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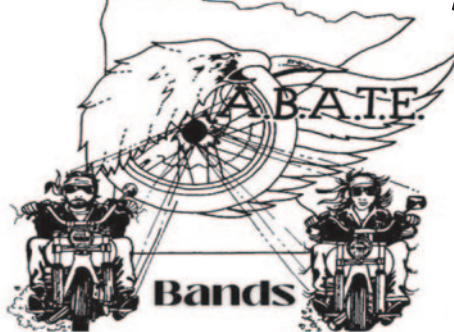
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 1) Chapter/Committee Name
 2) Next Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place
 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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

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

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

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

together to fight for our rights and freedoms.

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

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

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

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

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



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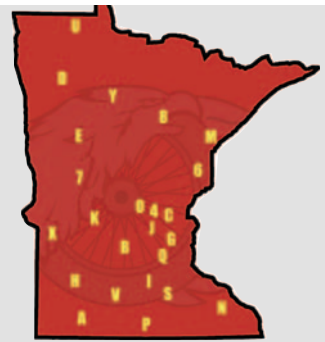
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It's time for the A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota State Rally! Are you ready? The rally committee has been working hard to put together a fun filled weekend. Are you going to do your part to help? A successful rally includes: teamwork, fun, friends, respect, competition, and YOU!

To our chapter secretaries; please remember to send your meeting

minutes within 10 days of your meetings. And send them to our: State Secretary, State Office Administrator, your District Director, Chapter President, and ME!

I do read them and like to keep up with the chapter information and events. The meeting minutes help me know how you're doing and if any information needs clarification. Please include me if you don't already!

Enjoy getting out for a ride when you can, and please be safe!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Jane



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Can you believe it's August already? Where has the summer gone?

For the month of August, I think I have a pretty full plate. Heading to Colorado Springs, the beginning of the month. U.P. Michigan the middle of the month and the State Rally at the end of the month. Not sure why I always wait till last minute to try to cram everything in, but we will get it done.

I have been attending a few meetings. A.B.A.T.E. University is starting to plan for 2024.

The Ways and Means committee has been going over the bills and had help, which always is appreciated. And it's always interesting to see the ideas people are able to take away from

looking over the bills.

The Publications Committee is looking for a volunteer to do some proofing and if you saw my rough draft, you will understand why they need proofers. Thanks!

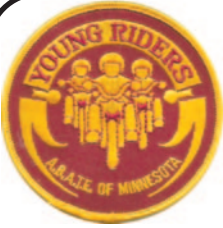
The Young Riders committee is picking up steam way faster than I ever thought it would, which is great. It will be training our young riders the proper way to stay safe on their motorcycle.

You know the E in A.B.A.T.E. (education). I know it's too late to talk about the July B.O.D., but I always want to stress, if you've never been to one just try it once. Who knows what it may lead to. I attended one and I must have got bitten by the bug. That is why I do what I do today.

Well, that's all I have for this time and will be trying to squeeze in my report next month when I'm in Colorado.

Till next time,

Jim



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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I want to thank the writer of the letter to the editor in the July issue of Road Noise. The comments made make me think we have not done a good job of sharing information with our members. What is A.B.A.T.E. doing about Rider Training and other educational activities involving Young Rider and A.B.A.T.E. members? Over the years Rider Training and Road Guard classes have been sponsored by several chapters and on occasion at A.B.A.T.E. University. Some of these classes have required participants pay the full fee and some have been paid in part or fully by a Chapter or A.B.A.T.E.

Now let's take a look at where we are presently for rider training and education. In 2023 A.B.A.T.E. board of directors approved a budget that included paying for a group rider training class to be held in each of our four A.B.A.T.E. districts. 2023 is the first time we have ever budgeted for group rider training classes and at the time of this writing the first of these classes has taken place. Unfortunately, that class had less participants than we would have liked, but it was a start. Rider training classes in the remaining districts are in various stages of planning.

In addition to this A.B.A.T.E. members made a commitment of thousands of dollars to be spent on training Young Riders (riders under 21) something we have never done before. I know at this time we have registered and paid for more than 20 students to participate in the BRC (beginning rider's class).

We have funds committed to pay for more and requests are still coming in. When we provide funding for these Young Riders, we do not get information back on success or failure of students. We only get information if they attended or not. We will be following up with scholarship students following their scheduled class date to gain more information. In addition, the scholarship dollars we have committed do not have to be used exclusively for BRC we can help with any of the rider training classes provided by the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center. If you know a Young Rider that could benefit, please share our message with them.

I would add that Education and Training is not just about training students how to ride. We have been helping in other ways. We have had A.B.A.T.E. volunteers sharing the message of Share the Road as long as I can remember. Unfortunately Share the Road was severely compromised by Covid. Many of those that previously hosted these classes were not willing or ordered by the powers in the state to not participate during the pandemic scare, so we lost some opportunities. Now that the threat of Covid is no longer restricting us, efforts are being made to upgrade the Share the Road class and get more

members taking part. If you would like to hear more or get involved contact Jon at

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We have also increased our efforts to present safety and first aid classes for our members. At A.B.A.T.E. University 2023 we presented a First Aid/CPR class. We also presented the Stop the Bleed class. This is the first time Stop the Bleed had ever been presented at A.B.A.T.E. U. There was a small fee for those that attended the First Aid/CPR if they wanted to get a certification card. For the Young Riders (under 21) in attendance that were certified, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota paid the certification fee for them. These classes were all very well attended and we taught some people some skills that I hope they will not need to use, but if needed those they help will be happy they were taught.

We provided some Young Riders training on the legislative process. A number of young people joined us as we visited with our elected officials at Bikerday at the Capitol. They experienced an introduction to the legislative process.

This is some of what we are doing with Education and Training, is it enough? I think not, but I think it is more than we have done in the past and I think we are headed in the right direction. In the July letter to the editor, it was stated "I think we need to get back to what A.B.A.T.E. is all about." My question to all members, who is the WE he speaks of? Each one of us could ask ourselves what have WE done to promote Awareness, Training and Education.

Have you taught a Share the Road, taken a rider training class, recruited a Young Rider to take part in training, helped organize a group riding class? These are just a few of the ways We can promote Training and Education.

Here is a list of people and chapters that are helping educate and train Young Riders.

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At the State Rally this year we would like you to consider putting in three hours to help sell ice. Our schedule this year is 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, with 3-hour shifts. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Security building at the Rally.

Thus far we have had 52 pickups, let's increase that number, so we can lower deaths and accidents.

28 motorcyclists or their passengers had died in crashes this year as of last Tuesday, according to

the state Department of Public Safety. That's a number just slightly behind the pace set in 2022, when the state recorded 82 deaths – the most since 1985.

Impairment, distracted driving, and speeding are among the factors contributing to the high death toll, said Jay Bock, safety coordinator for the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center. Lack of skill, particularly when navigating curves or attempting to avoid road hazards, is another big factor, he said.

DIAL-A-RIDE CAN HELP WITH PART OF THAT, PLEASE IF YOU ARE IMPAIRED CALL 1-888-342-5743, help keep that number of fatalities down. That one fatality might be you, your family member, or a best friend.

If you ride don't drink, If you drink call Dial-A-Ride.



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Upcoming event(s):

September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Litchfield

Hello everyone,

Well, we are more than halfway through the riding season. Cities and towns are having their annual festivals which means there are parades and county fairs that have our legislators attending and campaigning at. These events are a great opportunity for you to introduce yourself as an A.B.A.T.E. and MRF member.

