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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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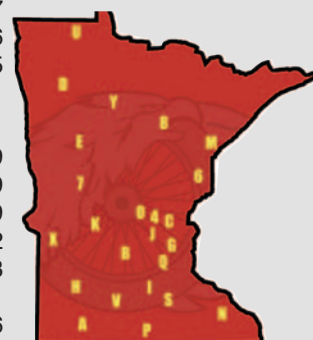
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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I believe that freedom is the deepest need of every human soul. - George W. Bush

Do you agree with this statement?
Are you willing to defend your freedom?
Have you contacted your legislators to let them know how you feel about your freedom of choice?

We talk a lot about the importance of Bikerday at the Capitol. Most people that come to the Capitol realize what an impactful experience it is and keep coming back. Please register online, we want to see you there! If you have some

time between appointments, sign up to take a tour of our State Capitol while you are there.

Election time is just around the corner. Are you ready to run for a position in our organization? State or Chapter level, your commitment is appreciated.

There's been a little confusion around the Young Riders Program and Young Riders Scholarship. The Young Riders Program is geared for those under 21 years old. The Young Riders Scholarship is for youth with a driver's license who would like to get their motorcycle endorsement. The reason for the "under 21" age group, is that we can use gambling funds to support youthful events. The youth are our future - bring them along to Bikerday!

Always remember - **YOU ARE AWESOME!**

Jane



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Well, the holiday season is upon us. Have you ever thought of giving an A.B.A.T.E. membership to someone for Christmas? I feel it is a gift that keeps on giving.

Also, nominations are coming up in January for officers in your chapter. I feel it's time to think about stepping up and not sitting in the back row waiting for someone else to volunteer. It's time for you to volunteer. It's time to sit in the front row in class and not hide in the back row (like I did when I was in school).

If you haven't been to a rally meeting, maybe now is the time to take a meeting in and meet our new rally chair, Doug (Dougie). He has a lot of new and old ideas. I know he will be looking for help and volunteers, so maybe it's time to attend a

few rally meetings and help out for the 2024 rally.

Bikerday will also be here before you know it, so make plans to attend. It sounds like they're even going to add another bus to give more people an opportunity to get a ride to the Capitol. I know sometimes some things come up where you won't be able to make it, but get registered and start planning for March.

And last, let's not forget about A.B.A.T.E. University. It sounds like another fun filled weekend with some breakout sessions for you to gain a little more knowledge about A.B.A.T.E. itself.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Kristie and myself will be heading to Colorado Springs the middle of the month to visit our oldest son, daughter-in-law and our three grandchildren to start our holiday celebration. Then it's back home to celebrate with more family.

Merry Christmas! Till next time...

Jim



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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In October, previous to our Board meeting, Patriot Assistance Dogs (an organization from Detroit Lakes) did a short introduction and presentation. We invited them because we felt it might be a draw that would attract some young people and we felt it might be of interest to many of our members. Their visit did not have the young rider draw I was looking to achieve but we were able to learn about the help these fantastic animals they train provide for our veterans.

One of the presenters, a motorcyclist himself, told of the impact having a service animal is making in his life. We were able learn a little about how these animals are trained, and what they are trained to do. We were able to raise the awareness of Patriot Assistance Dogs and were also able to raise a little money to help them provide the service they do for our veterans. I would like to thank those that attended for taking part and I would like to thank those present for passing the hat and thank A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota for the charitable gambling donation. Our participation and contributions help support this wonderful program.

I have recently mentioned the importance of telling dealers and shops about Young Riders. The young people we are recruiting will be customers, purchasing safety gear, accessories, motorcycles, parts and service for many years. Dealers and shops should be all over supporting Young Riders. They will benefit if they get involved, and attract these new riders.

At a couple of meetings recently I mentioned this and some A.B.A.T.E. members have offered to step up and visit shops in their areas. They will tell them about the Young Rider program, how it will benefit the young people, the motorcycle community and the dealer or shop. We have put together a small packet of information that would help people present information about Young Riders, our scholarship program, and A.B.A.T.E. If anyone has interest in taking this information to shops they frequent, let me know and we can get you setup.

Harmony is finalizing plans to have a Young Riders table at the Donnie Smith show and also investigating taking part and sponsoring a couple of AMA events.

Young Riders/Education combined meetings are scheduled for December 11th and January 15th. Both meetings will be Zoom meetings at 6:00 pm. If you would like to be included, contact us. We will get you connected.

Thanks, frank

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Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

Emission Regulations:

- Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

Internal Combustion Engines:

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

Profiling:

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling. Seek opportunities including, but not limited to H. Res 366, with language that:

- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists. Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.
- Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

Remember that 2024 is an election year and we need to support those that support us in motorcycling. Remember that if you have a meeting or event that you would like myself or an assistant rep to speak at, please let us know. Hope to see you at the next event

Jay Hickok

Upcoming event(s):

April 12th-14th, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls, SD

At the annual Meeting of the Minds this year in Harrisburg, PA the legislative agenda was set. These are the issues that we will be watching for the 2024 session.

2024 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cyber security systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

Data Recording:

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Definition of a Motorcycle:



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November 16th, 5:00-7:00 pm, St Paul College
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January 18th, 5:00-7:00 pm, St Paul College
(with a Microsoft Teams option)

There is not too much information for this report, considering our next meeting is a week after this report's deadline. As I write this, out of a possible 15 voting member seats, there are 13 applicants and only 1 voting member that have been officially appointed (and one spot still open to apply for). There will be no official voting taking place yet.

I had a phone conversation with Jay Bock (head of the task force) about the importance of continuing the printing of the "Share the Road" pamphlet. He asked in what capacity we used them to which I described A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Share the Road program. It is quite apparent to me that a financial decision was made within the Department of Public Safety regarding the Motorcycle Safety Center's budget for printing periodicals without the advisement of the task force. Or even asking what organizations use them for. I will continue to work to resolve this issue whether I am appointed to the task force or not. Thank you to the members of our organization that have stepped up to apply for a seat on the task force. I hope you all get appointed to have your voice heard in an advisory capacity.

For a brief update on 2023 motorcyclist crash fatalities, there have been 65 this year as opposed to 82 in 2022. In my opinion, 2 is too many, but I am happy to see the fatalities decreasing.

