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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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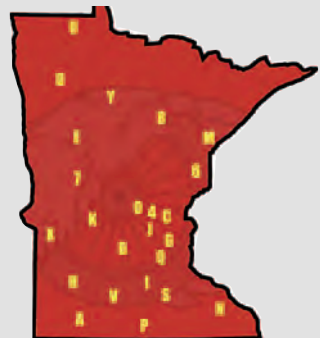
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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Happy New Year!

January brings:

- BIKERDAY
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- A.B.A.T.E. OFFICER ELECTIONS

What are your plans for 2025? Is this the year that we will grow our membership by leaps and bounds?

Do you know how many committees we have, and what they accomplish throughout the year?

Have you participated in your chapter meetings, or any state committees?

Is this your year to discover something new? Will you participate in A.B.A.T.E. of MN and discover everything we can accomplish when we work together? We're looking for people. Help is needed at every level of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

Just remember, we are a Motorcycle Rights Organization. Our primary goal is to protect our freedom of the road.

How much do you know about our legislative process? Can you track a bill? Do you communicate with your legislator? Do you know what committee your legislator sits on? These are very important things that we should all know.

Let's make 2025 a year to remember. It's time to get involved!

See you at Bikerday and the January B.O.D.!

Jane



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I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year's, and I hope 2024 was good to you, but if not, I hope 2025 will be better.

Once again, it's January and time for nominations in your chapter and on a state level. If you've never ran for an office, like I always say, give it a try.

I know in our chapter, it sounds like we're going to have a few changes in officers. The officers that are stepping down and have done a great job have their plate full with other duties in the organization. It's always nice to have members step up and fill in when needed and it's always great to have a few new faces and a new way of looking at things. Even at my age, change is good. And don't forget, if you would like to step up on a state level, now is the time to run for election.

And even if there is somebody in that position, it's an election, and it's always fun to have a little competition.

And let's not forget we just got done with an election, and have you sent your representative a congratulations? Maybe let them know you'll see them at Bikerday? It never hurts to drop them a line.

Till next time,

Jim



Letter to the Editor:

Reading about the passing of Carl Eide brought back a wave of early motorcycling memories. My junior high school was within easy walking distance of several cool motorcycle and snowmobile shops. There was Elmer Olson's snowmobile and boat dealership. Neat stuff, but not my thing. The legendary Sport Wheels owned by Denny Kannenberg was just down the road. He had all the exotic European moto-cross bikes in stock. Race ready right off the showroom floor.

While only 13 years old, I had been riding off road since I got my first mini-bike. My friends and I were dreaming of the day we were old enough to ride on the street. And right across the highway from our school was an honest to goodness motorcycle sales and service business run by bikers called Eide's. It was at 36th and Woodale, but driving by today it would be hard to imagine that this area once had a motorcycle shop that had old bikes, newer bikes, full-on drag racing bikes, and even Harley Davidson snowmobiles. My friends and I would hustle over there after school and just walk around looking at all the bikes and tell each other what we were going to do once we could buy a street motorcycle (the money would come from

somewhere right?). Carl never kicked us out, maybe he saw we had the motorcycle bug. If we didn't get in the way, he did not care and would answer all our stupid questions. I asked my older brother, who has had multiple bikes over the years his thoughts: "They really knew how to work on Harleys and always willing to help".

Carl was also an early advocate of what we now call motorcycle rights. In the mid-1970s, Minnesota was ready to pass "No-Fault" insurance. This proposal was touted to save car drivers money by negating the need for legal fights. But including motorcyclists in this scheme would raise the price of motorcycle insurance by triple digits. Carl was an early activist. I recall walking into Eide's shop to a great big easel with the words "One Dollar per CC -Tell Your Legislators No!" Carl and his friends had estimated the cost of motorcycle no-fault insurance to be \$1 per cc. For a Harley rider \$1200 per year was huge back then.

Today we are facing the constant introduction of motorcycle insurance bills that will lead us down the path of what Carl warned us about: no fault insurance laws for motorcyclists. As they say, the past is prologue.

I am fortunate to have known so many quality people in my youth, my adulthood, and now when I am older. Hope we all carry on the motorcycling freedoms that Carl and others instilled in me.

Hope to see you at Bikerday 2025 January 30th in St Paul.

Mack



WRITE TO RIDE

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We will be starting the new Minnesota legislative session on January 14th, 2025. Have you reached out to your re-elected or newly elected Minnesota House of Representatives member. Have you introduced yourself, congratulated them on their victory and thanked them for being willing to serve. Now is the time to start building a positive relationship. You will have another chance to communicate with your Representatives and Senators at Bikerday at the Capitol, will you be

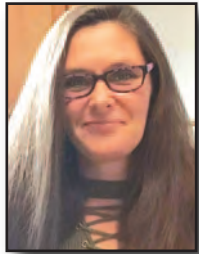
there?

As you are aware any Minnesota Legislative bills that were not successfully passed last year are no longer in play. Anything we wish to get done will need to be reintroduced from this point forwards. At this time, we do not know what will be introduced, favorable or not so we need to keep a close eye on everything that goes on. If you hear of something we should know about please take a minute and verify that what you heard is true and if it is please pass it on.

That's all for now but be ready to write when things start happening. Thanks for all you do.

Think rider safety.

Frank



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Happy New Year!

This month, I wanted to reflect on our acronym, A.B.A.T.E., as it is used for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

State Coordinators Comments

(A portion of meeting notes from the first State meeting of A.B.A.T.E. of MN held at the Kandyohi Entertainment Center in Willmar on March 5, 1988)
Written by Rick Lewis:

"There are many meanings to the acronym A.B.A.T.E., the board chose from these three possibilities:

1. A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments
2. American Bikers Aimed Toward Education
3. American Bikers for Awareness Training & Education

Although #1 was the original meaning, and we believe it can still be used when talking to other motorcyclists, those of us who have to deal with the public and elected officials believe meaning #3 to be a lot easier to sell. The board has decided to let members use the name they prefer but official use will be the new meaning, #3."

A little extra note I would like to add from this first State meeting, from the same notes and author:

"The ratified bylaws provide for officer nominations to be made in January and elections at March meetings. This means that all chapters should have elections for officers to serve from that election date to March of next year."

That being said, I encourage everyone to consider running for an officer position. You may be new to it, but there is always someone willing to help guide you, and you will learn so much on the hows and whys. Good luck to everyone who is nominated!!!

And let's all have a safe, productive, fulfilling and Happy New Year!

— Gaida Gator Trout



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January 8th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

February 5th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

**A.B.A.T.E University, April 25th - 27th,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, (320) 763-6577**

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! The committee is still hard at work putting the classes and schedule together.

RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN!

PLEASE ONLY CALL THE PHONE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE FOR THE ROOM RESERVATIONS.

