Rubber side down

— *Tim*

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting (s):

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 5:00 pm (note time change)

June 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am

### Upcoming Event (s):

May 18<sup>rd</sup>-19<sup>rd</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

June 25<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>rd</sup>, Wisconsin A.B.A.T.E. Summer Hummer, Greenwood

July 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>rd</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona

Hey All! Need I remind you that May is Motorcycle Awareness month? Please make sure your head is on a swivel as this is the most dangerous time of the

year for us. And as always, make sure you and your bike are ready for the road. My favorite MMSC instructor has asked me to remind you to take a skills course this year. These courses are getting more convenient and the cost is reasonable. I will even bet you the price of the course you take that you will learn something. Besides that, brushing up on riding skills never hurt anyone.

You all be safe out there. If you see a kid looking over your bike, ask him to count them every day when he's riding with his mom or dad and tell them when they see one. We have to get somebody to see us out there.

That's all for now! Enjoy the weather!  
'til next time...Shiny Side UP!

— President Jim

# SAND DUNES

## Next Meeting (s):

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Getaway, Orrock, 5:00 pm

*"April showers bring May....  
Clean Roads"*

I am really hoping by this time we have had some great April showers to clean the salt and sand off of our roads. Those corner turns can get exciting when they're covered in sand and the tire slips a little. Be aware of the road conditions and our own ability at the beginning of the season.

I want to share with you an issue I ran into after riding to Bikerday. Apparently, I am now at the age where after riding the first day of the season, my clutch hand had swelled up and hurt for three days. And, when I say hurt, I mean it was so painful I couldn't stand it. After three days of rest, ice, compression and elevation, the muscle strain eased up.

I guess now that I am 55, stupid things like that are creeping up on me. I am now in a conditioning phase with those hand grippers from Amazon. This should prevent the problem from happening again.

I share this embarrassing story to make you aware that our bodies are abandoning our ambition as we get older. I am now at the point where I have decided to "practice" wearing my helmet to strengthen my neck, and toe lifts to hopefully find neutral within the first three minutes (just kidding, two minutes).

I invite everyone to join our first Sunday of the month Sand Dunes chapter meeting at 5:00 pm at The Getaway in Orrock.

*Burn Miles, Not Time*

– Douglas Hall

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# UP NORTH

**No Report Received**

# NORTH EAST

## Next Meeting (s):

May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Not much to report on at this point. We had our annual fundraiser and the turnout was disappointing to say the least. There was less than half of the normal entry fees. The boycott by our local clubs really hurt and one went so far as to schedule a competing event at the same date and time as ours. Here's hoping that the root causes of this issue will be resolved by the time you read this.

On the positive side our meeting attendance has been good and is still holding steady. Thank you to all of the members who are making the effort to support the cause.

Looking forward to spring,

– Ed

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# JACK PINE RIDERS

## Next Meeting (s):

May 17<sup>th</sup>, Marge's Bar and Grill, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

June 21<sup>st</sup>, Squirrel Cage Bar and Grill, Willow River, 1:00 pm

July 19<sup>th</sup>, Village Bar and Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm

August 16<sup>th</sup>, Endzone Bar and Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm

## Upcoming Event (s):

June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Summer Hummer, Greenwood

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona

July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson

August 7<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. With warmer weather, it's time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists. Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that shouldn't stop them from using caution.

Now is a good time to get your sponsorship in for the Jack Pine Riders 20<sup>th</sup> annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Keep in mind, you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non-members are encouraged to stop by and see what we are all about.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events.

Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events. For updated chapter events and information, check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

## Next Meeting (s):

May 12<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids,  
7:00 pm

## Coming Event (s):

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Metro Meet & Eat,  
Welch's Big Ten, 4:00 - 8:00 pm  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, Metromorial, Route 47,  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

They say time flies when you're having fun and they're absolutely right! March might just be one of the busiest months Metro sees all year.

We'd like to extend a huge shoutout to our members, as well as members from other chapters, who supported us so strongly this past month. From lobbying for biker rights at the Capitol to representing Metro at one of the biggest biker conventions in Minnesota, we've been everywhere.

