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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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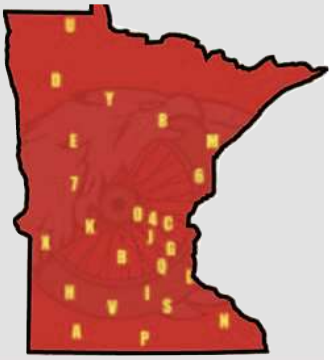
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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I read this cartoon the other day:

"I'm not selling galvanized industrial plumbing fixtures. I'm selling the galvanized industrial plumbing experience!"

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Are we selling memberships, newsletters, or the A.B.A.T.E. experience? Do you have ideas on how we can gain members that are willing to join, step up, and have some fun while helping to secure the future of motorcycling freedom? If you have any suggestions, please share them. I would like to hear about your ideas, and I'm sure that our membership and retention chair would appreciate some help - right Shelly?

Does your chapter welcome children at your daytime events? If not, how do they get to know us and what we're about?

Just a friendly reminder - please review your manuals. We have guidelines on social media use. Make sure that your Facebook posts reflect the image that we are trying to present.

Spring is right around the corner, I can feel it!

– Jane





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Well, it's been a busy winter as usual. And a little more snow this year than I like, but by the time this article comes out I hope to be in Texas, 70° and sunny.

I hope a lot of you were able to attend Bikerday at the Capitol. It's always a very important part of what we are about and why A.B.A.T.E. started in the first place. Believe it or not, it's not all about the Rally and chapter fund raisers. It's about fighting for biker rights. But all the events we attend and the chapter fundraisers you hold, all play a big part in fighting for biker rights.

Even if you didn't make it to Bikerday at the Capitol, but were able to attend a fundraiser to support another chapter, you were doing your part in helping fight for bikers rights, believe it or not.

Don't forget we have A.B.A.T.E. U. coming up in April, which is always a great start to Spring and a good time to get together with old friends and make some new ones along with good speakers and a whole lot of fun and games. Apple pie, the kind you don't need a fork for, and a live and silent auction.

Let's not forget, elections have started with nominations and voting in March. So it sounds like a good time to get out and attend your chapter meeting and catch up on a few things that you might've missed over the last few months.

Next month, I have a feeling I will be struggling to get off my bike and write a Road Noise article. But I will do my best to let you know what I've been up to. Maybe I will complain about my sunburn,

LOL

– Till next time Jim



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Here are parts of some items reported by NCOM Biker Newsbytes Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish:

CONGRESS REQUIRES NHTSA TO FORCE AUTOMAKERS TO MONITOR DRIVERS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels, on pace to exceed the 42,915 fatalities in 2021. With alcohol-related crashes being a leading cause of highway deaths in the U.S., the National Transportation Safety Board is now recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be required to have blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving.

The NTSB's recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert. Under President Biden's infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The legislation doesn't specify the technology, only that it must "passively monitor" a driver to determine if they are impaired.

NHTSA and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, and has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired. Another company is working on light technology that could test for blood alcohol in a person's finger by touch. Many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving.

Once the technology is ready to be implemented in automakers' new models, near the end of 2024, it will take years for it to be in most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads.

THE ROAD TO DECARBONIZATION Is the Goal, But What's The Best Way To Get There?

The European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers (ACEM) wants to take multiple approaches.

On December 6, 2022, the ACEM hosted a panel discussion about its vision for decarbonization. Although the discussion's stated intention was to talk about how the industry plans to address a multitude of sustainability issues as we all progress toward the year 2030, what it evolved into was a spirited debate about the comparative merits of the evolution of combustion engines (such as with so-called e-fuels and hydrogen) and electrification.

While all panelists of course had their own points of view, the general consensus seemed to be that lowering emissions is a goal we must all work toward, but putting all the industry's technological eggs into one metaphorical basket isn't a good idea, for a number of reasons. From a technological perspective, electric motorbikes currently work best for low-voltage urban mobility, not high-speed, long-distance leisure pursuits. That's where the debate about e-fuels (or synthetic fuels) and hydrogen come into play, because both those means of fueling mobility can potentially offer the benefits of long-distance, high-speed travel on motorbikes.Infrastructure is also a major concern -- fast-charging and swappable batteries require additional infrastructure investments that are both extensive and expensive, while e-fuels can theoretically make use of existing traditional fuel infrastructure. When discussing decarbonization, the tendency is to think about emissions in terms of tailpipes, but considerations about how the raw materials to build either combustion or electric vehicles are sourced, assembled, and delivered to customers should also be part of the conversation. Additionally, concerns about diversifying the industry's approach to decarbonization were strongly expressed, with the global pandemic shining a bright light on the pitfalls of overly concentrating parts of supply chains in a given geographical area. The current European energy crisis and ongoing Russian war make calls to diversify energy sources (and resources) all too clear.

Remember when our concerns were about motorcycle helmet mandates?

– fe

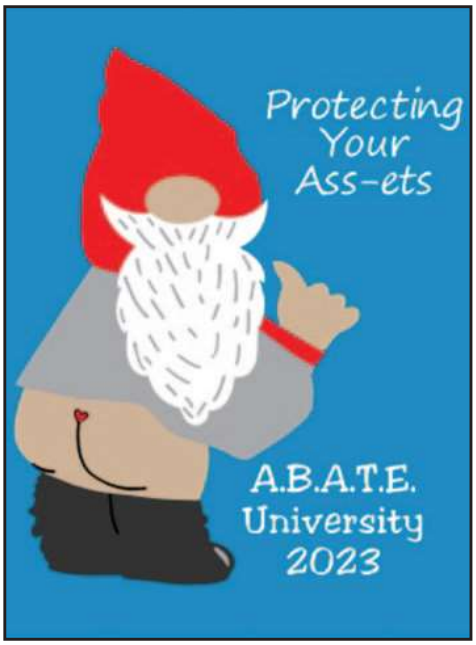


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April 14th - 16th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
Standard and King Rooms - $115.99 + tax
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Call and make your reservations now. Remember Courtyard and Pool side rooms fill quickly. If you don't get the room you want, put your name on a waiting list in case someone cancels.



First Aid/CPR - is a certified class for $22.00

Gun class (Conceal and Carry) - will be $69.00 and you can register at this link https://gunclass.wufoo.com/forms/ABATE

If there is NOT enough interest these classes will be canceled so, please let me know if you are interested in First Aid/CPR. Please register for the gun class right away.

Road Guard has been canceled due to not enough interest.

If any chapter or individual would like to sponsor Triathlon Game Equipment, Triathlon Trophies, First Aid/CPR Instructor Fees please let me know. This would be greatly appreciated.

We have one individual that has already stepped up and sponsored one of the Triathlon Games. Thank you to this individual!