They will want your vote, so they will listen to you when talking about our motorcycle interests. The MRF is still working on H.R. 906 REPAIR ACT. So far there are 31 cosponsors signed on. Unfortunately, none of them are from Minnesota. When at these parades or fairs that they are set up at, please talk to them about signing on. If you can't make it to the event, write an email. Even better yet, get with Kari our products person who has blank thank you style cards with the A.B.A.T.E. logo and make a personalized ask about H.R. 906 and

send it to them by USPS.

Meeting of the Minds is coming up at the end of September in Harrisburg, PA. This gives you a little bit of time to make arrangements to make the trip to PA. This is a great event and we will be setting our priority list for next year's legislative session along with some great presentations.

Don't forget the State Rally is just around the corner and the MRF puts on a chili contest on Saturday at 11:30 am. There are three categories: Best Chili, Hottest Chili, and Most Unique Chili. They are voted on by the people that come and sample them. We will provide the sample cups for judging so all the contestants need to bring is the chili. We will not ask for the recipe. So, if it's your family secret recipe it stays that way. It is always a good way to meet the MRF assistant reps along with myself and get signed on as a member of the MRF. You do not need to be a member of the MRF to participate, but it would be nice if you are.

As always if you have a meeting or event that you would like an assistant rep or myself to attend, please let us know so that we can make arrangements.

Ride safe and hope to see you at the next event.

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I just want to start out with a BIG THANK YOU to all who worked at the Membership table at the Freedom Rally in Algona! We had members from 10 chapters: Rolling Prairie, Central, Southeast LC, Straight River, River Valley, Freedom First Riders, Flatlanders, South Central, Lake, and Glacial Ridge. We brought in 167 Memberships, 120 singles and 47 couples. 88 of the 167 were new members, only five chapters did not have anyone sign-up.

The big news coming to me from the gate area was, next year they are extending the Freedom Rally to a four-day event! So, the Rally will start on Wednesday. I will still be there on Saturday or Sunday and start the front table on Monday morning at 8:00 am. I started a work schedule for next year already, and it is nearly full!

Now for the regular counts, we are down another 95 members as of July 2nd. We have 1,399 singles and 1,690 couples. Way West had the largest increase with seven, Flatlander was next with five, North Star with four and was 3rd highest and 4th was Buffalo Ridge with two. We had a chapter lose 21 this month.

See ya down the road!

Shelly Deutsch



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April 19th - 21st, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Standard and king rooms - \$125.99 + tax, courtyard, and pool view rooms - \$135.00 + tax. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Ride safe,

Stephanie



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At the July Board of Directors meeting, I distributed W2R patches and rockers to 6 members from 5 chapters. Interested to note one Flatlanders member earning a rocker in 2023 first participated and earned a W2R patch and rocker in 1997 the year the program began.

We have not had as many participants as I would expect taking part in W2R this year. It leads me to ask do you think everything is great, couldn't be better? Have you ever said to a friend, co-worker or other person wow are my taxes ever high or crime is getting out of control, the price of a fishing license is getting crazy?

Think about all the parts of your life that are influenced by your elected officials. Are they doing everything the way you think they should? It doesn't matter to me what political party if any you may belong to, nor does it matter to me if you agree or disagree with my opinion on the thing's government does. What I think is important is that you take part, make your voice heard. The people elected represent us. If they don't hear from us, how will they know what it is we would like them to do?

Did you attend Bikerday at the Capitol 2023? Have you had communication with your elected officials in 2023?

Please plan ahead, Bikerday 2024, Write 2 Ride. Let's take part. Invite others both young and old to join us in what we do. Government is ours. LET'S OWN IT!

Frank



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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No Report Received



Letter to the Editor

I read with interest the letter to the editor in July Road Noise addressing recruitment of members, training, education, and the increase in fatalities in recent years. Reading that letter makes me wonder am I confused about the direction we are going or we are not sharing information about what we are doing. I would be interested in hearing from other members, hearing their opinion on the efforts we are making. I invite you to read my Young Riders report this month to better understand why I am asking this question.

frank ernst



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The heat of summer is on and by the time you are reading this I should be in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota! A tradition I enjoy every year. If you are in the area, there will be a Minnesota Get Together on August 8th in Central City, SD. Hosted by Lake Chapter. I will be there. Hope to see you there!

As you are riding this great state and great county, remember to keep an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota tri fold handy to sign up new or renewing members.

Watch out for the crazy drivers out there, but always take time to enjoy the ride.

Later, Mitch



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Everything is moving along as it should. I'm still getting new membership cards back in the office. PLEASE print clearly when filling membership forms out. If you move, please let me know. If you don't receive your card or Road Noise, please don't wait for a year before you let someone know. As mentioned before, when the reminder cards are mailed out, if all is current, just place the card in an envelope, along with a check & mail back to the State Office.

Keep on Keep'n on!

Shelly Deutsch



GAMBLING REPORT

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Wow, what a great summer. Here at the gambling hut, we're continuing to push raffle ticket sales so we can keep up with all the great organizations and people we support. We recently wrote out checks to a veteran's home, an organization to support mental health, and help families who are experiencing hardships and motorcycle education.

Speaking of motorcycle education, Gambling set aside \$10,000 this year to support the Young Riders Scholarship Program. We may have underestimated the impact this would have as we have already paid for over 24 young riders to take the Basic Rider Course and the applications continue to come in. If you don't know about the program, it's a great story, so please ask anyone involved and find out how this is right in the wheelhouse for an organization like A.B.A.T.E.



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello fellow bikers! Are you getting out and enjoying the weather? Are you going to other Chapter fundraisers? If you are, then you should have seen me somewhere along the way. As I write this, I am getting home from Algona and Jack Pine Rider Upper Kettle River Shakedown.

I am getting things ordered for our 35th annual State Rally. Hopefully I will see you there.

State Products will have the following hours during the Rally: Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am-10:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am-8:00 pm.

There are still hours available to work on Saturday and Sunday. Please email products@abatemn.org or text (507) 830-0644 if you want to volunteer for any of these days.

If you need any products for your chapter, please let me know at least one month before the next B.O.D. In this case it would be by September 15th. That way I have time to order it if need be.

Hope to see all of you at the State Rally,

Kari Duncan



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The Young Riders Scholarship program has taken off and spread its wings. To date, we have signed up and paid for 24 students to take the Basic Rider Course using A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota gambling funds. Of the 24, four students' classes have already happened. The first student didn't get their permit in time for the class and still has an opportunity to reschedule. The second student showed up for the class and left because he didn't have his permit. Students three and four both attended their classes. Student three is under 18 and when I reached out to him to follow up about the class, he responded by saying that he passed the course and subsequently went and passed his motorcycle permit test. He thanked us for the opportunity to learn how to properly operate a motorcycle and how important he believes that is. I would ask you all to think about something when you are buying or selling A.B.A.T.E. raffle tickets. These gambling funds are paying for kids under the age of 21 to take rider training courses. I have found that people that are on the fence about purchasing a ticket are more likely to buy one when informed of this fact.

I would also like to share an update on district rider training. The first event was held in the Northeast District at Pine College on June 24th. Chad Marchand put a lot of effort into getting riders lined up. We had eight people committed out of a possible 11 seats. A few days before the class, four dropped out. Then the day of, almost all

dropped out. Chad set aside a family commitment at the last minute to take the course and Jay Hickok rode down from the north to participate. Thank you both for your commitment to rider training. Have you ever heard the expression, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink?" It's surprising how many people have their drive belts snap the same day as a rider training course during inclement weather.

The last I had heard from Edgar, there is zero interest in the northwest district. It is disappointing that our membership is not interested in taking free rider training opportunities.

