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



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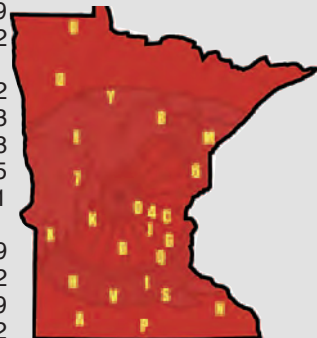
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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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### ***Thank You to all of our Veterans!***

Let's do everything we can to protect the freedom that they fought for.

Have you checked out our new website? I think it's awesome!

Bikerday registration is online. Do you know who represents you? Have you contacted them and let them know how you feel about legislation that is being brought before them? They don't know your opinion unless you tell them. Remember to be polite. It's OK to have opposing thoughts, as long as we are considerate of other points of view.

Heartland STEAM 2026 registration is online too. Get ready for an eventful weekend, and a chance to meet or reconnect with others from the STEAM states.

Remember - we are a motorcycle rights organization. We do community activities to make people aware of who we are, but protecting our motorcycle rights and training is our main goal.

*Jane*



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Hello members, I hope the weather has not changed, so that some of you are still able to ride! Not a lot to talk about here. Have you noticed the web page is different? I have; the applications look different on my end. Something to watch for is when entering your address, please list your whole address on this line. Kimmer was going to try and change it, but until then, your whole address goes on that line, not just your street address. Please remember to send me an email if your address changes. The American Income Life



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Well, we can't complain too much about October. It started out very nice and I feel it was pretty decent the whole month.

As far as events coming up, make sure you keep checking out your Road Noise. Check out the calendar of events. It's always a great resource for myself to see what's coming up and fundraisers to attend.

As far as up and coming events, mark your calendar for A.B.A.T.E U, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria.

And while you're at it, you might as well check out Heartland STEAM, March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria. This event is taking place in our own backyard so keep that in mind. Last year it was in Iowa. This year you don't have to travel far and it is in March. What else do you have to do?

Have you checked out our new website yet? I think you will like it and you can even register and pay for events on the website, like registering for Heartland STEAM and get yourself a T-shirt.

Are you ready for the holidays? I just thought I would throw that in also.

*Jim*

Insurance notices went out to all our current members; I have received around 20 back to the office. I will hand them back to the Chapter Rep's at the October B.O.D. If you are looking for yours; you'll have to go to your meeting to get it and then let me know what your new address is. I will be sending the election packets out to Chapter Presidents on December 15th. If you're a President and your address or position has changed, PLEASE reach out to me. I don't want a phone call on your January nomination meeting stating you didn't get your packet!

*— Shelly*



# STATE RALLY REPORT

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## Next Meeting(s)

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

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

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

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

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

## 2026 RALLY SUGGESTIONS

We received feedback in the Rally suggestion box during the Rally. We will be reviewing these suggestions at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Rally meeting. If you have any more suggestions, please email them to [rally@abatemn.org](mailto:rally@abatemn.org) by December 1<sup>st</sup>. We appreciate your feedback!

We are looking for ideas on how to increase attendance, especially from the chapters. One idea is to increase our A.B.A.T.E. memberships. Our membership numbers were way down compared to last year at rally time. This directly affected Rally attendance and volunteers. If we increase our memberships, then the Rally attendance will also increase. With every new member you sign up, be sure to tell them about our Rally. Let us make our Rally attendance great again!

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

My hope is that we can also increase the attendance at the Rally meetings throughout

the year. VPs should attend Rally meetings or send a replacement from their chapter to attend. If you cannot attend in person, you can be added to the Rally group chat for Facebook Messenger, in order to join the audio call during the meeting. Contact Ingrid Cohen at (763) 516-7029 to be added to the Rally group chat.

## ANNUAL DONATION

With gambling funds, we will donate \$1,000 to Litchfield Rescue and \$1,500 to Dial-A-Ride.

## NEW 2026 SPONSOR FORM

A new sponsor form was handed out to your chapter at the October B.O.D. The sponsorship levels and entertainment sponsorship has been combined into one form, in color! The form has three sign up options: online at the state website, by mail, or in person pick up. When you are dropping off the form to a business, be sure to show them all the options for signing up on the back side of the form. There is a QR code they can scan on the front of the form, which will bring them right to the Rally page to sign up. At the state website, the Rally page is located under the Resources tab. We are hoping that offering online submissions will increase the number of sponsors we receive. A huge thank you to Kimmer Robertson for making our Rally page look awesome, and to Noel Huggett for designing a fabulous new sponsor form!

## RALLY FLYER & T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

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

Hope to see you at the next meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at the Litchfield Eagles Club!

— Dougie



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My What is your why? I know I keep asking, but I am honestly curious. Why are you in A.B.A.T.E.? Party's? Legislative? Get with friends? Help with events? All of the above? Just a couple or just one reason?

There are so many chapters who are ok with one or two people doing all the work. We

should all have the same goal, motorcycle rights. In order to be seen, in order for our organization to be successful, we need people. We need to be out there doing these events, going to Bikerday, and if you need help, if you are feeling like you are doing everything in your chapter it is ok to delegate. Maybe someone can do something but will not because they do not have time, so break up the task between a couple of people. This is a volunteer organization, so please, help your chapter be successful so A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota can be successful.