Start putting your order in for your A.B.A.T.E University shirt. Let me know if you want men's, women's, how many and what size. You can call or text me at 763-443-4732 or email me at abateu@abatemn.org

Young Riders Report

Frank Ernst

The process is moving forward. We have presented a draft of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders page for our operations manual at the January Board meeting. It addresses our Mission Statement,Function, Duties, Structure, Benefits and Fees proposed for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders.
We will listen and learn if we have any suggestions to modify the draft. We plan to have the final copy ready for inclusion in our operations manual by the April board meeting.

Mack Backlund has been working on the design of the membership card for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders and we have the patches ready so we should be accepting applications at this time.

We have encouraged people to invite future Yong Riders to join us at Bikerday at the Capitol to take part in the experiences at our State Capitol.

What do we need next? More members and activities. If you have any ideas for events or activities that would be of interest to future motorcyclists, please share your ideas. If you have young people near you, ask what we can plan that would interest them and their friends.

We are talking about the future of motorcycling!

– fe



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This report will not be as detailed and lengthy as the last one, as our Education Committee meeting is a week after this Road Noise deadline. We are still ironing out the interface between the college websites and A.B.A.T.E. of MN regarding the Young Riders scholarship. It is looking like we will need to register each scholarship recipient's information manually. There are other details that still need to be worked out. I will have more information at the January B.O.D. meeting.

Hopefully by the time you read this, this trainer will be trained on how to give the share the road presentation. I am hoping Darryl has found everything he needs to give these classes at the January B.O.D.

That's all I've got for this month.

"Live as though you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
-Mahatma Gandhi

– Big Jon



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Now that the Winter fundraisers are in full swing, hope you are getting out to as many as possible. It is fun to visit other chapter events and you might get an idea to improve your own chapter fundraiser. Probably make some new friends too as Bikers are the nicest folks around!

Hope everyone has a Happy Valentine's Day.

– Mitch



Gambling Report

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Hello everyone.

I know winter sucks for most of us but at least the days are getting longer now. Here at the Gambling Committee, we've been busy pushing A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle ticket sales, getting Buddy Bears figured out and spending lots of money on great causes.

In the last month alone, we have made donations to a person from our biking community experiencing a hardship, a Veteran's Memorial, Dial-A-Ride, animal shelter and a food shelf. So, keep selling those tickets so we can continue making donations to these and other worthy causes.



Ways & Means Report

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We met at the Ugly Bar in Montrose in January and we had some members interested in joining the committee. We approved the budget which Mitch will present to the board at the January Board of Directors meeting for approval.

We looked over everything and got done in record time!

The next Ways & Means committee meeting will be April 2nd at Noon at the Ugly Bar in Montrose.

– Respectfully submitted, Kristie



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Bikerday 2023

Thanks to all that attended Bikerday at the Capitol. If you would like to have a copy of the talking points to send to your legislator in case you could not attend please contact me.

Legislation

I have been tasked by the Way West Chapter to investigate a lighting bill for motorcycles. I am asking our membership to get back to me with any incidents you may have encountered. Also, if you have someone in St. Paul that may be interested in sponsoring the bill.

Pray for the best, prepare for the worse, and expect the unexpected.
– Gary Goracke



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Another slow month. Please start using and sending those old tri-folds & tear-offs in. April 1st they will be no good! Remember, price increases on April 1! We will be handing out all new material to the Chapter Rep's at the April B.O.D. So, make sure your Rep's come see me and take some home.

We are going in the wrong direction, down another 37 this month. We are at 1397 singles and 1632 couples totaling 3029. We have a tie for the highest Chapter increase this month with Jack Pine Riders & South Central both with an increase of 4, 2nd was Up North with an increase of 2, and 3rd highest was Borderland with an increase of 1. Not to impressive this month, all the other chapters had a negative for the month.

– Keep on Keepin' on, Shelly Deutsch

MAKE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS NOW

BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY
(See the BITB Flyer on Page 38)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HOTEL INFO:

MRF Board meeting to start at 8am

Lobbying Prep. Session

Monday, May 15th at 7:00 pm
Embassy Suites, 1900 Diagonal Rd, Alexandria, VA 22314

Lobby Day

Tuesday, May 16th (KSU: TBD)
Group ride into DC from Embassy Parking Lot

Post Debrief session to be at Embassy Suites at 4pm

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Contact Gary Goracke for specifics - gackoid@gmail.com or 320-491-8546



Motorcycle Safety Task Force

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As we are all up to our necks in snow, I am happy to report there are zero motorcycle crash statistics so far this year. The down side to that is, nobody is riding their motorcycles on the roads (including me!).

As I write this, the next task force meeting has not happened, so I don't have anything new to report. Please drive slow and keep your cages from sliding into the ditches. As always, make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Just Jon



State Rally Report

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Thank you to all who showed up to the Rally Committee meeting on Friday night at the January B.O.D. The committee work is going well.

Special thanks for Gina Maningoime, from South Central Chapter, for stepping up and taking on the Rally Secretary position. Thanks to Shelly Deutsch for stepping in and taking over when it was vacated.

Remember this is the 35th Annual State Rally! Let's get out there & get some sponsorships.

We will be looking for someone to come up with a poster for the Rally. If your idea is used, you could get two free passes for this years Rally! Please get your copy to Randy by the March Rally meeting.

Next Rally metting is on March 18th at noon at the Litchfield Eagles Club.

– Randy Prochazka, Rally Chair



Products Report

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Greetings fellow bikers!

Are you getting out to other chapters fund-raisers? I am trying to visit as many places in the state of Minnesota where A.B.A.T.E. lives and breathes.

As I stated last year, I am willing to travel, weather permitting, to your chapter fundraisers to set up state products to sell or to show up with products for a chapter meeting. I really do enjoy getting to different parts of the state and meeting others who are like-minded in protecting our motorcycling freedoms. If your chapter wants state products at your event, please email or text me and I will add it to my schedule, if I'm not already booked. Being that this is a volunteer organization, I only ask that the chapter requesting products at their event help with some of my expenses. Either a motel room or a room to sleep in or helping with fuel for me to drive to your location and back home.
I don't expect your chapter to pay my way fully, but would greatly appreciate any and all help. I do not get paid by the state to do this job. Thank you.

Right now I am focused on getting new items for A.B.A.T.E. U, so if you have any ideas of items you would like to see, let me know and I will try to accommodate.

With A.B.A.T.E. U. around the corner, remember now is the time to clean out your drawers and closets for the "New to You" sales. I could also use a little help with set up and tear down at A.B.A.T.E. U. Let me know if you want to help out in any way.

I think that is all for now, but I am sure I will think of something later.

Stay safe,

– Kari

OK Ladies, Gentlemen, and Young Riders; we have started our new legislative season, so this information is to help you get on board with or continue earning Write 2 Ride patches and or rockers.

A rough calculation finds that I have record of approximately one in each ten thousand Minnesota motorcyclists taking part and contacting their legislators in 2022. Are you one of the one in ten thousand helping or are you leaving it up to the others to protect and preserve the motorcycling lifestyle? If you helped in 2022 THANK YOU. If you did not take part, please considering becoming part of the "get-er-done" group of members of A.B.A.T.E. and/or Young Riders in 2023.