I have also been working closely with Shelly in the Southwest District and we have an intermediate course lined up for Sunday, July 30th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at North Mankato. There are currently 10 riders committed out of a possible 12. If you are interested, or even want to be put on a backup list please contact Shelly Deutsch (state office/southwest district director).

As far as the Southwest District is concerned, I have been hounding the Rochester College contact with no progress to show for it. My apologies to Donna Larish and the members of the Southwest District, perhaps we will have to try a different location.

We have started some new and positive initiatives for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Whether it be the scholarship program or district rider training, I believe we are moving in the right direction. With anything new, there will always be hurdles along the way. I humbly ask for your patience and your help. If you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jon Fernholz

**NATIONAL COALITION
OF MOTORCYCLISTS**



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Where do I start? Let's just go with, Thank you to the board members of the National Coalition of Motorcyclist's for accepting me as your District IV director along side of Ed Schetter {executive director of A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio}. Together, along with all of YOU, WE will do good things.

Speaking of good things, during the convention a unlisted pow-wow amongst the leadership of NCOM and the MRF took place! This was long over due and much needed! We have now put aside our differences and embark on a new beginning of cooperation and mutual support for the Betterment of Biking!!!

I personally look forward to this understanding and committment from the leaders of NCOM and MRF because our lifestyles need more unity from all sides in this fight for motorcycle rights & freedom!

Speaking of freedom, I was able to RIDE out to this convention in Sunny Tempe, Arizona where I experienced riding in 108 degree weather. I rode through a dozen states, and oddly enough only rode less than 100 out of 4055 miles on the Interstate freeway system, and got to enjoy my own company the entire trip.

In closing, stay focused on whats happening at any of our Capitols whether in Washington D.C. or here in Minnesota and if you have questions over what YOU can do to help- please, get ahold of ME!

Dale



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COMMITTEE**

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Next Meeting(s):

August 13th, via phone, 11:00 am

September 10th, via phone, 11:00 am

As usual summer is moving fast! August already and next month is our Rally. The Road Noise Committee is looking for help with proofing, it's a great way to volunteer some time to make the task easier for the Road Noise to be put together. Teamwork makes the dream work for our whole A.B.A.T.E. organization.

Keep in mind when you are out and about to all the events or stopping for a break, to take a picture of a member, business, bike or Veteran and send it to roadnoise@abatemn.org with a small paragraph of information.

Tammy



**BUDDY
BEAR
REPORT**

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I hope everyone is enjoying the pleasant weather we've had thus far. Good year to get those bears delivered, please don't forget. I have a recurring reminder email going out to each chapter that has bears. If you have zero bears, you can disregard the email. Woo Hoo out to Rolling Prairie. They have all their bears delivered, excellent job!

Now for the not so pleasant. We have not gotten inventory yet from these chapters. Borderland, Flatlanders, Glacial Ridge, Heart of the Lakes, and South Central. We've had 244 bears delivered so far this spring.

I attended a blessing of the bikes in Fosston and was asked to talk about A.B.A.T.E. and what we do. What we do for bikers' rights, to preserve and protect those rights. How the buddy bear program works. After my talk, I had several come share Buddy Bear stories with me. All around a beautiful day.

Remember when delivering bears to get a receipt to send to Dan ASAP. Thank you.

Sharon Polman



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Everything is coming together.

Remember the State Rally is put on by Volunteers! Are you ready to help? Look for anyone with a State Rally Team hat to find out what needs to be done. They can send you to someone that needs help.

See more about the State Rally events, games royaty pageant, and sponsors on pages 28 and 29.

*See you
at the
Rally!*



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):

October 15th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

We met on, July 9th at the Ugly Bar in Montrose. We looked over the tax return, Mitch had everything in order, we put our initials on it. We also looked at the reports; then went through the state bills, chapter bills/fundraisers and deposits.

I want to thank every that showed up.

Kristie



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No Report Received

Veteran of the Month

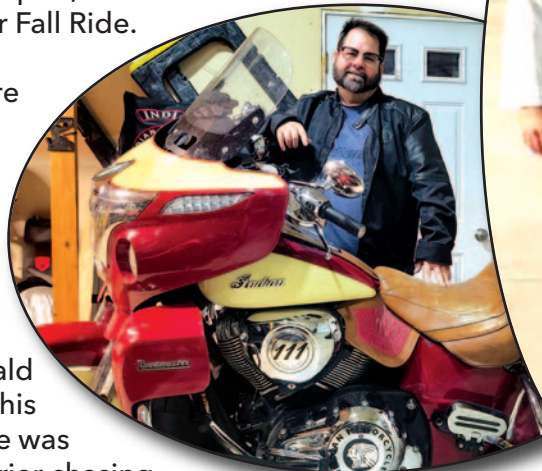
*"Home of the Free
Because of the Brave"*

Doug Hall

United States Navy

Doug has been riding for 14+ years, and has known of A.B.A.T.E. for some time, but finally decided to join this May, where he was welcomed by the Sand Dunes Chapter, so much he has stepped up and is working on our Fall Ride.

Doug retired from the Navy, where he joined in 1989, as a Machinist Mate, operating Steam Plants. Doug was on the USS Virginia CGN38. Doug was in Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort, (providing comfort to the Kurds). Doug has a partner, Amy McDonald and 2 children. Doug mentioned his favorite time in the Armed Service was when he was transferring to a carrier chasing Drug Runners in the Carribean. He absolutely loved the Carribean waters and would like to live there!





MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Considering the next task force meeting is the Thursday following the July B.O.D., this report will be relatively short. Most of the current information was published in the July issue of the Road Noise, with the exception of motorcycle crash fatality statistics.

Currently the grim statistics are slightly behind last year's high numbers. There are currently 28 motorcycle crash fatalities. 29% of those fatalities where a rider that was not endorsed or permitted to operate a motorcycle, and 54% were in between the ages of 20 and 39.

The questions I ask all of you are; Where do you fit in to all of this to make a difference? Do you know a young, uneducated rider? What can you

do, personally, to reduce motorcyclist fatalities in this state? Please keep in mind, the higher the crash statistics climb, the greater the push will be to take away our freedoms to choose how we prefer to ride our motorcycles.

That's all I have for now. Please watch out for one another, make your own choices, and keep your head on a swivel.

Big John

Harmony Lillie

Photo Coming!

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Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, Twitter are all the social media platforms I'm trying to get A.B.A.T.E. more fluent on.

If anyone wants to learn more, reach out to me. The B.O.D. will be past, but I'm hoping people will have learned a little from me there.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

THE BUFF
Formerly The Friendly Buffalo

Check out
The Buff,
the preferred bar and eatery
in Big Lake, MN.

Once you dine and drink at The Buff, you won't want to go anywhere else. Our locally owned restaurant and bar is the top choice in Big Lake, MN for high-end bar food, outdoor bar games, and live music.

Sand Dunes Chapter wants to thank The Buff for allowing our monthly chapter and committee meetings, we are feeling very welcomed!



BIKE OF THE MONTH

Chris McGeary - 1996 Harley FXSTS

Chris McGeary is a member of Way West Chapter. This 1300 Evo with drag bars and Screaming Eagle carbs is mostly stock. Chris said: "My First Harley! It's my Precioussss!"



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Scott Trout - Lake Chapter

Scott Trout has been an A.B.A.T.E. of MN - Lake Chapter member since 2015. He served for four years as one of the Lake Chapter Sgt. @ Arms. In 2021 he became the Chapter Representative and has really enjoyed it. He has participated in many events and programs including the Grounded Hogs, Camp Courage, Dial-A-Ride, Buddy Bears, Membership Table, Ditch Pick Up and more. Scott is truly an advocate for what A.B.A.T.E. of MN stands for.









SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Hello everyone, I hope you're getting some riding in this summer, enjoying the great, but hot weather we've been having.

Are you spreading the news about the great things A.B.A.T.E. can do to those that don't know? Do you have trifold and tear-offs in your vest pockets or saddle bags? New forms were handed out at the July B.O.D., make sure and ask your Chapter Rep for them.

State Rally is right around the corner, did your chapter help sponsor YOUR Rally?

When the season calms down a bit I will make it to your meetings, but if you have any questions or concerns, I always have my phone nearby!

Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

September 2nd, Informal get together, Rally grounds

October 7th, Chris Kalway's home, Howard Lake, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 4th - 13th, 83rd Sturgis Rally

August 8th, Minnesota Day in Central City, SD

August 19th, Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 9th, Fall Run, details to follow

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

Our spring run in June was successful. Scott Bitzer did a fantastic job organizing and guiding us. Thank you, Scott.

We have our fall run scheduled for Saturday, September 9th. Details will be forthcoming so watch Facebook for updates. Quite the adventure is being planned.

In July the chapter took the meeting north with a nice ride up to Breezy Point to see Smoker. The weather was perfect. Thank you, Smoker, for hosting us and for all the wonderful food provided.

The chapter is gearing up for the rally and we have nominated our Queen and King for the pageant.

Until next month my friends- Ride Free

- April

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

August 5th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

September 2nd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

October 7th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August, Duffy's Run, Camp in Winona

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 21st- 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 2nd, Riverside Tavern,

Forest City, 7:00 pm

August 30th, September
meeting, Litchfield
Fairgrounds

October 4th, Valley Inn, Eden
Valley, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 30th, Rally Burger
Night, South Central
Chapter tent, Litchfield
Fairgrounds,
5:30 pm

September 1st-4th,
A.B.A.T.E. of
Minnesota
State Rally,
Litchfield

September 21st- 24th,
Meeting of the
Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

Huge thank you
to everyone who
attended and
helped with our
annual Fun Run!
The impending
weather may have
scared off a few
people, but it ended
up being a beautiful
day and we had
a great time.

We have completed
two Buddy Bear
deliveries so far to
Cosmos and Grove
City Fire Departments.
They sure do
appreciate receiving those bears and our support.

Don't forget to visit our South Central Chapter
tent the Wednesday before the State Rally, we
are serving burgers at 5:30 pm all are welcome!!
All proceeds will go to the PAC.

The summer is flying by, that's what happens
when you get to ride free with the breeze
between your knees!

See you at the Rally,

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary

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Fun Run 2023



Buddy Bears: Top Grove City; Below Cosmos



BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

No Report Received

See You at the Rally!

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

September 8th, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Bueerfield, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 9th, Fallen Friends Run, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Bueerfield, kickstands up at noon

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

Hello family and friends. We are planning our annual Fallen Friends Memorial Ride, which will be held on September 9th. Registration will be from

10:00 am - 11:30 am followed by our Memorial Service. Ride leaves at noon. All wheels welcomed and there is free PRIMITIVE camping available at Buckshot's following the ride.

We are also planning our 1st annual Family Picnic where all ages will be welcomed. More details will follow as we get them ironed out. Please watch our Facebook page Rolling Prairie for all updates.

I think that is all for now, but I'm sure I am forgetting something.

Keep safe my friends.

-Giggles



WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

August 27th, TBD, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Litchfield
September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

Greetings all. Remember that our meetings are still scheduled for the last Sunday of the month at noon during riding season.

The State Rally is coming shortly. Way West oversees bike games. I always look forward to this weekend. Hope you all can make it!! Bring friends!

Thanks to Jen and Jim for getting Buddy Bears out. Appreciate it.

Paula Bailey and Tom Peterson were high bids on the two cars (pictured top right). All monies go to our Toys for Kids. Thanks for the support.

Keep your kneez in the breeze,

- Gypsy Mama



Jen and Jim dropped Buddy Bears off at Echo, Minnesota.

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

August 11th, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

September 8th, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds,
Harrisburg, PA

Attend the next meetings. We'd love to see some member faces that we haven't seen for a while!

Hubs and I are on another bike adventure as I write this. I guess we work hard so we can play hard! Will be meeting some new baby girls! Family, good clean air, biking... Life is Good!

Algona rally was fabulous, as always. Hoping Minnesota Rally is blessed with great weather and fine music too!

Our members have been busy living the dream, but in different directions. I mentioned that we are on another adventure. Camper was packed, hooked up and ready to roll, when we did our usual lights check. And there were no lights on the trailer. My man started a thorough check of wiring. Sure thing, a fuse needed replacement. Such a simple, quick fix.

This is just a reminder to you all, a quick walk around can be a life saver. Let's not give the blind drivers another reason to say, 'I didn't see the bike' whether you are pulling something or not!

God bless our military and their families. God bless America

- BAM

See You at the Rally!

MINNESOTA STATE RALLY



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
35th Anniversary
September 1st - 4th, 2023
Meeker County Fairgrounds • Litchfield, MN

BANDS:

<i>Games</i>	FRIDAY: Bad Jack 7-9pm
<i>Vendors</i>	Everett Smithson 10-12pm
<i>Music</i>	SATURDAY:
<i>Fashion Show</i>	Crimson Edge 7-9pm
<i>Bike Show</i>	Devon Worly Band 10-12pm
<i>Contests</i>	SUNDAY:
	MENACE 7-11PM

Join us at
Lumpy's Casino Bar
for Minnesota Day in Central City, SD



Hosted by Lake Chapter
on August 8th, 2023
Festivities begin at 2:00pm local time.

There will be fellowship,
food and cold beverages.

Hope to see you there!



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

CHAD MARCHAND

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I'm writing this as I'm getting home from a long weekend at the Upper Kettle River Shakedown. I saw a lot of members working hard to make it one to remember. I saw the same when I was in Algona with our members working membership, ice, and the bar. Our own State Rally is knocking on the door with less than a month to go. This is YOUR State Rally. Even if you can only make it one day, take the ride and come see friends you might otherwise not see all year. Get some food, play some games, and see some bands. Above all, please, spend some time volunteering. There are tons of ways to help at your State Rally and a lot of them are actually pretty fun. There's always help needed and it's always appreciated.

Between now and then I hope you're making the best of our short riding season. Go on a destination ride. Go take a Rider Skills Class. When your neighboring chapter does a ride, make it a point to go ride with them. If they throw a party, go party with them, but most of all, just get out there and ride.

Until next time, ride safe.

– Chad Marchand

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

August 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Several wise people told me the same thing when I was growing up; The older you get, the faster time will pass you by. Take this for an example: It seems like only a couple of weeks ago, it was the beginning of 2023. We were filing our taxes at the deadline and then we were getting ready to go down to Iowa for the Algona Freedom Rally and now the year is over halfway gone.....and "Oh crap!! I missed the deadline for my Grapevine article in Road Noise."

I have excuses, I was busy feeding loaded sloppy joe potatoes and Mexican sweet corn to Upper Kettle River Shakedown attendees and battling an aggressive family of racoons who were invading my space. But at the hectic pace we are all living life, don't we deserve the right and opportunity to slow down and once again smell the roses?

Do you want a good way to do that? Attend the

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Motorcycle Rally!! Take a weekend off over the Labor Day holiday and be like Sandy and Bill Schmidt. It seems like every time I see the two of them, they are catching up with old friends or making new ones. They make their world move at their own pace. Be like Angela Marie who met her 'newest bestie', Sarah Jane, at the Upper Kettle River Shakedown by accident last year and now they just spent another weekend together renewing that friendship. The State Rally is mostly about hanging out with like-minded individuals and just enjoying the entire experience.