If you are planning to go to the January B.O.D., we will be trying out a new game that will be presented at A.B.A.T.E U for the first time! Set up teams of 3!

BANQUET: We will have the choice of 3 meals; Pasta Primavera, Old Fashioned Pot Roast, or Northwoods Chicken The cost is \$30, this does also include tax and gratuity. Please reach out to Tim Jensen at jensen.t@outlook.com and let him know meal choice, how many, and attendee names.

A.B.A.T.E U Shirts 2025: T-shirts, long sleeves, and sweatshirts to be printed on site this year. Size, style, and color subject to availability. Pricing is as follows: T-shirts \$25, Long sleeves \$30, Sweatshirts \$35, Zip-up Hoodies \$45, and Hockey Hoodies \$55.

Do not forget to start getting those old A.B.A.T.E. shirts together for the staff and get them to Kari. Start getting your Auction Items together.

We need your help to get some information for our History of A.B.A.T.E. presentation. If anyone has any fun facts, fun stories, or anything else from any chapter events, chapter outings, group outings, or anything else that could be fun or interesting that we could put in the presentation.

If you have questions about anything please reach out to me at (763) 443-4732 or by email at abateu@abatemn.org

Thank You, Stephanie



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It's been pretty quiet in the Office..... Remember, if you want to vote by absentee ballot please E-MAIL the State Office before February 10th to request it. Your name and chapter is needed, you can not ask for someone else. After you get your ballot, please send back to the STATE OFFICE not your Chapter ASAP. If you request a ballot, please use it. It is time sensitive, sometimes I have to wait until the last minute to send the Chapter packet waiting for the mail in ballots.

The State Office will be closed from January 24th through February 9th.

Keep on Keepin on...

— Shelly

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Hey All, Happy new opportunity to do more than last year!! Learn more than last year and of course, enjoy more than last year.

Opportunities are everywhere especially our State Capitol (Bikerday 1/30/2025) . Wisconsin Lobby Day is 2/13/25 and all the other Heartland S.T.E.A.M. states have similar events, so, please pick more than one "lobby day" and help secure our right to make effective "consumer choices " with what powers our motorcycles, vehicles and other implements of land and yard maintenance!!!

— Dale



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Happy New Year! As you start planning for this years fundraisers, remember to always state on your flyers, "Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible". Hope to see lots of you in Crookston for the B.O.D.

— Mitch



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Next Meeting(s):

January, B.O.D., Crookston Inn, Crookston
February, TBD

Dial-A-Ride is going to be working on some educational items such as proper tie down motorcycles on trailers.

Marijuana has been legalized, DAR will be watching laws surrounding use while Driving or Riding your motorcycle, the risks involved in safe operation of your vehicle on our streets and highways.

DAR also wants to be sure our state is well covered for safe pick-ups, we have 4 trailers that need a home, and ready to be used. Our mission this winter is to visit all chapters and establish one person from each chapter that will be a part of Dial-A-Ride, responsible for reporting what your chapter has done for interventions and materials distributed in your area, on a monthly basis.

It is a brand-new Year, wishing you all a very prosperous year, here is hoping we can stick to those New Years resolutions.

Do not forget Bikerday at the capital on January 30th.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Polman secretary

— Sharon Polman



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Next Meeting(s)

January 16th, via Microsoft Teams,
5:00-7:00 pm

The last task force meeting was held on November 21st at Saint Paul College. A discussion was had about the lack of minutes being taken at the last meeting, which resulted in a member volunteering to take the minutes for the current meeting. We were also informed by the head of the task force that the duty might be returning to our Public Information Officer (PIO). He was out traveling during the meeting and was not present that evening. I truly hope this issue gets resolved, but we will wait to see what happens at the January meeting. From there we went right into a discussion about the lane splitting public service awareness (PSA) campaign. As of that time we were informed it was sitting in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Attorney's Office to determine the legality of what they can educate the public on regarding lane splitting. Therefore, the content of a PSA campaign has not yet been established. A member who is also a rider coach brought up the thought of the task force giving input about lane splitting content for rider training courses in the state. A sub-committee was formed to bring ideas back to the task force for review.

Next we had a brief overview of the 2024 rider training program statistics. The director of the college program wasn't in attendance, but he had emailed the information out to the members prior to the meeting. I would expect we will get an overview at the next meeting. One statistic caught my eye. The overall participation numbers of the under 18 demographic has spiked in the last two years. Perhaps there is a correlation between that and the fact that the Young Riders Scholarship program started two years ago?

Food for thought. Another piece of information that isn't new is that there is a serious shortage of rider coaches. There is more demand for rider training than there are coaches to train these courses. If you are interested or just curious about being a rider coach, please contact me and I will give you all the information I have.

For those have you that might have noticed, there was a motorcycle simulator in the products building at the State Rally this year. It is owned by the Motorcycle Safety Center and it was also at A.B.A.T.E. University some years back. The head of the task force is interested in purchasing an updated model. A motion was made at the September meeting. During the discussion, a member was concerned about the blanket motion essentially approving the head of the task force to move ahead without an expenditure proposal. That motion was then rescinded and a new motion was made and passed for the head of the task force to bring back to the members a proposal with quotes and funding sources. Fast-forward to the current meeting. Jay asked for another motion to move forward with approval without bringing back a proposal. Another motion was passed that was essentially the same, for him to bring back a proposal to the task force members. I'm not entirely sure what this was about. Perhaps because there were no minutes or record of the September meeting?

Lastly, we discussed the update to the Motorcycle Safety Center (DPS) website. The PIO had emailed a link to the new website prior to the meeting for review. A member had noticed some link problems that were communicated, then subsequently fixed. More opinions were shared and that was wrapped up.

I can share more in the next issue, but that is all I've got for this month. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

—Jon Fernholz



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s)

January 17th, B.O.D. Crookston Inn, Crookston,
8:00 pm

February 15th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

March 15th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

April 25th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,
8:00 pm

May 17th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

The Rally Sponsorship form is now available. See a copy in this month's Road Noise and on the state website at abatemn.org. Please help us get Rally sponsorships. The sooner a business signs up, the longer time they will receive advertising in all our publications throughout the new year.

Reminder, we are holding a contest for the picture design of the 2025 Rally flyer, and a contest for the picture design of the 2025 Rally t-shirt. The winner will receive a free 2025 Rally ticket. Please submit your ideas by Wednesday January 15th to rally@abatemn.org. We will be reviewing them and deciding at the January B.O.D. Rally meeting on Friday January 17th.

We would love your input about making your Rally as successful as possible. A lot of details go into planning the Rally, and we work on these details throughout the year, as some decisions are time sensitive. Please consider attending a Rally meeting to voice your suggestions. Your ideas can also be emailed to rally@abatemn.org

There are always plenty of volunteer opportunities within the Rally committee, so come to a meeting to find out how you can become more involved. Your help is always appreciated! So far, we are looking for someone to chair the Hayrides subcommittee, and a second person to help run the Registration subcommittee. If you are interested or have questions about these positions, please contact Ingrid at (763) 516-7029.