Please stay safe out there, make your own choices, and keep your head on a swivel.

Jon Fernholz



STATE TREASURER

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MICHELLE BACKLUND

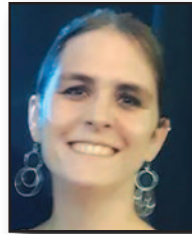
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December already! This year has gone by way too fast for me. We are working on next year's budget, so let me know if you have any comments or concerns. And remember that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota memberships and State Products make great presents.

Merry Christmas!

Mitch



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April 19th - 21st, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Court view, poolside, pool view and king rooms \$135. All other rooms \$125.

I hope everyone is enjoying their Holiday season with friends and family!

Make sure when you call to make your reservation that you mention it is for A.B.A.T.E. U. If you have any trouble making your reservation, please reach out to me.

Breakout Classes:

- History of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
- Social media - Platforms and Use; Snapchat/ Twitter/Discord
- Principles of Leadership

See A.B.A.T.E. U information on Page 38.

Stephanie

Merry Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello biker family. There is not much new going on here in State Products. I am working on new things for A.B.A.T.E. U. Any ideas are welcome.

If you need or want State Products at your chapter event, please let me know and I will do my best.

Kari Duncan



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Next Meeting(s):
December 10th, via Phone, 11:00 am

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tammy

DIAL-A-RIDE

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Next Meeting(s):
December 10th, American Legion, Mound,
11:00 am

Dial-A-Ride thanks the Fernholz family for their generous donation during their time of grief. It is that time of year again, we are taking nominations for our Board of Directors, anyone interested contact John Nelson (320) 262-6607 or Sharon Polman (218) 209-5502, must be a member of Dial-A-Ride. Duane Tschida reported that we had 47 calls this past season and all were picked up. Last year we had 116 calls.

Sharon Polman



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Next Meeting(s):
December 11th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm
January 15th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

The last Education Committee meeting was held on November 8th and was combined with the Young Riders Committee meeting, which is typical.

On the Education side, we discussed the Education budget for fiscal year 2024. The major topic discussed was the District Rider Training (DRT) program. As I have written and talked about, this program was far from a success in its first year. I will be the first to admit, I had two new programs on the dinner plate and the Young Riders Scholarship program was my first priority which turned out to be very time consuming, yet successful.

I am happy to inform you that we have a volunteer that has stepped up to run the DRT program. Most of you are familiar with Darryl Holman from North Star Chapter. Darryl experienced some of the failures of this year's DRT and has come up with some great ideas to hopefully turn the program in a successful direction. As a Motorcycle Safety Center rider coach, Darryl has insight of the college systems and how best to integrate the DRT program with them, and I believe he is well suited for the task. He will be sending out surveys to our District Directors, Chapters, and members at large via Facebook about interest in DRT. Thank you, Darryl!

There was also discussion about the "Share the Road" pamphlet that is currently not being printed by the Motorcycle Safety Center. You can read more on that in this month's Motorcycle Safety Task Force Report. Happy Holidays!

"It is not from ourselves that we learn to be better than we are."

-Wendell Berry

Jon Fernholz



HISTORIAN

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Hello everyone! I hope this finds you all doing well and looking forward to the holidays. I want to thank the chapters that provided me with so much history at the last B.O.D. That was awesome!

Still hoping to get some updated lists that were handed out at the April 2023 B.O.D. returned to me.

Other than that, I don't have much to report. However, I wanted to give you all a glimpse into what I work with, or rather around, in my office. The dark one,

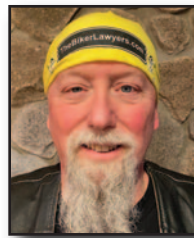
the diva, is Bella. The light one, the snoozer, is Buddy. They claim to help me. I assure you, they do not.



Anything you would like to get to me, please bring to any A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Board of Directors meetings. I am working on getting more CD's put on memory sticks and newspaper articles laminated for preservation.

Happy Holidays to you all, my brothers and sisters!

Gaida



GAMBLING REPORT

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Winter is closing in and you all know what that means, time to start selling those A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets. As many of you know, we have increased the number of tickets this year from 800 to 1,000. A.B.A.T.E.'s gambling fund has been able to make so many donations to unbelievable organizations, people in need, and educating bikers that we really want to grow. To do that we need more participation than ever from our members.

I have already received three requests from chapters who previously have not participated in selling raffle tickets. It has the entire committee excited and ready to make a push for a record year and continuing to kick ass on helping organizations that we feel are important to our community.

If anyone needs some tickets, please let me know and I will get them sent out to you. Thanks, and let us keep up the great work.

Dan



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting (s)

January 14th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

For starters I would like to introduce myself. I am Kristy Luhman from Tri-County Chapter. I would like to thank the Board for appointing me as the Chair for the Ways and Means committee. The Committee last met on October 15th. We looked over the chapter and state bills, deposits, and fundraiser reports. Everything looked great.

Please feel free to come out and see what we do and how our organization spends money. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

Happy Holidays to you all,

Kristi with a Y



WRITE TO RIDE

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At the October board meeting I was handed a cash donation for PAC. It was being passed on from someone else. In all the confusion I did not find out who the donation came from so I need your help. If you were the one that handed me the donation or if you were the one that made the donation, please let me know. Give me a call or send me an e mail. The donation has been passed on to Mark, so it is in the account, but we want to record the correct person for the donation. I am not speaking of the donation from Borderland that one is documented.

There was recently an alert sent out by MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) concerning an amendment to H.R. 4820. It is amendment #137 and it prohibits funds made available to NHTSA from being used to encourage states to adopt legislation, regulations, policies, directives or guidance to profile motorcycle riders. Because we know Mark has a good relationship and open communication lines with Congresswoman Fishbaugh, a number of us asked him to contact her on this issue. Mark was able to make the connection and we can count on support from Congresswoman Fishbaugh. Thanks Mark and thanks for all you and the PAC do for us.

I think the most important thing going on at this time is planning for Bikerday at the Capitol. We need to reenergize people. On page 17 of the October 2023 issue of Road Noise there is a letter submitted by Mark Buckner, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota member and Executive Director of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Mark has a long history of doing what is right for motorcyclists, he has been doing it for several decades. I encourage you to go back and read Marks letter in its entirety and think about what he says. But for now I am going to borrow a few of his comments.