Earn Your Write to Ride Patch
Do your civic duty as a motorcyclist and Minnesota citizen - And get a free patch too!

WRITE TO RIDE PROGRAM
The goal of the Write to Ride program is to encourage communication between A.B.A.T.E. members and legislators at the state and federal levels.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES
Establish initial communication with a legislator, State or Federal. The communication does not need to be motorcycling specific, but can be related to any issue of legislative concern. If you don't supply your name and address, they will not be able to confirm the letter is from a constituent and it will have little or no impact Forward a copy of the reply correspondence to the Write to Ride Manager along with the A.B.A.T.E. member's name and chapter name.

Requests should be sent to:
Frank Ernst
840 Cree Drive
Chanhassen, MN 55317
Or e-mail to
Write2ride@abatemn.org



State Office Administrator

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Nominations are still going on in most chapters. Just a reminder, when you send your nomination forms back in to the State Office, PLEASE make sure to use full names on the forms! I have no idea who "Buck" or "Red" is... I'll use my friend Trashy as an example, Jon "Trashy" Smith, this is acceptable.

Please mail or e-mail these back as soon as possible after your February meeting. I have to get the ballots made and sent back to the President in a timely fashion.

See you down the Road.

– Shelly Deutsch,
State Office Administrator

Historian

Have you ever wondered which chapter was established first in A.B.A.T.E. of MN? Which chapter came next??

It's very easy to find out the order of the chapters.Chapter designations on our map started alphabetically, then changed to numerical. A - Southwest Chapter – was the first to be formed. South Central Chapter was the second. As chapters have been dissolved, the chapter designation is removed and never re-used.

Check page 3 - how many chapters have we had? And how many chapters have been dissolved since A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota was incorporated?



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Next meeting(s):
February 12th, phone meeting, 11:00 am



MRF Report

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No Report Received



Buddy Bear Report

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No report received.

Dial-A-Ride

Nothing new to report

Member of the Month

Dale Morin



Dale Morin, who has one son who's 38 years old now. Dale joined the motorcycling world after his illness, "Stiff Person Syndrome,"worsened and he could no longer hike, canoe and other outdoor activities. He found riding a way to c ontinue to be active and engaged. Dale Joined A.B.A.T.E. of MN in 2017, joining both south Central and Lake chapters the same month. He was impressed with South Central Chapter runs. They minimized drinking on their runs, he found it responsible, moral and safety minded.

Dale went on to join the Sand Dunes Chapter in 2020. He currently is the Lake chapter Secretary and was recently nominated for Treasurer of Lake Chapter and Secretary at the Sand Dunes Chapter.

What Dale likes most about A.B.A.T.E. is the people, everybody gets along, the members of A.B.A.T.E. have been wonderful helping him cope with the disease, and their inclusiveness. He especially enjoys the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally which he's attended everyone since 2017. Dale we wish you best the best of luck on your upcoming nominations!

Business of the Month

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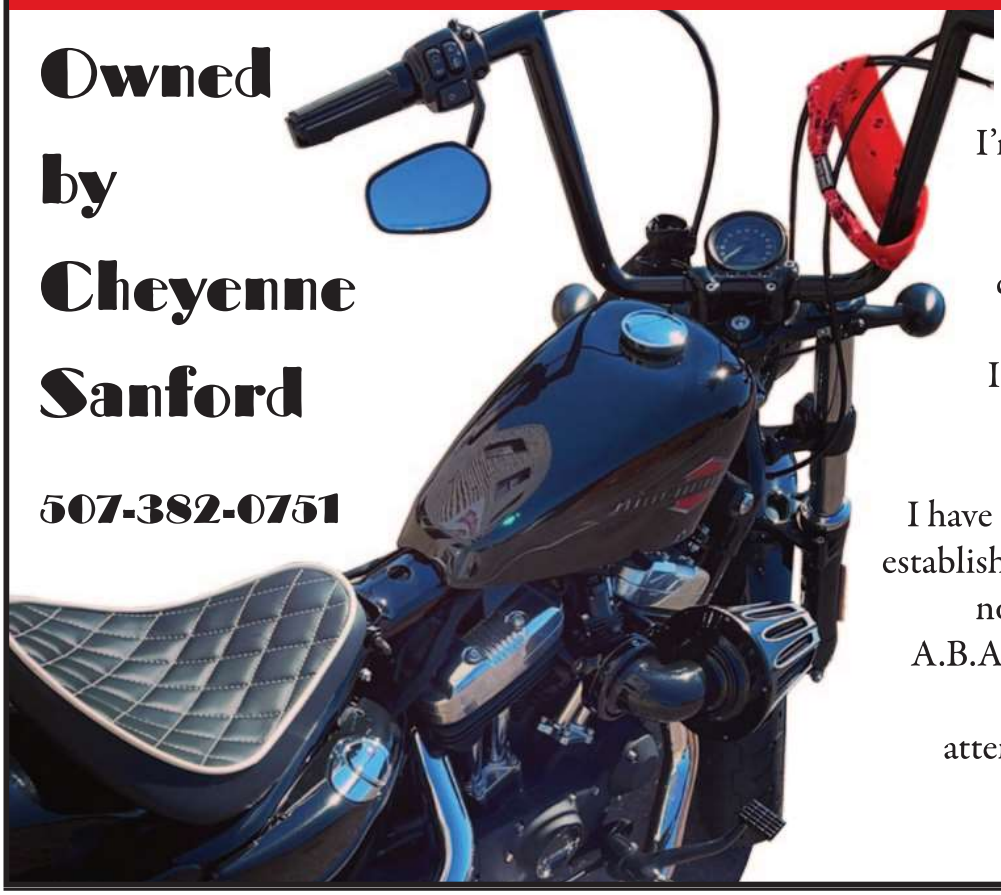
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Bike of the Month

Owned by Cheyenne Sanford

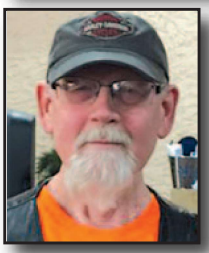
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Hello, my name is Cheyenne Sanford. I'm 28 years old and I have been a member of the River Valley A.B.A.T.E. chapter for about 5 years.

I own a small bar and grill in Kasota, Minnesota, "The Prairie Saloon." I have owned and managed this establishment going on two years now. My business supports A.B.A.T.E. in a variety of ways; via annual memberships, attending monthly meetings, donations, sponsorships and hosting events.





Southwest District Director

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Hey everyone, I hope your year is starting off better than mine. Anyway, by the time you read this January will be behind us and Bikerday will also be over. I hope that I got to see a lot of you there. If you didn't get there, I hope that every one of you called, emailed, or wrote a letter to your reps. We must stay vigilant with staying in contact with them. Not just once a year but every month if you can. The way this country is going with spending money that we don't have and what they are giving away is just wrong. We should be hounding them not just in the state but also on the federal level that it is wrong. They should be more worried about our own people and borders, not other countries, and illegals.

