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



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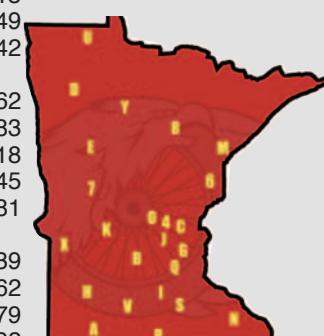
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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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We have the most amazing members in this organization! There are people of all backgrounds who are willing to help out in so many ways. I am gracious and sometimes overwhelmed with the talent and energy that YOU show!

Reminder - we have two programs for Young Riders. Please be specific when your chapter is making a donation to either of these programs.

**Young Riders Program** to encourage youth to explore the great outdoors and participate in 2 wheeled events. This program is funded by individuals and organizations who make donations for activities and prizes.

**Young Riders Scholarship Program** pays for youth under 21 to take rider training courses. This program is supported by gambling funds.

Thank you to everyone who helps keep these programs growing!

Remember to support your chapter, as well as other chapter and organization events. 'Tis the season to share good will and joy!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Jane*

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December already? Days are sure going by fast. But I guess that means Spring will soon be here!

This is the time of year for many chapter fundraisers. Remember to put the sentence "Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not



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Well, it looks like the 2025 riding season is coming to an end and I hope you were able to do everything you wanted as you planned last winter. It would be amazing if you did get everything done. Like myself, I always plan and only get through about half of my list.

Election season is just around the corner. Have you decided to step up and run for an office position in your chapter yet? Even better yet, have you decided to run for a state position? There's some positions opening up. Remember there's always plenty of people that can help you out with any questions or concerns you might have along the way. Even after you're elected, you can always reach out to someone and they're always more than happy to help you out. Even myself.

Chapter events are about to start if they haven't already, so if you find yourself bored on a Saturday, check out your Road Noise and I'm sure you'll find something going on somewhere around the state. There's nothing like getting together with a bunch of like-minded people in the winter to share some stories on how your summer went.

I was going to write a little bit and brag about going to Texas, but I will wait until I'm in Texas and then I will tell you all about that.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Till next time

*Jim*

"tax deductible" on all event flyers. Most chapters have been doing this, but I wanted to remind everyone.

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

Hope Everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Mitch*

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

Precinct caucuses will be held February 3, 2026. We encourage all A.B.A.T.E. members to attend. This is our opportunity to participate; and influence party policies. It is the beginning of the process to endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and values for the party.

You may only participate in the caucus for the precinct in which you reside. To find where your caucus meets go to, [abatemn.org](http://abatemn.org), legislation drop down, select find who represents me. The caucus location will be published when the information becomes available.

Each political party runs their caucus meetings a little differently but expect caucus registration to begin by 6:30 pm and to be called to order at 7:00 pm. When you arrive, sign in and provide your name, address, and signature affirming that you consider yourself a member of the political party. You must be prepared to state your agreement with the principles of the party per the party's constitution and that you either voted for or will be affiliated with that party at the next General Election. Most people participate with the party they are most in agreement with.

Although not necessarily in this order typically, the main activities at a caucus are:

- 1 Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct.
- 2 Issues and ideas for the party to support.
- 3 Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions.

The first agenda item is usually to elect precinct officers whose duties will include running the meeting and identifying and organizing party supporters in the precinct. To vote or be elected as a prescient officer or a delegate during the caucus, you must be at least 18 years old and eligible to vote in the next election. Although they cannot be elected if under 18 bring your young riders along to observe and learn about the process.

The caucus will consider resolutions to update your party platform. If there is an issue you are passionate about, this is the time to propose items for inclusion in the platform. This could be very powerful if we could include issues of importance

to motorcyclists in the major political party platforms.

There will also be elections to select delegates and alternates to represent your precinct at future conventions. We encourage all A.B.A.T.E. members to seek to be elected as delegates. As a delegate you can help carry motorcyclists' concerns to party leaders and candidates.

During the caucus, candidates running for election may stop in. They will usually make a short speech seeking your support, this is your chance to learn more about them.

Some reasons you should want to participate:

- To observe and learn so you understand the process and how to make changes
- Take young riders with you they are our future leaders
- Share your opinions on issues
- Meet candidates
- Be elected to next level of participation eventually state or possibly the national convention
- Submit resolutions to the party platform. What if we added "end profiling of motorcyclists" to the platform.
- You may be contacted and asked to help elect candidates.

Some reasons you may not want to participate:

- You share your contact information
- You may be contacted and asked for political donations
- You have to declare your party affiliation.
- You are on record as belonging that political party
- You may be contacted and asked to help elect candidates.

Questions, or concerns, reach out to the legislative team, [LegislativeTeam@abatemn.org](mailto:LegislativeTeam@abatemn.org)

***Submitted on behalf of  
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***Reminder to all: Bikerday at the Capitol shirts will be available again this year. Contact Kari at [products@abatemn.org](mailto:products@abatemn.org) 507 830 0782 to order yours.***



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### Next Meeting(s):

December 18<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

Things on the Education side are a little slow this time of year, yet we are prepping for the 2026 Young Riders Scholarship program. Due to a lower profit from recent raffles, our scholarship funds for the 2026 season will be considerably less than 2024 and 2025. We have been operating around the \$25,000 mark, but preliminary estimates have us looking at operating at around \$15,000 for this coming season. We are doing what we can to get the 501(c)(3) launched so we have access to other funding sources.

But in the meantime, please consider talking to your chapters about donating some of your available gambling funds to the Young Riders Scholarship program to help us stretch out what we currently have. Your chapter gambling funds have the potential to make a huge impact on a young motorcyclist's life! Thank you to the chapters that have already donated to support the next season.

That is all for this month. Bundle up and stay warm!

*"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."*

— Martin Luther King Jr.

*Jon*



## GAMBLING REPORT

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December 8<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

January 16<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Location, Willmar, 6:00 pm

Hello! I have been wondering how we are already in December and already getting ready for a new year?

In October at the B.O.D. meeting I reminded everyone that the off-site permits need to be applied for and after a discussion about Buddy Bears it was decided that all Buddy Bear reports are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. And will be sent to me and cc to Frank and Sharon or I can cc them myself.

The A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are here and posters if you need any let me know. Also, no address labels on the tickets or they are considered void tickets.

I will be at the Mayo Clinic December 1<sup>st</sup> so leave me a message and I will try to answer in between appointments. I want to wish everyone a joyous Christmas!!!

*Angie*



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### Next Meeting(s):

December - no meeting

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

A.B.A.T.E. University, April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, (320) 763-6577

Reservations are OPEN! Only call this number and ask for the block of rooms under A.B.A.T.E. University for the weekend of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Watch Facebook for any updates! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks,

*Stephanie*



# MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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## Why are you a member of A.B.A.T.E.?

One of my first Road Noise articles delved into the diverse membership of A.B.A.T.E., exploring the wide array of opportunities and contributions that make up our community. From actively shaping legislation through advocacy efforts, to organizing and participating in motorcycle rides, to spearheading fundraising events, and even assuming essential leadership positions. It also emphasized the importance of financial support in maintaining and growing our organization, demonstrating the multifaceted nature of how people contribute to and ultimately benefit from their A.B.A.T.E. membership.

I started to wonder about the reasons our current members choose to maintain their membership and where they specifically perceive the value within our community. By understanding this we can pinpoint the key factors that will be beneficial in our efforts to not only encourage existing members to renew their memberships but also to attract and successfully onboard new individuals to our group. With that in mind, I dedicated some time to explore this and uncovered some insights.