Mark states "As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacrifices required to protect our rights and about those who came before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal" He goes on to say "we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we please, to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't" Then he says "The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are - like it or not - in everyone's backyard." Mark goes on to list a few of those challenges. The right to repair, our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, we're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders and the list goes on.

So, I ask the same question Mark asks "What is the price of apathy?" Have we become a riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while we sit idly by, expecting others to do the work?

You can leave apathy behind, you can start by supporting Bikerday, bring family, bring friends, it is a great opportunity for Young Riders to see how the process works. If you are not ready to immerse yourself in the process, at least show up. Be part of the crowd, help fill the rotunda, and be there for the picture on the Capitol steps.

The last comment I want to make concerns the Historian report page 9 of the November 2023 Road Noise. Gaida addresses a newsletter sent out by A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Southwest, Inc. The newsletter was dated January 4th, 1988. Please go back and take a look at that issue and look specifically at bullet point 5. Then let me know how you think we are doing.

Thanks for reading!

frank

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this on your calendar and let's make this the biggest Bikerday yet. Registration will be open until February 23rd.

Bus Schedule:

Detroit Lakes/Alexandria/St. Augusta:

4:30 amDepart Detroit Lakes
Holiday Inn Hwy 10

6:15 amDepart Alexandria
Holiday Inn on Hwy 29

6:55 amDepart St. Augusta
McDonalds off of I94.

Rochester/ Owatonna:

6:00amDepart Rochester
Wildwood Sports Bar (by Best Western)

7:00 amDepart Owatonna
Wal-Mart (southwest corner)

Cloquet/Rock Creek/Forest Lake:

5:55 amDepart Cloquet
SW corner of Walmart parking lot.

7:10 am Depart Rock Creek
Marathon Gas Station

7:50 amDepart Forest Lake
Forest Lake VFW

Mankato:

6:45 amDepart Mills Fleet Farm
South end of parking lot.

Granite Falls:

5:30 amDepart Granite Falls
Prairies Edge Casino

7:15 amDepart Glencoe
Bumps Family Restaurant

LEGISLATION

The following are bills that have been introduced. Please note we are watching them closely. With the upcoming session we are expecting crazy to come out of the Capitol.

- SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light.
- SF 2573/HF 2376 Motorcycle sales tax. Support
- HF2365/SF 2395 Motorcycle sales tax. Support

Gary Goracke

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



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

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

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

Fight for Your Right to Repair!!
Support HR 906

Help to Preserve Vehicle Choice!
Support HR1435

NID - Dale



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Are you looking for your one new member to sign up? It would be nice if we could each find one!

The numbers for this month are in. The State numbers are 1,264 singles and 1,382 couples total of 2646, we are at a +8. The Chapter numbers are Metro with the highest increase with a +6 members, 2nd highest South Central with +4, a four-way tie with a +3rd goes to Glacial Ridge, Northeast, Straight River, and North Star.

We **REALLY** need to work on finding new members! I do have a few chapters trying to work the expired lists, let's hope this works.

See ya down the road,

Shelly Deutsch



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

December 9th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
January 19th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 8:00 pm
February 17th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
March 16th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
April 19th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, 8:00 pm
May 18th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
June 15th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
July 19th B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm
August 17th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

First, I want to give a huge thank you to Randy, Donna, Shelly and all of the sub-committees for all of their hard work, time and dedication with running the Rally in the past. And thank you to the sub-committees who have stepped up to help with the Rally again this year. I have big shoes to fill and promise to do my best.

I cannot do it alone. I will be asking for all of your help. It takes a village to run A.B.A.T.E. and the same is true in order to run a successful Rally. So, I am asking all chapters to get involved. Help us plan the Rally, give us your input, pass along feedback to your Vice-President to bring to the Rally meetings. Help us to communicate Rally info to all your members throughout the year to encourage them to participate and attend the Rally.

The first thing you can do is help us design the 2024 Rally flyer. We are doing a contest this year for the picture design. All entries must be submitted before the December 9th Rally meeting to rally@abatemn.org. The winner will receive one free Rally weekend pass.

The purpose of the State Rally is for us to come together as a family, and celebrate our accomplishments from throughout the year, what we did to fight for our motorcycle rights, our freedom. This Rally is for you, all A.B.A.T.E. members. In 2023 we had 718 people come through the gate. In 2024 we need to do what we can to help spread the word and increase A.B.A.T.E. member attendance. I look forward to working with you and appreciate all your help with making our State Rally a successful one.

The Rally meeting schedule for the entire year is listed above, everyone is welcome. We will be communicating Rally info as well through the chapter Zoho email. Also, if you are on Facebook, follow our Facebook page for Rally info throughout the year.

Dougie Cohen



MARKETING DIRECTOR

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I am always talking to people about what I am passionate about. That is infectious. You get others excited about it, and then they want more information on why you are excited, and 'they might get involved!

There are winter events we could be promoting our chapters and the state. I live in a tiny town, and community education is always looking for people to teach classes (at least in my area). Teach about training and education for adults and youth! If you are interested in doing this and want ideas, ask your chapter, or email me.

Have you checked your chapter social media A.B.A.T.E. accounts to make sure you have at least 2 admins on there, (just a reminder).

Harmony:)

STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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MEMBERSHIP



The office has been pretty slow the past few weeks. I hope it speeds up again soon!

A reminder to the Chapter presidents ... your nomination packets will be mailed out around the 5th of December. If there have been any officer changes in your chapter, please let me know.

That's it for now.

Keep on keepin on!

Shelly





SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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As I'm writing this article, I finally heard from my doctor's team and my neck surgery will be Tuesday, November 14th. So, by the time you read this I should be healing and moving around better than I was this past summer. Hopefully I will be riding my bikes next riding season!

I talked to some of the Chapter Reps on Friday night of the B.O.D. I asked for a schedule of events from each of them and I'm trying to get to either a meeting or an event. With 4 of the 7 chapters having meetings on the same day it makes is kind of hard to get to them all.

If there are any ideas for bands for next year's rally, let me know so I can bring that info to Smoker and the Rally Committee. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. My info is in the Road Noise!

Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meetings:

December 9th, City Hall Bar & Grill,
Minneota, 1:00 pm (Christmas Party)
January 4th, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota,
6:00 pm

Greetings from southwest Minnesota!

Despite murky information coming from the State on Driver's Training, our local community services is plowing ahead with driver's education instruction! This means the Buffalo Ridge Chapter still has a presence in the classroom. I have been advised by the state that new information regarding training requirements will be

released in the future. When in the future, I don't know. You would think that if they took the time to pass a law, they would make sure all the processes would be accurately listed and in place, especially since they had a number of months before the law was implemented.

So, for now we carry on. I know of a number of people loading up their bikes and heading south for the winter. Safe travels to all. In my line of work, I am hoping for a better winter than last year, that's for sure!

Have a joyous holiday season!

– Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treasurer

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 6th, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
January 3rd, Niesen's Bar, Biscay, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 13th, Christmas Supper, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 6:00 pm

We completed our fall Ditch Clean Up on October 11th. Thank you to those who attended. We had a lot to clean up this year!

We would also like to thank all of our active members who have worked so hard volunteering their time and money at all of the events during 2023. We will be recognizing our active members at our December meeting.

Our annual Christmas supper will be held for South Central members on January 13th at the Litchfield Eagles Club at 6:00 pm. South Central members need to pre-register for the meal by contacting Ingrid Cohen at 763-516-7029 by January 1st. SC membership must be current in order to pre-register.

Can't believe the riding season is coming to a close. This is the hardest time of year, when I miss the vroom vroom already and

still have so many months to go!

Hope your Christmas and New Year's keeps you warm and safe,

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

December 2nd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
January 6th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 2nd, Santa Day, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
March 9th- Taco Bar Fundraiser

We are putting our final touches on our Santa Day on Dec 2nd. We are excited to be sharing

Young Riders with the kids. This event is free to the kids. We ended up getting about 60 and the most was 110. We have a few younger members in our chapter that are getting more involved, which is nice to see. They are sharing what we are doing and are going to invite other young people to our next meeting. We need to prove that we aren't old stuffy bikers who just gripe about the government in our meetings.

– Harmony :)

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

December 2nd, Dave's Town Club, Delano,
3:00 pm

January 6th, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm

February 3rd, Rockford Township Hall,
Rockford, 3:00 pm

March 2nd, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Now until February 23rd, Bikerday
preregistration

January 19th-20th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn Express,
Rogers

January 21st, Bowling for Kids, McPete's,
Big Lake, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

February 3rd, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford
Township Hall, 6:00 pm

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday
Inn, Alexandria

Thank you to everyone who came out to the
November meeting. Thank you to the Sons of
Silence for hosting our meeting.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser planning is
well underway for February 3rd at the
Rockford Township Hall. Advance tickets are
available as is the newly launched
sponsorship program. Look for the form in
the Road Noise or contact a chapter member
to sponsor. Sponsors get recognition as well
as free tickets to the event. The committee
has plans in motion to make this the best one
ever. So, make plans to be there and bring a
few friends! This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of
Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota,
the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and
Dial-A-Ride.

The Lake Chapter calendar is underway.
Photo submissions can be sent to Tammie
Black at tblack692010@hotmail.com.

Bowling for kids is scheduled for Sunday
January 21st, 2024. We are partnering with
Sand Dunes again and Central Chapter will
also be joining us this year. The online link is

on Facebook. Please share with family and
friends. Paper sponsorship forms were
handed out at the meeting. Reach out to
April if you need one. This is an event that is
very much appreciated by Big Brothers Big
Sisters so please participate either as a
bowler or cheering from the sidelines.

Member of the year nominations were made
and we look forward to voting next month.

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are available. Please
reach out to Scott Trout for those. Grand
prize this year is \$29,999.

The chapter will be partnering with the
Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly for our
Christmas gift donation. Donations can be
brought to our December meeting. Cash or
toys are accepted.

Bikerday registration is up and running until
February 23rd. Remember to preregister as it
is very important for organization on the
state level.

Grounded Hogs Sponsors:

Gold: Bitzer Garage Doors,
]Frederick Creek Sheet Metal,
Family Counseling Center,
Rosa & Jimmy (Gramps) Krietlow,
Mies Outland Watkins,
Jim Kosse and Cyndi Buttweiler

Silver: Old Homestead Café,
Buffalo Floral and Landscaping,
Gather
Bullseye Property Management and
Realty,
Minnesota Beer Company

Bronze: Kimmer & Notjo,
Dan Arne Family,
O'Hern Coach & Cartage,
Jeremy & Tammie Black

Thank you to all of our sponsors. Your
support is important and appreciated.

Until next month my friends- Ride Free
– April

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

December 23rd, VFW, Ortonville,
6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 23rd, Christmas Party, VFW.
Ortonville, 6:00 pm
January 19th-20th, B.O.D.

Greetings everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. It's hard to believe that it's that time of year already. With that said, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas. Cherish those moments with family and friends.

Thanks to all who helped in any way for our Hotdish Fundraiser. It went over very well again. Our rally duck has sure been getting around! It accompanied the Royalty Court on East Central's float in the Anoka parade..(made quite the impact at Uncle Dudes too!)...lol. It also accompanied the chapter at the Hotdish Feed too. Can you spot it in our pictures?

Stay warm, stay healthy,

– Gypsy Mama



SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

December, TBD, Will include Christmas Party,
Watch FB page for date/time
January 5th, Community Center, Rushmore,
7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December, Christmas Party, TBD, Watch
FB page for date/time

Ditch has been cleaned, and our group is busy getting ready for Winter. (Hate winter)

This article is a bit late, because I had a little crash of my own, and my right hand is pretty sore. But here it is!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Things are getting uglier in the world and everyone needs a gentle hand on their shoulder and a kind word.

– BAM



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

CHAD MARCHAND

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As I'm written this in early November I have yet to retire my bike for the season. I don't expect to be so fortunate by the time you read this. Between then and now I hope you've been able to get out and support the various events being hosted by A.B.A.T.E. chapters from around the state. We can't do much riding for the next few months and this is a great way to get through the winter months.