For those of you that sit by the sideline saying that there is nothing that we can do, I am tired of hearing that and I feel sorry for you. All you must do is look at the history of this country. 247 years ago, we showed what we the people means. We need to get involved you have a voice use it. Stand up and grow a pair.

South Central

Upcoming Event(s):
April 14th - 15 th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

Southwest

Upcoming Event(s):
April 14th - 15 th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

Buffalo Ridge

Upcoming Event(s):
April 14th - 15 th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND





Lake Christmas Gathering.

Lake

Next Meeting(s):
February 4th, Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm
March 4th, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
February 4th, Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Township Hall, Rockford
April 14th - 15th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND



We had a great turnout for the January meeting. Thanks to The Red Vest for the meeting space. Saw some people I hadn't seen for a while. Always fun to catch up.

Gaida (left) was awarded the Member of the Year award. We really appreciate all she does for the chapter. And thanks to Cyndi for stepping up to take care of the chapter Buddy Bears.

We are looking at the weekend of May 20th - 21st for the motorcycle training courses. There is no cost to our members who take these courses. But there is a limit for each class, so let Sherry know if you are interested.

The Grounded Hogs party will probably be in the books by the time you are reading this. I am really looking forward to it right now! Great music, good friends and free food and beer while it lasts. What can be better than that? Maybe a ride beforehand, but I think we will still have too much snow by then to make that happen!

Nominations for chapter officers started in January. Here are the current nominees:
President – April and Scott Bitzer
VP – Rick and Mike Jencks
Treasurer – Dale.
Secretary – Maureen
Chapter Rep – Scott Trout
Sargent at Arms; Jencks, Dean, Blythe, Gaida, and Nikki

That's all for now, hope to see everyone at Bikerday on February 1st.

– Later, Mitch'n

Glacial Ridge

Next Meeting(s):
February 4th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
March 4th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
April 1st, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
February 11th, Chili Feed/Contest, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
February 11th, DJ Mr. Wonderful, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
April 14th - 15th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

Greetings People,

Some things have been changed regarding for our Chili Feed/ Contest. The time has been changed to 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The number of contestants has been changed to 15, not 10. Judging will end at 5:00 pm. There is also a DJ that evening. Mr. Wonderful will be there from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. During the Chili Feed there will also be a Bake and Craft sale. Come on out and enjoy the evening.

Nominations have started and will continue this month. If anyone is interested in running for any position, let someone know so you can be nominated.

Bikerday at the Capitol has happened by the time you read this, and I am hoping we had a good turnout. Thank you to all who attended.

Keep a positive attitude. Spring and riding season isn't that far away.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Stay safe.

– Hives

Rolling Prairie

Next Meeting(s):
February 11th, Chili Feed meeting, Buckshot's Bar and Grill, Butterfield, 3:00 pm
February 11th, Chapter meeting Buckshot's Bar and Grill, Butterfield, 4:00 pm (2nd round of nominations)
March 11th, Chapter meeting, VFW, St. James, 2:00pm (elections held)
March 11th, Chili Feed & Silent Auction, VFW, St. James, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 14th - 15th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

Nominations are going well. We are seeing some new faces at the meetings!

The Chapter is working hard on the preparations on the upcoming Chili Feed and Silent Auction. We sent two free comp tickets home with the Chapter Reps from the January B.O.D. along with a poster. Please join us!

See Nominee Resume's on Pages 28 - 30

Way West

Next Meeting(s):
February 4th, Madison Mercantile,
Madison (note location change), 12:00 pm
March 4th, VFW, Appleton, 12:00 pm
(Chapter elections)

Upcoming Event(s):
April 14th - 15th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Alexandria
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM,
Bismarck, ND

Greeting's fellow A.B.A.T.E. members, it's hard to believe that the holidays are past. Just think in a few short months we'll be riding with our knees in the breeze. With that in mind, now is a great time to do your checks and balances to make sure your ride is ready and safe for spring.

Our March meeting in Appleton will be our chapter elections. Step up to the challenge! Every one of you are capable to move our chapter to great things and we need each of you. What a great group that we can call family.

Don't forget Bikerday at the Capitol! It's a great experience to sit with your elected officials and pronounce our biker rights and concerns and to thank them!! I'll be basking in the Florida sunshine, so won't be attending. You'll be glad you went.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming up in April. Get your rooms if you haven't yet. It is strongly encouraged that you attend. There's great informative classes and great friends! If you are voted into a chapter position, you should attend your perspective class.

Stay safe, stay warm,

– Gypsy Mama



Presidents' Day for the year 2023 is celebrated/ observed on Monday, February 20th.





Northeast District Director

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Greetings from NW Wisconsin.

Another year, another winter with record snow fall. I've already started planning bike trips using long weekends. I hope you are planning ahead for exciting bike trips too.

As you are reading this we have another Bikerday at the Capitol in the books. I hope you had time to join us there, as it is a very important task for our organization to accomplish each year. Especially this year with so many new elected officials.

The first round of chapter nominations are completed by now and the second round are happening soon. Please consider stepping up to help your local chapter. The January B.O.D. is completed and State Officers are nominated. If you can't fill an elected position, please support the ones elected. One person cannot do it all alone.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up fast, so make your reservations to attend. There are many classes scheduled and I'm looking forward to it, as I do each year. Also, the raffle tickets will be drawn for cash prizes and a new Indian. Stay warm and I'll see you soon.

– Pedro



Central Chapter Toys for Kids donations.

East Central

Next Meeting(s):
February 5th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am
March 5th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
February 1st, Bikerday at the State Capitol
February 4th, Heart On Fundraiser, Legion, St. Francis, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
April 14th-16th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

We need auction donations for the Heart On fundraiser.

Elections will be held at the March 5th meeting. Step up and volunteer for an officer position.

We had a guest at our January meeting. April from Lake chapter. She is running for President of Lake and is interested in meeting members and listening to other chapter meetings. She also won the Shameless Bribe Prize; a T-shirt from the Sno Barons Hay Days event in September.

We will be making plans for a rider education class and possibly the brat stand at Cub Foods in Coon Rapids.

We have also been approached by the Sno Barons to volunteer for their event in September.

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

– Your VP Jim

Sand Dunes

Next Meeting(s):
February 5th, McPete's, Big Lake, 6:00 pm
March 12th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):
May 20th, Spring Ride
June 11th, 3rd Annual Bike Show and Rodeo, KJ's, Orrock

We can't do much riding at this time of year, but don't let that stop you from helping A.B.A.T.E. and supporting the people who supports us. KJ's in Orrock has been a great supporter to our chapter. They host our meetings and Bike Show and Rodeo. McPete's in Big Lake has also hosted our meetings and helped us have two Chapter Holiday Parties. Many other businesses have hosted our ride stops, donated to be on the Passport Run, and sponsored our events. Please frequent these businesses and thank them for their support. Bring your friends.

Many chapters host or support events in the winter. I look forward to events like East Central's Heart On, and Lake Chapter's Grounded Hog. Just look in the back of this newsletter and find something that sounds interesting or fun and go check it out. Bring your friends.