Even a snowstorm couldn't slow us down as Metro hosted the annual St. Patty's Warmup at Route 47 in Fridley. Menace kept the party going all night, and the silent auction sparked some serious bidding wars as people competed to take home new treasures. Our bake sale was a hit, satisfying everyone's sweet tooth with cookies, cakes, and other delicious treats donated by the talented bakers of the Metro chapter.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from everyone who helped. Whether you donated a basket, baked for the sale, or worked the door that night. And to everyone who braved the snow to attend, we appreciate each and every one of you!

Bikerday at the Capitol was another big success. Metro had a strong turnout, with members meeting their senators and representatives to advocate for biker rights. We even got the chance to tour the Capitol and check out the gold horses on the roof! If you've never attended, keep an eye out for next year, let's make it the biggest one yet and make our voices heard.

Metro also held elections this month and we're excited to welcome some new faces into leadership roles. A big congratulations to our new members and Sergeants-at-Arms, Aron Lemke and Patricia Griffith. They've jumped in headfirst, embodying the spirit of growing our membership and we're excited to see what they'll accomplish.

Rounding out the month was the Donnie Smith Bike Show in St. Paul. If you stopped by our booth, you probably noticed it looks a little different. Over the past year, we've given it a modern facelift and it shows! Metro members worked the booth, connecting with attendees, promoting A.B.A.T.E. and Young Riders and even signing up new members for chapters across the state. It was a great opportunity to network and meet like-minded



Donnie Smith Bike Show



Bikerday



St. Patty's Warmup

people.

As you can see, March kept us busy and we wouldn't have it any other way. Now, we're looking ahead to our upcoming events, especially the Metromorial on Sunday of Memorial Weekend. This family-friendly event is one you won't want to miss! Southern Express will be rocking Route 47, so bring your friends, bring the kids, and let's kick off summer together.



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

Naomi McVay, Director  
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HAPPY MAY and THANK YOU to the SW District for the support. I will do my best for the district over the next year. I don't know about anybody else but it is certainly nice to be able to get out and ride, assuming the weather has been cooperating.

On that note, have you taken care of your machine(s)? Whether you do the work yourself, take it to a dealership or a mom and pop shop it is so important to make sure tires are good, belts/chains are tight, bearings don't rattle, lights work and the fluids are fresh. Taking care of your machine mechanically will help to keep you safe over the riding season.

It's also spring and there's two things that we should probably remind ourselves of. The first being VISIBILITY. People aren't used to seeing bikes so even if eye contact is made doesn't mean you were actually seen. So please be defensive, aware and yet cautious while out having fun. Shiny side up is the goal. The second is sand and debris on the road. Hopefully over the month of April we have some good rains to wash off our roads but just in case be mindful when putting your feet down at stops, navigating the inside of curves and goosing it after stopping. Let's start the riding season off with safety in mind, we all have loved ones to come home to.

Yours in the wind,

*Naomi*

waywestchapter@abatemn

## **SOUTHWEST**

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

May 1<sup>st</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,

7:00 pm

June 5<sup>th</sup> at same time and location

Elections are done. Just waiting for riding weather Ditch clean up is tentative and

dependent on weather.

Please keep our Military members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers for world peace would also be appropriate for these times.

– Becky Murphy

# LAKE

## Next Meeting (s):

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 pm Missile Park, St Bonifacius  
(Sunday not Saturday)  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm Delano Legion, TBD  
July No meeting held  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 pm, Squirrely's Annandale  
(formerly Rendezvous)

## Upcoming Event(s):

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 pm, Ditch Pickup, St. Bonifacius  
Community Center  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, TBD, Spring Food Shelf Run,  
Ugly Bar, Montrose  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>, TBD, Volunteer  
Scott County Fair

Thank you to the Stanchion in Hamel/  
Corcoran for hosting our meeting. It was our  
first visit to this venue, we will return.  
Save the date for next year's Grounded Hogs  
Fundraiser on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

Riding season will be here before we know it.  
Rider training classes are scheduled for May  
30<sup>th</sup> for Intermediate and May 31<sup>st</sup> for  
Advanced. Reach out to Sherry at  
edgett50@gmail.com

Our spring food shelf run is scheduled for

# BUFFALO RIDGE

No Report Received

# GLACIAL RIDGE

No Report Received

# ROLLING PRAIRIE

No Report Received

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> leaving from the Ugly Bar  
in Montrose. More details to come soon.