Bikerday is March 13th. Please, make your plans to attend and register online if you haven't done so already. Every member who attends amplifies our voices that much more. This is also a great way for your children to get involved. They can get an excused absence from school for taking part and are also able to ride the bus to the Capitol.

This is the time of year that many of us have meetings at work with charitable organizations such as United Way. For those who choose to donate, you have the ability to ask that your donations be directed to various charities including Dial A Ride.

Our January B.O.D. in Rogers is coming up quickly. If you have ever had interest in serving your organization on a state level this is your opportunity to put your hat in the ring and pursue your vision. The people who serve in these roles do great work and achieve awesome things. At the same time, we always need fresh perspectives and ideas to keep our organization strong. You will never know what you can achieve if you don't get out there and try.

Until next time, ride safe and stay warm.

Chad Marchand

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s)

December 17th, Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill,
Banning Junction, 1:00 pm

January 21st, Bears Den, Bruno, 1:00 pm

February 18th, Ryders Saloon,
Henriette, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 17th, Jack Pine Riders Annual
Christmas party, Buffalo Tracks Bar and
Grill, Banning Junction, to follow chapter
meeting.

Our December meeting will be followed by
the Annual Christmas Party. There will be food,

drinks, white elephants and more! All are
welcome.

The next roadside cleanup will be in May. The
last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to
all who helped out with this worthwhile
endeavor.

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

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

December 3rd, Rollies, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm
January 6th, Sal's, St. Joe, 4:00 pm (before the
Holiday Party)

February 4th, The Rusty Nail, S. Stephen,
12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 6th, Chapter Holiday party, Sal's, St.
Joe, 5:00 pm (after our Chapter meeting)
August 15th-17th, Biker Bash, Morrison County
Fairground, Little Falls
February 17th, Polar Plunge, Avon Beach,
12:00 pm

Thank you to Bearcrest in Albany for hosting
our November meeting. They even signed up
to be in the 2024 Passport book!

There has been some confusion on which
Facebook page is the right one for our
Chapter. Please make sure you are following
the "A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Central Chapter"
page. This site will have all of our events plus
events for other chapters too.

If you would like to join the Chapters Polar
Plunge please reach out to Travis Rolfes.
We are looking for sponsors for the Biker
Bash. If you know of a business that would
like to sponsor and you need one of the
sponsorship forms please reach out to one of
the committee members. They are: Joe "Bud"
Wiser, Julie Hoffarth, Ron Rolfes, Sherry
Rolfes, Angie Webb-Darwin, Ryan Janisch and
Steve Schwartz.

Hope everyone has a great holiday with
family and friends!

– JLH

NORTH EAST

Next Meeting (s)

December 6th, the Chalet, Hermantown,
6:30 pm
January 3rd, the Chalet, Hermantown,
6:30 pm

Hello all,

Snowing as I'm writing, where did the
summer go?

Not too much to report on this time around.

Local elections are finally over and I'm sure
happy about that. Tired of every other TV
commercial being about them. Several biker
friendly candidates were elected this go
around which bodes well for future relation-
ships locally. Now it's just a matter of keeping
in touch and reminding them who we are,
which goes for any chapter in the state for
that matter.

I can't believe Thanksgiving will be over in a
couple of weeks and our annual chapter
white elephant giveaway meeting is coming
up, just six weeks until Christmas from the
date I'm writing this.

That's about it, pretty slow right now.

– Merry Christmas, Ed

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

December 3rd, American Legion, St Francis,
11:00 am
January 7th, American Legion, St. Francis,
11:00 am

Upcoming event(s):

February 10th, Heart On fundraiser, American
Legion, St Francis , 1:00 - 5:00 pm
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University

We want to thank everyone who came out
and participated in the Anoka Halloween
parade. It was a big hit. A special thank you
to Queen LeAnn Ruby and King Josh Thell for
spending the cold Saturday with us. Also, a
huge thank you to the staging attendants that
came out. The Anoka Halloween parade
committee greatly appreciated our help.

Other than that, it's been a pretty quiet
month. Still looking for ideas of what kind of
classes people would like to take next year.
So far, the road guard class is the only one
we've heard. What classes would you like to
see? Your opinion counts...voice it.

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to
motorcycling

– Your VP Jim



The First Metro Chapter Fall Family Festival was a **RESOUNDING SUCCESS** and everyone agrees that it should become an annual event

TRICK OR TREAT

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 DATE: OCTOBER 22 2023
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Zimmerman-Livonia Fire Department

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s)

December 10th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
January 14th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 21st, Lake Chapter/Sand Dunes
Bowling for Kids, McPete's Sports Bar &
Lanes, Big Lake, 11:00-2:00 pm

As I type this it's early November and hunting season has started. So far, the weather is still favorable and I'm still out on the road and keeping my eyes open for deer. I'm not done riding yet!

In October Sand Dunes Chapter delivered Buddy Bears to the Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Department. We had a great turnout from our chapter. We were able to gather on the fire department's meeting night so most of the firefighters were there. They were so appreciative and they said it had been about 10 years since they received any bears. The captain stated that the bears made a big impact on children. We also toured the station house and event center which is relatively new.

We have a few different events in the planning process. At our November meeting we decided to push back our January post-holiday event. Finding an adequate place to host the event was difficult. We are now planning for late February or March. More information to follow.

The holidays are approaching and Thanksgiving is by far my favorite. I have so much to be thankful for and I hope you do as well. I'm particularly thankful for our freedom and that we live in the greatest nation in the world - so far.

For now, that's all folks. Dress warm and maybe we'll still be able to ride in December.

Take care. Stay safe. Peace out!

– Mike Olkives

UP NORTH

No Report Received



NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Merry Christmas!

We had just taken a day or two to give thanks for what and who we have in our lives. Let's now take a day or two to give thanks for why we are here. Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

The weather has turned colder, and the bikes are packed away for a long winters nap. As we go through the winter there are many ways to keep up the Fight for Motorcycle Rights.

- Contact YOUR Legislators.
- BIKERDAY at the CAPITOL!! March 13th, 2024.

In my eyes the MOST Important day for Motorcyclists to gather at the Capitol and speak with YOUR Politicians and work with them for a Better Minnesota!! Bring a Friend! Bring a Kid! This is excusable in school as an educational day. Registration is online at A.B.A.T.E.mn.org If YOU can't make it. PLEASE contact YOUR People and talk with them.