This is also the time of year that we conduct chapter elections. A great way to help your A.B.A.T.E. is to take on the responsibility of one of these offices. We come from all different walks of life, but that also means we bring a huge variety of skills and abilities. We want to help you find where you can learn and grow while also helping your chapter to grow and succeed. Bring your friends and encourage them to join.

Our ride committee is finalizing plans for our 2nd Annual Spring Ride. This is the same crew who organized our Not a Poker Run....Run. I'm excited to see what they have in store for us and will have more on that next month.

We are still working on our 3rd Annual Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo. Like last year we're growing on what works, and adjusting what doesn't. I hope all chapter members are ready to lend a hand and that our neighboring chapter members come out and enjoy the day with us. Bring your friends.

– Until next time, ride safe.

Jack Pine Riders

Next Meeting(s):
(note, there are some time changes)
February 19th, Maverick's Saloon Bar & Grill, Beroun, 2:00 pm
March 19th, Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction, 2:00 pm
April 16th, Ryders Saloon, Henriette, 2:00 pm
May 21st, Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm
June 18th, End Zone Bar & Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm
July 16th, Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm
August 20th, Blue Moose, Near McGregor, 10:00 am
September 17th, Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 14th–16th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted again at the February meeting. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets. First prize is $20,000 cash, second prize is an Indian Super Chief motorcycle, third prize is $5,000 cash, fourth prize is $3,000 cash, fifth prize is $2,000 cash. Tickets are $100 each and only 800 tickets or fewer will be sold. Call or text Bill at 651-587-7625 or Liz at 320-280-0775 for tickets (or contact any J.P.R officer). Drawing will be held April 15th at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria at 9:00 pm.

Band lineup for the 2023 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. I do not have that information at this time, but if you want more information attend the next chapter meeting, or check next months issue of Road Noise.

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

For more events, check the Road Noise Calendar of Events and 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

North East

Next Meeting(s):
February 1st, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
March 1st, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
March 25th, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

Happy New Year one month removed!

Not too much to report this time around. Bikerday at the Capitol will have come and gone by the time this goes out.

Hopefully the reports will be of a well-attended and fun event.
We've set the date for our annual Bunwarmer party, which is March 25th, at the River Inn in Scanlon. We'll have more information in the next newsletter, such as the name of the band and available room blocks.

That's about it, pretty slow right now.

Stay warm!!

– Ed

Up North

No Report Available

Metro

Next Meeting(s):
February 14th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
March 14th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
March 25th-26th, Donnie Smith Bike show, St. Paul
May 28th, MetroMorial Day Celebration, Route 47 Pub and Grub

Greetings from the shortest month of the year.

The Metro Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The February meeting is on Valentine's Day and the March meeting is three days before St. Patty's Day. Meetings are held at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd.

We had a good turnout at our January meeting with 15 members in attendance.

Our State Rally calendars, featuring over 200 pictures from the 2022 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally, are selling well. The calendars feature a 16-month format and sell for $20 each. This year we are also offering for sale a flash drive containing even more photos than the calendar. If you were in attendance at last year's rally in Litchfield, there is a pretty good chance that there is a picture of you on it. Ordering information is available on our chapter website, www.metromn.com or on our facebook page.

Planning continues for the Metro Chapter booth at the Donnie Smith Bike Show, which will be on Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 26th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the St. Paul River Centre. We are also finalizing the details for our 3rd annual MetroMorial Day Celebration at Route 47 Pub and Grub, Sunday, May 28th. More information will be available in future grapevine reports. We hope to see all of you there.
At our January meeting, we introduced and kicked off our Membership Reward program to encourage participation in numerous activities this year. The program is designed to benefit the Metro Chapter specifically and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota in general by awarding points to our members for literally everything that they do to strengthen our chapter, the state A.B.A.T.E. organization, motorcycle rights and the biker lifestyle. Individual members award themselves points based on a pre-determined score card and at the end of 2023, the score cards will be turned in to determine who the winners are in various categories, with prizes being awarded to the winners. If you are interested in more information about this inaugural program, talk to any of the Metro chapter officers or members.

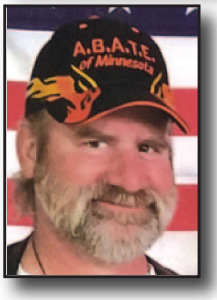
In addition to the already-mentioned chapter fundraising efforts through the sale of the State Rally calendars and thumb drives, we continue to hold monthly Taco Nights at Casa Rio Mexican restaurant in Anoka and Sunday morning brunches at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley (check our chapter website and Facebook page for exact dates and times). A portion of what you pay for your meal is donated back to the Metro Chapter by each of the restaurants.

Just a reminder; annual membership fees will be increasing on April 1st. If you want to avoid the increased fees, you can renew your membership before March 31st at the old rates. And you can renew for multiple years. We know of members who have already renewed their memberships for the next five years at the old rates.

And by the time that you read this grapevine in Road Noise, the 2023 Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol will be history. But keeping in touch with your elected officials is an all-year-long activity. Hold your elected officials accountable to their responsibility to act on your behalf. Let them know that you are keeping an eye on their actions and that they earn or lose your support based on their actions and track record.

That's enough for this month, time to hit the send button (at the deadline as usual) and get to bed for a short night's sleep before heading off to work in the morning.





Northwest District Director

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Howdy Folks!

I'm Hoping as YOU Read this YOU are reminiscing on Bikerday and how it went meeting with your representative's. This year is going to be big when it comes to communications with YOUR Elected Officials!

Chapter Nominations are in progress. Please take time to ask yourself what YOU can do to make A.B.A.T.E. better. What can YOU do to help YOUR chapter. I Know YOU can do it!!

A.B.A.T.E. U. is on the calendar. This, as always, will be Fun and Informative. Bring a Friend!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

— Edgar

Borderland

Next Meeting(s):
February 4th, Skippy Finns,' Badger, 5:00 pm
March 14th, Skippy Finns', Badger, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
February 4th, Borderland Chapter Ground Hogs party, Skippy Finns', Badger, 6:30 pm
February 19th, Daytona 500, 1:30 pm

Hello Borderland!

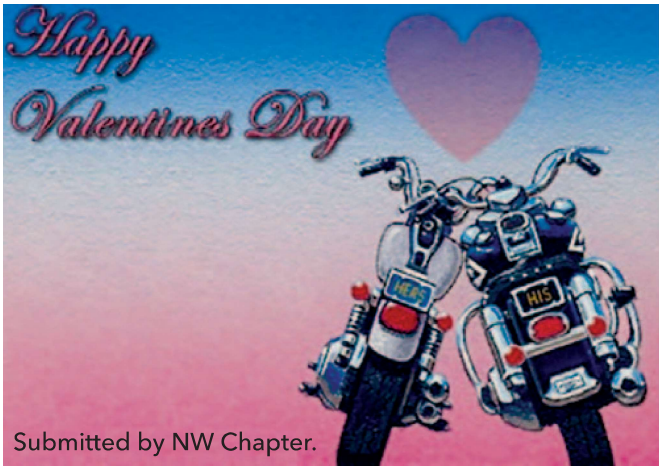
Ya know the days are getting longer and spring is getting closer? By the time you read this, Bikerday will be in the rear view. We know it was a great success. Bikerday at the Capitol is the most important event that we do to preserve our motorcycle rights and we thank our state legislators, John B. and Mark J. for their support. They believe in small government and freedom and liberty. Now we have our Ground hogs Party on the 4th and it is always a great time. We will have a potluck dinner, games of skill for Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota and a white Wood chuck gift exchange (optional) $20 limit. Join in on the fun!