## Here is why many of you are members of A.B.A.T.E.:

- You believe in the cause
- You want to protect the motorcycling lifestyle
- You want to focus on maintaining the rights of motorcyclists to choose
- You want to help our military members maintain their riding freedoms while they are serving or deployed
- You want to be around like-minded people
- You appreciate the friendships you have made
- You appreciate the sense of family that A.B.A.T.E. provides
- You enjoy being a part of the chapter and the people in it
- You want to go on rides with others
- You are proud to be a part of an organization that does so much
- You appreciate the charitable work that the organization does
- You appreciate that we are not for profit
- You want to be a part of the activities that a

chapter does to better our communities

- You want to be a part of training and education
- You want to help others
- You like the sense of adventure
- You want to serve in a leadership position and help the organization on either the state or chapter level to meet their goals
- You are a member of another organization or club and want to be a supporter of A.B.A.T.E
- You enjoy being a motorcyclist and the things that A.B.A.T.E. does to preserve that
- You believe we are making a difference to MN motorcyclists of all ages
- You want to support an organization that watches for legislation concerning motorcycle rights and receive information when anti-motorcycle legislation is coming up
- You want your voice to be heard to legislation

**What does this all signify?** It is clear that A.B.A.T.E. holds importance, providing genuine value and serving a significant purpose for a broad spectrum of members, catering to diverse needs and interests. How can we ensure we continue to effectively address the needs of so many? By building upon our current success, we must maintain our momentum in recruiting new members - your efforts in this area are truly commendable - while simultaneously cherishing the unwavering support of our long-standing members and encouraging current members to renew their commitment. We are more than just an organization; we are a vibrant community where mutual support and friendship thrive. A.B.A.T.E. offers a wide array of activities and interests to suit every biker's passion. To all our members, thank you for your unwavering dedication and continued support.

## Membership Challenges

- Earn your membership patch in The Wherein A.B.A.T.E. is April and Harmony Adventure
- \$500 to the chapter with the highest percent increase in membership
- Trophy to the chapter with the highest number of members
- Traveling District trophy to the chapter with the highest percent increase in membership

I am here for you. I am here to help.

Until Next Month Friends

- Together We Are Stronger

*-April*

See Membership & Retention Photos on Page 9.

# MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Membership at the Up North Spaghetti Feed!



Signing up a Young Rider.



South Central earns the most new members!



Northeast earns the most new members by percentage.



New members sign up at Metro!

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

Jane Doyle ..... June 2023 - November - May 2026

Vicki & Frank Ernst ..... June 2023 - May, 2026

Tri-County chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... June 2023 - May 2027

Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... January, 2024 - Dec. 2025

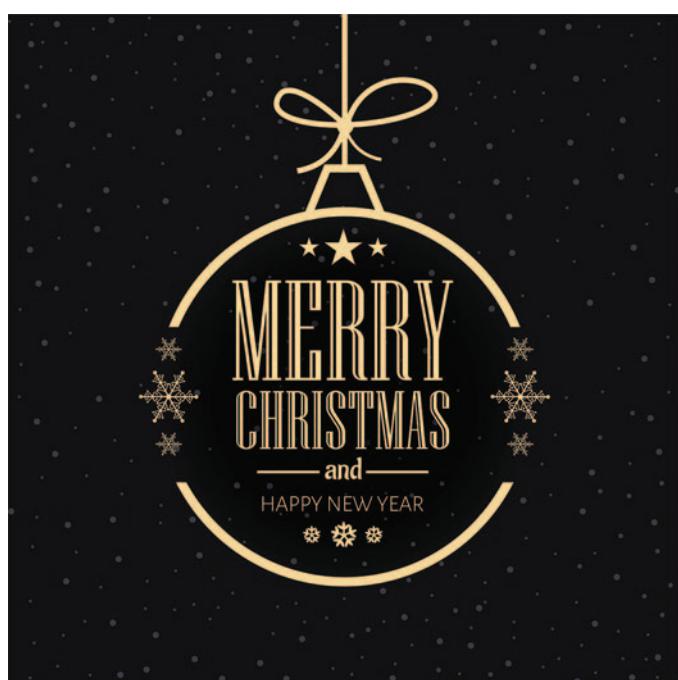
Bob & Toni McChesney ..... August 2023 - July 2026

Jim & Kelly Pierson ..... December 2024-May 2032

## You can become a Young Rider Supporter!

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

See Page 38  
for  
Young Riders  
Membership  
Application





## Webmaster Report

**Just a reminder:** You can now submit nominations for our monthly recognition features directly through the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website! This includes:

- Bike of the Month
- Member of the Month
- Business of the Month
- Veteran of the Month

These features help us celebrate the heart of our community – your stories, your rides, your service, and your support.

### How to Submit:

Visit the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website and navigate to the Road Noise menu. There you'll find a simple online form for each category. You can submit nominations on behalf of your chapter or as an individual member.

Each form allows you to:

- Share a short story or highlight
- Upload a photo or two (optional but encouraged!)

**Deadline Reminder:** To be considered for the upcoming issue of Road Noise, please submit your nominations by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Let's keep the spotlight shining on the incredible people and businesses that make A.B.A.T.E. of MN thrive. Your submissions and support help us build pride, connection, and visibility across the state.

**Note:** The website is still under construction for **mobile viewing**. Thank you for your patience.



## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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### Next Meeting(s):

January 15<sup>th</sup>, via Microsoft Teams, 5:00 pm-7:00pm

This will be a quick one, my fellow freedom fighters. Our next meeting is in ten days, so I'll share new information in the January report.

Motorcycle crash fatalities in Minnesota as of October 23<sup>rd</sup> are as follows. There have been 57 year-to-date, compared to 74 at the same time last year (a positive decline). 47% of those were single vehicle crashes, 37% did not have a valid permit or endorsement, and 37% were negotiating a curve.

On a separate note, there was one passenger fatality this year. It's never enjoyable to share these statistics, but it is valuable to track them to provide us with focus on problematic trends. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

*Jon*



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

January 4th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

I Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

*Kristy*



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**No Report Received:**



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Biker Family! I hope you had a good Thanksgiving.

Not too much going on right now, just trying to get caught up with paperwork, and finding new things to get into State Products. If you are looking for something, need something for your Chapter event or want State Products to come to your event, please email me and I will see what I can do.

Hopefully, I will see you on the road somewhere yet this fall. If not I will see you at the January B.O.D. in Willmar.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

*— Kari*



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting (s):

December 14<sup>th</sup>, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

December is a busy month filled with gatherings, holidays and parties. With that in mind an A.B.A.T.E. membership makes a nice gift.

Have you checked out the new website? I found it to be easy to navigate through and you can see the color version of the Road Noise, sign up for Heartland STEAM, Bikerday and Memberships.

I want to welcome Camilla Nixon thanks for joining the Road Noise committee!

Have a wonderful and fun filled Christmas and New Years.

*— Tammy*

NATIONAL COALITION  
OF MOTORCYCLISTS



## NCOM LIASON

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The NCOM Convention has been moved to Akron, Ohio, still on Mother's Day weekend. This location will allow for more conference space, and room for vendors.

Double-D from Washington State has joined the NCOM Board of directors. He is well known for the Motorcycle Profiling Project and will be a great asset to the organization.

*— Jane*



## MARKETING DIRECTOR

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It is important to use signage – for your events, your meetings, and everything your chapter does! Hang up posters, display your chapter banners, D.A.R. signage, and A.B.A.T.E. materials. Keep it all together with your membership tote for easy access. If you are not sure where your membership tote is, reach out to your current or past chapter members. If you still cannot locate it, contact marketing@abatemn.org – we can help! That tote is a valuable tool. It could contain folders with resources for expired members, members about to expire, and new members. If you need copies, email membership@abatemn.org. Your chapter needs new members – and these materials are designed to help you grow and look professional.

So, ask yourself:

- Do you have signage?
- Do you have a print company to help with posters or other materials?

We want to help you succeed! But unless you reach out, we cannot. As awesome as we are, we still cannot read minds – and honestly, we are pretty grateful for that!

*— Harmony*



## STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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At the time I'm writing this article, it is snowing! It's time to look forward to The Christmas Season and family gatherings. Trying to find that perfect gift for a family member or friend? How about an A.B.A.T.E. membership?

Things are going as they should in the office. The President Election envelopes are ready to go in the mail on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Maybe take a peek at your own membership card, lets add that year onto it now while things are slow. Remember, at your January and February meetings, you can't make or take a nomination

for the upcoming election! Also, no voting in March if you're not current.

If you want to vote absentee ballot in the 2026 election, you will need to e-mail the state office by February 10, 2026 requesting an Absentee Ballot, also stating for which chapter and letting me know what Chapter is your home Chapter if you are a multi-chapter member. You are able to vote in both chapters, but only vote for state office in one. And here is the tricky part, if you are in 2 chapters that are in 2 different districts, then you can vote for the District Director on the State Ballot.