We will be volunteering in collaboration with  
the Shakopee Jaycee's, at the Scott County  
Fair this year July 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an  
excellent opportunity to market A.B.A.T.E.  
and raise funds for the chapter. More details  
to come.

Exciting news is upon us. Dial-A-Ride of MN  
has offered up a Dial-A-Ride trailer for the  
chapter's use.

Please be aware that our May meeting and  
ditch pickup will be on Sunday again this year  
so that we can attend the Carver Run with  
Tri-County. on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Until next month my friends- Ride Free

- April

Lake Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
lakechapter@abatemn.org



# WAY WEST

## Next Meeting (s):

May 31<sup>st</sup>, Outlaw Saloon, Nassau, 10:00 am  
June 28<sup>th</sup>, Watson Sag Park, Watson, 10:00 am  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, Woodlake Park, Wood Lake, 10:00 am

## Upcoming Event (s):

State Rally in Litchfield Labor Day Weekend

Greetings all, I hope you all had a blessed Easter. A.B.A.T.E. University is done and over. I hope many of you were able to attend.

June 7<sup>th</sup> is our intermediate riding course in Willmar from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact Jake Thell if you are interested, we are opening it up to all A.B.A.T.E. members.

I do not know the specific date of our ditch pickup, so watch our chapter Facebook page for details as they come. Ride safe and keep your knees in the breeze.

– Gypsy Mama.

# SOUTH CENTRAL

## Next Meeting (s):

Wednesdays at 7:00pm:  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, VFW - Hutchinson  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Neisen's Bar - Biscay  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, Off Center - Clara City  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, Riverside bar - Forest City

## Upcoming Event(s):

May 13<sup>th</sup>, DITCH CLEAN UP, 6:00pm  
May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, SC "Spring Fling" Bike Show, 2 Days, Litchfield Civic Arena  
Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, MIES Burger Day, 10:30am - 2:30pm  
Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, Fun Run & Membership Drive, 10:30am registration

Our annual Spring Fling Bike Show is coming up at the Litchfield Civic arena this year. Check out the flyer in this month's Road Noise. This is a 2 day event on May 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm, and May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm. Bike Registration will be Friday 4:00 pm-8:00 pm,

Saturday and Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am. Contact Angie Cairl to donate door prizes or for any questions at 320-221-5690.

Come join us for some great burgers at MIES Outland in Watkins on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am - 2:30am. Take part in the Indian Demo Days and take a bike out for a test drive!

Save the date for our annual Fun Run & Membership Drive on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer in this month's Road Noise. Registration is at 10:30am. We do fun games at each stop, and the fee includes both lunch and supper. Camping is available for all A.B.A.T.E. members. Contact Jennifer Sommerfeld to donate door prizes or for any questions at 320-292-9219.

Can't wait to see you out on the road!

– Ingrid Cohen,  
South Central Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN



# NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!!

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!!!!!! Every Day is Motorcycle Awareness Day!!  
Ride Smart and Be Seen!

A.B.A.T.E. U is in the past. What a fun time every year! The Dial-a-Ride program has begun. Keep an eye on the folks you ride with and others that you see. Any impairment is a risk factor. It's not only alcohol. Diabetes, dehydration, tiredness, these are ALL forms of impairment.

Also, when you're out riding around God's country, have a trifold or membership form in your pocket or saddle bag. Meet and sign up new people. Sign up the people with expired memberships.

Again, I Want to THANK ALL THAT STOOD UP and became officers! Past and Present.  
THANK YOU!!!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE — *Edgar*

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting (s):

May 9<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, Swift Falls Park, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event (s):

June 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Camping, Swift Falls  
Park - All Are Welcome.

Sad to see so many people jumping ship after all the recent events. We need to stop the bleed and build back stronger.

Bikerday at the Capitol has come and gone thank you all for attending. Keep searching out for new members.



**Freedom First Riders at 2026 Bikerday at the Capitol.**

# HEART OF THE LAKES

Well April showers bring May flowers even if it is the form of snow! Got some much-needed wind time before it dumped on us.