At our January 10th meeting we nominated chapter officers for '23. Every office nomination was accepted, and we thank those members! We are looking forward to a great year and welcome to all new members!

Speaking of members, we will be planning our 23rd annual Membership Drive at our next meetings.

Last but not least, stay safe and warm, enjoy those winter sports and yes, I am a climate change denier.

— Twistin' da Wick, Tim



Submitted by NW Chapter.

Northwest

Next Meeting(s):
February 4th, The Deuce, Erskine, 6:00 pm
March 4th, Broadway Station, St. Hilaire, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Events:
February 4th, Winter Social, The Deuce, Erskine
Come join us for food and live music!
Check our Facebook page for details.

At our January meeting we started our chapter officer nominations. February will be the last time nominations will be accepted. Elections will take place at our March meeting. Please check our Facebook page (Northwest Chapter of A.B.A.T.E) for updates on meetings and events.

Heart of the Lakes

Next Meeting (s):
February 10th, Chapter meeting, Location TBD, 7:00 pm
March 10th, Chapter meeting, Location TBD, 7:00 pm
April 14th, Chapter meeting, Location TBD, 7:00 pm

Howdy to all of you,

New years has come and gone. By the time you read this, Bikerday will be past also. Hope that many were able to participate. It's always a good time and a way to keep our concerns before those who can help us make a difference.

Not a lot going on, or too much to say at this time of year. Just plodding along 'til warmer temps and activities start up again. Bike show season will be starting soon. Might be a good time to check out the shows.

Fresh out of material.
– Littlebear

Freedom First Riders

No Report Received

North Star

No Report Received







Southeast District Director

Virgil Legried
(507) 951-0624
SouthestDir@abatemn.org

No Report Received

Tri County

Next Meeting(s):
February 2nd, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
March 2nd, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
March 2nd, Chapter elections
April 14th-16th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 6th, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride (just looking forward to warmer weather)

Has everybody figured out where to put all this snow? Wow, what a winter so far. Mark hosted our January meeting, and as always, his chef skills are dynamite! Thank you, Mark!

Speaking of dynamite, our chapter has come up with an idea to increase A.B.A.T.E. of MN membership. The details are currently being worked out within our chapter, so stay tuned. If you would like to know more a little sooner than everyone else, come on out to one of our meetings and see what's cookin'.

Keep shoveling and look to the warmer days.

– Big Jon

Straight River

Next Meeting(s):
February 11th, Bridge Street Tavern, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
March 11February 11th, Bridge Street Tavern, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
March 11th, American Legion Post 77, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Happy New Year!

– Zoomer

Southeast LC

No Report Received

River Valley

No Report Received

CLASSIFIED ADS



2/23 Dressers For Sale: Very nice, well-made chest of drawers $75, and Dresser with Mirror $100. Lester Prairie, MN. Cash and Carry. Call 320-300-8449.

The Classified Section is open to all members of A.B.A.T.E. of MN.The ads are free of charge and run for a three month period.

Photos are acceptable as room permits.
No business ads will be accepted.

Send Your Classified Ads to: roadnoise@abatemn.org
or mail to
Road Noise
16550 226th Ave NW Elk River, MN 55660

Flatlanders Christmas Party









Flatlanders

Next Meeting(s):
February 18th, American Legion Post #1377, Alden, 3:00 pm
March 18th, George's of Geneva, Geneva, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
February 18th, Chapter Officer Nominations
March 18th, Chapter Officer Elections

The 6th Annual A.B.A.T.E. of MN Passport Fun Run 2023 Entry Forms are out in the back of your Road Noise. Get out and sign-up places before the February 15th deadline.

– Da Buff



Big Surprise!

A.B.A.T.E. Flatlanders Chapter members stopped at Hy-Vee Austin with a donation of $530 (from the Flatlanders Christmas Party) to Feed a Family.

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

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2023 State Rally, to be held September 1st-September 4th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

Diamond Sponsorship

The Diamond sponsorship is just $3,000

It includes:

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

Gold Sponsorship

The Gold Level Sponsorship is $1,000

It includes:

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

Silver Sponsorship

The Silver Sponsorship is $500

It includes:

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

Chrome Sponsorship

The Chrome Sponsorship is $250

It includes:

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

Copper Sponsorship

The Copper Sponsorship is $100

It includes:

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

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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 2023 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 2023 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 1, 2023

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

Sponsor Information

Business Name:

_____

Business Address:

_____

City/State/Zip:

_____

Business Telephone:

_____

Business Contact Name:

_____

Sponsorship Level: ☐ DIAMOND ☐ GOLD
☐ SILVER ☐ CHROME ☐ COPPER

_____

Check Number: _____ **or**

Credit Card Number with expiration date:

_____ _____

Program Ad/Business Card:

☐ Enclosed ☐ Business will mail/email

Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your ad/business card

Recruiting Member

Name:

_____

Chapter:

_____

Telephone:

_____

Date:

_____

Promotional Tickets

☐ Mail tickets to Business Contact
* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2023

☐ Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:
Contact Name: _____
* Identification will be required

Quantity given: _____

Ticket #'s: _____

Mail to: Michelle Backlund
16550 226th Ave NW
Elk River, MN 55330

Sponsor Receipt

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

Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Recruiting Member Signature: _____

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Inc. thanks you for your support!

If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund
(763) 263-1532 or email statetreasurer@abatemn.org
Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2023
If you don't receive your tickets by July 31st, 2023 contact Michelle Backlund

Visit our website at: www.abatemn.org

Contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.

State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

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

Thank you for the nomination. If elected, this will be my 5th year in office. I hope that I have had a positive influence on A.B.A.T.E. of MN. I'm looking forward to another year working with Jim as my Assistant State Coordinator. We have a wonderful executive board, and are doing our best to keep the organization moving in the right direction. I appreciate your support.

—Jane Doyle

A.B.A.T.E of MN Assistant State Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to let the members know who I am if you haven't met me in the past. I will be running with Jane as her assistant state coordinator, I've been a part of A.B.A.T.E. since 2000, I've been a part of the gambling committee, rally committee, Ways and Means, AB.A.T.E. U. committee, I have served as a chapter president, chapter vice president and Southwest District Director, just to name a few. I Enjoy being an assistant state coordinator and overseeing committees, and helping out the state coordinator anyway I can. And I always like helping out any members that have any questions or concerns. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming elections. Thank you.