I will be out of the office the end of January - February 6.

Keep on Keepin' on!

*- Shelly*



## STATE RALLY REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s)

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Litchfield Eagles Club, 12:00 pm

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, Eagles Club, 12:00 pm

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Litchfield Eagles Club, 12:00 pm

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

### RALLY FLYER & T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

The deadline for submissions is January 1<sup>st</sup> email to [rally@abatemn.org](mailto:rally@abatemn.org). The winners receive a free weekend pass for the 2026 State Rally.

### NEW 2026 SPONSOR FORM

Help us get sponsors signed up for the 2026 Rally! The sooner businesses sign up; the longer period of time they will have to benefit from the free advertising they will receive over the next year. Businesses have the option to sign up online this year. The QR code on the new sponsor form can be scanned and will bring them right to the rally page at the new state website. You can also drop off the sponsor form at any business, and they can mail in the

form or ask you to pick it up and mail it for them. Sponsor forms were handed out at the B.O.D. to your Chapter Rep, and the form can be downloaded from the rally page at the state website. If anyone needs forms contact Ingrid Cohen at (763) 516-7029.

### RALLY BUDGET

We have submitted the 2026 rally budget for approval. Although we had an excellent 2025 Rally and have received lots of positive feedback, we did not make a profit this year. For 2026, we will be extra vigilant with watching expenses. We are also looking into new Rally fundraising ideas and ways to increase Rally attendance, which can positively affect our profit margin. The Rally is definitely a celebration for all of our hard work throughout the year. In addition, the State Rally's purpose is to increase membership and funds to help fight the good fight for the following year. If you, or your chapter has ideas on this subject you would like to share, please consider attending our Rally meetings listed above. You can also email any suggestions to [rally@abatemn.org](mailto:rally@abatemn.org).

If you would like to attend the Rally meetings through Facebook Messenger, contact Ingrid Cohen at (763) 516-7029.

We thank you for all your hard work to help make the State Rally successful!!

Hope you have a great Christmas!

*- Dougie*

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## ABATE begins new "Dial-a-Ride" program for impaired motorcycle riders

Two motorcycle groups are cooperating in a program to keep drunk or drugged motorcyclists off the road.

American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education (ABATE) and the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association (MMRA) have organized Dial-a-Ride of Minnesota, which will operate Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from May 1 through October 31 every year, beginning in 1990.

"The most difficult thing you can undertake is to convince a person who has had too much

to drink to let someone else ride their bike," said Gus Haag, organizer of the project. "Just as hard is to talk them into leaving their bike and riding home with you. With these problems in mind, we have developed 'Dial-a-Ride.'

Haag explained the program this way: If a person is with someone who has had too much to drink, the friend can call "Dial-a-Ride" and tell the dispatcher who he is, where he is, who needs the ride and where the person should be taken. The dispatcher will get

a call-back number, then contact one of the volunteers in the area who has a car-trailer, van or pickup to transport the impaired rider and his or her bike home.

The dispatcher will call back the friend and tell him who is coming and what time they will arrive. The friend must stay with the impaired rider until the volunteer arrives, and then help to load the rider and motorcycle into the vehicle. The friend should then accompany the volunteer.

Volunteers are not required to put themselves or their vehicles into any situation they feel is unsafe or uncomfortable. If the impaired rider becomes rude or disorderly, the friend should intervene. If they cannot, the volunteer is instructed to call the dispatcher and inform him that the rider cannot be transported. The friend will be advised either to help the drunk rider modify his or her behavior or call the police.

The program is designed to assist people who are too drunk to ride, but volunteers will not "babysit" a drunk, said Haag, who is a member of both ABATE and MMRA and on the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board.

ABATE and MMRA may transport the impaired person to a motel and pay for a room if the desired destination is determined to be too far away.

Organizers of the project hope it will help to make motorcycling safer for all. For more information or to volunteer time, write to Gus Haag, 4610 Colfax Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55412.



## PLEASE, DON'T DRINK AND RIDE.

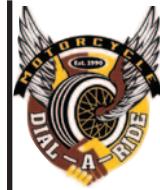


Dial A Ride  
of  
Minnesota

Phone: (612) 541-1704  
May 1st thru October 31st



Copies of this poster will soon be on display throughout Minnesota to publicize the Dial-a-Ride program. The photo of Bobby Farnen is used courtesy of the Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri.



DIAL-A-RIDE

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Nothing new to report.



## HEARTLAND STEAM COMMITTEE REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

December 15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom

6:30pm

Heartland STEAM

(Seminar to Educate and Motivate)

March 20 - 22, 2026

Alexandria Holiday Inn

Registration is open on the website. Mail in registration is also an option. Don't forget to order your T-shirt! Reservations are open - call the hotel directly at (320) 763-6577

The committee is working on final details of the weekend. Soon we will be publishing a tentative schedule. Help will be needed at the event. Be prepared to join the fun!

Meetings are via ZOOM  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm via ZOOM

— Jane

# WRITE TO RIDE

FRANK ERNST  
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I am happy to say I now have the additional 2025 W2R rockers I needed. Thanks Kari, for getting them to me. The people that were waiting for rockers have either been given their rockers in person or they have been put in the mail to them. Thanks again for being patient and my apologies for taking such a long time to get this taken care of.

We have a newly elected member in the Minnesota house David Gottfried (40B, DFL) and two new Senators: Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger (47, DFL) and Michael Holmstrom Jr. (29, R). Do you live in their district, have you reached out to introduce yourself, to congratulate them on their victory, and thanked them for choosing to serve in the House or Senate. After doing those things have you asked them what their position on things important to you is.

I am seeing a lot of activity and potential candidates for many elected offices. Do you know who

the candidates are? Do you know where they stand on our issues? Have you told them what issues are important to you and how you would like them to support you?

People often complain about government but have we all done our part? Individual citizens have numerous ways to influence government. Some of these are participating in your precinct caucuses, writing letters to public officials, joining interest groups and supporting lobbying efforts, these are all tools we have available. If you want to take it to the next level, you can help candidates in election efforts, putting out year signs, making phone calls, hosting meet and greets or perhaps you should be the one to run for political office.

Are we taking advantage of every opportunity available to us?

If I can help, please reach out!

— frank

Reminder to all: Bikerday at the Capitol shirts will be available again this year. Contact Kari at [products@abatemn.org](mailto:products@abatemn.org) 507-830-0782 to order yours.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

# Randy Deters

Lake Chapter

Randy Deters is a long time Lake Chapter member that remained connected even when his career took him to Arizona until his retirement. He is passionate about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's mission. What gets special attention from Randy is anything that involves our outreach to children through the Buddy Bear program, Bowling for Big Brothers/Sisters, and Christmas donations. His expertise in emergency medical care benefits Lake Chapter as he accompanies them on rides as well as keeping the first aid kits up to date. Recently, Randy volunteered to pick up several vacant first aid shifts at the state rally. Fortunately for a fellow A.B.A.T.E. member, while working a shift, Randy did what he does so well and took care of a brother biker experiencing a medical condition.





## MRF REPORT

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As Congress prepares to take up a major highway and transportation reauthorization bill in 2026, proposals to impose new federal registration fees on electric and hybrid vehicles are expected to resurface. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO) this week stated that user fees on EVs and hybrids will likely be included in the bipartisan legislation, emphasizing that "If you are using our roads and bridges, you should be paying into that process."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) continues to monitor these discussions closely to ensure that motorcycles are treated fairly in any user fee system used to fund road and infrastructure construction. The MRF supports the principle that all roadway users contribute

to the upkeep of the nation's highways, but we will strongly oppose any proposal that unfairly singles out or penalizes motorcyclists.

A key part of this debate centers on the federal gas tax, which has remained unchanged at 18.4 cents per gallon since 1993. With inflation and improved vehicle fuel efficiency reducing revenues, the Highway Trust Fund, which is funded through the federal fuel tax, faces a growing deficit, prompting lawmakers to explore new funding mechanisms.