I know for the next six weeks, that is what the Metro Chapter is going to be focusing on. Getting the word out and encouraging our chapter members to give the State Rally a try this year. I hope we are successful in our endeavors because the future success of our chapter, and our entire organization, is dependent upon people like you and me spending time together working for the greater good of everyone.

And if you are reading this, I owe a big THANKS to the Road Noise committee for cutting me some slack and if not, blame it on the racoons that invaded my bus.



The North crew - Northeast, North Star, and Up North camp at the Upper Kettle River Shakedown.

NORTHEAST

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st- 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Hello all,

Another month gone by. Hard to believe I'm writing this in mid-July already. By the time you read this several events will have come and gone. Several chapter members attended the annual Jackpine Riders Upper Kettle River Shakedown. As usual the music and the company of old friends made it the success that you expect it to be and we had a great time.

As a chapter, we're hosting a BRC2 class this month and so far the response has been good. We should have a full class. The more training you have, the safer it is for everyone on the road. We're also having a chapter membership ride for the first time in a while. I hope to report a good turnout and some new members in the next Road Noise.

Our new Look for Motorcycles billboards are up as of mid-May. Some of last years were still up at the time I'm writing this, which is awesome. We pay for the billboards with an annual ride in conjunction with A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Region 6B. The proceeds are divided between billboards on both sides of the border with three to four typically being located on each side. Lamar Signs has been a great partner in this with them leaving signs up well past the rental period that's been paid for, sometimes for the entire year. We appreciate everything they do for us.

- Ride Safe, Ed

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):(note, there are some time changes)

August 20th, Nickerson Bar, Nickerson, 10:00 am
September 17th, Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):

August 4th-13th, 83rd Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis,SD
August 19th, Memorial ride to Nickerson Bar.

Camping overnight. Meet at Rock Creek Pit Stop (Hwy35&70) at 11:00 am or Banning Junction at 12:00 pm for the memorial ride. Ride leaves at noon. Food, drinks, bon fire at Nickerson Bar. Chapter meeting is at Nickerson Bar the next morning

September 1st- 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

September 17th, Roadside clean up. Meet at Marge's Pub and Grill 10:00 am sharp. Meeting to follow roadside clean up.

Another Shakedown is in the books. Thank you to all those that supported A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota by attending The Jack Pine Riders 17th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Thank you to all those that helped in settling this event up, helped take it down, sponsored this event, and all those that worked so hard through-out the year to make this event possible. THANK YOU!

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

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 6th, American Legion, St Francis
11:00 am

Upcoming event(s):

August 19th, Joe Boys Poker Run
September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of
Minnesota State Rally, Meeker
County fairgrounds, Litchfield
September 7th - 10th, Hay Days,
Almelund



Our booth at the Andover Family Fun Fest (above photo) was a huge success and a whole lot of fun. The response to the "ask us about the Young Riders Sponsorship program" sign next to two of Anoka Counties finest looking motorcycles was an immediate draw for teenagers, especially when they were asked if they'd like to try it on for size. "...sit on it and see if it fits you." Kids sent their selfies to their friends all over the park which drew in more kids to take selfies, talk about riding and the scholarship program. Huge smiles all around and suddenly profile pics all over Anoka County changed that night to shots of themselves looking badass on top of a fine looking motorcycle. Start them young! This was a very well attended event with a lot of young families. We fielded questions from young and old alike and almost no one knew what A.B.A.T.E. was. We're hoping this was a successful recruiting opportunity as people seemed really interest in what we had to say.

The Summer Thunder run is in the rearview mirror and a big thank you to those who helped out again this year.

The State Rally is coming up quick and Sharen Wright is still in need of volunteers to help with

registration. Consider signing up as a chapter or an individual. It would be a huge help. The bands this year are: Bad Jack on Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and Everett Smithson from 10:00 pm until midnight. Saturday has Crimson Edge from 7:00 until 9:00 pm and Devon Worley from 10:00 pm until midnight. The last band we have is Menace from 7:00 un1l 11:00 pm on Sunday.

Weekend passes are \$50 at the gate, with day passes also available. Rally raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each with the drawing at 10:00 pm Saturday. There's six cash prizes ranging from \$2,500 for 1st place to \$250 for 6th place. We'll be having a 50/50 raffle again this year with the drawing held on Sunday at 10:00 pm. Those tickets are also \$10 each. Chapters are all requested to make volunteers available for clear up duty on Monday. Consider sticking around a couple extra hours to help. Many hands make the work easier! It should be a great time. I hope to see you all there!

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

Your VP Jim

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 6th, Winners Bar, 12:00 pm
September 3rd, State Rally Parking Lot

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

Recruit Recruit Recruit – Just remember if we all bring in one member, we double our membership. Thank my Milaca education for that.

Central Chapter was part of a bunch of different

groups and companies who helped raise over \$9,000 for the Richmond fire department.

Please have a safe summer. More to come.

Live long and prosper.

– Mikey D

UP NORTH

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

No Report Received

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

August 13th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
September 10th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield
September 21st- 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA
September 30th, Sand Dunes Fall Ride, Bailey Ray's Roadhouse, Santiago, 9:30 am

By the time you are reading this, summer will be 2/3rds of the way over. I hope you've had the chance to do some riding because there have certainly been plenty of opportunities. I, on the other hand, was sidelined for a month due to knee surgery. But that's behind me now.

While our Sand Dunes Chapter has not had any summer events, our members have made a showing at many of the A.B.A.T.E. happenings. We've had members at the Wisconsin Summer Hummer, the Iowa Freedom Rally, and the Upper Kettle River Shakedown. We will have a large presence at the State Rally also.

Sand Dunes chapter announced the winner of its first annual Merit Award at our July meeting. There was a tie between Dean and Tamra Spencer Webb with the tie being broken by a coin toss. Congratulations to Dean Webb as our first winner of this prestigious award!

The Merit Award recognizes individuals who have participated and volunteered at a high level. Not only in our chapter, but with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and A.B.A.T.E. events outside the state as well. Well done, Dean!



Finally, our "No Games Fall Fun Ride" is set for September 30th. We are starting off at Bailey Ray's Roadhouse in Santiago. Registration will be at 9:30 am with KSU at 10:30 am.

That's all folks. Ride fast and take chances!
Just Kidding! Ride safe! Peace out!

– Mike Olkives

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

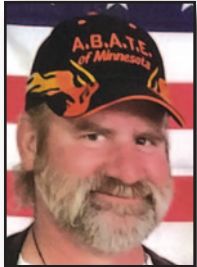
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HEART OF THE LAKES

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

No Report Received



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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota STATE RALLY!!! Plan on having the best time yet!! Bring a Friend, Bring a Brother, Bring a Sister, Hell Bring Everyone YOU know!!

Did You sign up to Volunteer? Did You Sign up a Sponsor? Are You a Sponsor? The More Each of US Do, the MORE Fun Everyone can have. This Event is only as Good as WE Make it!!

The Riding season is flying by and many more miles are expected to be ridden. Take along the voice of A.B.A.T.E. Many riders don't even know WE exist.

Sturgis will be on the radar by the time you're reading this. If you're heading out there, PLEASE Ride Safe. Take the time to do bike maintenance before you leave.

The Young Rider program is always looking for more young riders to take advantage of the program. Also could use more volunteers.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE!

Edgar

BORDERLAND

Upcoming Meeting(s):

August 20th, Rainbow Supper Club, Strandquist, 3:00 pm

September 10th, Wilderness Bar and Grill, Williams, 3:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds.

Hello Borderland!