— Jim Orn

A.B.A.T.E of MN Treasurer

Thanks for the nomination again. As in the past, I will do my best to bring financial information to the board of directors meetings so that informed decisions can be made. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

—Michelle "Mitch" Backlund

Northeast District DIRECTOR

~Joined March 2017
~Central Chapter Representative 2018
(appointed to fill in, not elected)
~Sand Dunes Chapter Representative 2020
~Sand Dunes President 2021
~Sand Dunes President 2022

My first experience with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota was the 2016 State Rally. A riding buddy wanted to go visit his friend who was at Rally so we ride down to Litchfield to check it out. I forgot my ID and was turned away but we were told that the State Rally Ride was about to leave and we could follow the ride if we wanted to, so we did. Upon getting back to rally we were ushered in with the rest of the group. Telling a story about sneaking into the Rally is probably not the best way to start a resume but we all likely have a story of accomplishing a task in an unorthodox way. Since that first State Rally I hit the ground running, looking for ways to help the organization, help my fellow members, and help maintain the freedoms we all value. The tasks I took on have not been easy but by looking to the members for help and ideas the successes have made it all well worthwhile. I try to keep an eye on the history and the groundwork laid out by those before us while also encouraging change, new ideas, and shared responsibility. I've learned a lot in my journey but above all else is the fact that every member counts. If we listen to each other and work together there is nothing we can't accomplish. If elected I intend to do what I can to enable all members of the North East District to be heard, contribute, and grow their own skills and knowledge to benefit not just ABATE, but themselves.

—Chad Marchand
Sand Dunes Chapter

A.B.A.T.E OF MN STATE SECRETARY

To: The members of ABATE of Minnesota
For those of you who do not know me or know very little about me, I would like to introduce myself and share my history. I joined A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota in the spring of 2011 when a friend told me I could get a discount for the Freedom Rally in Algona. Little did I know what becoming a member of this amazing organization truly meant.
I learned that this was a motorcycle rights organization determined to fight for the freedoms of every rider. I also learned that this was a very social group that would eventually become my chosen family. From the moment I walked into my first Flatlanders Chapter meeting, I started learning how we (A.B.A.T.E. members) can and do have a voice and have the power to impact and influence others…I was sold. I accepted a nomination and was elected for Chapter Vice President in 2012. That's right, only a few months as a member and now I am an officer. I think it was because I wasn't afraid to ask questions, toss out ideas, volunteer, and participate in everything I could. However, I had no idea what I was doing, but thanks to the people in the Chapter, I learned quick. In April I attended my first A.B.A.T.E. U. and discovered so much more about the organization I was proud to be a member of. In January I accepted the Chapter President nomination… Then "IT" happened. I was asked by our Chapter Rep to attend the January 2013 Board of Directors meeting in Detroit Lakes for him. The instruction I received was "All you have to do is take notes and bring the information back to the Chapter". So, there I sat taking notes like a mad woman, so I didn't miss anything and nominations for State Officers began. The State Secretary nominations were closing with no nominee, when the State Coordinator (who I had just met the night before) asked me if I would accept a nomination if one was made. I was speechless and red faced trying to figure out "Why me, they don't even know me." As I sat there dumbstruck, two lovely ladies nominated me, everyone was staring at me, and I had a decision to make. I could respectfully decline because I was so new and unsure of what I had to do, or I could jump in with both feet and have faith that there were people who would help and support me.
I chose to take the leap and it was the best thing I could have done. Since becoming the State Secretary in 2013, I have learned so much about who we are, what we stand for, how influential we truly are, and how much of a difference we make. For the past 9 years I have held this seat I can honestly say, I learn something new at each B.O.D. and there is never a dull moment. The relationships I have made by being active, the knowledge I have gained about grassroots lobbying and what motorcyclists face at every corner can never be replaced. Since I originally joined, I have also become a member of Southeast LC and Straight River with my home Chapter still the Flatlanders because I want to help make a difference. So, thank you for the nomination for State Secretary, I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you and will continue to share what I have learned with others.

— Michele Legried

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

I have been nominated for a 6th term as your Southeast District Director and will strive to maintain the level of leadership that I've shown in the last 5 years. During my time as your SEDD I have helped to revitalize the Rochester chapter into the Southeast LC chapter that it is today, have made progress in getting the MC's, RC's and Associations in SE MN involved with A.B.A.T.E. of MN and provided guidance to the SE District chapters. Previous to being your SEDD I have held the chapter level offices of Sgt at Arms, Chapter Rep and President with the Flatlanders chapter. Also I am a member of the Flatlanders, SELC and Straight River chapters.

—Virgil Legried

State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

Southwest District Director

Hi, my name is Shelly Deutsch, and I was nominated to run for Southwest District Director by Trashy Smith. I've been a member since Oct of 2014, and currently a member of Rolling Prairie. Some of the positions I've held in the past years are, Chapter Rep (7yrs), Chapter Secretary (1yr), Rally Assistant (3yrs), Rally Secretary (2yrs), Membership & Retention (4yrs), State Office (2nd yr), MRF Assistant State Rep(6yrs)

I have been an active member lobbying at the State Capitol and sending letters to the both State and Federal legislators. I've attended the last 7 Heartland STEAM Conferences, also the past 7 Meeting of the Minds, last year I was one of the Top 10 Recruiting Rep's. I got my Bike endorsement in high school and have many bikes over the years. I now own a 2003 HD Dyna Low Rider, a 2006 1800 Goldwing Trike. I am very committed to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and what we stand for.

Motorcycle rights are something that we need to be continually fighting for because if WE don't care, who will? Over the years I have made some wonderful friends through A.B.A.T.E. and MRF. With your help, we will carry on our way of life, promote a freedom-based agenda, and keep Minnesota a great place to ride a motorcycle for many years.

—Shelly Deutsch

New & Renewals for December 2022

BORDERLAND
- Kendra Briese ..... R

BUFFALO RIDGE
- John / Pat VanOverbeke ..... R

CENTRAL
- Jeff / Lori Givan ..... R
- Steve / Julie Heying ..... R
- Brian / Lori Mackedanz ..... R
- Chad "Beardy" Purvis ..... N
- Ronald / Sherry Rolfes ..... R
- Ron / Kathy Weiss ..... N

FLATLANDERS
- John Knudsen ..... R
- Edward / Linda Peak ..... R
- Fred/ Cali Vokoun ..... R

EAST CENTRAL
- Jared Hudalla ..... N

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS
- Greg Niblett ..... R
- Jeff Sonsteby ..... R

GLACIAL RIDGE
- Paul Brambrink ..... R
- Jim Halvorson/ Julie Hemen ..... R

HEART OF THE LAKES
- Scott Drewes /Dianne Erickson ..... R
- John Vaida /Bonnie Blatchford ..... R

JACK PINE RIDERS
- Bill Bothman ..... R
- Gary / Tracie K Provo ..... R
- Ken Stern ..... R