Chapter Grapevines are very Important to keeping those who don't have internet involved. If you are your chapters Grapevine person, PLEASE make time to at least get the next meetings in Road Noise.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota as a whole is losing members every day. WHY? PLEASE talk with expired members and new to be members and get them involved. Ask them to sign back up.

State and Chapter Nominations start in January. Is this the year YOU can Help keep these wheels rolling smoothly? There is a lot of great talent out there, YOU may be the one that can make it happen. Don't like the way things are run? New faces will change how things happen. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT.

Take time to Hug your Family. They won't be there forever.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Edgar

No Reports Received:

NORTH STAR

BORDERLAND

HEART OF THE LAKES

NORTHWEST

Upcoming Meeting (s)

December 2nd, Trail's End Bar in Trail, 3:00 pm

January 6nd, Deuce in Erskine, 3:00 pm

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Meeting (s)

December 9th, Eagles Club, Alexandria,
6:00 pm

Greetings FFR members,

We as a chapter are looking for help in planning our annual bike show. Please reach out to Patty and Derek on what help is needed. For too often 5% of the people do 95% of the work. Let's help turn this around or the show might not exist in the future.

Bike Show meetings will be also starting up soon. Hopefully I will have something to report on that next month.

We will be having our Christmas party following the chapter meeting. Please wear your ugly sweaters and come to visit us. A meal will be served, and it is always a great meal.

Please check out our Facebook page to see what is going on.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

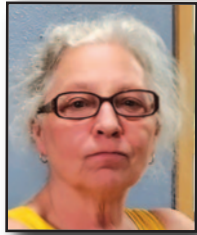


YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A BIKER TO ATTEND MOST BIKER EVENTS

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

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

Share this Important Notice with all of your friends



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Merry Christms everyone!

Wow, where has this year gone to? It has flown by so quickly! Looking for ideas for Christmas gifts? How about a membership for A.B.A.T.E. or the Young Riders? The cost is in most people's budget.

Nominations start next month for State and Chapter offices. If you do not care for the current officer's way of doing things, step up to the plate and accept a nomination. You get to meet so many new people and new ideas are always welcome (and it's a lot of fun!). We need to build our organization and get new people involved. The Young Riders Program is taking off like crazy, but it will be a few years before that generation will be able to step up and take over for us old timers.

Reminders:

Lots of Chapter fundraisers going on over the next few months. Get out and join the fun. We need to support each other in order to continue this great organization. Check out the Calendar of Events to see what is coming up.

March 13, 2024 - Bikerday at the Capitol - have you registered for the bus? Sign up soon, we need those buses filled. If you're bringing young people, they need to be registered also. This helps with setting up appointments for all of us to see our elected officials.

As always, I will be at your upcoming meetings soon.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

Donna

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meetings:

November 11th, Reggies, Owatonna,
1:00 pm

December 9th, Moose Lodge,
Faribault, 1:00pm

January 13th, Box Car, Waseca, 1:00pm

Hello everyone,

Nothing new here to talk about.

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

– Mike Smith Pres.

FLATLANDERS

No Report Received



Southeast LC delivered Buddy Bears to the Preston ambulance service on October 7th!

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meetings:

- December 17th, VFW, 2775 43rd St. NW,
Rochester, 11:00 am (Note New Location)
January 21st, VFW, 2775 43rd St. NW,
Rochester, 11:00am (Note New Location)
February 18th, VFW, 2775 43rd St. NW,
Rochester, 11:00am (Note New Location)

Upcoming Event(s):

- January 13th, Winder Fundraiser, Stewartville
Legion (more information to come - watch
Facebook for flyers)
January 19th - 20th, B.O.D. meeting, Rogers
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol, bus leaves
Rochester, 6:00 am

Greetings to all:

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. It's getting colder but so far no yucky white stuff. Last month the B.O.D. was held in Detroit Lakes in a beautiful hotel on the lake. Gorgeous scenery, especially as the fall colors were at their peak.

A huge reminder to all chapters - - BIKERDAY at the CAPITOL is March 13th. We need to fill the busses and make our presence known at the Capitol. Don't forget to go online and register so they know how many busses are needed and to make appointments for you to speak with a

legislator. You don't have to be an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota member to go, so bring your family members, friends, kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or even the neighbor kids. The bus leaves Rochester at 6:00am from the Wildwood Bar & Grill. Check out the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Facebook page for information on registering.

We have a lot of planning to do for upcoming events for the 2024 year, we would love to see a lot of members at the upcoming meetings to help with planning. We have moved to a new location for our monthly meetings as we were competing with the Sunday football games to the point the fans were in the same room as us. Hard to get anything discussed when you have fans cheering in the background.

Welcome to all new members and hope to see you at our monthly meetings and, as usual, Thank You to all who have renewed their memberships. Don't forget to come to the monthly meetings. We would really love your input.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

See you at the meetings.

– Terry

TRI COUNTY

Next Meetings:

December 7th, Cys Bar,
Chaska, 6:30 pm,
Christmas pizzas
and Carver Ride
committee
meeting, 7:00 pm
chapter meeting

January 4th, Cys Bar,
Chaska, Carver
Ride 2024 committee
meetings 6:30 pm
regular meeting
7:00 pm

February 1th, Cys Bar
Chaska, Carver Ride
2024 committee
meetings 6:30 pm
regular meeting
7:00 pm

March 7th, Cys Bar,
Chaska, Carver
Ride 2024
committee
meetings 6:30 pm,
regular meeting
7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 13th, Bikerday
May 4th, Carver Ride

Hey other chapters!!!! Have you increased your membership to receive a \$500 bonus from Tri County to use towards a biker riders training program?? What an easy way for your chapter to get \$500!!! The rush is on!!! Buy your buddies or family members a membership to A.B.A.T.E. for Christmas!!! Even though our chapter is exempt from this.... thank you to all our new members !!!!