Hope your Thanksgiving turkey was warm, and your Christmas was bright.

Happy New Year!

— Dougie Cohen



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Happy New Year fellow bikers. Not much to report this month. I hope to see a lot of you at the B.O.D. in Crookston later this month. I will not be able to attend Bikerday this year, but I will be writing letters expressing my thoughts on our rights to my legislators.

I am looking into some new products for A.B.A.T.E. University and hope you will be pleased with what Products has to offer. As always if you need products for your chapter, want products at your chapters event or have ideas, please email me and I will do what I can.

Have a blessed year,

— Kari



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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No Report Received



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No Report this month. See you at the B.O.D.!



MRF REPORT

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No Report Received



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The new year is here! The memberships are still going down. December 2nd numbers show -7 from last month. We have 1,195 singles and 1,150 couples. I just do not know what else we can do to get them up. Time for someone else to figure it out. After the January B.O.D. I will no longer be the Membership and Retention chair.

So, you will have to contact the new chair for trifolds and tear-offs.

But, please, please, please contact the State Office about any questions about your membership or to renew. We have helped all the Chapters with the tools to renew expired memberships and to gather new ones, let us start using them and not just think it will fix itself.

See ya down the road

— Shelly



EDUCATION

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Next Meeting(s):

January, TBD

Hello fellow freedom fighters, I have some exciting news to share. The Young Riders Scholarship program for the 2025 rider training season is off and running. Friday, December 6th was the day that colleges across the state posted their rider training course schedules, and I registered our first scholarship recipient that same morning. If you know of a person under 21 years of age that wants to take a course this year, please encourage them to take advantage of the scholarship program. The sooner they apply, the better. Last year we had \$25,500 to work with, and we used that up by mid-April. We currently have approximately \$23,000 to work with for 2025. Keep in mind there may be more funds added to this, but it is better to apply early. As I write this report in early December, not all of the colleges have posted schedules yet. If the location desired does not have courses available yet, keep checking.

If your chapter wants to contract a course for 2025, now would be a suitable time to reach out to the college you want to take the course at. As usual, rider coaches are limited, and it takes time for the colleges to find two coaches to commit to a contracted course. On that same note, consider using district rider training funds.

I have already submitted a budget proposal to our State Treasurer for 2025 that includes the same amount as last year. Pending budget approval, there will be \$600 budgeted for each district to decide how to spend on rider training. If you are interested, you should be having a conversation with your District Director. As long as the budget remains the same, there will only be one change to the process this year. When submitting a receipt to the Education Chair (currently me), you will also need to submit either district meeting minutes or chapter meeting minutes documenting passage of a motion that the rider training course be funded with District Rider Training funds. This is simply a safeguard so that the Education Chair does not sign off on an expenditure without a paper trail.

As some of you already know, Darryl Holman is moving on from his A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota duties along with some other ones to enjoy his retirement. I would like to take a moment to personally thank him for all he has done with our Share the Road program and everything else he has done for our organization. Thank you, Darryl.

That is all I have for this month, catch you on the flip side!

"An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't."

-Anatole France

— Jon Fernholz

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

This is the last Legislative Team report in Road Noise before the January 30th, 2025, Bikerday at the Capitol. If you have not registered to attend Bikerday yet please do so now.

Simply click on the QR code provided in this issue (see code right) or go to >abatemn.org, >Legislation drop down, >2025 Bikerday at the Capitol, >Bikerday registration.



We need people to be there, we need to show legislators we care about motorcycle issues. Please invite friends, family, children, neighbors, anyone that cares about our issues and the governments influence on our issues and lifestyle. If you have a connection with other groups that A.B.A.T.E. has not reached, please inform and invite them to Bikerday. This is not only a day to get a lot of work done, it is also an enjoyable social event, getting together with likeminded people from across Minnesota.

Let's fill the Rotunda. Make plans to attend, register, show up and if you are registered and something unexpected comes up and you can't get there, please contact us we will cover for you.

The Legislative Team will be working on topics of focus and preparing talking points for the upcoming Bikerday and Legislative session. Some of the things I have heard people are concerned with include. No change to motorcycle helmet law, Equitable Sales Tax on older motorcycles. Restrict the amount of alcohol allowed or required in fuel and prominently disclose/display the amount contained. Address legislation to protect motorcyclists from being profiled and targeted by law enforcement. Revisit 604.12 = access, recovery so victims will be compensated for reasonable attorney fees and of course "Right to Repair" These are just

a few of the topics I have heard people talk about, are there others? If you have topics that you feel should be addressed, please send your concerns to the Legislative Team at Legislative@abatemn.org. We will report more on this at the January Board of Directors meeting.

In 2024 Tri-County chapter introduced a new traveling award for participation at Bikerday. Awards were presented for "Member who traveled greatest distance from home" and chapter with "Greatest % of members registered and in attendance". These awards will be continued this year, can you or your chapter be the recipients?

Thanks for all you do, see you at Bikerday!

What will you do to improve your riding skills in 2025?

Submitted on behalf of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Legislative Team

— *frank*



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

January 17th, B.O.D., Crookston Inn, Crookston, 6:00 pm

— *Dan*



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next meeting(s):

January 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm
Happy New Year!

— *Kristy*



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Next Meeting(s):

January 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

February 9th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

Happy New Year!

This month is packed with things to keep you busy during the colder weather ahead, check out the Calendar of Events for places and times.

The Road Noise Committee needs to update the reminder list for the articles in the Road Noise, there are many people that no longer write the reports. So, we would like each chapter's grapevine and report writer's names and emails. If there is more than one in a committee that writes or submits reports and pictures regularly add them and please send them to roadnoise@abatemn.org in subject line refer to "Reminder list for articles".

— Tammy



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Another year come and gone, We need to pray that 2025 is going to be the year we are hopeful for. I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

What a way to celebrate Christmas, feels like the US was given a gift.

Time to turn in Buddy Bear orders for 2025 at January B.O.D. if not already sent, I have already received several orders. Thank you all. My reminder I set up in Zoho for inventory reminders, I discovered was not working properly, redid the reminder so you should be receiving reminders on the 26th of each month. If you have zero bears you will still receive a reminder but, no need to respond once all of your bears are delivered and you have sent a report that says you have zero bears. Looking forward to seeing all of you at January B.O.D. in Crookston and Bikerday in the capitol.

Wishing you all a wonderful year.