We have had a great riding season and our State Rally is just a few weeks away. It's always a great time and a big thanks to the rally committee for the great job they do! I am looking forward to seeing you there! If you have rally raffle tickets, get them back to me a.s.a.p. Thanks and good luck! We also wish the Midwest MC a very successful rally as well. More next time. Have fun, ride safe, and we will see ya in Strandquist.

- Twistin' da wick, Tim.

NORTHWEST

Upcoming Meeting(s):

August 5th, The Other Place, Fertile, 11:00 am, Ride to follow, weather permitting

September 9th, Gary Johnsrud's place, St. Hilaire, 9:00 am, Ride to follow

Upcoming Event(s):

August 19th, Membership Ride & Benefit Ride for Devin Paradis, a local young man with a brain tumor - more information to come. Check our Facebook page for updates.

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds.

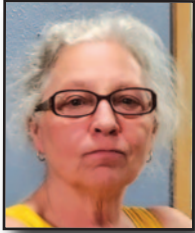
September 9th, Food & Toy Run, starting at Gary Johnsrud's, 10:00 am. Check our Facebook page for updates.

NORTH STAR

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

No Report Received



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings All!

Wow, where has the summer gone? Hard to believe that July has come and gone, Algona is over, and Sturgis is just around the corner. I've been retired for a month and still don't have my house cleaned out - lol. State Rally is fast approaching. Did you buy your advance ticket? Always lots of fun, good times, good music and good friends (both old and new)! Have you signed up to work a shift? Just a reminder, if you signed up, please make sure you show up for your shift. Everyone needs a break.

Bored? Looking for something to do? Check out the Calendar of Events - Chapter Meetings and all Chapter Fundraisers are usually listed there. Should be able to find something going on to catch your attention. Time to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

Donna

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

August 20th, Tilly's, Oronoco, 11:00 am

September 17th, BJ's Bar & Grill, Theilman,
11:00 am

October-March, American Legion, Rochester,
11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State
Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September, Buddy Bear ride in conjunction with
the other chapters in the SE district—more
information to come. Also watch Facebook for
information as it will be posted on there.

October—Board of Directors meeting

Greetings to everyone:

I hope this finds you all well. As you all know we will be having our Summer Shenanigans Party at the Isle of Dreams south of Spring Valley and by the time you read this, it will have come and gone. We are hoping for a good turn out so we can make this an annual event. I hope you were able to come and have fun with us. I'll let you

know how it went next month.

Make sure you are writing letters to your legislators as there is some major crap coming down the road that must be stopped. This does not only affect motorcycle riders but the general public as well. Remember, if you do write a letter, make sure you send a copy of the letter and the response you receive from your legislator to Frank Ernst. It is a way for us to hold the legislators accountable and to remind them what they said they would do to support our causes. It can also give us some leverage come election time.

Congratulations to Nebraska for getting their helmet law repealed after all these years. This goes into effect January 1, 2024.

Welcome to all new members and thank you to all members who renewed their memberships. Hope to see you all at our monthly meetings listed above.

So, until next month, keep the rubber on the road, watch for those critters, and stay between the ditches.

– Terry

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

August 2^{6th}, Kipp and Christy Fuller's,
11:00 am

September 23^{6rd}, Tony and Stacy Roe's,
10:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

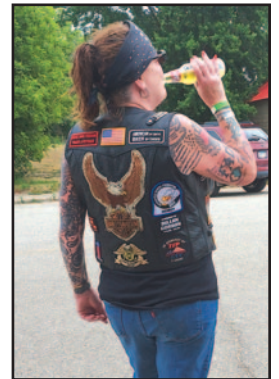
August 26th, Buddy Bear Run, 12:00 pm
September 1^{st-4th}, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

September 23rd, Summer's Done Run,
11:00 am registration, 12:00 pm ride

Still have passport books and State Rally
raffle tickets to sell.

See Dan. Check out
Flatlanders Chapter,
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
Facebook Page for
events and info.

Flatlanders Border Blast Photos



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

August 13th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

September 10th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 19th, River Valley Gives Back
Ride w/A Fresh Start

DTBD, Buddy Bears Run

September 1^{st-3rd}, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State
Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

Our 4th Annual Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Ride
was held on Saturday, June 10th. Even with the
cloudy skies, we had over 60 bike enthusiasts!
Several stops on the route included good
food and great door prizes! Thanks to all
who came on the ride, helped out during
the ride, and made donations! It takes a
village of friends to make this ride a
successful and safe event!

Remember to mark your calendars for
our 5th Annual River Valley Gives Back
Ride and Fundraiser along with A
FRESH START. They support and provide
services to those experiencing and
emerging from homelessness with new
home essentials.

Hope to see a lot of you there!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our
Labor Day weekend Motorcycle State Rally at the
Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield coming in
September!

Again, we remind everyone to check your Road
Noise and Facebook pages for future events and
information. Encourage anyone you know to join
A.B.A.T.E. Every membership helps!

Be smart and be safe out there...and of course,
enjoy!

– Papa Frank, President



TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

August 3rd, Augusta Ball Park, Chaska, 7:00 pm (6:30 Potluck)
September 7th, Mike & Tobi Pharr Residence, 28825 Oak Hill Lane, Henderson, 7:00 pm (6:30 Bring dish to pass if you like)

Upcoming Event(s):

August 19th, 27th Annual Harley Heaven Memorial Motorcycle Ride, Pickled Pig, Jordan, 12:00 pm
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds
September 16th, TriCo's FREEdom Social Picnic
September 17th, Adopt-A-Highway pickup

The TriCo Chapter members have become a tight knit group of friends, so when someone in our chapter loses a family member (Rest in Peace former treasurer Pete "Pops" Fernholz) or is in an accident (VP Terry) we all feel the pain. You have our sympathy Prez Big Jon on the loss of your dad. Prayers for recovery for you and Terry! Healing takes time, both emotionally and physically.

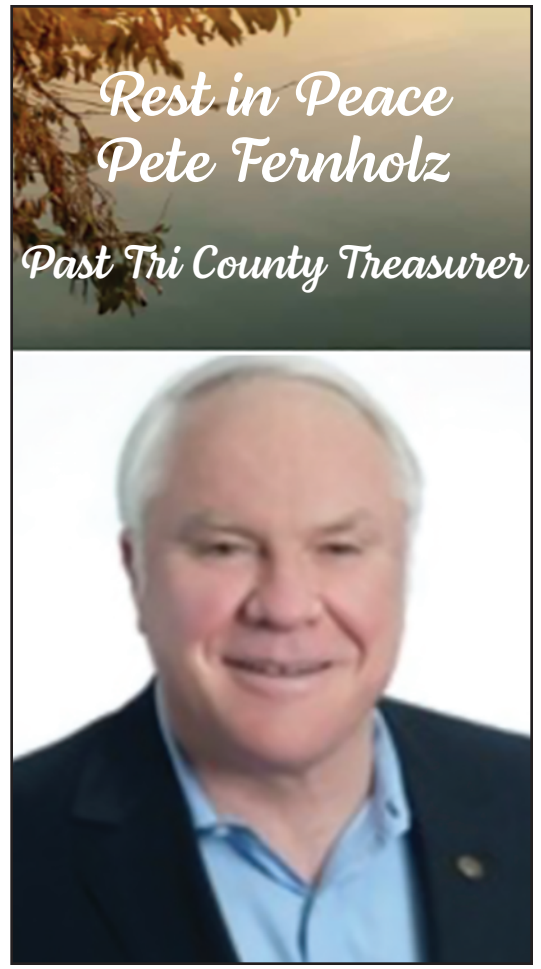
As mentioned in upcoming events, the 27th Annual Harley Heaven Memorial Motorcycle Ride will be held rain or shine on Aug 19th. The ride leaves the Pickled Pig at noon with registration opening at 10:30 am! A TriCo membership table will be set up next to registration for new members or renewal! Our member, Dave Brandtner, will man the table! Proceeds from the Harley Heaven ride will be split equally to TriCo A.B.A.T.E, the Ronald McDonald House, and Jordan Outreach. Last year each organization received over \$4000!!