Our chapter is planning on ordering some Buddy Bears to give to local fire departments, First Responders, Police, hospitals.... They are then given by these departments to little kids affected by bad experiences to help calm them down by giving them something to hold and cuddle with... from a car accident, fire, domestics.... Our chapter makes the Buddy Bear deliveries in person on our bikes to these organizations. If you have an organization in mind that you feel would benefit from having some Buddy Bears to hand out, please check with them and bring your ideas to the next meetings. Also coming up is Bikerday 2024 at the State



Tri County celebrates 1000 members on our Facebook page! Cake and fun had by all members present. Thank you to members Katie and Leiza for making this happen!

Capitol on March 13th! Our chapter donated \$2500 to help fund this event! Hope other chapters that can will do the same! Let's plan on wearing biker A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota apparel and make our presence and voices heard! Fight for your motorcycle rights! Lots of rules and regulations out there coming up involving your motorcycle that you might not like!!! Act now before these pass! You can sign up on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website to register online. Feel free to bring your buds, family, and young people! More info to come in the Road Noise regarding times, buses....

Hats off to all our TriCo Facebook followers!! Our chapter has reached 1000 members! Thanks to our members Katie and Leisa for getting this started! So much information and photos are shared on this page! Thanks Katie for the cake!!!

A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets are available! All cash prizes this year!!! Hoping to sell a total of 1000 tickets!!!

On behalf of all members present, we made a \$400 donation to MN PAC!

Happy Holidays Everyone!!!

– Peace out! Ger

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meetings:

December 10th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
January 14th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, January Thaw Dance, Eagles Club,
Mankato, 7:00 pm
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hi all!

Hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. Now it's time to move on to Christmas and New Year's celebrations and upcoming 2024 events.

For our chapter, we have been busy planning for our annual **JANUARY THAW FUNDRAISER AND DANCE PARTY!** Again, we will have our silent auction, grab bags, food, and a live band featuring ROOK! So mark your calendars for January 20th, 2024 at 7:00pm, located at the Eagles Club in Mankato.

Reminder that nominations for chapter officers will start in your January meeting. Start thinking of those you would like to see seated at that table. If you are thinking of running for a

certain position talk to others and let them know you are interested in being nominated.

DON'T FORGET: Bikerday at the Capitol has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, 2024. Make sure to take that day off to attend. Please register online at abatemn.org.

A.B.A.T.E. University is April 19th - 21st. To make reservations call (320)763-6577.

We welcome our new members, Kayla Wyman, Dale Martin and Jessica Alm, Nicole Baldus, Rae Lee, and Matt Tollefson and Tracy Polikowsky, and thank you to those who renewed their memberships. We are looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and events!

Make sure you are paying attention to your Road Noise and Facebook...there are plenty chapters during the off season that are having events we can support.

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas (gift idea, A.B.A.T.E. of MN membership and/or membership to the Young Riders Program) and a Happy Safe New Year!

– Lori, Sgt-at-Arms



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D. January 19th - 20th, 2024

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DO NOT contact the hotel.

At check-in, you will need to provide your credit card.

Unreserved rooms will be released to the public on Dec. 11th!

If you don't have a room reserved through us by then, you will be on your own to find a hotel room.

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

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WINTER BIKER PARTY



Saturday, February 3

For tickets or information, contact Rosa Kreitlow: 763-301-4489

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Chapter | Location | Time |
|----------|--|---|------------|
| 12/2/23 | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting | Heidi's Bar, Sedan | 6:00 PM |
| 12/2/23 | Glacial Ridge Santa Days | TBD | |
| 12/2/23 | Lake Chapter Meeting | Dave's Town Club, Delano | 3:00 PM |
| 12/2/23 | Northwest Chapter Meeting | Trail's End Bar, Trail | 3:00 PM |
| 12/3/23 | Central Chapter Meeting | Rollies, Sauk Rapids | 12:00 PM |
| 12/3/23 | East Central Chapter Meeting | American Legion, St. Francis | 11:00 AM |
| 12/6/23 | Northeast Chapter Meeting | The Chalet, Hermantown | 6:30 PM |
| 12/6/23 | South Central Chapter Meeting | Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield | 7:00 PM |
| 12/7/23 | Tri-County Chapter Meeting | Cy's Bar, Chaska | 7:00 PM |
| 12/9/23 | Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting | City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota | 1:00 PM |
| 12/9/23 | Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting | Eagles Clyub, Alexandria | 6:00 PM |
| 12/9/23 | Straight River Chapter Meeting | Muni, Medford | 1:00 PM |
| 12/10/23 | River Valley Chapter Meeting | Eagles Club, Mankato | 12:00 PM |
| 12/10/23 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting | The Buff, Big Lake | 5:00 PM |
| 12/11/23 | Education Committee Meeting | Via Zoom | 6:00 PM |
| 12/16/23 | Flatlanders Chapter Meeting | VFW, Alsen | 4:00 PM |
| 12/17/23 | Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party | Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction, Following Meeting | 2:00 PM |
| 12/17/23 | Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting | Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction | 1:00 PM |
| 12/17/23 | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting | Rochester VFW, Rochester | 11:00 AM |
| 12/23/23 | Way West Chapter Meeting | VFW, Ortonville (Christmas Party) | 6:00 PM |
| 1/3/24 | North East Chapter Meeting | The Chalet, Hermantown | 6:30 PM |
| 1/3/24 | South Central Chapter Meeting | Niesen's Bar, Biscay | 7:00 PM |
| 1/4/24 | Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting | City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota | 6:00 PM |
| 1/4/24 | Tri-County Chapter Meeting | Cys Bar, Chaska | 7:00 PM |
| 1/5/24 | Southwest Chapter Meeting | Rushmore Community Center | 5:00 PM |
| 1/6/24 | Central Chapter Meeting | Sal's, St. Joe before Holiday Party | TBD |
| 1/6/24 | Central Holiday Party | Sal's, St. Joe | 5-7:00 PM |
| 1/6/24 | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting | Heidi's Bar, Sedan | 6:00 PM |
| 1/6/24 | Lake Chapter Meeting | Choo Choo Bar, Loretto | 3:00 PM |
| 1/6/24 | Northwest Chapter Meeting | Deuce, Erskine | 3:00 PM |
| 1/7/24 | East Central Chapter Meeting | American Legion, St. Francis | 11:00 AM |
| 1/13/24 | Southeast LC Chapter Winter Fundraiser | Stewartville Legion, Stewartville | |
| 1/13/24 | Straight River Chapter Meeting | Boix Car, Waseca | 1:00 PM |
| 1/14/24 | River Valley Chapter Meeting | Eagles Club, Mankato | 12:00 PM |
| 1/14/24 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting | The Buff, Big Lake | 5:00 PM |
| 1/15/24 | Education Committee Meeting | Via Zoom | 6:00 PM |
| 1/18/24 | Motorcycle Safety Task Force Meeting | St. Paul College (Micosoft Teams) | 5-7:00 PM |
| 1/19/24 | BOD | Holiday Inn Express, Rogers | |
| 1/20/24 | BOD | Holiday Inn Express, Rogers | |
| 1/20/24 | River Valley January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser | Eagles Club, Mankato | 7:00 PM |
| 1/21/24 | Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting | Bears Den, Bruno | 1:00 PM |
| 1/21/24 | Lake Chapter Bowling for Kids | McPete's Bowling, Big Lake | 11-2:00 PM |
| 1/21/24 | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting | Rochester VFW, Rochester | 11:00 AM |
| 2/1/24 | Tri-County Chapter Meeting | Cys Bar, Chaska | 7:00 PM |
| 2/3/24 | Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs | Rockford Township Hall, Rockford | 6:00 PM |
| 2/4/24 | Central Chapter Meeting | The Rusty Nail, St. Stephen | 4:00 PM |
| 2/10/24 | East Central Heart On Fundraiser | American Legion, St. Francis | 1-5:00 pm |
| 2/17/24 | Polar Plunge | Avon Beach | 12:00 PM |
| 2/18/24 | Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting | Ryders Saloon, Henriette | 1:00 PM |
| 2/18/24 | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting | Rochester VFW, Rochester | 11:00 AM |