— Sharon

BIKE OF THE MONTH



**1964
900cc
Sportster
in a
1974
frame.**

Edgar Burke
Heart of the Lakes Chapter
*Very fun
bike to ride!*

Veteran of the Month

Mark Ugland Southeast LC Chapter

Mark was an Infantryman in the United States Army for four years. He also served time in the Minnesota National Guard. He is a member of the Southeast LC, He was also a Member of the Minnesota POW/MIA Riders

Mark Passed away on Thanksgiving day. See the details:



Mark was at deer camp getting ready to make breakfast. As he was igniting the stove, the gases exploded, burning over 80% of his body. He was able to call 911, and was transported from the woods near Siren, WI to the ER in Duluth, which is not equipped with a burn unit. He was transported via ambulance to HCMC in Minneapolis. To tolerate this 3 hour ride, he was sedated and intubated. Mark is now at HCMC, where the burn center team is evaluating his injuries. As stated earlier, 80% of his body has at least 1st degree burns, with mostly deep 2nd degree burns and potentially some 3rd degree burns, as well. As you can imagine, Mark is in a terrible situation. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Scott (Padre) Eggert

President - POW/MIA Riders Association

"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday January 18, 2025 9:00 AM
Crookston Inn & Convention Center, Crookston MN

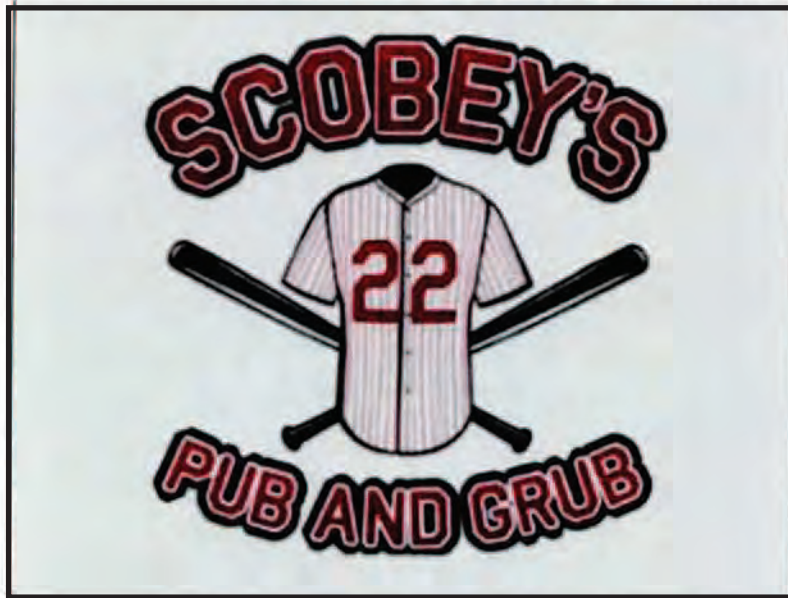
Opening	9:00 AM Call to order	Jane Doyle
	Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome	Edgar Burke
	Invocation	Edgar Burke
	Roll call	Michele Legried
	Agenda approval / changes	Jane Doyle
	Secretary Report - October 2024	Michele Legried
	Treasurer's Report	Michelle Backlund
Legislative Reports	Legislative Team	Team Member
	Motorcycle PAC of MN	Mark Senn
	NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	Dale Peterson
	MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	MRF Rep
	Write to Ride	Frank Ernst
Committee Reports (Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)	A.B.A.T.E. University	Stephanie Christensen
	Education	Jon Fernholz
	Young Riders Program	Harmony Lillie
	Gambling	Dan Matzdorff
	Buddy Bear Program	Sharon Polman
	Historian	Gaida Trout
	Marketing	Harmony Lillie
	Membership & Member Retention	April Murch
	Passport Run	Jon Smith
	Products	Kari Duncan
	Publications	Tammy Winkels
	State Rally	Dougie Cohen
	Ways and Means	Kristy Luhman
Other Reports	State Office	Shelly Deutsch
	MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)	John Nelson
	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force	Jon Fernholz
	MN Motorcycle Club Coalition & Confederation of Clubs of MN	Dale Peterson and Jane Doyle
Old Business	Bikerday 2024	
	Heartland STEAM 2026	
New Business	2025 Proposed Budget (April 2025 through March 2026)	
	By-Law Proposals	
	State Officer Nominations	
Officer Reports	Treasurer	Michelle Backlund
	Secretary	Michele Legried
	Northwest District Director	Edgar Burke
	Northeast District Director	Chad Marchand
	Southeast District Director	Mike Burgess
	Southwest District Director	Shelly Deutsch
	Assistant State Coordinator	Jim Orn
	Trustee	Mack Backlund
	State Coordinator	Jane Doyle
ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT		

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

JANUARY 2025 B.O.D. MEETING IN CROOKSTON, MN

JANUARY 17TH – 18TH

WELCOME PARTY FRIDAY EVENING FROM 7-11PM IN:



LOCATED AT THE HOTEL – WELCOME TO ORDER OFF THE MENU

THE ACOUST HICKS BAND WILL PLAY FROM 7-11PM

CROOKSTON INN

& Convention Center

2200 UNIVERSITY AVE

CROOKSTON, MN 56716

CALL: 218-470-1000 FOR THE A.B.A.T.E. ROOM RATE: \$103

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LIGHT SNACKS – COFFEE AND WATER

WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE FIRST MEETING BREAK



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Winter is in full swing and feels like it will never end, but the end is in sight. You can help pass the time by helping your chapter succeed. Nothing we do is done without members stepping up and championing new ideas, events, and other activities that grow our organization. In just a few weeks we will be participating in our annual Bikerday at the Capitol on January 30th. If you have never attended, you're missing out and selling yourself short. If you have attended in the past, I hope to see you again. Know who your lawmakers are and where they stand on the issues that matter to you. Thank them for those areas they've helped us in and don't be afraid to ask for their support where it may be lacking. As always, whether it's your first time or your 19th, please bring a friend. I think Mack has said it best. "If you plan to show up, sign up. If you sign up, show up."

We are currently in our annual A.B.A.T.E. election process with many chapters already completing their first round of nominations. If you feel you have skills and talents that set you up to be a good candidate and an asset to your chapter, please throw your hat in the ring. Please remember, these roles are about responsibility and obligation. They are not about authority and privilege. Every officer from our Coordinator, down to the Chapter Sergeants are members just like you. They all took that plunge and the initiative to do something for their chapter or organization. Sometimes they succeed and we should thank them for their efforts. Observe what did and didn't work and build on it. Sometimes things don't work out as planned. We should still be thankful for the effort. This organization does not exist without members like you and I. Just keep working together and with a little luck and a lot of effort we will be able to enjoy these freedoms we work so hard to preserve. Thank you and ride safe.

Chad Marchand

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

January 5th, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am
February 2nd, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am
March 2nd, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s)

January 17th-18th, B.O.D. meeting, Crookston
Event Center
January 26th, BBBS Bowling, Huikkos Bowling
& Entertainment Center
January 30th, Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol
February 1st, Lake Chapter's Grounded Hogs Party,
Rockford Town Hall
February 8th, Heart-On Fundraiser, American Legion,
St. Francis

Happy New Year All!