— Harmony



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Earn your membership patch in The Wherein A.B.A.T.E. is April and Harmony Adventure.

- \$500 to the chapter with the highest percent increase in membership
- Trophy to the chapter with the highest number of members
- Traveling District trophy to the chapter with the highest percent increase in membership

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Challenges are ended at the October B.O.D.

Did you miss the October B.O.D. announcements? We are thrilled to announce that we welcomed an impressive 112 new members to our organization this quarter, and when combined with the outstanding results from the first quarter, our A.B.A.T.E. of MN family has gained a remarkable total of 227 new members. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work of all the chapters.

The following chapters truly distinguished themselves this quarter in their commitment to growing our membership ranks:

- Northeast earned \$500 highest percent increase.
- Following closely was Buffalo Ridge and Southwest
- The trophy for chapter with the most new members was earned by South Central. Following closely was River Valley. Lake, and Central.

### Remember Retention

You are all excelling at recruiting new members, and that is truly fantastic! While we celebrate these successes and the energy surrounding new additions to our organization, it is imperative that we do not overlook or diminish the equally crucial aspect of member retention. In the enthusiasm of welcoming new faces, we must not underestimate the vital role that retaining our existing members plays in the overall strength and sustainability of our A.B.A.T.E. of MN community. Maintaining our current membership base is just as essential as acquiring new ones. Let us collectively focus our efforts to ensure that all of our hard work,

dedication, and the positive momentum we have created, translate into lasting results.

### Ways to Engage Members:

- Send the 3 Month to Expiration Letters.
- Utilize your social media to keep your members abreast of your meetings, events, and rides.
- Submit your chapter's Road Noise articles. Let your readers know what is going on in your chapter, when your meetings are, and upcoming events.
- Include photos on your social media and in the Road Noise.
- Utilize your chapter email to reach members who do not have social media.
- Have engaging, interesting, and fun meetings.
- Start a chapter challenge. Have chapter goals.
- Plan activities as a chapter outside of A.B.A.T.E.
- Have giveaways at your meetings.
- Go as a group to another chapter's meeting or event.
- Plan an activity together before a meeting or after a meeting.

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

Until Next Month Friends -  
Together We Are Stronger!

— April



**April and Harmony taking a day to recharge!**





## A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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### Next Meeting(s):

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

November 4<sup>th</sup>, Davanni's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

December - no meeting

We look forward to the classes and getting together. Watch for announcements and details in future issues of Road Noise and on Facebook.

If you would like to be a vendor or know someone please contact me so I can bring it to the committee for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact me,  
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— Stephanie



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next Meeting:

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00pm.

Our committee last met on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We looked over all of the State and Chapter bills, fundraiser reports, and deposits. We had a great meeting. It is always good to see everyone and catch up. We were missing a few members. I hope Dawn enjoyed her birthday and the Orn's enjoyed the wedding they attended.

I would like to say Happy Veterans Day to all of the Vets out there. Thank you so much for your service and sacrifice to our great country. I appreciate all that you have done for us from the bottom of my heart. We honor you today and every day.

— Kristy



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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November 9<sup>th</sup>, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

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

With fall comes cooler weather and time to put your bike away for the winter. Keep your eyes on the Calendar of Events for all chapter meetings, and fundraisers to help get through these next few months.

Our committee is still looking for help to get the Road Noise proofed and to the printer, contact anyone of the committee for more information or join us for a meeting.

Thank you to Veterans and all active service members for our freedom!

Happy Thanksgiving,



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello biker family. Not much to report this month. Prices will be going up on some products beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> so I gave your Chapter Rep an updated price list at the October B.O.D.

Please reach out if you have questions or concerns. As always, if you need State Products, want State Products at your event, or have suggestions for new items, please email me and I will do the best I can.

Ride safe,

— Kari



# HEARTLAND STEAM COMMITTEE REPORT

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Heartland STEAM  
(Seminar to Educate and Motivate)  
March 20th - 22nd, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

## Next Meeting(s):

November 24<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:30 pm

December 15<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:30 pm

Registration is open on the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website. Or you can mail the registration form. Hotel reservations are open - call the hotel directly at (320) 763-6577.

The STEAM Team is working on plans for the weekend. We can always use help. Whether it is on the committee or onsite, your help is welcomed!

Contact me at [statecoordinator@abatemn.org](mailto:statecoordinator@abatemn.org) if you would like to be added to the email communication.

Thank you to everyone who is on the committee!

— Jane



## GAMBLING REPORT

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## Next Meeting(s):

November 27<sup>th</sup>, Monticello, 6:00pm



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Nothing new to report.

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Before I get started, I would like to take a moment to thank all the Veterans out there for your service to this big and beautiful country. I have been busy trying to gather rider training figures for the 2025 riding season. I am still waiting on one chapter to report participation. Hopefully, I had the data finalized for the October B.O.D. The funds should be accurate, but there will be more riders added to the stats.

Young Riders Scholarship figures minus attendance rate are 88 scholarship recipients for the Basic Rider Course at a cost of \$22,792 out of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota gambling funds.