Our Chapter is holding its annual IRC on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Technical College in Detroit Lakes, starts at 9:00 am with the Chapter meeting to follow. We have had great turn outs in the past years and hope for the same this year. There is so much you can learn or “un” learn (I know I have) at the class, I would recommend for all to try take one in.

I am hoping A.B.A.T.E U was a success and that all that made it there had an excellent time.

June and July meetings are to be determined right now but our Chapter President is working on organizing rides before the meetings.

Gods grant you all safe travels,

– Jess

**BORDERLAND**  
No Report Received

**NORTH STAR**  
No Report Received

# NORTHWEST

## Next Meeting (s):

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Island Park, St. Hilaire, 11:00 am,  
Ride to follow pending on weather  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, Trails End Bar, Trail, 11:00 am,  
Ride to follow

## Upcoming Event (s):

May 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Ride In,  
Island Park, St. Hilaire  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, Food and Toy Run, St. Hilaire

Come join us for our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Ride In at St. Hilaire for great times and huge bonfires! Gates open at 6:00 pm on May 29<sup>th</sup>. \$20 gets you access to bonfires, biker games, vendors, live music Saturday night and includes primitive camping for the weekend!

We will have a Memorial Ride on May 30<sup>th</sup> starting at Broadway Station, St. Hilaire. KSU at 10:00 am.

Hope to see everyone at the Spring Ride In or the Memorial Ride or both!

– Ben



**Lake Chapter  
has openings  
for anyone  
interested  
in taking one,  
or both**



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**If you sign up, SHOW UP!**

**Intermediate Rider Class**

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Advanced Rider Class**

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Both will be held at**

**Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, MN**

**Classes are limited to 10 riders per class - ACT NOW!**

**Please contact Sherry at 952-292-5806 by May 15, 2026**

**or if you prefer send email to: [sedgett50@gmail.com](mailto:sedgett50@gmail.com)**

# Do you know A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota?

A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA IS DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD AND FREEDOM OF CHOICE.  
A NOT FOR PROFIT, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION THAT IS COMMITTED TO EDUCATING  
MOTORCYCLISTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT MOTORCYCLING.

FIND OUT MORE

## What is A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota?

American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota (A.B.A.T.E.) is a not-for-profit grass roots organization made up of motivated individuals dedicated to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling.

A.B.A.T.E. feels that all of us, from the street rider, off road fan, and even non-riders with avid interest in motorcycling can unite and become part of a strong motorcycle organization. The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation.

These efforts have reduced motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota.

## “Our Mission”

- To act as a watch-dog group to help protect the rights of MN motorcyclists.
- To encourage and promote favorable legislation for motorcyclists.
- To promote safe and responsible riding habits through training and education to reduce accidents or fatalities.
- To keep members informed about political, safety, and legislative issues pertinent to motorcyclists through our monthly publication "Road Noise" and local chapter meetings.
- To promote the positive aspects of motorcycling. through events, organized rides, contests, the media, and community action projects.
- To promote public awareness of motorcyclists on the roadways by participating in the "Share the Road" program.
- To encourage motorcycle enthusiasts to register and vote to ensure that riders have a voice in the political process.

## What is A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota?

A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different types and brands of motorcycles. We are all brothers and sisters with a common interest - riding free and the right to choose. Sharing the interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle chosen to ride or if you ride.

Our ability to enjoy many freedoms while riding motorcycles in Minnesota is the direct result of people joining together to fight for our rights and freedoms.

Some members may enjoy being very active within their local chapters or at a state level. While other members join A.B.A.T.E. for its social functions and events, or keep informed about issues through the monthly "Road Noise" publication or with our special alert mailings.