LAKE
- Kelly Bettendorff ..... R
- Larry / Roxy Brown ..... R
- Pat / Mikette Caspers ..... R
- David / Nancy Dibb ..... R
- Dave Gunderson ..... R
- Keith / Lisa Quady ..... R
- Dan Spotten ..... R

METRO
- Bob Dooley ..... R
- Nathan Favilla ..... N
- Kelby Grovender ..... N
- Joe "JJ" /Lori "Punky" Jones ..... R
- Ron Lischeid ..... R
- Jason Probst ..... N
- David Schmoll ..... R
- Scott "Chief" Smart ..... R
- Jon / Donna Stutelberg ..... R

NORTHEAST
- Mark Etter ..... R
- Eric / Amy Larsen ..... R

NORTHWEST
- Dan Farder ..... R
- Greg Hallstrom ..... R

RIVER VALLEY
- Bob / Sheri Olson ..... R

ROLLING PRAIRIE
- Chris Andersen ..... R

SAND DUNES
- Michael / Kristie Klatt ..... N
- Devin Strom ..... R

SOUTH CENTRAL
- Joshua H Ehlers ..... N
- John "Bear" Keltgen ..... N
- James / Kristie Orn ..... R
- Amanda Primus ..... N
- Brittney White ..... N

SOUTHEAST LC
- John Knudsen ..... R
- Tom / Teresa Small ..... R

STRAIGHT RIVER
- John Knudsen ..... R
- Jeffrey "Diesel" Voracek ..... R

TRI-COUNTY
- Christopher / Karen DeVoto ..... R
- Wes / April Hardin ..... N
- Lynn Weidling ..... R

UP NORTH
- Delbert Brincefield ..... R
- William Kerzie ..... R
- Dave / Rosie Marolt ..... R

WAY WEST
- Paul J Rice ..... R
- Bob Schultz/ Heidi Shell ..... N

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2/1/23	Biker Day at the Capitol	State Capitol, St. Paul	
2/1/23	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
2/1/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	SOS Clubhouse, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/2/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/4/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	5:00 PM
2/4/23	East Central Heart On	American Legion, St. Francis	1:00 - 5:00 PM
2/4/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
2/4/23	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs Fundraiser	Township Hall, Rockford	
2/4/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Township Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/4/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting & Winter Social	Duece in Erskine	6:00 PM
2/4/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Madison Mercantile	12:00 PM
2/5/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, ST. Francis	11:00 AM
2/5/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	McPete's, Big Lake	6:00 PM
2/5/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
2/10/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	
2/11/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 936, Alexandria	6:00 PM
2/11/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Chili Feed	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
2/11/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter DJ	Hiedi's Bar, Sedan	8-11:00 PM
2/11/22	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	Buckshot's, Buttrfield	3:00 PM
2/11/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Buttrfield	4:00 PM
2/11/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Bridge Street Tavern, Owatonna	1:00 PM
2/12/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/12/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Phone Meeeting	11:00 AM
2/14/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/15/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
2/18/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Alden	3:00 PM
2/18/23	Up North Winter Fever Reliever	Eagles Club, Grand Rapids	
2/19/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Maverick's Bar & Grill, Beroun	2:00 PM
2/19/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 AM
3/1/23	Northeast Chapter Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
3/1/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots Bar and Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM
3/2/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/4/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge, Waverly	3:00 PM
3/4/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3/4/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Broadway Station, St. Hilaire	3:00 PM
3/4/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	VFW, Appleton	12:00 PM
3/5/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, ST. Francis	11:00 AM
3/10/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
3/11/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 936, Alexandria	6:00 PM
3/11/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James	2:00 PM
3/11/23	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	
3/11/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
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3/14/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
3/14/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
3/18/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	George's of Geneva	2:00 PM
3/19/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tacks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction	2:00 PM
3/19/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochster	4:00 PM
3/25/23	Northeast Chapter Bunwarmer	River Inn, Scanton	
3/25/23	Donnie Smith Show	St. Paul River Center	
3/26/23	Donnie Smith Show	St. Paul River Center	
4/1/23	Glaical Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/14/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
4/14/23	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/15/23	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/16/23	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/16/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henriette	2:00 PM
4/21/23	Heartland Steam	Bismark, ND	
4/22/23	Heartland Steam	Bismark, ND	

Chili Feed & Contest



Who: Glacial Ridge

What: Craft and Bake sale

Where: Heidi's in Sedan

When: February 11th, 2022

10 contestants and prizes for top 2

Come out and vote for your favorite chili

Only 2 Weeks Left

to sign up stops and sponsors for the 2023

MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run

Only two weeks left to sign up stops and sponsors for the 2023 MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, you can make a copy of the entry form to use that's listed (PAGE 32) in this Road Noise. Stops and Sponsors can also sign up for multiple years on the form.

If you would like to see more stops in the book that are located in your area, go and sign them up! The form explains everything they need to know about how the passport run works and how to send in the form. Help them out by offering to mail in the form and fees for them.

All entry forms and fees must be postmarked and mailed to the address on the form by February 15th, 2023.

Passport Run Committee Contacts:
Trashy Smith 612-708-9328
Joe Ruby 605-949-1366
Ingrid Cohen 763-516-7029

6th Annual
A.B.A.T.E.
Passport Fun Run
2023 Entry Form

Dear business owner or manager,

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 6th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st – Nov 1st, 2023. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed a sponsor of this event, as a stop inside the 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 and 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 made out to ABATE or cash to the address below **before Feb 15th, 2023**.

Jon "Trashy" Smith
ABATE Passport Committee
809 Jackson St
St. James, MN 56081

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

Please indicate the name of the ABATE chapter and member who signed you up for the Passport Run:

Chapter Name _____Chapter Member_____

Fill Out One:

Check # enclosed_____ Amount_____ Cash Amount Enclosed_____


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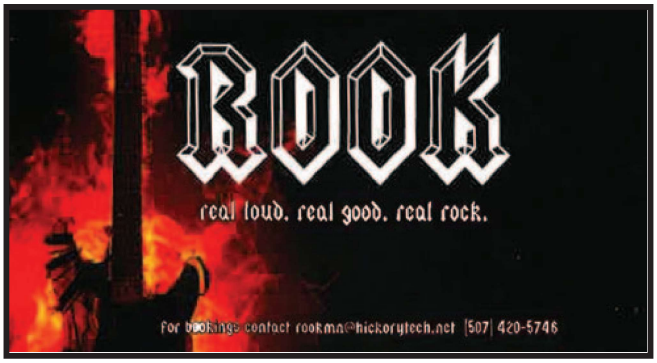
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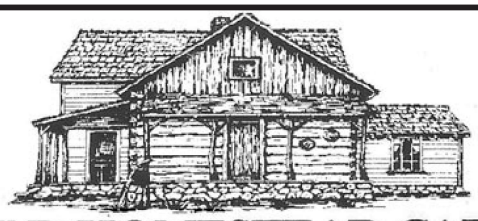
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