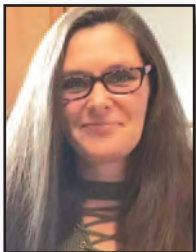
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota general funds used to train our members and possibly non-members are as follows (State/Chapter funding break down TBD, waiting for one more chapter to report with documentation and participation numbers). 38 riders participated in training at a cost of \$2,030 which works out to be approximately \$53 per rider. If I recall correctly, I believe last year's cost was around \$55 per rider.

Once again, I remind you that these figures are preliminary and have not been finalized. Having said that, during the 2025 riding season A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has spent \$24,822 for 126 people (members and non-members) to take rider training courses. **BRAVO!!** I am pretty sure we are doing amazing things for the safety and betterment of Minnesota motorcyclists. That is, it for now. If you are a cold weather rider like I am, please remember to prepare for temperatures and pay close attention to road conditions. Good luck with the beginning of the holiday season!

*"The philosophy of the school room  
in one generation will be the  
philosophy of government in the next."*

— Abraham Lincoln

— Jon



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**Road Noise Editorial article,  
May 1998, Volume 12, Issue 5,  
page 27:**

I began riding motorcycles when I was 16 or 17, I do not remember, it seems so long ago. Anyway, I have had the pleasure of riding Hondas, Yamahas, Kawasakis, various dirt bike makes and now my Harley. Each one of the motorcycles I have owned, or rode have been special to me. The thought of any one of those "Rides of my life" bikes brings back memories of good times and good friends.

I simply cannot remember a time when I was not allowed on a ride simply because of the type or style of bike they were riding and that I did not have. We ride because we have a desire, a need or a passion. What we ride is a personal choice, and because it is a personal choice it belongs to the person who is putting the money down. It strikes me as odd that with all the motorcyclists out there today, we avoid riding with others because we do not have the right kind of bike. It is fine to take pride in what you ride, but do not put your fellow bikers down just because of the difference of opinion. So, when you are on life's highway, and you pass another brother or sister of the wind, extend a hand and a wave. Remember your first ride and how great it was, and the enjoyment that ride gave you. It is time to start passing the good times back around.

Thanks, "Hammer"

— Gaida

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

We encourage our members to try to attend chapter meetings in November and December. The chapter representatives will have information to share about Prescient Caucuses. What, when, where and why will be addressed. Please pay attention to the December issue of Road Noise. We will have additional information about Caucuses.

Although elections are a year away (November 3, 2026) many candidates are already making their bid for your vote. They will be attending caucuses, town hall meetings and other places to meet the public. They will be asking for your support. Take time to attend events, talk with candidates, inform them of our issues and ask their position on our issues. Please let the Legislative Team know if you meet candidates that strongly agree with or disagree with our issues.

This is the last reminder to make a 2025 PCR donation to a political candidate, a donation that can be fully refunded by Minnesota.

Bikerday at the Capitol registration is open online. Go to [abatemn.org-Legislation-Bikerday](http://abatemn.org-Legislation-Bikerday) at the Capitol to sign up. Arrange time off, register, and be part of the most important day for motorcyclists in Minnesota. The scheduled dates and times are a little different this year and may open up some new opportunities for those that have not attended in the past. Don't forget to bring your Young Riders! Two years ago, a traveling trophy was created for chapters having the greatest percentage of their members registered and attending. The other award is for the chapter having the member that traveled the greatest distance from home to attend. The later start time for Bikerday may help participants in this category.

Email [legislativeteam@abatemn.org](mailto:legislativeteam@abatemn.org) if you have questions.

— A.B.A.T.E. of MN Legislative Team

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## YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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## Young Riders Rodeo



Hi!

Our first annual Bike Rodeo went really well. We had six kiddos come. They had fun doing the track and watching Jon F. do safety on his bike. Not only did the kids watch, the adults came down to watch. I'm very impressed with his skills!

We had a lot of adults come, too, and it turned into a fun A.B.A.T.E. event!

Next year, it will be bigger and better. Thanks to those who helped, brought kids, and came just to support Young Riders!

*— Harmony*

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

Jane Doyle ..... June 2023 - November, 2025  
 Jon Fernholz ..... June 2023 - November, 2025  
 Vicki & Frank Ernst ..... June 2023 - May, 2026  
 Tri-County chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN. .. June 2023 - May 2027  
 Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN. .. January, 2024 - Dec. 2025  
 Bob & Toni McChesney ..... August 2023 - July 2026  
 Jim & Kelly Pierson ..... December 2024 - May 2032

### You can become a Young Rider Supporter!

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NCOM is working on details of the convention. Save the Date - Mother's Day weekend, May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, in Cleveland, Ohio. Flyers coming soon. Details, including guest speakers, will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

Be cautious if traveling through Kansas - there are only 3 Harley shops in the state. Have a list of contacts and/or aftermarket shops handy in case you need help.

*— Jane*



## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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### Next Meeting (s):

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Hennepin Technical College  
(Eden Prairie), 5:00-7:00 pm

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

The most recent task force meeting was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul. It was the first meeting of the new two-year term, which always equates to extra time spent on introductions. There is a nice mix of returning members along with some new members. There are still a few seats available, so if you are interested in making a difference for Minnesota motorcyclist, don't hesitate to apply.