No matter what your level of interest, we're sure you'll find A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota both informative and interesting. Membership is open to anyone interested in promoting freedom of choice, no matter whether or not you ride a motorcycle or your choice of ride.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
5/1/26	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
5/2/26	36th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade	Mankato	12:00 PM
5/2/26	Borderland Chapter Meeting	The Hobo, Newfolden	4:00 PM
5/2/26	Borderland Chapter Membership Drive	The Hobo, Newfolden	5:00 PM
5/2/26	TriCounty Chapter Fundraiser Caver Ride	Doghouse Bar - Registration	10:30 AM
5/3/26	Blessing of the Bikes	Steele County Fairgrounds, Ride to follow	10:00 PM
5/3/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	5:00 PM
5/3/26	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Bonicacius	3:00 PM
5/3/26	Road Guard Class		
5/3/26	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Getaway, Orock	5:00 PM
5/4/26	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick-up	St. Bonifacious Community Center	12:00 PM
5/4/26	Metro Meet & Eat	Welch's Big Ten	4-8:00 PM
5/6/26	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar, West Duluth	6:30 PM
5/6/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	VFW, Hutchinson	7:00 PM
5/7/26	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
5/9/26	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM
5/9/26	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Island Park, St. Hilaire	11:00 AM
5/9/26	River Valley Spring Ditch Pick-up		
5/9/26	Rolling Prairie Adopt-a-highway	Madelia	1-2:00 PM
5/9/26	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	TBD	
5/9/26	Rolling Prairie Washout	St. James Rest Area	8-12:00 PM
5/10/26	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
5/10/26	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/10/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
5/10/26	Up North Chapter Meeting	VFW, Deer River	1:00 PM
5/12/26	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
5/13/26	Education Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	6:00 PM
5/13/26	South Central Ditch Claen Up		6:00 PM
5/13/26	Young Riders Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	6:00 PM
5/16/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kurt & Alicia Wallace's House, 115 5th St SE, Geneva	4:00 PM
5/16/26	Flatlanders Chapter Washout	135 Northbound Welcome Center * Ride to follow	1:00 PM
5/16/26	North East District Meeting	American Legion, Pine City	1:00 PM
5/16/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
5/16/26	South Central Spring Fling	Civic Center, Litchfield	
5/16/26	South Central Spring Fling	Civic Center, Litchfield	
5/17/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Bar & Grill, Brook Park	1:00 PM
5/17/26	South Central Spring Fling	Civic Center, Litchfield	
5/18/26	Bikers in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.	
5/19/26	Bikers in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.	
5/21/26	Motorcycle Safety Task Force	Hennipin Technical College (Eden Prairie)	5-7:00 PM
5/24/26	Metro Chapter MetroMemorial	Route 47, Fridley	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
5/25/26	Memorial Day Parade	Owatonna	
5/29/26	Northwest 37th Annual Spring Ride in	Island Park, St.Hilaire	
5/30/26	Lake Chapter MC Training Class	Hennpenin Technical College, Brooklyn Park	
5/30/26	Northwest 37th Annual Spring Ride in	Island Park, St. Ride to follow	
5/31/26	Lake Chapter MC Training Class	Hennpenin Technical College, Brooklyn Park	
5/31/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Outlaw Saloon, Nassau	10:00 AM
6/3/26	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar, West Duluth	6:30 PM
6/3/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	Neisen's Bar, Biscay	7:00 PM
6/4/26	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
6/5/26	Freedom First Riders Chapter Camping	Swift Falls Park	
6/5/26	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6/6/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	trails End Bar, Trail	11:00 AM
6/6/26	Freedom First Riders Chapter Camping	Swift Falls Park	
6/6/26	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Swift Falls Park	6:00 PM
6/6/26	Lake Chapter Meeting	Delano Legion, Delano	TBD
6/6/26	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Trails End Bar, Trail	11:00 AM
6/7/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
6/10/26	Education Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	6:00 PM
6/10/26	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
6/13/26	Meis Burger Day		10-2:30 PM
6/13/26	Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Memorial Ride		
6/14/26	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	11:00 AM
6/14/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Classic's Pub, Waterville	1:00 PM
6/16/26	Heart of the Lakes - IRC & Meeting	Technical College, Detroit Lakes	9:00 AM
6/20/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
6/20/26	South Central Fun Run & Membership Drive	Registration	10:30 AM
6/21/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Squirrel Cage Bar & Grill, Willow River	1:00 PM
6/24/26	MetroMorial	Route 47 Pub & Grub, Fridley	10 - 6:00 PM
6/25/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/26/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/27/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/28/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/28/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Watson Sage Park, Watson	10:00 AM
6/28/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Watson Sage Park, Watson	10:00 AM
7/2/26	Algona Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
7/3/26	Algona Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
7/4/26	Algona Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
7/8/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	Off Center, Clara City	7:00 PM
7/9/26	Jack Pine Riders 19th Annual Upper River Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/9/26	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Carver Beach Playground Park, Chanhassen	7:00 PM
7/10/26	Jack Pine Riders 19th Annual Upper River Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/11/26	Jack Pine Riders 19th Annual Upper River Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/11/26	Lake Chapter Spring Food Shelf Ride	Ugly Bar, Montrose	
7/12/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Channel Inn, Warsaw	1:00 PM
7/17/26	Rally Committee Meeting	July BOD location	
7/19/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Village Bar & Grill, Pine City	1:00 PM