With Congress under pressure to stabilize the Trust Fund, there will be increased focus on identifying new and fair sources of revenue. The MRF is committed to ensuring that motorcyclists' voices are part of this conversation and that policymakers understand the important role motorcycles play in reducing congestion, fuel consumption, and roadway wear. As work on the 2026 highway bill moves forward, the MRF will remain vigilant in protecting the rights and interests of America's riders.

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT  
Chapter Grapevines**

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Happy Holiday Season!

Are you ready for the new year? Have you thought about throwing your hat in the arena for a chapter office position? Or maybe a State Officer? State officer nominations only happen at the January B.O.D. Let someone know you have interest. If you're not sure about any position, whether it is chapter or state level, all the information is in the manual. Your Chapter President and Chapter Rep both have a copy and should have it available at your meeting.

Don't forget to register for Bikerday, date is set for March 25, 2026. Registration is open on the web page. Please think about attending 2026 Heartland STEAM. It's in Minnesota next year March 20-22, 2026

The A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets are out! There will be a Friday night drawing and a Saturday night drawing. All tickets are \$100. Please ask a chapter member for your tickets.

Until next time, *Shelly*

# LAKE

## Next Meeting(s):

December 6<sup>th</sup>, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tentatively Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, Rockford Township Hall, 3:00 pm  
(our February meeting right before the Fundraiser)  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, Tentatively Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, S.O.S Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

Thank you to our friends and members Tom and Brittany for hosting our meeting at the Rendezvous Bar and Grill in Annandale. It is always a pleasure to see you.

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Your participation in these sales will directly contribute to funding our gambling account. We are excited to announce our holiday toy donation drive will benefit the Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly! To make this holiday season extra special for families in need, we request that you bring a new, unwrapped toy, a gift card, or a cash donation to our December meeting.

We will also be participating in the Howard/Lake/Winsted tree decorating event to support a family in need this holiday season! Mark your calendars for December 12<sup>th</sup>. We request that you consider bringing any decorating donations to our December meeting. Please keep an eye on your Facebook page and your email inbox for all the event details.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. We are thrilled to announce that Everett Smithson will be returning to entertain us! If you're interested in sponsoring this event and supporting The Grounded Hogs, please reach out to us as soon as possible. Advanced tickets are available for just \$15. Last, but not least, we have an awesome new t-shirt design! Be

# SOUTH CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm:  
Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian

## Upcoming Event(s):

Litchfield Candy Cane Parade, Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm  
Chapter Christmas Party, Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm, LaPlante's  
Bikerday at the Capitol, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

We will be in the annual Litchfield Candy Cane Parade again this year. It is so much fun to hand out candy to all the kids along the streets! Anyone is welcome to join us. We are included in the parade by walking, or on bikes, or in vehicles, depending on the weather. We are meeting at 4:30 pm in the IPS parking lot on 10<sup>th</sup> St to prepare decorations. We will join the parade line up at 5:00 pm, and the parade starts at 5:30 pm.

Our annual chapter Christmas Party will be on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at LaPlante's farm, starting at 4:00 pm, potluck style. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

– Ingrid Cohen

sure to come prepared to pre-order yours at our December meeting. We'll have short-sleeved, V-neck, and long-sleeved styles available, all in heather grey. We have an idea brewing to put memorial patches to good use and we're eager to share it with you! Keep an eye out for the details soon so you can be a part of this special project.

The chapter needs to fill two key roles: a dedicated Membership Coordinator to manage our growth efforts, and someone passionate about our chapter to oversee our chapter products. If either of these positions spark your interest, please reach out to either April or Jim.

Chapter Officer nominations will commence at our January meeting, presenting a chance for all members to become more engaged and contribute to our chapter. We encourage each of you to either put your name forward or nominate a deserving individual.

The Steven J Kreitlow award recognizes outstanding contributions to Lake Chapter and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. For the very first time in the award's history, we faced a tie, necessitating a re-vote, showcasing the remarkable talent and dedication of all those nominated. The award will be presented at our December meeting.

The Member of the Year voting will be during our December meeting. This year's nominees are Deb Kviz, Randy Deters, Maureen O'Hern, and Tammie Webb. Each of these individuals has demonstrated outstanding dedication and contributions to our chapter.

Thank you to our 2026 Grounded Hogs Sponsors: Super Gold Bizter Garage Door Repair Gold: Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Dale Morin, Buzz and Karen Plante, Tri-County A.B.A.T.E of MN, and Family Counseling Center

– Until next month my friends- Ride Free – April



# GLACIAL RIDGE

Hello,

Ramping up for the holiday season. We have Santa Day on December 6<sup>th</sup> where we promote our Young Riders and serve hot cocoa and hot cider. Charlee will be collecting tips for our local food shelf and we get to talk about A.B.A.T.E. and Young Riders. Then we put together a float for a short parade. All in all, it's a long day but we all enjoy it.

Planning is going on for our prom on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Paynesville at the Legion. We do have a block of rooms at the hotel a block away. If interested, contact a Glacial Ridge member!

I just want to throw in a blurb that's not A.B.A.T.E. related. If you or someone you know that seems "off", check in with them. Every couple of days. This time of year is hard for a lot of people. Some people hide it well. If you know someone that doesn't have family near or no family, a "Hey, how are you?" goes a long way. Depression is no joke. Thanks

See everyone in January.

— Harmony

## SOUTHWEST

Well hello,  
It seems like it was just to do this! Times just flying by!

Well, at October's meeting we decided that Christmas party will be at Iona Bar at 6:00 pm on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will enjoy one another's company, you are all welcomed . We will all purchase our own meals and drinks.

If you are reading someone else's Road Noise and think we sound like a group you'd like to get to know better, please come to our party. You are welcome!

Really hope to see you at the party, Merry Christmas you all!

Keep the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers. These are some shaky times. Be NICE .

— BAM, Becky Murphy

# ROLLING PRAIRIE

## Next Meeting(s):

December 13<sup>th</sup>, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James, 3:00 pm Chili Feed meeting, 4:00 pm regular meeting  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James, 3:00 pm Chili Feed meeting, 4:00 pm regular meeting with Christmas party to follow  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Village Inn, La Salle, 3:00 pm Chili Feed meeting, 4:00 pm regular meeting

## Upcoming Event(s):

January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Willmar  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello fellow bikers,

I cannot believe that I am writing the last grapevine for 2025 already. It seems I just started writing 2025.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and ate way too much like I did.

As you can see from our upcoming events, our annual Chili Feed is coming up. It will be here before you know it. Advanced tickets will be \$12. Tickets at the door will be \$15. Come on down to St. James and try our famous Chili that made two MRF Rep's cry at the State Rally. We will have milder Chili's also for those of you that know better than to eat something our President makes, as well as White Chicken Chili. Loaded Potato Soup and Sloppy Joes for those with a delicate palate. We will also be having a Silent Auction ending at 8:00 pm.

All of us in Rolling Prairie want to wish you a Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year,

— Stay safe, Giggles

## BUFFALO RIDGE

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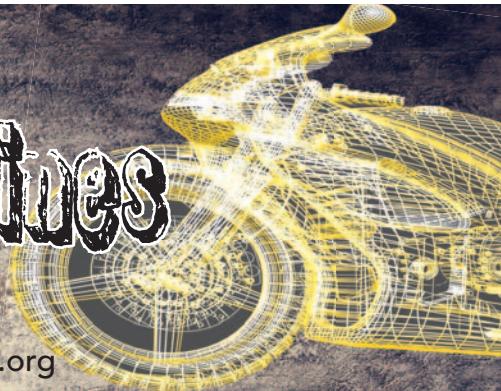
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# NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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HOWDY FOLKS !!!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** We still say that around here. Praying your holidays will be blessed and safe. First Christmas without Mom... Gunna miss all the good stuff she made.

Happy New Year is just around the corner. Let's make this new year one for the books. This is the year WE Stand Tall and Be Counted!!

March is The Month to Be Counted! Heartland STEAM, March 20th. Alexandria. There will be a lot of Motorcyclists from around the surrounding states. Let's make them feel welcome and show them the real Minnesota Nice!

Bikerday at the Capitol is the following week. March 25<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to get it on the calendar This is by far The MOST IMPORTANT Day for Motorcyclists!!!!