The lion's share of the meeting was devoted to lane splitting/filtering which in some circles has been dubbed "splittering." The DPS has received a lot of complaints from the motoring public regarding our new freedom of choice. They've also received a fair amount of positive feedback from the motorcycling public. However, the majority are just simple inquiries on what are acceptable lane splitting practices. The main objective now is educating the public. Recently Fox 9 News and 5 Eyewitness News ran separate pieces on clarifying the current lane splitting statutes. They were both informative, but I believe more public education is necessary. Not just how to do it safely and why it benefits the motorcyclists, but also why it benefits the general motoring public. So far, the DPS has not heard of any motorcyclist fatalities connected to lane splitting. On that same note, a member asked if that information was being collected during crash investigations. Currently, there is

no way for law enforcement to report lane splitting as a crash factor. The DPS Office of Communication informed the members that this is in the works and coming soon.

There was some discussion regarding the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The MSF is a national organization that develops the rider training curricula that is used in many states across the country, including Minnesota. For instance, the rider coaches that work for our Motorcycle Safety Center are MSF certified. The MSF is looking to require rider coaches to sign a waiver that would not allow a coach to sue the MSF if something were to happen to them. This is not going over well with the coaches and there have been some negotiations regarding this between the two parties. I'm not sure how this will affect rider training in future, but I will keep you posted as I find out more information.

The meeting came to an end before we could discuss the content of the insert that gets mailed out along with motorcycle tab renewal notifications. After the meeting I had a conversation with Jay and our communications liaison about perhaps getting the concepts out to the members via email to provide ideas and feedback. This was done a couple of weeks later and the members had an opportunity to give any suggestions they had. I'm hoping the task force is involved in this a little earlier next year.

As far as motorcycle crash fatalities are concerned, there has been a total of 48 this year compared to 65 this time last year. We would like to see less, but a positive reduction in fatalities is welcomed. Of the 48 fatalities, 73% were not wearing a helmet, 42% were not permitted or endorsed to operate a motorcycle, and one passenger lost their life. That's it for this month. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

—Jon







## Webmaster Report

As we continue rolling out updates to our new website, I want to remind all chapter officers and committee chairs to please check your email spam or junk folders regularly.

Important notifications—especially those related to registration confirmations,

submissions, and event updates—may be filtered there unintentionally. Let's make sure no one misses a beat!

Also, exciting news on the EVENTS page: Bikerday Registration is now open—secure your spot and ride with pride.

Heartland STEAM Registration (including T-Shirt purchases) is live—join us for this key regional gathering.

All of these can be found under the "EVENTS" tab on the website. If you have questions, run into any issues, or just want to share feedback, feel free to reach out to me at [webmaster@abatemn.org](mailto:webmaster@abatemn.org). Let's keep the momentum rolling!

## WRITE TO RIDE

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We have a bit of a break in legislative activity, so let's review some Write 2 Ride information. The goal of the program is to encourage awareness and to stimulate communication between A.B.A.T.E. members and legislators.

Member responsibility begins with establishing communication with your legislator. The communication does not need to be about motorcycle specific issues, but can be related to any issue of legislative concern you may have.

After a reply is received from a legislator forward a copy of the reply to the Write 2 Ride Manager. Include the A.B.A.T.E. member's name, and members chapter name.

Although written communication is preferred, verbal interaction may, "at the discretion of the program coordinator, may be used" to earn a patch or rocker. Reasonable verification of the exchange is needed. Copies of e-mail correspondence are accepted.

If a reply correspondence is addressed to multiple recipients, only one recipient will be presented with the patch/and or rocker. Please indicate which A.B.A.T.E. member addressed should receive the patch and/or rocker.

If you have been unable to obtain a response from a legislator, a member may submit a copy of the correspondence they sent for consideration. Please indicate the communication format used (postal service, e-mail, etc.), the date the contact was initiated and the number of attempts that have been made.

Requests should be sent to [Write2Ride@abatemn.org](mailto:Write2Ride@abatemn.org) or mailed to Frank Ernst, 840 Cree Drive, Chanhassen, MN 55317. If you need to reach me, contact me using 612-801-2920 voice or text.

Eligible first-time participants will receive a Write 2 Ride patch and a corresponding year rocker. A.B.A.T.E. and Young Riders members will be awarded a rocker for each subsequent year of participation. Patches and rockers will be awarded only to members providing proof of communication with a legislator.

You will be able to identify your legislator by going to the A.B.A.T.E. web site ([abatemn.org](http://abatemn.org)) select (legislation) next (contact your Minnesota legislators). You will be asked to provide some information then the names and contact information for your legislator will be displayed. If you need help please contact me. The MCHSI e-mail address I used in the past is no longer active. Please change my contact information in your directory to [frankdennisernst@gmail.com](mailto:frankdennisernst@gmail.com) or use [write2ride@abatemn.org](mailto:write2ride@abatemn.org)

Get involved, preserve freedom!