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## NEW & RENEWALS 2026

### BORDERLAND

Robbie Ostlund /  
Barbara Ostlund . . . . .R

### BUFFALO RIDGE

Richard J /Terry D Mahon . . . .R

### EAST CENTRAL

John Rasmussen . . . . .R  
Kevin/Shannon Branchaud . . .R

### FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Bill Cameron . . . . .R  
Kelly /Melissa Schienbein . . .R

### FLATLANDERS

Brad / Judy Beckman . . . . .R  
Bryan Traynor . . . . .R  
Jim Kimberline /  
Kristine Beyer . . . . .R  
Mike Vandeweerd . . . . .R  
Jamie /racy Neilon . . . . .N  
**HEART OF THE LAKES**  
Wayne Johnson . . . . .R  
Thomas "Doc" /  
Donna "Alpine" Johansson .R

Lacy Schmidt R . . . . .R  
Rory /Jessica Olson . . . . .R  
Annie M Squires . . . . .R  
Dan /Nicole Stoltzman . . . . .R  
Steve /Mary Bohne . . . . .R  
Jenny Rustad . . . . .R

### JACK PINE RIDERS

Bill /Rochelle Gruhlke . . . . .R

### LAKE

John Amdor III . . . . .R  
Daniel P /Lorna M Lyrek . . . .R  
Keith "Smoker" Efron /  
Blythe Bucher . . . . .R  
Jacob Cassell . . . . .R  
Harmony Lillie /  
Robert Sturges . . . . .N

### METRO

Bob Dooley . . . . .R  
Jill Kielblock . . . . .R  
Tom Morrison . . . . .R  
Terry /Julie Johnson . . . . .R  
Jim LaSpisa . . . . .R

Marcia Borchardt . . . . .R  
Joe "dirt" /Angie Krauss . . . .R  
Kenneth Carlson . . . . .R

### NORTHEAST

Todd Erickson . . . . .R  
Terry Juntunen . . . . .R  
Kevin Aune . . . . .R  
Jason Ackerman . . . . .N

### NORTH SGTAR

Elizabeth Pederson . . . . .N

### NORTHWEST

Lon Greenlee . . . . .R  
Larry / Ethel Shimpa . . . . .R  
Greg Hallstrom . . . . .R

### RIVER VALLEY

Shannon/ Ashra Three Trees . .R  
Jason / Miriam Goughnour . . .R  
Natasha Chester /  
Preston Rose . . . . .R  
Scott/Julie Tuchtenhagen . . . .R  
Michael Moe . . . . .R

### SAND DUNES

Michael /Kristie Klatt . . . . .R  
Andy /Christina Hines . . . . .R

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Brian Schemmel . . . . .R

### SOUTHWEST

Scott Homan . . . . .R

### STRAIGHT RIVER

Daniel Andrews . . . . .R  
Brandon/Maggi Flores . . . . .R  
Tony Roe . . . . .R

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# FUN RUN

*Membership Drive & Campout*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



**RIDE. RELAX.**

## WHAT TO EXPECT!

GAMES PRIZES MUSIC CAMPOUT

TASTY BURGERS & CHIPS **INCLUDED WITH \$20 ADMISSION**

GOOD TIMES · GREAT PEOPLE!



## EVENT DETAILS

- START & END LOCATION:  
27910 670<sup>TH</sup> Ave, Litchfield, MN
- REGISTRATION: 10:30 AM
- KICKSTANDS UP 12:00 PM SHARP
- \$20 PER RIDER



**CAN'T MAKE THE RIDE? NO PROBLEM!**

**COME FOR THE MUSIC & CAMPFIRE FUN!**

Hostess: Jen Sommerfeld, p. 320-292-9219



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## 2026 A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally • Sept. 4-7 • Litchfield



# A.B.A.T.E OF MINNESOTA

## 2026 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 2026 State Rally, taking place **September 4-7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.**

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and growing, and our goal for attendance is 2,000 motorcycle enthusiasts. Our members proudly support the businesses who support them.