Keep in touch with Your Legislature folks. They work for YOU. Get out and visit other chapters events. This is a great way to show support and meet new people. Also take a tri fold along everywhere YOU Go and Sign up a new member. This has proven to create some AWESOME lifelong friendships.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE — *Edgar*

## BORDERLAND

### Next Meeting(s):

December 9<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finn's, Badger, 6:00 pm

Hello Borderland!

So I am now able to submit a grapevine after getting a new pc and upgrades. So, I do want to mention a few things that were locked up in my outbox the last 2 months.

First an awesome State Rally, a very fun and warm Borderland Fall Colors Ride, and as I write this, two months ago to the day we lost Charlie Kirk. (9-10-25). He loved God, family, country, and he was trying to save the youth in our (propaganda mill) Universities. Now we are looking forward as a chapter to keep our chapter strong and keep things going in the off-riding season. We thank all officers and members for their dedication! We have A.B.A.T.E.

U raffle tickets, so that's exciting! Buy and sell, we have two options this year.

The Christmas season is coming and we hope you have a great one with family and friends and perhaps we will think about the word and see it spells his name....

Oh, I signed up a new member this month. Remember to give that special person or even that rider you don't know very well an A.B.A.T.E. membership this Christmas. It's the time for giving, right? Merry Christmas!

— Twistin' da wick, Tim

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS HEART OF THE LAKES NORTH STAR

No Reports Received



Halloween Party 2025

## NORTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

December 6<sup>th</sup>, The Other Place, Fertile, 4:00 pm  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, The Spot, Red Lake Falls, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Winter Social, Rusty Nail, Thief River Falls

We had great attendance at the November meeting, excellent discussions and productive. Meeting was followed by the Annual Halloween Party and potluck. We were so lucky to be graced with the presence of Gomez and Morticia! Oggie and Tiffany always have awesome costumes and did not disappoint this year!

January is fast approaching, with the new year brings the new rounds of Officer nominations. I encourage all members to attend the meetings and either nominate yourself or someone you would like to see leading this chapter in 2026.

Save the date for the Winter Social to be held at the Rusty Nail in Thief River Falls on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Free will donation dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Popular band, Hillbilly Rock, is playing 8:00 pm - 12:00 am. This is a great event for your friends to see what A.B.A.T.E. is all about.

See you at the December meeting.  
Merry Christmas to all!

– Ben



Oggie and Tiffany  
Great Costumes!





# NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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As I'm writing this article, it is the first week of November. Where did the summer go?

I just came back from the Up North Chapter Feed and Gun Raffle. All four hundred tickets were sold for the guns, but the feed was poorly attended. It was a good time though as more personal time was spent with members. One new member was signed up and one new Young Rider. Congrats to the chapter for a job well done.

Along those same lines I want to congratulate the Up North chapter and the Northeast chapter for winning the first two quarterly membership drives. Two for two for the NE District. Now we all need to concentrate on retaining members from the expired list. This list is handed out to each chapter representative in the state at the B.O.D. to bring back to their respective chapters to try and figure out why these people are not renewing. We have seen an uptick in new members but the renewals have stagnated. The lists are provided for a reason. Please utilize it and bring back past members.

As winter sets in there are many chapter fundraisers planned, please try to attend several. Chapters cannot stand alone in these events and need support from other chapters to be successful. Make a contest out of it and keep track of how many different chapters are attending your event. Let us know in your chapter Road Noise article or in the chapter rep report at the B.O.D.

And lastly, please make a concerted effort to at least publish the time, place, and date of your upcoming meetings. If we don't know, how can we attend them?

— Pedro

## SAND DUNES

### Next Meeting(s):

December 8<sup>th</sup>, Getaway, Orrock, 5:00 pm

Wow December already, We have had a busy time here at the Sand Dunes Chapter.

President Mike Olkives resigned as president. He will remain an active member and spend his winter months in warmer weather down south. We all thank him for his leadership these past years. We had new members sign up this year and we welcome them and look forward to greeting them at the meetings.

By now all our bikes have been put to bed for a long winter slumber. Rest well my friends, we will see you this spring. I already miss you and the road

adventures you provide.

Please remember if you have a bit too much at your holiday drama gathering, please pass the keys, call an Uber, a friend, or call me. You are too important to lose and you have better things to do then deal with.

Enjoy your Holidays and New Year's, see you all in 2025. I mean 2026, it will take me a couple of months to get used to writing 2026.

*"Burn miles, not time"*

— Doug Hall, Sand Dunes President

**UP NORTH**  
No Report Received

# JACK PINE RIDERS

## Next Meeting(s):

January 18<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Pine City, 1:00 pm  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, Bogey's on Main, Hinkley, 1:00 pm  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, 1:00 pm  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, Mavericks Bar and Grill, Beroun, 1:00 pm  
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):

December 21<sup>st</sup>, Annual Christmas Party, Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill, Banning Junction

The Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party follows the December chapter meeting. It will be a potluck buffet. Bring a dish to share or just come to enjoy what others have cooked up. Party includes a white elephant gift exchange. In case you are unfamiliar with the game, the goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain rather than to gain. Roll the dice and see what comes your way. Gag gifts are typical, or standard. Participation is voluntary. But it is really kind of fun. You have plenty of time to start looking for that perfect gift.

The next roadside cleanup will be May 17<sup>th</sup>. Chapter meeting to follow the highway clean up. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

Keep in mind, you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Nonmembers 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



Chapter Sign

## NORTHEAST

## Next Meeting(s):

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

We had our first Fall Meet and Greet event in several years and would like to thank The River Inn Bar and Grill who welcomed us and hosted the event. They were very accommodating and made sure that we had everything that we needed for a successful evening. We had a great time and heard some good music too. We also received a lot of positive feedback from various social media sources which was a bonus.

The chapter has put a lot of work into our summer camp out and fall Meet and Greet with positive results. It was very gratifying to see that hard work acknowledged when we won the \$500 membership bonus from the state last quarter.

Thanksgiving has already gone by and our annual White Elephant Christmas giveaway is coming up during our December 7<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. This is always a lot of fun and gets everyone in the Christmas spirit.

It's hard to believe how fast the year is going by. We've started planning our annual fundraiser, the Bunwarmer. We'll have a date set by the next meeting. Please start thinking about sponsors and collecting auction items, the sooner we get going, the better.

– Happy Holidays, Ed

Northeast Table



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Fear distracted drivers



## What can you do?

Ask an ABATE member

## Talking Points

# EAST CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

December 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am

## Upcoming Event(s):

January 31<sup>st</sup>, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford town hall  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, Valentines Heart-On, St Francis  
American Legion  
March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Alexandria  
Holiday Inn  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol, St Paul

Hey All,

# CENTRAL

## Upcoming Meeting(s):

December 7<sup>th</sup>, Rollies, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, Sal's Bar, St. Joe, 12:00 pm

A special thank you to Sidebar for hosting our August meeting, The 10 SPOT for hosting our October meeting, and The Ultimate Bar for hosting our November meeting.

I wanted to start off by apologizing for being so behind on keeping everyone up to date with Central Chapter. Hopefully I can start getting caught up a little month by month.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> we had our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Run. To say it was a beautiful day is an understatement. I would like to thank all the businesses that hosted us on this run: St. Martin Bar and Grill, Woody's Bar, Bear Trap, and, Hot Shots Bar. Thank you to all the other chapters that came and supported us. And of course, thanks to all the chapter members and volunteers that help with putting this on. From the planning, the supplies, the road guarding, and to Ron R (my father-in-law woot woot) for leading his first ever ride. Wonderful job all round. We had lots of fun games like Cup Pong, Bite Me, Barrel Full of Monkeys, and Pin the tail on the Donkey. But the one that was a blast was Don't Break the Egg, which turned into an egg race in the end. And of course, all these games lead to lots of fun prizes for all! We even had a nice group of cars join us. I can't wait for next year!

It looks like the holidays are here. I hope everyone is taking time out for themselves and those close to them. With all the festivities and parties, it is easy to forget that this time of year can be difficult for some people. Above all folks, I would just like you to remember kindness.

Holiday shopping made easy and cheap... A gift membership to A.B.A.T.E.? Yep, you guessed it, I don't have much else to say. I hope to see all your faces at the upcoming get-togethers. So get out and support your sisters and brothers that keep this organization afloat.

Until then, Shiny Side Up!