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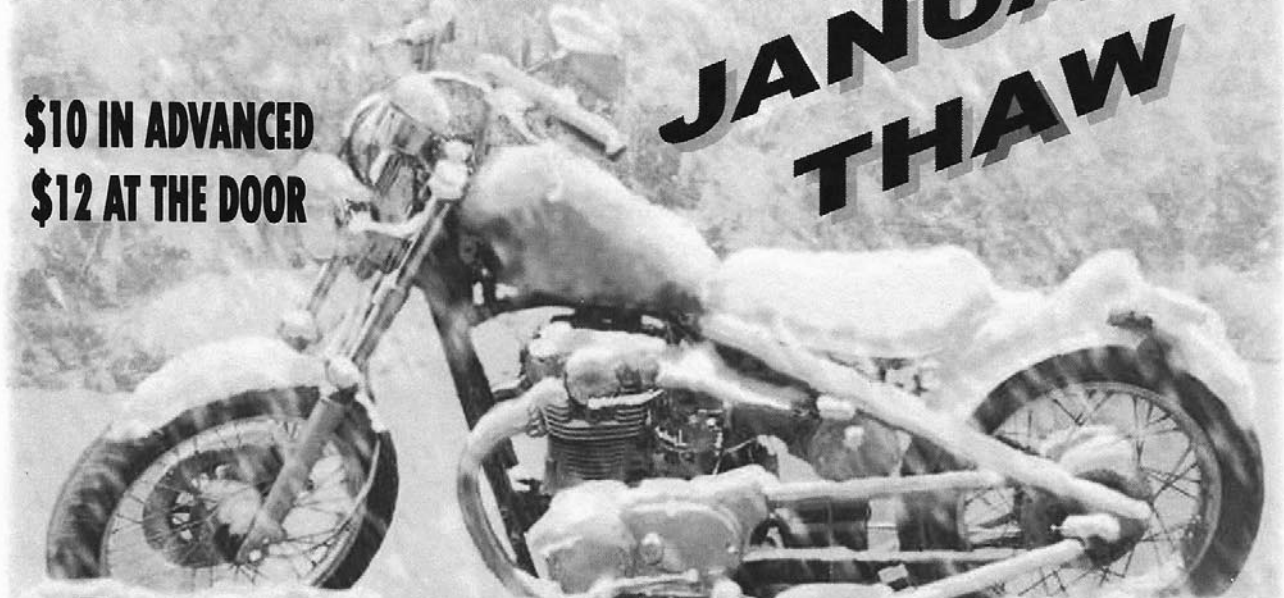


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All entry forms and fees for next year must be mailed in by February 16th, 2024 to the address on the form.

Thank you for participating in this successful A.B.A.T.E. fundraiser!

Passport Run Committee

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See Entry Form on Page 36.

NEW & RENEWALS FOR OCTOBER 2023

BUFFALO RIDGE

Mike HodgesR

CENTRAL

Jesse Hlebain/
Laura EvensonR

EAST CENTRAL

Russ Zirkle/Kim Lennox .R
Don HansonR

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A.B.A.T.E. Passport Fun Run 2024 Entry Form

Dear business owner or manager,

2024 Entry Form

Hello, my name is Jon Smith and I'm a member of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Passport Run Committee. We are in the process of creating the 7th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st – Nov 1st, 2024. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed as a sponsor of this event, as a stop inside a book, or both. As a passport run stop the people will come in with their passport and want you to sign and date the book. They must make a purchase first, which means more business for you! Sponsors will be listed in the front of the book, advertised on Facebook, and in our Road Noise publication. The fees help cover the cost of printing, ads, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event, please include those with your entry form fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold through thousands of ABATE members to anyone across Minnesota! Recognition will be given to the business that receives the most stops!!

If you have any questions, you can either email or call me at 612-708-9328, Heritagesofttail60@yahoo.com. If you're interested in participating in the Passport Run, please fill out your information below:

Name of business _____

Street address _____

City _____ County _____

State & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Hours _____

Specials/discounts for Passport Customers to list in the book:

Sponsorship Fee \$25 _____ Passport Stop Fee \$25 _____ Both \$50 _____

*****PASSPORT STOPS ONLY MUST HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS TO STOP AT AND OPEN ALL SUMMER LONG*****

Send check or money order payable to A.B.A.T.E. or cash to the address below **before Feb 16th, 2024**.

Ingrid Cohen

ABATE Passport Committee
407 N Hubbard Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355

If you would like to sign up for multiple years, please indicate that here:

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(Applicants 18 years of age and older)
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