— frank



## MRF REPORT

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**OCTOBER:** The State Rally has come and gone and like in past years, it was a great success. It also saw a chili contest that made two MRF Reps cry. One MRF Representative was seen and confirmed with tears of heat and the other can not be confirmed or denied as he quickly turned and walked away looking for water. Congratulations to this year's chili contest winners. Tom Duncan from Rolling Prairie won the hottest chili, April Thomson of Way West won the Best Overall and Jim Toth of Way West won the MRF Reps choice. We had six entries and they all tasted wonderful.

By the time this edition of the Road Noise comes out, Meeting of the Minds will have taken place. Some of the things that will be discussed will be autonomous vehicles, profiling, emissions crackdown and a few other topics. The future of motorcycling is being written and facing some serious challenges. The time to act is now. If you have any questions, please contact me.

**NOVEMBER:** At the end of September, I attended my first Meeting of the Minds in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was an experience I won't forget. Dale Peterson and I left on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> and arrived on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

When we arrived, Meeting of the Minds was already going. The first gathering was Meeting of the States and the MRF board. This is where you get to hear what is going on in each state (if present) and meet the State Representatives that are gathering. When Minnesota was called, Jane Doyle went up and spoke about our Lane Splitting law and the Young Riders program. While Jane was speaking, I heard positive words and how the Young Riders program is a great step.

Friday was a day filled with the General Session and 8 breakout sessions. The General

Session is where you get information and updates as well as inspiration. Later in the day I took the opportunity to do 2 breakout sessions. I took the opportunity to participate in the Legislative Strategies and MRF Reps Meeting breakouts. Both were definitely worth attending. Legislative Strategies is where the 2026 agenda is set. The MRF Reps Meeting is where all the representatives meet and discuss any issues and ideas that come up.

Saturday was another busy day. I took the opportunity to sit with Dale Peterson, Gary Goracke, the St Croix Valley Riders and the Association on Independent Riders. This General Session was a panel discussion about Membership Recruitment and Retention. The youngest member of the panel was 28. The panel member said, use social media to our advantage. Why do you ask? That is where the younger generation spends quite a bit of their time. Discussion about Membership and Retention was a success as there was a lot of questions and participation.

After the discussion, I attended the Search and Seizure breakout. I learned a bit more about the Constitution and the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment and how it applies to motorcycles. One of the things I learned was always keep your saddle bags locked and get a dash cam. Locked saddle bags prevent law enforcement from randomly searching your saddle bags without a warrant and a dash cam will save you in the long run.

If you have not attended Meeting of the Minds, I strongly encourage you to attend. You will receive a lot of information, build relationships, and have a lot of fun. Meeting of the Minds 2026 will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> and I will be organizing a ride to and from the hotel. If you are interested, please reach out to me.

— Shadow





# Veteran of the Month

## Todd LaCoursiere

Lake Chapter Member

Todd joined the Marines and started boot camp on June 1st 1988.

Over the next 20 years, he served his country with multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2001 he was stationed in NY when the towers fell. Again, he served his country by helping with cleaning and recovery efforts at ground zero.

All this dedication can come with a cost. Due to lung disease, most likely from his work in NY, he was given a medical discharge on May 31st, 2008.

Now he runs a high performance motorcycle shop with dyno tuning services in Graford, TX. You can check out the website at [gunnysvtwin.com](http://gunnysvtwin.com)

Submitted by his very proud sister Michelle Backlund.



*Thank you Todd for your service!*

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





# SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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**No Report Received.**

## FLATLANDERS

### Meeting (s):

November 15<sup>th</sup>, Lyle American Legion, Lyle, 3:00 pm  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, The Willows, New Richland, 11:00 am  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, TB-3'S Bar & Grill, Freeborn, 3:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders

Here we are in November and hopefully still riding.  
If not, we had a good run, if we are, we got the  
opportunity to make it better.

We had another successful Summers Done Run that  
we can add to the books. Thank you to everyone who  
came out, without you there would be no good  
friends, family, friends who have become family, food  
and good fun!! The Flatlanders want to give a shout  
out and special thank you to Jim Zenk for the  
AMAZING smoked pork and ribs again this year!  
It would not be the same without you! Thank you to  
those who brought side dishes, they were all yummy!  
Thank you to everyone who brought items for  
breakfast, it was soooo good.

Thank you to everyone who donated silent auction  
items and thank you to Bergdales Harley Davidson,  
Albert Lea for once again donating to our fundraiser.

It was awesome to have members from other  
chapters and organizations: Shelly Deutsch, SW  
District Director/State Office and Dan Leiding Rolling  
Prairie, Kari and Tom Duncan, Rolling Prairie and State  
Products, Brotherz of the Reaper, Al Whiteaker and  
Daren Ryg Ride for Heros.

THANK YOU to Kipp and Christy Fuller for the music,

you rocked the house!

THANK YOU to my brother from another Mother  
Tony Roe and my sister from another mister Stacy Roe  
for opening up their property once again for this  
event.

THANK YOU to my husband Virgil for putting  
together and leading the ride, which I heard was  
great again this year!

Final words...this could not happen without all of you!  
Looking at everyone sitting around the bonfire Friday  
and Saturday night enjoying the music, talking,  
laughing and just relaxing, was a picture worth a  
thousand words. I truly do love this crazy, funny,  
caring family, that I have chosen!

If I have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional, and  
your support is so very much appreciated!!!

Till next year...Thank you!