– President Jim

Nominations will take place during the January meeting. So, if you would like to support the chapter by running for a position or nominating someone, come on out to this meeting to do so. We will then have a Central Chapter Member Only Holiday Party after the meeting. Approximate start time will be 1:15 pm. Hope to see you there. Don't forget it is a holiday party, so dress in something festive! RSVP to Joe (Bud) Wiser or Jennifer Heggestad.

– Until next month, Ling and Cowboy

The Central Chapter has had a busy year and I want to thank everyone in our chapter and those from our neighboring chapters that came and supported our rides and events such as the Marty St. Patrick's Day Parade, Terebinth ride in May, helping with the State Rally, Donating Buddy Bears to Anna Marie's Alliance, Bike and Car show, and our Fall Fun Run. Special thanks to those who helped keep our rides safe by road guarding.

The holidays are upon us so please drive safe or plan ahead and find a sober driver so everyone gets home safely!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone from the Central Chapter!

– Joe (Bud) Wiser

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## Central Chapter

# METRO

### Upcoming Meeting(s):

December 9<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm  
 January 13<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

December 1<sup>st</sup>, Metro Chapter Meet and Eat, Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills, 4:00-8:00 pm  
 January 5<sup>th</sup>, Metro Chapter Meet and Eat, Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills, 4:00-8:00 pm  
 January 18<sup>th</sup>, Metro Brunch Buffet, Route 47, 8:00 am - Noon  
 March 14<sup>th</sup>, Metro St Patty's Warm Up, Route 47, details to come

As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder it's time for most of us to tuck our rides away for a cold winter nap. As much as it pains to put the bikes away, we know we finished this riding season strong.

It was all treats and no tricks for Metro Chapter as we joined up with East Central for the second year in a row to ride in the Halloween parade in Anoka! With ten bikes, a Dial-A-Ride Trailer with our A.B.A.T.E. King and Queen, and a handful of walkers and Young Riders we showed up in force to walk and ride in one of the biggest Halloween parades in the Halloween Capitol of the World. Six chapters showed up to represent A.B.A.T.E. from all over! Some people may think that

being in the parade was the highlight, but I am thankful for all the time we had setting up. Watching everyone come together and then being able to spend the morning just catching up with a hot coffee while costume watching was the highlight of my day. And when our turn came to turn onto Main Street the kids watching were all excited to see and hear the bikes! The excitement of being able to rev your engine for an eager kid definitely beat out the fatigue from all the clutch work. If you have ever excelled at doing the slow race in a bike game, riding in a parade is definitely for you!

On November 4<sup>th</sup> Metro Chapter had our first ever Meet and Eat at Welch's Big 10 Tavern in Arden Hills. We had a huge turnout for our broasted chicken buffet! The restaurant was spectacular in keeping the food hot and fresh even with only one cook in the kitchen! If you were unable to make it to our opening night, we would love to have you come out soon. I cannot remember the last time I laughed so hard with amazing members from other chapters that I don't get to see often. The servers were amazing, the food was delicious, and this is the most exciting part... the buffet will be rotating! Our December buffet will be a spaghetti buffet and I for one am super excited. January will be something new and exciting as well. This venue has bent over backwards to welcome us and has even signed up for the 2026 passport book! Be sure to keep your eyes open on the

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Metro page to get sneak previews of the upcoming buffet offering!

The Chapter Incentive challenge found its way to the Metro meeting this last month! We had three current members sign up guests and earn their patch!

Congratulations to Jameson Lemke, Brian Ladoux, and Shannon Bros on bringing new members into A.B.A.T.E. And a huge A.B.A.T.E. welcome to our new members that have signed up recently either at our meeting or elsewhere. This chapter wouldn't be the same without all of you.

The cold weather may be just getting started, but we are already thinking ahead to our winter warm up! Keep your calendars open for March 14<sup>th</sup>!

Details to come soon so keep your eye on our Facebook page, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Until next time, stay warm and we will see you soon!



Anoka Halloween Parade (above). Metro's First Meet & Eat (below).

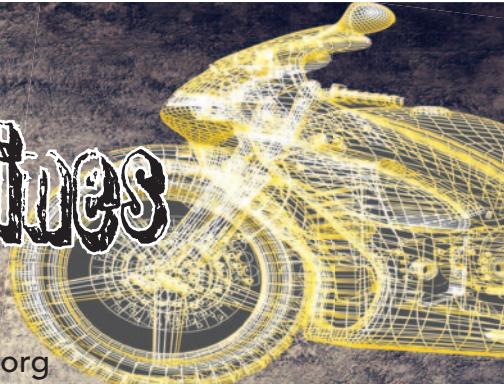




# SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Greetings Southeast District, Things are going smoothly in the district at the moment as far as I can tell so thank you for that. Also, I need to apologize for not getting a report in last month, time just plain got away from me.

Next month starts nominations for chapter officers so if you are interested in an office and would like to know more about the duties of an office your President and Chapter Rep both have operations manuals that give a detailed explanation of the responsibilities of all the officer positions. Just ask either one of these officers and they will show you the duties.

Last Saturday Michele (my wife and State Secretary) and I attended a joint fundraiser for our State Senator and State Representative. For the first time we both made contributions to each of the campaigns. Michele did one and I did the other, we got our receipts and are filling out the form for our PCR (Political Contribution Refund). The reaction from both candidates was very positive and they were both very grateful. It's not hard to do and they both actually explained the PCR process to us.

Lastly at the B.O.D. in October during the Legislative Reports it was asked how many people present have ever attended their Caucus. There were a number of hands raised but not many, mine wasn't one that was raised. With that being said both me and Michele have made a promise to ourselves that come February we are going to attend our Caucus and get more involved in the electoral process. It can't hurt to take a couple hours of one evening to attend and see the grassroots of the system in action. I challenge all of you to do the same no matter what side you're on because if we want to maintain our lifestyle and ways of life we need to be proactive in it. If we don't do everything we can to preserve it you can be sure as hell nobody else will.

— Virgil

## FLATLANDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

December 15<sup>th</sup>, Willows Restaurant, New Richland, 11:00 am  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, TB3s, Freeborn, 3:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders and Happy Holidays

We hope that your Thanksgiving was filled with family, close friends and a whole lot of things to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on how we as a nation came to be and how grateful we should be for those brave souls who sailed across the ocean in search of a new land. It was because of their selflessness and those that came after them, along with our military who ensure that we have the lives we do. Never forget where you came from and where you may be going and always give thanks along the way for your blessings.

On another note, mark your calendars for March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 "BIKERDAY" at the Capitol. With the time being later in the day, we hope that the attendance is up! This is your time to share your issues and to talk about things that matter to our group. Let your voice be heard and attend. Also, go online to the new webpage and register even if you are not sure you can make it. The Legislative team and their helpers work really hard to put

this together and get appointments with our Legislators and Senators, so please do your part and register.

As always, with Christmas fast approaching, now would be a really good time to spend some money from your gambling accounts. Make the holiday season special for those who have little and make your heart feel good by giving. Holding onto that money does nothing for no one so spend it. If you don't have anyone or any organization specific in mind you can always give to the Young Riders Scholarship program, I am very sure they would appreciate the donations.

One other item before I sign off...I would like to ask our A.B.A.T.E. family to keep one of our members, Christy Fuller, our chapter secretary, in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery from a double mastectomy. I would also ask for prayers for the best news possible which will be cancer free. She is one tough lady who has truly asked for nothing, but we have all been there for her and will continue to be because she is loved by us all.

With that said...Be grateful for today and never take anything for granted...Life is a blessing!!

Peace, Love and Hugs

— Michele Legried, State Secretary A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota



Crowd at Rochester VFW Trunk or Treats.



Southeast LC tale - gave away tons of candy.



Zumbro River Witches performing.

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

December 21<sup>st</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

January 18<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

February 15<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

### Upcoming Events:

January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Willmar

March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland Steam, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol, bus information to come

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U and B.O.D., Holiday Inn,

Alexandria

### Greetings All:

Hope everyone had an awesome Thanksgiving with family and friends. We have good news to share--we will be able to continue to hold our meetings at the Rochester VFW on the third Sunday of the month as usual. The group that was going to be there during our usual meeting time backed out last month.