I hope everyone had a terrific holiday and Santa got you the new bike. It was good to see everyone that came out to the Christmas Party on December 7th and Thank You Bob and Toni for hosting. So long to

our snowbirds... see you in the spring.

The upcoming months are busy, folks. Coming very soon is the B.O.D. in Crookston. After that we have the Lake Chapter's Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling for Kids at Huikkos Bowling Center on January 26th. Next, and MOST important comes Bikerday on the 30th, so make sure you get signed up before January 15th. Bikerday is truly what we're all here for folks. There's a lot of effort that goes into setting up these meetings with our law makers. Bring your kids or grandkids along to show them personally how our government works. We brought our 12 year old granddaughter last year and she still talks about it.

With winter upon us comes the warmth and fellowship of the fundraiser season. Lake chapter's Grounded Hogs party and East Centrals Heart-On are coming up in February and we would love to see you as usual. More to follow. Stay tuned.

Y'all have a safe and Happy New Year. Til next time.

– Shiny Side Up, President Jim

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

January 4th, Sal's, St. Joseph,
5:00 pm - Followed by Holiday
Party at 6:00 pm
February 2nd, Hayloft, St. Augusta,
2:00pm (Different time and
place then stated before)
March 2nd, East Side VFW, St.
Cloud, 12:30pm (Voting
meeting)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 4th, Holiday Party, Sal's,
St. Joseph, 6:00 pm
May 31st, 2nd Annual Ride for
Terebinth, Sal's, St. Joseph, 9:30 am

A special thank you to Triple R,
Kimball, for hosting our December
meeting.

A group of Central Chapter
members were able to attend the
South Central Toys for Kids event. It
was a lot of fun and we had a great
turn out. Thank you South Central
for a fun time.

Central Chapter had a float in the
Candy Cane Parade on December
7th, in Rockville, for the second year.
We appreciated being asked back.
Lots of fun decorating and getting
to throw candy.

The Central Chapter Holiday party
will be on January 4th at Sal's in St.
Joseph, right after the January
meeting. Come join us for a fun
time, good food, games and just
celebrate all we accomplished this
year as a chapter. Please RSVP by
December 20th on the Central
Chapter Facebook page event and
for event information.

Nominations for officer positions
will be taking place during January
and February meetings. Voting will
be at March meeting. If you will not
be able to make it to the March
meeting for voting you can do an
absentee ballot. You must request
it from Shelly D by February 10th.

It's with great sadness that Central
Chapter lost 2 previous members:
Lee Basswood and Chris Connon.
Both were a big part of the Chapter
and the life of the party. They both
will be gravely missed.

– Until next month, Ling & Cowboy

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



NORTHEAST

No Report Received

SAND DUNES

No Report Received

UP NORTH

No Report Received

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

January 19th,
Ryders Saloon,
Henriette,
1:00 pm
February 16th, End
Zone, Rutledge,
1:00 pm
March 16th,
Woody's Bar,
Sandstone,
1:00 pm
April 20th, Bogi's
on Main,
Hinckley,
1:00 pm
May 18th, Marge's,
Brook Park,
1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 17th-18th, B.O.D., Crookston Inn
January 30th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria.
July 11th-13th, Jack Pine Riders Annual Upper Kettle River
Shakedown.

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas party. Thank you to all that attended, and Thanks to Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill.

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the January and February meetings. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 18th at 11:00 am sharp. Chapter meeting to follow 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. Non-members are encouraged to stop by and see what we are all about.

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

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus



Jack Pine Riders David Zaun and Stephanie Larson on pleasure pier in Galveston, Texas attending the Lone Star Rally November 2 weekend.

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

January 14th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
February 11th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 13th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka,
4:00-8:00 pm
January 17th-18th, B.O.D. Meeting
January 30th, Bikerday at the Capitol
February 10th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka,
4:00-8:00 pm
March 15th, St Paddy's event
Sunday Brunch, please check
www.metromn.com
and our Facebook page for more Info.

We hope everyone had Happy Holidays, are safe and didn't get run over by Reindeer lol.

After a two month delay, we will be starting up our Sunday Breakfast events. They will be starting in January at Route 47 in Fridley. With hunting and Christmas, we couldn't make it happen. Please go to our website to get the current breakfast dates.

Bikerday is quickly approaching and from what I understand, it will be a great time and an excellent learning experience. If you are bringing your kids or grandkids to Bikerday, check with the school to see if they will get a credit for going.

Not much has progressed for our St Paddy's day event. The band that Route 47 has for the event is Maiden Mpls. I hear this is the event to be at and it won't disappoint. We are still working on the time and other details.

We are looking ahead to the Donnie Smith Bike Show. We will be in our usual spot and will be more than ready to sign up new members for any chapter as well as renewals as we have done in previous years. Hopefully we won't have a snow storm.

We also have been tossing around ways to sign up new members. One idea that we are moving forward with is a bike night. As of right now the thought is to have it on our meeting night. We will be picking up discussion with the VFW shortly.

We still have calendars for sale. \$20 for one or buy 5 and get 1 free. Feel free to reach out to Nick, Jameson, myself or any Metro Chapter member.
Everyone stay safe

– Shadow



NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!!!

Bikerday at the Capitol!!! • January 30th • The Most Important Day for Motorcyclists!!!!

Get Registered. If you register take the time to go. There are many new faces in the Capitol that we need to get to know. These folks work For Us. It has been proven, the only way they know what we want is to meet them or contact them and talk about motorcyclist issues. Young Riders or young people can attend. Schools in Minnesota consider this an excused absent day. Bring a young person. Much history in the Capitol. See You There!

State and chapter officer nominations start Now. Is this the year you want to step up and help the chapter out? You, the members are the wheels to this roller coaster. You, the members make this organization roll smoothly. It's been proven, the more workers the less work for all. Please consider it. We need to build our membership back up to protect Your Freedoms!

A.B.A.T.E. University is right around the corner!!! April 25th-27th. This is a very Fun and Informative weekend. Bring a friend or a new member.

Hoping Everyone has a Very Merry Christmas!!

Take Care and Ride Free, *Edgar*

No Reports Received from:

**BORDERLAND
FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS
HEART OF THE LAKES**

NORTH STAR

Next

Meeting(s):

January 19th,
The Beer
Garden,
111 Central
Ave. S E,
Bemidji.
Officers
meeting at
3:00 pm. Members at 4:00 pm



February 16th, Keg n Cork, 310 Beltrami Ave., Bemidj Officer meeting at 3:00 pm. Members at 4:00 pm.