That is all for now from the SE District other than...  
When life throws you a curve...Lean into it!

Peace and Love  
– State Secretary , Michele Legried

## STRAIGHT RIVER

**No Report Received.**









# TRICOUNTY

## Next Meeting (s):

November 6<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska,  
7:00 pm

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska  
7:00 pm, Christmas party

Thank you to the TriCo members  
who showed up for highway  
pickup!

Some of our Buddy Bears may  
have found a home. Hoping to  
deliver to 212 ER Dept. and  
Waconia Fire Dept. Watch for  
email from TriCo, if this happens  
before our next meeting, for time  
and date as we hope to deliver  
them on the same night.

December Christmas party will  
include chapter buying pizzas up  
to \$200 and bring cookies!!!  
Bring a gift to exchange for the  
White Elephant gift exchange if  
you'd like! Always fun!!

Our chapter voted to match the  
donations for Nic Vinkemeier  
from the Freedom Social. Total  
matched was \$160 so a check  
will be delivered by Jon for \$320.  
Nic is recovering from a bike  
accident.

Our chapter is fortunate to have  
many members involved in  
important organizations in  
A.B.A.T.E.... Jon, Frank, Bill, Jim,  
Todd.... always check out your  
Road Noise for biker information  
in their articles! And always follow  
Road Noise for their upcoming  
events if you're looking to do  
something on these chilly days  
coming up!

Our chapter voted to give  
\$100 to the Grounded Hogs  
sponsorship. Check out the  
A.B.A.T.E. U two nights of cash  
drawings!

– Peace, Ger

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting (s):

November 9<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

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

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

## Upcoming Events:

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

Hello All,

Here we are in November already—riding season is winding down, and many of our bikes are settling in for a well-deserved rest. Hopefully, you had a chance to rack up some miles, make a few memories, and just enjoy the ride. If the weather holds, maybe we can squeeze in one last ride (or two)!

We'd like to congratulate some of our chapter members who took home wins at the River Valley Bike Show in September! There was a nice turnout, some incredible bikes on display, and lots of well-deserved recognition. Be sure to check out the photos (on the next page) of a few winners—well done, everyone!

A big thanks to the 12 folks who came out for our Fall Ditch Pickup—we appreciate you taking time out of a beautiful day to help! Your efforts make a real difference and don't go unnoticed. And shout-out to Lori, Erin, Bobby, and their crew for the great lunch and fun little after-party!

**Cold weather's coming, and so is the January Thaw Dance—so mark your calendar for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026!** We've got Whiskey Richard booked for the big night, and planning is already in gear. Committee meetings are held before our regular monthly meetings, so if you've got ideas and want to help out, now's the time—get in touch with Lori. Donations are starting to come in (thank you!), but we'll need more to make this a great night for our chapter. Advance tickets are just \$10 (\$12 at the door) and available starting at the November meeting. Want to help sell? You can check out a book of 10 tickets—just ask Lori or another chapter member. Keep an eye out for the flyer for more info in the next Road Noise!

Welcome to our new members—and thank you to those who renewed! It's great to see both new faces and familiar faces at meetings and events. Whether you're a new or a long-time member, A.B.A.T.E. is about more than riding—it's about community, fun, and making a difference.

Don't forget to check the Road Noise calendar and show some love for our fellow chapters' fundraisers! Even in the cooler months, a little support goes a long way.

And finally— Election Day is November 4<sup>th</sup>! Voting isn't just a right; it's a responsibility. Make sure your voice is heard—get out and vote for those who truly represent us.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! Enjoy the day with family, friends, and of course—plenty of food.

– Big D, President



# RIVER VALLEY BIKE SHOW



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# SOUTHEAST LC

## Next Meeting (s):

November 16<sup>th</sup>, location to be determined, 11:30 am

December 21<sup>st</sup>, location to be determined, 11:30 am

## Upcoming Events:

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

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

Hi All:

Well it's that time of year again to put the bikes away for that nasty season called winter :( I hope everyone got a chance to get out and put some miles on. I don't know the statistics but it seemed that this year was a very bad year for motorcycle accidents and deaths. We have got to do better before the government starts coming at us with the helmet law again.

This past weekend my husband and I attended the memorial ride for Mark Ugland sponsored by the

POW/MIA Riders. It was a very beautiful day and an awesome ride. We put on a lot of miles and had the honor of stopping at Mark's grave site to pay our respects. The meal that was furnished afterward was outstanding, my compliments to the cooks. Mark was a member of the POW/MIA Riders as well as a member of our chapter and he is greatly missed by both.

We welcome Jim Randall as a new member of our chapter. He signed up as a member at our September meeting while April was there. We also had Gail and Rose Noyse renew their memberships--Thank You for renewing. We look forward to seeing them at our future meetings.

It was brought to our attention at the September meeting that the Rochester VFW will be renting the hall where we meet for the next 18 months. Seth will be talking to the VFW manager to get details. We will call an officers meeting to start looking for an alternative place to meet. If anyone has any suggestions, we are open to listening to them.

We plan on meeting in October at the Rochester VFW and will move to a new location after that. Please be watching our Facebook page for details, we will post them as we get them. For those who are not on Facebook, we will try to call or text you.