Partnering with us provides your business with generous recognition and advertising with your company name and logo published in our Road Noise magazine, state website, social media, and the Rally Program.

**Please note:** Sponsorships are not tax deductible as a charitable donation but may qualify as a business expense. Please consult your tax advisor.

### Entertainment Sponsorship

We also have an Entertainment Sponsorship!

You will receive:

- Premier stage and band hub signage
- Business card ad in our State Rally Program
- Additional shout out on stage before the bands start

\*\*Minimum sponsorship would be \$200.



*Thank you for your consideration.  
Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.*

### Sponsorship Levels

#### DIAMOND SPONSORSHIP - \$3,000

- Premier stage and band hub signage
- Full-page ad in our Rally Program
- 12 Complimentary Rally Tickets



#### GOLD SPONSORSHIP - \$1,000

- Mid-size stage and band hub signage
- Half page ad in our Rally Program
- 6 Complimentary Rally Tickets



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- Stage and band hub signage
- Quarter page ad in our Rally Program
- 4 Complimentary Rally Tickets



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- Stage and band hub signage
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- 2 Complimentary Rally Tickets



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- Stage and band hub signage
- Business card ad in our Rally Program
- 1 Complimentary Rally Ticket



**GET READY TO BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!!! BECOME A SPONSOR!!!**

*Want to sign up online?*

*Scan the QR code:*



*See reverse side to sign up by mail or in person.*

# 2026 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally Sponsorship Form

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSE YOUR SPONSORSHIP

Choose your sponsorship level:

- DIAMOND       GOLD  
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ENTERTAINMENT

Sponsorship Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Minimum \$200.00

How should we announce your name on stage?

How would you like to receive your tickets?

- Mail tickets to Company Contact  
• Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2026
- Tickets at Will Call  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
• Identification will be required at Will Call

## SPONSORSHIP SUBMISSION OPTIONS

**By Mail:** Mail this form, fee, and a copy of your business card/logo to:

Michelle Backlund  
16550 226<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW  
Elk River, MN 55330

*\*\*\*Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your business card or logo when sending by mail.*

**In Person:** Call your recruiting A.B.A.T.E. member to have them pick up your form, fee, and business card/logo:

Recruiting Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Online:** Scan the QR code on the reverse side to submit your form, fee, and business card/logo at our State website.

**Sponsorship Questions?** Contact Michelle 'Mitch' Backlund

**Phone:** 763-263-1532    **Email:** [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

For more information about A.B.A.T.E. visit [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)

★ ★ **2026** ★ ★

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**SPRING FLING** ★ ★ ★

**BIKE SHOW & COMMUNITY EVENT**



**AT LARC - LITCHFIELD AREA REC CENTER/ICE RINK**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 • 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 • 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**BIKE REGISTRATION: FRIDAY: 4:00 – 8:00PM | SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 8:00 – 10:00AM**

**ADMISSION \$10**



All donations are not tax deductible.

For questions or to donate door prizes, contact Event Hostess  
**Angie Cairl at 320-221-5690.**



Join the fun!



Scan for info & tickets.

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**JULY 2 - 4, 2026  
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**JULY 2ND**



**JULY 3RD**

**FRIDAY HEADLINER  
ANNOUNCED  
MARCH 9**



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# I Want To Be A Part Of A.B.A.T.E.!

(Applicants 18 years of age and older)  
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Associate Name*

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal:  Yes  No

Under 21:  Yes  No

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
*If left blank the correct area chapter will be assigned.*

**Annual Dues:**

Single \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ year (s) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Multi-year memberships may be purchased.

No discount applies to multiple years.

*Make checks payable to:*  
**A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA**

Charge to:  Visa  Mastercard

Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant named attests that I am not charged with or have I been convicted of a crime involving harm to a child.

## MOTORCYCLE PAC OF MINNESOTA

Unless you opt-out by signing below, \$3.00 from your yearly membership dues will go to Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, a Political Action Committee of Minnesota Motorcyclists.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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