The Rochester VFW hosted Trunk or Treats on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter was honored to be allowed to have a table at this event. We gave out tons of candy to the many kids there. It was a blast to see all the kids in their costumes. The Zumbro River Witches performed for the kids and their parents. Rick Panek and Mike Smith were outside putting kids on their motorcycles for pictures if they wanted. Those of us that were tending to our table had so much fun doing this. We will definitely be doing Trunk or Treats again next year.

We welcome new member Jay Hunter to our chapter. We look forward to seeing him at our monthly chapter meetings as we look forward to seeing all of our members at these meetings. Also don't forget about Bikerday at the Capitol on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be in the afternoon and the bus information will be coming at later date.

Our chapter wants to recognize and remember all of our veterans on this Veteran's Day. You will never be forgotten.

From our chapter, we hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- Terry

## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 6:30 pm Pizza and Christmas Party, 7:00 pm Chapter Meeting

January 8<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

February 5<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

March 20<sup>th</sup> - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Thank you to Shelly Deutsch, our State Office Administrator, for attending our meeting. Way to go Jon F and Jim B for earning a Write to Ride rocker.

Some of our little Buddy Bears will soon have new homes. Donations of 25 Bears will be delivered to 212 Ridges Waconia Hospital and the Waconia Fire Dept. 15 Buddy Bears will be brought to the Cologne Food Shelf during their Christmas Community celebration. These Buddy Bears are then given to children to hold onto while experiencing traumatic experiences where they need some reassurance that it will be ok. E-mails will be sent out verifying dates and times!



President Jon and Jim & Sandy Bengston will be delivering the \$320 check to Nic Vinkemeier who lost his leg in a motorcycle accident June 18<sup>th</sup>.

April gave a spirited talk about maintaining and re-establishing our members! Phone calls, texts, emails, social media, and chapter contests are all part of a chapter gaining new members and friends! Our chapter will ask for volunteers at our next meeting to help devise a Membership Committee to achieve these goals. Come with your ideas!

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# TRI COUNTY

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Another committee was formed to help with the plans for the 2026 TriCounty Motorcycle Fundraiser in May.

Our gambling dollars will be used for a \$1000 donation to the Young Riders Scholarship program which will train 4 students, and \$250 to the 501c3 organization for human trafficking regarding the Scott Gottschalk attempt of riding 1000 miles a day for 120 days in pursuit of increasing awareness to this subject.

Please bring a plate of cookies to share at our December meeting with free pizza at 6:30! Also, if you like fun... bring a White Elephant wrapped present to exchange with other members! Hilarious!! It is also suggested to bring a new unwrapped toy for the Cologne Food Shelf Christmas Days that President Jon will present to them the first Saturday of December!! Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Happy Holidays Friends!

– Peace ☺ Ger

*Oh wait!!!!*

*Why was the snowman out in the garden??? He was picking his nose!!!*

# STRAIGHT RIVER

## Next Meeting(s):

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

January 11<sup>th</sup>, L&M, Dundas, 1:00 pm

February 8<sup>th</sup>, TBD

## Upcoming Event(s):

February 21<sup>st</sup>, Straight River Chili feed/contest, Location coming soon

Hello, I hope everyone is doing well!

The Trunk for Treats went very well, considering the weather was cool and rainy. Seen about 2000 kids at the three events Straight River members participated in.

Getting ready to put the bikes away for the winter. Not a whole lot more to talk about. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

– Mike Smith President

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

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

January 11<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

February 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

January 17<sup>th</sup>, January Thaw Annual Fundraiser and Dance Party

Hello All,

Welcome to December – the season of giving, gathering, and gearing up for a brand-new year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with good food and great company.

Now it's time to switch gears and cruise into Christmas and New Year's! Stuck on what to get that "hard-to-buy-for" friend who already has everything? Here's a gift that keeps on giving – an A.B.A.T.E. Membership or Young Riders Program membership! It's thoughtful, supports a great cause, and fits perfectly under the tree. Problem solved!

As most of you know – our annual JANUARY THAW FUNDRAISER & DANCE PARTY is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Eagles Club in Mankato, kicking off at 7:00 PM. Big thanks to everyone already working hard behind the scenes to make this another unforgettable night. We're talking great music, great food, and great people! Plus, our famous Silent Auction! Keep an eye on our Facebook page and this month and January's Road Noise issues for details and updates. It's always a highlight of the season and a perfect excuse to reconnect with our amazing biker family during the off-riding months. Definitely a happy time!!

We'll be ringing bells for the Salvation Army once again on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at the downtown Hy-Vee. This tradition warms hearts (and hands) every year, and the Salvation Army truly appreciates our support. Check with Erin at the next meeting to snag a shift – it's a small act that makes a big difference.

As the New Year approaches, it's time to start thinking about chapter and state officer nominations, which begin at our January 2026 meeting. Consider stepping up – fresh ideas and new energy keep our chapter strong and rolling forward!

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their memberships and of course WELCOME to our new members – and let's keep that momentum going by continuing to sign up new members. Just because its winter doesn't mean we hit the brakes!

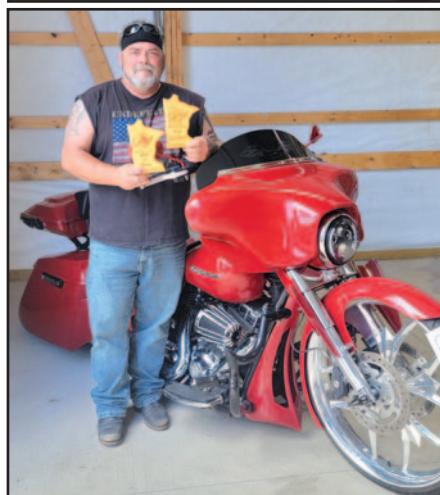
Don't forget to support our Fellow Chapters...our ABATE family extends far and wide, and many chapters are hard at work planning their own fundraisers and parties. Let's show up, support them, and keep the spirit alive!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a fun, safe, and Happy New Year! May your days be merry, your roads be clear, and your hearts be full.

– Big D,  
President

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# RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER



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T-shirt is not included in registration price.

Please complete the following if interested:

T-shirt \$20.00 extra    T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt color (circle one) Bright Blue or Ash Gray

Mail to - **A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota**  
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# 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**.

### Sponsorship Levels

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

- Premier stage and band hub signage
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- 12 Complimentary Rally Tickets

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

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Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.



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

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

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

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

## CHOOSE YOUR SPONSORSHIP

Choose your sponsorship level:

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How would you like to receive your tickets?

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• Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2026  
 Tickets at Will Call  
• Identification will be required at Will Call

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How should we announce your name on stage?

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## SPONSORSHIP SUBMISSION OPTIONS

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

Michelle Backlund  
10550 226<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW

Elk River, MN 55330



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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  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
12/1/25	Metro Chapter Meet & Eat	Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills	4-8:00 PM
12/3/2025	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
12/3/2025	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
12/4/2025	Tri-County Chapter Meeting - Christmas Party	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
12/6/2025	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
12/6/2025	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigan's, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
12/6/2025	Northwest Chapter meeting	The Other Place, Fertile	4:00 PM
12/6/2025	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
12/7/2025	Central Chapter Meeting	Rollies, Sauk Rapids	12:00 PM
12/7/2025	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
12/8/2025	Gambling Committee Meeting	via Zoom	6:00 PM
12/8/2025	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	Getaway, Orrock	5:00 PM
12/9/2025	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
12/9/2025	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
12/12/2025	Litchfield Candy Cane Parade		5:30 PM
12/13/2025	Glacial Ridge Chapter Santa Day	Brooten	
12/13/2025	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	4:00 PM
12/13/2025	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	3:00 PM
12/14/2025	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom meeting	11:00 AM
12/14/2025	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
12/14/2025	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake	5:00 PM
12/14/2025	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Classic's Pub, Waterville	1:00 PM
12/15/2025	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	The Willows, New Richland	11:00 AM
12/15/2025	Heartland STEAM Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	6:30 PM
12/18/2025	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom meeting	6:00 PM
12/21/2025	Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, Following Meeting	
12/21/2025	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction	1:00 PM
12/21/2025	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
12/27/2025	Way West Chapter Meeting/Christmas Potluck	VFW, Appleton	10:00 AM
1/3/2026	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
1/3/2026	Lake Chapter Meeting	Choo Choo Bar (Tentative), Loretto	3:00 PM
1/3/2026	Rolling Prairie Chapter Christmas Party	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	5:00 PM
1/3/2026	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	4:00 PM
1/3/2026	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	3:00 PM
1/3/2026	South Central Chapter Meeting	Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian	
1/4/2026	Central Chapter Meeting	Sal's Bar, St. Joseph - Christmas party to follow	12:00 PM
1/4/2026	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
1/4/2026	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
1/5/2026	Metro Chapter Meet & Eat	Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills	4-8:00 PM
1/6/2026	ABATE U Committee Meeting	Zoom meeting	6:00 PM
1/7/2026	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
1/8/2026	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
1/10/2026	Northwest Chapter meeting	The Spot, Red Lake Falls	4:00 PM
1/10/2026	South Central Christmas Party	Laplante's	4:00 PM
1/11/2026	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
1/11/2026	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake	5:00 PM
1/11/2026	Straight River Chapter Meeting	L&M, Dundas	1:00 PM
1/13/2026	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
1/15/2026	Motorcycle Safety Task Force Committee Meeting	virtual via Microsoft Teams	5-7:00 PM
1/16/2026	BOD Meeting	Willmar	
1/16/2026	Gambling Committee Meeting	BOD Location	6:00 PM