Also on a final note, at this time I do not think I will be running for secretary again. I have been in this position for over 5 years. If you would like to take the position, please come to the January and February meetings to get nominated. You do need to be present to be nominated so you can accept the nomination. At this time, I am unsure whether I will keep the Chapter Rep position, I will decide on this closer to the time of nominations as I do enjoy this position.

Here's hoping everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

– Bye for now , Terry



## Big Sandy Lodge and Resort

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Big Sandy Lodge & Resort is offering a 15% discount to A.B.A.T.E. of MN members, valid through December 31, 2026.

Be prepared to show your membership card.

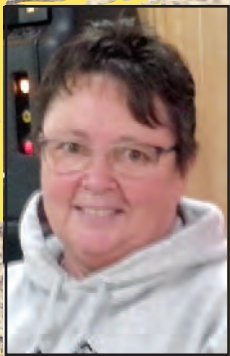
### General Terms of the Rate Agreement

1. The agreement provides a **15% discount** off the guest room rates. The agreement does not apply to food, beverage, or incidental purchases.
2. The agreement applies to "all" room types at the ("Lodge") subject to availability. This includes Main Building, Villas & Cabins.
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9. Black-out dates may apply.
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11. Check-in is from 4:00pm. Check-out is at 11:00am.
12. This agreement is non-transferable.

### Method of Reservations

**Call In:** Reservations must be made by calling the "Lodge" directly at (218) 426-5040. It is important the guest request the "A.B.A.T.E. Minnesota" rate when making the reservation to receive the special 15% rate discount.

**Online Booking Link:** Go directly to the Big Sandy Lodge & Resort website <https://www.bigsandylodgeandresort.com> Enter "ABATE" in the **Promo Code** box when making the reservation. The 15% discount is automatically applied.



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Wow November! The summer was just a blur this year. By the time you read this I may have, or I am ready to have a pretty serious neck surgery. They will be taking some pieces out and adding more appliances in, I will be in hard collar for six weeks and a soft collar for four weeks.

The new website is up, keep your membership current or renew BEFORE the January nominations. It is never too early to start thinking about elections time!

Bikerday at the Capitol registration is open on the web page, please remember to take time off from work and get registered! If you are not going, please send a letter to your Legislators!

Heartland STEAM is in Minnesota on March 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> in Alexandria, it is not going to get any closer than this for you! Let us have a BIG presence, please help out with donations or your help at the conference.

Until next time, *Shelly*

## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting (s):

November 29<sup>th</sup>, P.K. Eagans, Canby, 10:00 am  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Appleton, 10:00 am, will include a Christmas Potluck  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, Legion, Montevideo, 10:00 am  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, Alley Cat, Ortonville at 10:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hotdish Feed, Refuge Bar, Odessa. All proceeds go to Toys for Kids

Greetings!

Short and sweet this month...like me...haha. Actually, it is 11:00 at night and I freaked out because I just realized the article was due today. 🙄

Well, it's hard to believe that November is here already. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving. Our riding season is coming to a close. I hope you all had a great season.

Thanks to everyone who helped at ditch pickup. Welcome new members of our A.B.A.T.E. family. It's time to get our donations wrapped up for Toys for Kids. When you are out at local businesses, ask if they'd be willing to donate. See you at our upcoming meetings!

– Gypsy Mama







## LAKE

### Next Meeting (s):

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Rendezvous Bar and Grill, Annandale  
3:00 pm

December 6<sup>th</sup>, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tentatively, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm

March 7<sup>th</sup>, Tentatively, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

April 4<sup>th</sup>, S.O.S Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 31<sup>st</sup>, Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford  
Township Hall

Our October meeting was held at the S.O.S Clubhouse. We thank them for hosting us and providing food. We were honored to have hosted Scott Gottschalk at our meeting. Scott attempted to ride 1,000 miles a day for 120 days, a Guinness Book of World Records attempt, to create attention and educational opportunities regarding human trafficking. Thank you, Scott, for attending our meeting. It was great to meet you and hear about your exciting plans to increase awareness for human trafficking.

We had our fall ditch pickup before our October meeting. Thank you to all who came; we were done in record time.

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are available. There are two drawings this year.

• Friday night: 600 tickets • Saturday night: 800 tickets  
The prizes are substantial, and the odds are great. See a chapter member to buy yours today or sign out some to sell. These sales help fund our gambling account.

The chapter voted again this year to use our gambling funds to sponsor a Young Rider's scholarship. Our holiday toy donation will again be to the Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly. Please bring your new unwrapped toy, gift card, or cash donation to the December meeting. Cash or gift card donations are suggested, allowing the recipients to enjoy the shopping experience to purchase items they need.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00-11:00 pm. Everett Smithson will be returning as our entertainment. If you would like to sponsor the Grounded Hogs, please let us know. Advanced tickets are available for \$15. See a chapter member to get yours now BEFORE THEY SELL OUT. We are looking for t-shirt designs; bring yours to the next chapter meeting. Jim Kosse is looking for a used motorcycle frame, forks, or a non-functioning engine for an auction project. Contact him if you can help. Grounded Hogs Sponsors, Gold: Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Dale Morin, Buzz and Karen.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter membership challenge is underway, so let's get those members signed up! We are exploring the possibility of using an online platform for chapter products and will share more details as they become available. We are currently seeking candidates for the positions of membership coordinator and chapter products. If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact April or Jim.