Our chapters FREEdom Social will be held on September 16th! Enjoy your freedom? Come celebrate with free food and treats! We welcome all chapters and non-members! Visit, play some games, bring the kids, eat!!! It's a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon! And you don't have to cook!!! Address and time in next month's article! Wear your TriCo t-shirts!!!!

Adopt-A-Highway date for fall garbage pickup is Sunday, September 17rd! We meet at 10:00 am by the trains/motel on Highway 21 between Jordan and New Prague! There is construction happening right out of Jordan so follow the detour up to top of Highway 282 and follow the detour for the Golf Course on #10. At top of hill on #282 take a right on MVEC Rd or #10 and follow detour for the Golf Course. Take a right on #15 and a right on #8 and that will bring you down to Highway 21. Take a left to trains!

Hey! Other chapter members reading this article?! There is a chapter challenge out there for you to sign up new members and earn your chapter a \$500 prize!!! If your chapter checkbook is looking grim, this is a good and easy way to sponsor a rider training program for your chapter with no cost to you! How cool is that? Sponsored by TriCo where we believe training and education is vital for all riders!

Peace out, Gerry



STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

August 12th, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm
September 9th, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
October 14th, Box Car Tavern, Waseca, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 5th, Scavenger Hunt Ride, Reggie's, Registration 9:00 am, Kickstands 10:00 am (end at American Legion, Owatonna)
August 18th-19th, Cash Wise food stand, Owatonna
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield
September 9th, Buddy Bear run following meeting

Hope you had a great Independence Day. Looking forward to seeing more of you at MN Rally September 1st-4th and at upcoming rides and meetings.

Be safe and ride free,

– Zoomer

2023 STATE RALLY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 1

8:00 amRally officially Starts
 3:00 - 7:00 pmKaraoke in the Beer Barn
 5:00pmChapter Royalty Pageant
 on Main Stage
 7:00 - 9:00 pmBad Jack takes the stage
 9:00 - 10:00pmKaraoke in the Beer Barn
 10:00 pm - 12 :00 amEverett Smitson
 takes the stage
 12:00 am - 1:00 am ...Karaoke in the Beer Barn

Saturday, September 2

7:00 - 11:00amVFW Breakfast
 at the 4-H Building
 9:30 am ...Memorial Service and Bike Blessing
 10:00 amMemorial Ride Starts
 11:30 amTattoo Contest/
 MFR Chili Contest in the Beer Barn
 1:00 - 5:00 pmBike Games/
 followed by the Sled Pull Qualifying
 5:00 pmFashion Review/
 Royalty Contest on the Main Stage
 5:00 -7:00 pmKaraoke in the Beer Barn
 7:00 - 9:00 pm ..Crimson Edge takes the stage
 10:00pmRally Raffle Drawing
 10:00pm - 12:00 amDevon Worley
 takes the Stage
 Following end of bandWet T-shirt Contest

Sunday, September 3

7:00-11:00amVFW Breakfast
 at the 4-H Building
 9:00amMemorial Service
 & Ringing of the Bell
 10amBike Show
 12:00-5:00 pmBike games
 followed by the Sled Pull
 7:00pmMenace takes the stage
 9:00pmRaffle Drawing

2023 STATE RALLY GAMES

Standard Games

Standard Games:
 Slow Ride
 Plank
 Honey I'm Home
 Balloon Toss
 Cones W/Balls
 Tire Toss
 Drive By Shoot
 Wiener Bite
 Keg Push

People Games

Tug of War
 Swedish Ski Team
 Log Toss
 Toad in the Hole
 Medallion Hunt
 Plank Walk
 Cherry Race
 Blow Your Load



Get your King and Queen nominations to
 Fred Pawelk at fpawelk@yahoo.com
 Please include: Chapter name and nominees names
 (Nominee's cannot be related or dating)

Round 1 and 2

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023 AT 5:00 PM
 In the Main Grandstand
 3 Male & 3 Female contestants moving forward

Final round

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2023
 After the Fashion Show in the Main Bar

2023 STATE RALLY V E N D O R S

Hemptress Farms, LLC
Bear Cave Printing
Club Tiki
Dar's Goof
Rilder Hard Apparel
Moon Motorsports
Come & Get it Catering
Dial-a-Ride
Inspire Health & Wellness

Maxwell's Southern
BBQ & Meats
Tom's Mini Donuts
Deetra Custom Leather
Jasons Leather Shop LLC
Bandanas for
Everyone/Papa Frank
Embroidery/Sewing
Dark Knight Custom
Laser Engraving

Patty's Patches
We Bead
Assholes Garage & Tire
Christian Motorcyclist
Association
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Sand Dunes ChapterBig Lake

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Tri County ChapterSavage
Way West ChapterMadison

2023 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS **COPPER**

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Cosmos Motorcycle Supply .Cosmos
Glacial Ridge Chapter ...Glenwood
KimmerArizona
Riverside Store & Tavern ..Litchfield
Sons of Silence MCHutchinson
Thirsty's Bar & GrillDassel



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

Young Riders

Scholarship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of MN is a non-profit motorcycle rights organization that stands for **American Bikers** for **Awareness, Training, and Education**. Our organization promotes motorcycle crash prevention through motorcyclist safety awareness, training and education.

A.B.A.T.E. is currently funding a scholarship program to pay for the cost of attending rider training courses. These funds are limited and will be approved based on application date and required criteria until all available scholarships have been awarded.

Why should you consider taking a rider training course? We believe that continued motorcycle training is key to building the proper foundation of good riding habits and better rider skills to create the best overall motorcycling experience. Taking annual training courses is key to refreshing your skills, maintaining your riding ability and improving your overall skillset.

What better investment can you make than yourself? What better pay off can you have than attending a free rider training event while possibly earning your motorcycle permit or endorsement?

The application requirements of the A.B.A.T.E. scholarship training program include:

- Be at least 15 years of age (and under 21 years of age)
- Have a valid Minnesota Driver's License prior to attending a course
- Meet the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center requirements for attending a course.

Scan and email applications to education@abatemn.org or send via USPS to:
Jon Fernholz,
310 Benton St W,
Cologne, MN 55322



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

Young Riders

Scholarship Application

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Day Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Drivers License #: _____

Birthdate: _____

Course Description: _____

Date of Course: _____

Location and Time of course: _____

What prompted you to take a rider training course?