Upcoming event(s) B.O.D. in Crookston, January 17th and 18th

NORTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

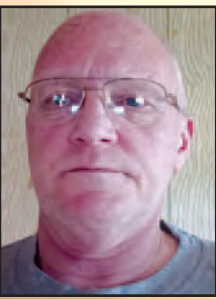
January 4th, Plummer Legion, Plummer, 4:00 pm
February 15th, Irishman's Shanty, Crookston, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s)

The NW Chapter is hosting the January B.O.D.. meeting on January 17th and 18th at the Crookston Inn in Crookston. There will be a band on Friday night from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The Meetings will start at 9:00 am on Saturday. All are welcome to attend.

On February 15th at 5:00 pm at the Irishman's Shanty we are having our Winter Social. It will be held at the Irishman's Shanty in Crookston MN starting at 6:00 pm. Food will be served (free will donation) starting at 6:00 pm and a live band starting at 9:00 pm. It will be a fun evening, so plan to attend and wear your dancing shoes!

NW Chapter of A.B.A.T.E 36th Annual Ride-In, May 30th and 31st held in St. Hilaire. All are welcome to attend.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

MIKE BURGESS, DIRECTOR

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Not much to report. Hopefully everyone's getting registered for Bikerday at the capitol. If you're thinking about running for an officer position, now's the time, with nominations right around the corner.

Until next time, ride free. *Mike*



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

January 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

February 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 25th, January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser-

January 30th, Bikerday at the Capitol

February TBD, River Valley Chapter 2nd Social Gathering

April 25th - 27th, A.B.A.T.E University, Alexandria

Welcome to the 2025 NEW YEAR!! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year's celebration! We are so looking forward to what this year has in store for our Chapter!

Starting out with a reminder that nominations will be starting at your January meeting. Please do consider stepping up to help lead our organization into the future.

Our **JANUARY THAW DANCE PARTY** is coming up fast... and we can't wait to live it up with a great bunch of people... like YOU!! We anticipate seeing many of our A.B.A.T.E. friends from the past fundraisers and are looking forward to a lot of new faces too! Watch for details on our Facebook page and in this month's Road Noise. It's ALWAYS a great time!!!!

Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for Thursday, January 30th. Bikerday is a very effective way to make our presence known and to get our voices heard. We

need your participation, so make sure you take that day off and plan to attend. You can register online at abatemn.org.

We are also looking forward to our **2nd SOCIAL GATHERING** in February!! It's a great time to come together and get to know each other better outside of our usual meetings and events. We welcome past, present, and future members! Details to come...

Thank you to those who participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing for our Chapter.

Don't forget to make reservations for A.B.A.T.E University! The date is April 25th - 27th at the Holiday Inn located in Alexandria... (320)763-6577.

At our November meeting we had a visit from a couple of the N Mankato Police Reserves Officers. We presented them with the money we raised from our River Valley Gives Back Ride. They also accepted 25 Buddy Bears!

To our new members, we welcome you and hope to see you at our monthly meetings and events. To those who renewed their memberships, thank you for your continued support.

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

Happy New Year everyone!!!!
— Anthony Crandell, President

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

January 25th, What's Up Bar, Myrtle, 2:00 pm
February 22nd, Legion, Lyle, 2:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders and here's to a New Year!!

Here we are in January 2025, which is really kind of crazy when you think about it. We are still trying to figure out where 2024 went to. It seems as we get older, time just moves that much faster, so get as much done as you can, before you can't!! Hope everyone had an amazing holiday season. We hope that you were able to spend time with family, friends and those who mean the most to you. For those that were not physically with us, we hope you were able to take a few moments to remember them. For you see, they will always be with you, as long as you believe and remember them.

With the start of the New Year, comes nominations and elections for Chapter and State Officer positions. If you are interested in learning more about any one of them, ask the questions, reach out or just volunteer to be nominated. Sometimes trial by fire is the best way, and besides, there are plenty of individuals that would be willing to help you as well. New blood is always appreciated because it brings new ideas.

BIKERDAY at the Capitol is January 30th. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR. Register to attend and then get on the bus. If you do register and are unable to attend, let someone in your Chapter or Mack, Jane or Frank know so someone can be at your appointment. This is a great opportunity to build those relationships with your representatives so they know that motorcycle rights are important to all of us. We really hope to see you all there!!

Last, but as always not least, \$100 raffle tickets are available for sale. Each ticket sold gives the selling Chapter money in their gambling account that can be spent to help others in need. Sell those tickets and spend the damn gambling money. You will never know the difference you can make in someone's life by handing them a check until you do it. There is no better feeling in the world than helping someone in need, so please spend the damn money.

On that note, our wish for you this coming year is: Health, Hope, Happiness and Love all the year through!

Peace Love and Hugs,

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

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

January 19th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am
February 16th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

Upcoming Event(s):

January 17th & 18th, January B.O.D., Alexandria
January 30th, Bikerday at the Capitol, St Paul
March 8th, Winter/Spring party Fundraiser and
Membership Drive, American Legion, Stewartville,
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 12th, End of Winter ride, more details to come in
the future
April 18th & 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

Greetings from Southeast LC:

As you are reading this, the holidays have come and gone. Hopefully, everyone survived and had a great holiday. So far, Mother Nature has spared us crappy weather and snow. It's been nice enough down here where we were even able to get out and do a little riding. We don't know how much longer that will keep up, but we'll take what we can get.

In the last Road Noise, I had the date for our March party listed as March 9th, this is incorrect, and it should be March 8th from 4-8pm. This will be our fundraiser and membership drive. This is open to the public and with the later date, hopefully, we will avoid any weather-related issues and have a great public and membership turnout.

The hearts in our Chapter are heavy with the passing of one of chapter members. Mark had a horrific accident on the Sunday before Thanksgiving and as a result of his injuries, he succumbed to them on Thanksgiving day. Mark was an avid supporter of A.B.A.T.E. as well as the POW/MIA Riders, of which he was also a member. Mark will be remembered for his strong dedication to veterans and their needs. Mark will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Don't forget that January 30th is Bikerday at the Capitol. Please remember to register and let's get that bus full. There will be a bus picking us up at the Wildwood Sport Bar and Grille at 6:00 am on the 30th to take us to the Capitol. There are a lot of new faces in the legislature this year, so we need to make our presence known to them.

Please make sure to attend the January and February meeting as nominations for officers will be taking place. We need your help to keep the Chapter going, as well as we love to hear your ideas and thoughts. There will be some very important decisions coming down the line and we need your support. See ya at the January meeting.

– Bye for now, Terry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

January 12th, Channel Inn, Warsaw, 1:00 pm
February 9th, Reggies Bar, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
March 9th, Box Car, Waseca, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 8th, Chili Feed / Contest, Reggie's Bar,
Owatonna, 5:00 pm

Hello everyone!

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and celebrated with family and friends. Everyone is getting ready, and before we know it, Christmas will be here and gone. Hope your family stays healthy and you were able to enjoy the Holiday spirit.

Straight River is hosting a Chili Feed/Contest on February 8th. It will be at Reggie's Bar in Owatonna starting at 5:00 PM.