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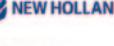
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 <b>SMOKER</b> BREEZY POINT, MN	 <b>Lake Chapter</b> Delano, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Backwoods Bar</b> .New Auburn</li> <li>• <b>B &amp; R Cycles</b> .....Faribault</li> <li>• <b>Channel Inn</b> .....Warsaw</li> <li>• <b>Heart of the Lakes Chapter</b> .....Detroit Lakes</li> <li>• <b>Northeast Chapter</b> .....Duluth</li> <li>• <b>Prairie's Edge Casino Resort</b> .Granite Falls</li> <li>• <b>Red Goat Bar &amp; Grill</b> .....Watkins</li> <li>• <b>Reggies Brewhouse</b> .....Owatonna</li> <li>• <b>Southeast LC Chapter</b> .....Rochester</li> <li>• <b>The Toy Box Saloon</b> Kilkenny</li> <li>• <b>Tri County Chapter</b> Chaska</li> <li>• <b>Borderland Chapter</b> Roseau</li> <li>• <b>Duffy's</b> .....Montevideo</li> <li>• <b>Floor to Ceiling Drywall</b> .....Staples</li> <li>• <b>Jack Pine Riders Chapter</b> .....Finlayson</li> <li>• <b>Manannah Hilltop Tavern</b> .....Grove City</li> <li>• <b>Sand Dunes Chapter</b> .....Big Lake</li> <li>• <b>Straight River Chapter</b> .....Owatonna</li> <li>• <b>Way West Chapter</b> .....Madison</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Potato Head</b> .Shakopee</li> </ul>	 <b>SCHLAUDERAFF</b> Implement Co
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LAKE CHAPTER- A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
GROUNDED HOGS SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM

Lake Chapter, a part of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (a non-profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)(4), is seeking sponsors for our 2026 Chapter fundraiser to be held at the Rockford Township Hall on Saturday January 31, 2026 from 6 pm-11 pm.

Lake Chapter thanks you for your support. It is with support like yours that we can continue to legislate for motorcycle rights and provide training opportunities to riders.

- All sponsors be publicized in the road noise every month until March 2026
- All Sponsors will be publicized at the event
- Bronze 1 event ticket Silver 2 event tickets Gold 3 event tickets

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name at Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Paid cash or check \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter member who sold sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bronze \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Silver \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ Gold \$100 Check Made out to A.B.A.T.E. of Mn

Mail to: Keith "Smoker" Efron

8456 County Rd 11

Breezy Point, Mn 56472

612-703-5755

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Lake Chapter 2026 Fundraiser Sponsorship

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Lake Chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

# GROUNDED HOGS WINTER BIKER PARTY



## Saturday, January 31, 2026

For tickets or information, contact Keith "Smoker" Efron: 612-703-5755

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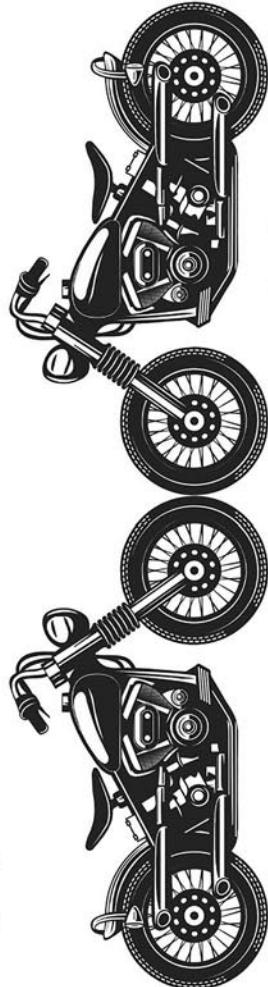
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Jesse Hleban/

    Laura Evenson .....R

Kenuto Medrano .....R

John /Mary Beth Notch .....R

Tammy /Richard Winkels .....R

John Wolbeck .....R

## EAST CENTRAL

Derrick Miller .....R

Jim Pierson .....R

Larry Wilson .....R

Lalena "Alice" Yahnke .....N

## FLATLANDERS

Randy Henderson .....R

Mark Peterson .....N

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Jim.Patty Lindemann .....R

Michael Schlosser .....R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Rodney King .....R

Todd Lund /

    Glenamarie Williamson .....R

John A Nelson .....R

Bruce Riedner .....R

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Cody Brown .....N

## JACK PINE RIDERS

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Don /Bobbi Schultz .....R

## LAKE

Dave / Julie Anderson .....N

Ed /Beth Belland .....N

Tom Bermel .....R

Frank Ernst .....R

Michael/Kimberly Henneman .....N

Bob / Charie Johnson .....N

Ardean Kellerhuis .....R

Evan B Komar /

    Carole E Kruse .....R

Chad /Ashley Peppin .....N

Dean /Tammie Webb .....R

Logan Weiland .....R

## METRO

Dave Groth .....R

Barb Jerde .....N

Beth Juracek .....N

Mathew Lemke .....N

Aron Lemke .....N

Sylvester / Elise Nagel .....N

Thomas Noyes .....R

Randy Swenson .....R

## NORTH STAR

Matthew Peoples .....R

## NORTHWEST

David Korbel/Rosalyn Knutson R

## RIVER VALLEY

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Kathy Bogatzki .....R

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Joyce Melson .....R

Brad "Pops"/

Michelle "Shelly" Latham .....R

Jeremy Linder .....R

Carl Melin .....R

Ricky /Christine Nelson .....N

Richard Dean Peters III .....N

Myah Zwart .....R

## SOUTHEAST LC

Seth Hall .....R

Arthur Howard .....R

Dan Klankowski .....R

## STRAIGHT RIVER

Marcus "Gypsy"

    Dick/ Melissa Buchta .....R

Gerard Jr/ Amanda Duval .....N

Shanan Gruenhagen .....R

Casey Headline .....N

## TRI-COUNTY

Jon Fernholz /Kristy Luhman .....R

John Hokkanen .....R

Michael / Toby Pharr .....R

Gerry Simon .....R

Gerry Valentine .....R

## UP NORTH

Todd Doble .....R

Mason Hill .....N

James Yanez .....R

## WAY WEST

Greg Kloos .....R

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders Membership Application

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out parent's information  
Age Category ( ) Under 16  
( ) 16-17  
( ) 18 or older

Renewal Yes ( ) No ( )

Date of Birth

    Month ( ) Day ( ) Year ( )

Membership Fee \$10.00 per age group

Checks # ( ) to A.B.A.T.E. of MN

    Charge, Visa ( ) Master ( )

Card # ( )-( )-( )-( )

    Expiration M ( ) Y ( )

    CVV # ( )

Card Holder Name (print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A.B.A.T.E. of MN/Young Riders  
P.O. Box 142  
Mapleton, MN 56065  
507-487-5000

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

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

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

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

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

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