To apply, print off the application, send it via email or USPS

Jon Fernholz
320 Benton St W
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education@abatemn.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
8/2/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Riverside Bar, Forest City	7:00 PM
8/3/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Augusta Ball Park, Chaska, food at 6:30 pm	7:00 PM
8/4/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/5/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/5/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
8/5/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	The other Place, Fertile - ride to follow	11:00 AM
8/5/23	Straight River Scavenger Hunt Ride	Reggies, Owatonna	9:00 AM
8/6/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/6/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
8/6/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Winners, Sartell	12:00 PM
8/7/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/7/23	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	
8/8/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/8/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	Coon Rapids VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
8/8/23	Minnesota Day at Sturgis	Lumpy's Casino - Central City, SD	2:00 PM
8/9/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/10/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/11/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/11/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
8/12/23	83rd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/12/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Garfield City Park, Garfield	10:30 AM
8/12/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Moose Lodge, Fairbault	1:00 PM
8/13/23	92nd Annual Sturgis Rally	Sturgis, SD	
8/13/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
8/13/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
8/13/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
8/13/23	Up North Chapter Meeting	Calumet Saloon, Calumet	1:00 PM
8/18/23	Straight River Cashwise Food Stand Fundraiser	Cashwise, Owatonna	10:00 AM
8/19/23	27th Harley Heaven Fundraiser		12:00 PM
8/19/23	Gear Head Get Together	Maple Lake	
8/19/23	Jack Pine Riders Memorial Ride	Rock Creek Pit Stop	11:00 AM
8/19/23	Joe Boys Poker Run	St. Joe's	
8/19/23	Minneota Memorial Run	City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 10:30 am Registration	12:00 PM
8/19/23	North Star Chapter Meeting	JD's, Solway	4:00 PM
8/19/23	Northwest Chapter Membership & Benefit Ride		
8/19/23	River Valley Gives Back Ride w/ A Fresh Start	Buddy Bear Run	
8/19/23	Straight River Cashwise Food Stand Fundraiser		10:00 AM
8/20/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Rainbow Supper Club, Strandquist	3:00 PM
8/20/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Nickerson Bar, Nickerson	10:00 AM
8/20/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Tilly's, Oronoco	11:00 AM
8/26/23	Flatlanders Buddy Bear Run		12:00 PM
8/26/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kipp and Christy Fuller's	11:00 AM
8/29/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Informal Get Togethr State Rall Grounds	
8/30/23	South Central Chapter Rally Burger Night	Litchfield Fairgrounds	5:00 PM
8/30/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Litchfield Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
8/30/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Ridge Resort, Gary, SD	12:00 PM
9/1/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/2/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

9/2/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
9/2/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	informal get together at Rally Grounds	
9/3/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/3/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Litchfield Fairgrounds	11:00 AM
9/4/23	ABATE of MN State Rally	Litchfield Fairgrounds	
9/6/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
9/7/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Mike & Tobi Pharr Residence	7:00 PM
9/8/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/8/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield	7:00 PM
9/8/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
9/9/23	Buddy Bear Run Straight River	after Meeting	
9/9/23	Straight River Chapter Buddy Bear Run	Following the Meeting	
9/9/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Mike Miller's House	6:00 PM
9/9/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/9/23	Northwest Chapter Food & Toy Run	Gary Johnsrud place, St. Hilaire	10:00 AM
9/9/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Gary Johnsrud place, St. Hilaire - ride ot follow	9:00 AM
9/9/23	Rolling Prairie Fallen Friends Memorial Ride	Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield	12:00 PM
9/9/23	Straight River Buddy Bear Run	Following Meeting	
9/9/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna	1:00 PM
9/10/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Wilderness Bar and Grill, Williams	3:00 PM
9/10/23	Hay Days	East of North Branch	
9/10/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
9/10/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
9/10/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
9/16/23	Tri-County Third Freedom Social	Carver Beach Playground	
9/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	12:00 PM
9/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Ditch Pick up	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	10:00 AM
9/17/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	BJ's, Theilman	11:00 AM
9/17/23	Tri-County Adopt-a-highway ditch pick up		
9/21/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/22/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/23/23	Flatlanders Summer's Done Run		11:00 AM
9/23/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/24/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Tony and Stacy Roe's	10:00 AM
9/24/23	Meeting of the Minds	Harrisburg, PA	
9/30/23	Sand Dune Fall Ride		
10/4/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Valley Inn, Eden Valley	7:00 PM
10/7/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
10/7/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalway's House, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
10/14/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car Tavern, Waseca	1:00 PM
10/15/23	Way's & Means Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM

MINNESOTA STATE RALLY



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September 1st - 4th, 2023

Games
Vendors
Music
Fashion Show
Bike Show
Contests

NEW & RENEWALS FOR MAY 2023

BORDERLAND	Dave CraneR	NORTH STAR	Jason EarlywineR
Mavis J BolekN	Doug Brackin / Tracy KautzR	Ronald / Susan AndersonR	SAND DUNES
BUFFALO RIDGE	Julie JohnsonR	Arthur DetmersR	Lori SifersR
Kevin VorthermsR	Kelly SchienbeinR	Donald / Lana TurkR	Christine SpauldingR
Richard S / Kim J LouwagieR	Bob / Lisa FunkR	Preston / Meagan DealR	Jena McAlpineR
Pat HagemeyerR	Tharon / Julie YoungR	Joe / Amber CollierR	Mason WallbergR
Duane StangelandR	Randell /Maya KawlewskiR	Martin PirjevecN	Jennifer Carter-BroskeN
CENTRAL	Christopher NashR	NORTHWEST	Dean /Jennifer BechtoldN
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Mark WehrauchN	Terry / Rhonda CraftR	Richard KnottR	SOUTH CENTRAL
EAST CENTRAL	Daniel TillbergN	Shawn "Oggy" Carlson/ V Tiffany JonesR	Steve Evenson Lisa BohumilR
Fred Pawelk / Debra KvizR	Chane RobinsonN	Pete BuchholzR	Rick HanderR
Kurt G / Kathy M NelsonR	GLACIAL RIDGE	RIVER VALLEY	Tyler MoudryN
Mike / Sharen WrightR	Brinley MartellN	DeLayne / Julie NelsonR	SOUTHEAST LC
Jena McAlpineN	Glenn R Lambert SrN	Ken FurstR	Gayle / Rosella NoyesR
FLATLANDERS	Koda Lambert/ Megan Nistler . .N	Jeremy BlackwellR	Jeff MouchaR
Dominic TurvoldR	HEART OF THE LAKES	Robert JonesR	Warren / Angela BoysenR
Paul HoflandN	Travis FriedmannR	Julie "Squeaky" Voigh / Jeff "Buck" BuckR	SOUTHWEST
FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS	Richard McDonaldR	Jennifer MendenhallR	Lyle KlingenbergR
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	Jason NordenN		Brian/ Lisa SchultzR
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FREEDOM EVENT

Tri-County FREEdom Fall Social

Hosted by:
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Tri-County Chapter Members

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

Guests Welcome from Noon to 4p.m.

Carver Beach Playground
900 Carver Beach Road
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Pets welcome, subject to park rules.

This is a FREE event!

Donations to
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welcome, but NOT required.

MENU

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
French Fries and Cheese Curds
Ice Cream and More!

Elected officials will be invited to stop by to say "hello", as their time permits.

please wear A.B.A.T.E. apparel if you have it

We look forward to seeing all who value

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2023

REGISTRATION FROM 10:30 AM- NOON
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\$30 PER RIDER

(CREDIT/DEBIT ACCEPTED)

GRILLED BURGERS & BRATS FOLLOWING RUN

MEMORIAL PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

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Hotel Room cost \$109/night (cut off date September 6, 2023)

Call 717-939-7841 (mention the MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS)

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Run leave at 11am Sharp

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Largest Overall Increase
Largest Percentage Increase

\$500 prize would be given to the chapter with the largest growth resulting from **OVERALL** membership increase.

\$500 prize would be given to the chapter with the largest growth resulting from **NEW** membership.

Results to be calculated based on percentage of the chapter's membership on the challenge start date. The total cost to Tri-County ABATE not to exceed \$1000. Ties in either category will be settled by a coin toss. Each of the \$500 prizes will have a stipulation that a winning chapter must pay for a contracted group rider training course, through the MNSCU collegesystem, during the 2024 riding season before it is eligible to receive the prize. This Chapter Challenge will exclude Tri-County Chapter from participating and all membership increase data resulting from the Algona Freedom Rally 2023.

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