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year!

– Mike Smith
Straight River Chapter President,
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota



Happy New Year from Tri County!



SEE YOU AT BIKERDAY JANUARY 30TH



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Happy New Year! Can you believe it's 2025? I hope you were able to have a blessed Christmas holiday with loved ones!

This year has gone by way too fast. So many things I wanted to do but wasn't able to. I'm FINALLY out of my walking boot, that was a LONG battle.

We had a district meeting in December and only 2 of the 7 chapters attended. We did vote on where our district education money was going as Jon F. asked the DD to do. We also talked about a few bands we want at the 2025 State Rally.

I hope to see and chat with the SW Chapters at the January B.O.D. in Crookston! Remember Bikerday at the State Capitol is coming up. Have you asked for the day off yet? It's a pretty important day for us! If you can't go, please contact your representatives by phone or email. If, or when they reply, send that to Frank to get your Write to Ride patch or rocker.

Until next time,

Shelly Deutsch

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

January 10th, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian,
7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 10th, Christmas Party Potluck at
6:00 pm

We had the best turnout ever at our annual Toys for Kids event, and the most donations ever received. Thank you so much to all those who attended and helped to donate.

A special shout out to Kristy & Bill LaPlante for organizing the event and delivering the donations to Meeker and McLeod counties. Also, a big thank you to Peggy & Porkchop Sundin and their grandson Wyatt for running the front table all night long. Also, thank you to Litchfield Eagles Club for always being a big South Central supporter for our events.

As I write this, we are getting ready for the Litchfield Candy Cane parade this week. I hope it's warm enough to decorate and start the trike! Our chapter walks or rides in this local parade to promote A.B.A.T.E. and Dial-A-Ride. "Santa" will be in the back of the truck with the trailer, thank you Dustin Suchy!

Our Christmas Potluck and chapter meeting will be Friday night January 10th at the Horseshoe Bar in Lake Lillian, festivities start at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Hope to see you at Bikerday on January 30th. If you have never been before, please consider it. I learn a lot every time I go and get to



**2024 SC
Toys for Kids**



**Toys for Kids -
Sundin Family at the front table.**

help promote motorcycle rights at the Capitol. That's pretty cool!

We're half-way through the winter, until we hear loud pipes again. Hang in there!!

—Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



Glacial Ridge: "Just Hanging Out"

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

January 4th, Next Door Bar, Sauk Centre, 6:00 pm
February 1st, Location TBD, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 17th-18th, B.O.D. Meeting, Crookston Inn & Convention Center, Crookston
March 1st, Prom, VFW Post 1825, Belgrade, 5:00 pm

Hi! We had a Christmas party on December 7th, then a few chapter members made a sleigh to put in the community Christmas parade. Lots of fun. It was a beautiful day for it (even got to ride my bike). We are in full force getting ready for prom. Harmony has tickets. Best Christmas gift!

Stay warm, be safe this holiday season.

BUFFALO RIDGE

Greetings Freedom Fighters!

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter was, again, honored to be asked to teach a session of Share the Road on Monday, November 4th, at the Marshall High School. We had 21 kids in attendance, and a "new to us" instructor who heard our program for the first time, for a total of 22. We will continue to offer our services to any program that asks. It sounds like most programs are going virtual, so our chapter has explored putting our content on a YouTube channel. Hopefully we will have more to report on that in future publications.

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter is still active, and we are
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WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

January 25th, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm
February 22nd, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm
March 22nd, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm

Greetings Members, I hope the holidays treated you all well. A new year is upon us all, may it be a great one for each of you. Jenny Toth graciously took over products for our chapter, thank you.

As I write this, we are vigorously working on our Toys for Kids program. It's looking to be another great year for donations. I will post more next month.

Elections are coming up in March, with nominations starting in January. We have a lot of talent in our chapter, so if you're interested in a position, step on up.

Stay well!

– Gypsy Mama

definitely disturbed by the declining numbers. When I take the overall population of the BRC area and figure how many are A.B.A.T.E. members, 7/100^{ths} of a percent are members. This sounds pretty dismal. However, with the overall State of MN having a membership rate of 4/100^{ths} of a percent, I don't feel so bad.

We want to thank SW DD Shelly for asking our chapter to host the district meeting on Sunday, December 8th. Thank you to Bitton's Road House for providing the meeting space. As of right now, we are unsure of our winter meeting times and dates. Please refer to our Facebook page for updates.

– Until next time, Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treas.

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

January 4th, River's Edge
Golf Course, St. James,
4:00 pm (3:00 pm Chili
Feed Mtg)
February 1st, VFW Post
1914, St. James, 4:00 pm
(3:00 pm Chili Feed Mtg)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 30th, Bikerday at the
Capitol
March 22nd, Chili Feed, VFW
Post 1914, St. James,
5-8:00 pm

Hello biker family,

I can't believe I am writing
an article for the start of a
new year already. It seems I
just started writing 2024
last week and here I am
writing 2025. Time sure
does seem to fly by.

Well, the Chili Feed has
been scheduled for March
22nd, 5-8pm at the VFW in
St. James. I will have
advanced tickets at the
January B.O.D., they will be
\$10 each (\$13 at the door).
We are looking forward to
seeing you all there.

Tom will once again try to
burn your taste buds if you
are willing to try his new
HOT chili. For those of us
that want to keep our taste
buds, we will have milder
chilis as well as the loaded
potato soup and all the
fixings.

I hope we have a mild
winter like last year, but I
don't think that will
happen again, so stay
safe until we meet up
again.

– Giggles

SOUTHWEST

No Report Received

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

January 4th, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm
February 1st, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm
March 8th, Madigan's Pub & Grill, Maple Lake (Elections), 3:00 pm
April 12th, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm
(Please note March and April are the 2nd Saturday of the month instead of the 1st)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 26th, Bowling for Kid's Sake, Huikko's Bowling Center, Buffalo,
11:00 am-1:00 pm
February 1st, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford,
6:00 -11:00 pm

We held our December meeting at the Red Lodge in Waverly. Congratulations to Keith "Smoker" Efron the recipient of the Steven J Kreitlow Award. Voting was completed for Member of the Year stay tuned next month to see who the recipient is.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser is fast approaching. Don't forget to get your advanced ticket. \$15/advanced \$20/at the door. If you would like to sponsor the Grounded Hogs Fundraiser this year you still can. Please find the sponsorship form in the Road Noise or contact any chapter member. Everett Smithson will again be our entertainment. This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride.

Bikerday registration is live on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website. If you plan to attend register, if you register show up. This is a very important year for Bikerday. Some of us may have new representatives to build relationships with.

We have a venue for bowling. Huikko's Bowling Center in Buffalo on Sunday, January 26th from 11:00 am - 1:00pm. If you need a pledge form, please contact any chapter member. All proceeds go directly to Big Brothers and Big Sisters. We look forward to seeing you there. Come bowl with us or come and cheer on the bowlers.

The 2025 Lake Chapter calendars are here. Contact Gaida to get yours. Thank you Tammie for a fantastic job. It is never too early to start preparing for the 2026 calendar. Keep sending those photos to lakechaptermn@gmail.com.

Thank you to our 2025 Grounded Hogs Sponsors:

Double Gold: Bitzer Garage Doors LLC

Gold: Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Keith "Smoker" Efron, Family Counseling Center, Buzz and Karen, Scott and Gaida Trout, Thirsty's Buffalo Saloon, Tri-County A.B.A.T.E. of MN, East Central A.B.A.T.E. of MN, Sand Dunes A.B.A.T.E. of MN, Jim Kosse and Cyndi Buttweiler

Silver: A&E Outdoors, Buffalo Floral & Landscaping

Bronze: O'Hern Coach & Cartage, Gather Kitchen, Old Homestead Café, Dave Truax

Until next month
my friends-
Ride Free
– April

**Additional
Lake
Photos
on Page 27**



Smoker with past Steven J Kreitlow Award recipients.



Lake Chapter Photos!

**Keith "Smoker" Efron (left)
2024 Recipient of the Steven J. Kreitlow Award.**

**Above: 2023 Recipient Fred Pawelk presenting the
2024 award to Keith "Smoker" Efron.**



**Karen, Mike, Buzz, Scott
and Mack at Turkey Bowling.**



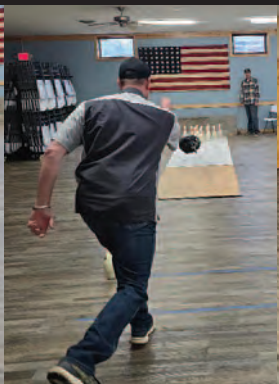
**Turkey Bowling Winners:
Scott, Keith, Fred and Mike.**



**Mike Jencks
at turkey bowling.**



**Keith May
at turkey bowling.**



**Dean Webb
at turkey bowling.**



**Fred Pawelk
at turkey bowling.**



**Scott Trout doing his
strike "happy" dance.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
1/2/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
1/2/25	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
1/3/25	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
1/4/25	Central Chapter Holiday Party	Sal's, St. Joseph	6:00 PM
1/4/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Sal's, St. Joseph	5:00 PM
1/4/25	Glacier Ridge Chapter Meeting	Next Door Bar, Sauk Centre	6:00 PM
1/4/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Choo Choo Bar, Loretto	3:00 PM
1/4/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Plummer American eEgion	4:00 PM
1/4/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed Meeting	Rive'rs Edge Golf Course, St.James	3:00 PM
1/4/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Rive'rs Edge Golf Course, St.James	4:00 PM
1/5/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
1/8/25	North East Chapter Meeting	The Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
1/10/25	South Central Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party	Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, potluck at 6:00 PM	7:00 PM
1/12/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
1/12/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
1/12/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
1/12/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Channel Inn, Warsaw	1:00 PM
1/13/25	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
1/14/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
1/16/25	Motorcycle Safey Advisory Task Force Meeting	Microsoft Team	5-7:00 PM
1/17/25	BOD	Crookston Inn & Conference Center	
1/17/25	Rally Committee Meeting	Crookston Inn & Conference Center	12:00 PM
1/18/25	BOD	Crookston Inn & Conference Center	
1/19/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henriette	1:00 PM
1/19/25	North Star Chapter Meeting	The Beer Garden, Bemidji	4:00 PM
1/19/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
1/20/25	North Star Officers Meeting	The Beer Garden, Bemidji	3:00 PM
1/25/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	What's Up Bar, Myrtle	2:00 PM
1/25/25	Lake Chapter Bowling for Big Bothers and Big Sisters	Huikkos Bowling & Entertainment Center	11-1:00 PM
1/25/25	River Valley January Thaw Dance & Fundraiser		
1/25/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nassau	2:00 PM
1/30/25	Bikerday at the Capital	St. Paul	
2/1/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	TBD	6:00 PM
2/1/25	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs	Rockford Town Hall, Rockford	6:00 PM
2/1/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Town Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/1/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James, Chili Feed Meeting 3:00 PM	4:00 PM
2/1/25	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James, Chili Feed Meeting 3:00 PM	3:00 PM
2/2/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Hayloft, St. Augusta	2:00 PM
2/2/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
2/6/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/6/25	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
2/8/25	East Central Heart-On, Fund Raiser	American Legion, St. Francis	1-5:00 pm
2/8/25	Straight River Chili/Feed Contest	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatona	5:00 PM
2/9/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
2/9/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/9/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse	1:00 PM
2/10/25	Taco Night Metro Chapter	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
2/11/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/15/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Irishman's Shanty, Crookston	5:00 PM
2/15/25	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
2/16/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	End Zone, Rutledge	1:00 PM
2/16/25	North Star Officers Meeting	Keg N Cork, Bemidji	3:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

2/16/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
2/22/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Lyle Legion	2:00 PM
2/22/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nassau	2:00 PM
2/25/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Hayloft, St. Augusta	2:00 PM
3/1/25	Glacial Ridge PROM	Belgrade VFW	5:00 PM
3/2/25	Central Chapter Meeting and Voting	East Side VFW, St. Cloud	12:00 PM
3/8/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigans, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
3/8/25	Winter/Spring party Fundraiser & Membership Drive	Stewartville American Legion	1-8:00 pm
3/9/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car, Waseca	1:00 PM
3/15/25	St. Paddy's event		
3/16/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Woody's Bar, Sandstone	
3/22/25	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	5-8:00 PM
3/22/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nasau	



*Happy
New Year!*

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2025 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 2025 State Rally, to be held August 29th-September 1st at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

Diamond Sponsorship

The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000

It includes:

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

Gold Sponsorship

The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000

It includes:

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

Silver Sponsorship

The Silver Sponsorship is \$500

It includes:

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

Chrome Sponsorship

The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250

It includes:

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

Copper Sponsorship

The Copper Sponsorship is \$100

It includes:

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

Although A.B.A.T.E. is a not for profit organization and contributions are not tax deductible, you may be able to deduct this investment in your company's advertising budget. Check with your tax professional.

Partnering with us will make the 2025 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2025 Rally is 2,000.

Our members are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who support those businesses who support them. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota please visit our website at www.abatemn.org.

For more information, please contact:

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532
Email: statetreasurer@abatemn.org

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

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is
August 1st, 2025**

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2025 State Rally Sponsorship

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Business Contact Name: _____

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Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Promotional Tickets

☐ Mail tickets to Business Contact

* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2025

☐ Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

Contact Name: _____

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Saturday, February 1, 2025

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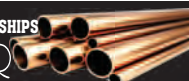
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- All sponsors be publicized in the road noise every month until March 2026
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