Nominations for the Steven J. Kreitlow Award have closed, and the voting process will begin at the November meeting. Nominations for Member of the Year will also take place at the November meeting, while Chapter Officer nominations will commence in January. These are excellent opportunities to contribute to and serve the chapter. We encourage you to either run for a position or nominate someone suitable.

Open State positions include State Coordinator/Assistant State Coordinator (who work as a team) and State Secretary. These positions are a fantastic way to contribute to A.B.A.T.E. as a whole.

Have you had a chance to visit the revamped A.B.A.T.E. website? It features a completely new design. While you're there, you can register for both Bikerday and Heartland STEAM. Minnesota will be hosting Heartland STEAM in 2026. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about the MRF's initiatives for A.B.A.T.E.

– Until next month my friends- Ride Free, April



**Lake at Tri County's Freedom Social**



**Lake supporting the Young Riders Rodeo**



## **SOUTHWEST**

### **Next Meeting (s):**

November 7<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore  
Community Center, 7:00 pm

The December meeting date will be determined later. It will be included with our Christmas Party. And yes, it's not a holiday party, it's a Christmas party! So put that in your pipe and smoke it!

Our group is touched and deeply saddened by the illness that our former president, Kevin Harberts, is living with. He is currently in Hospice for care and comfort. Kevin, we have loved and will miss you. RIP. Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

– Becky Murphy

## **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

### **Next Meeting (s):**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Thunder Bar, Good Thunder, 3:00 pm  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James, Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, regular meeting, 3:00 pm  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James, Committee meeting, 3:00 pm, regular meeting, 4:00 pm, Christmas party, 5:00 pm

### **Upcoming events:**

January 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Willmar  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello biker family,

Well, we have set the date for our annual Chili Feed. It will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at the VFW in St. James. More details will be coming in the next few months.

We have delivered all of our buddy bears and completed our Adopt-a-Highway for the year. Now we are getting ready for last minute fall rides and planning for our winter activities.

– Until we meet up, ride safe, Giggles



# **SOUTH CENTRAL**

## **Next Meeting (s):**

November 5<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Silver Lake, 7:00 pm  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm

## **Upcoming Events:**

November 29<sup>th</sup>, Toys for Kids, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 6:00 pm

In October we completed our annual Fall Ditch Clean Up. We had a record 19 people show up.

Thank you so much for your hard work!!

On Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have our big annual Toys for Kids event at the Eagles Club in Litchfield. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm is the silent auction, 8:00 pm to 12:00 am DJ music. Check out the ad in this Road Noise issue. If you would like to donate auction items, contact Kristy LaPlante at 320-282-6851.

We will be planning our Christmas party at our next chapter meeting in November, stay tuned for more details.

We are so proud of our growth over this past year, huge welcome to all of our new SC members!! We would like to recognize our 2025 South Central

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# **GLACIAL RIDGE**

## **Next Meeting (s):**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Marcia's, Brooten, 6:00 pm  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, Marcia's, Brooten, 6:00 pm  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Marcia's, Brooten, 6:00 pm

## **Upcoming Event(s):**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Potluck, Marcia's, Brooten, 3:30 pm  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, Santa Day, Brooten  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, Prom, VFW, Belgrade, 7:00 pm

Glacial Ridge is planning a few things. The prom is something we are focusing on. Our theme is Biker Prom, and we are inviting everyone. We are trying to get community things going on to say, HEY, WE ARE HERE!! Community Hotdish contest, Santa Day parade, putting things like the Bike Rodeo in the paper. We are at least being seen. Being so far in the rural part of the state, getting members is a bit more challenging, but we are not giving up! The riding season is coming to a see ya later. So, when you put your bikes to bed, make sure you do all the prep to it. Be Safe!



Active members, huge thank you to those below who make this chapter happen!!

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| Gina Maningoine  | Mike Niece      | Doug Louris    |
| Tina Myllykangas | John Maningoine | Noel Hugget    |
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| Angie Cairl      | Danny Cairl     | Smiley Cairl   |
| Joyce Nelson     | Troy Olson      | Joyce Compart  |
| Jim Orn          | Kristy Orn      | Jim Nowak      |
| Debbie Nowak     | Jen Sommerfeld  | Sabrina Tucker |

Hope you get to enjoy riding all month long!

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# **BUFFALO RIDGE**

Greetings Freedom Fighters! Nothing new to report. The Chapter is meeting on an as-needed basis for now. Meeting dates and times will be announced on Facebook.

Until next time,

– Kris Gruhot, Secretary/Treasurer





# NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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HOWDY FOLKS !!!!

Deer hunting is upon us. Each year several people hit deer either on their motorcycle or vehicle. Do everyone a favor and harvest a delicious deer and enjoy the flavor of nature and maybe save someones life.

Motorcycle rights does NOT take the winter OFF!! Please take time to keep in touch with those that are in congress and other committees and keep a lock on YOUR RIGHTS to Ride YOUR Motorcycle with the FREEDOM YOU deserve!

I'm glad to see that 19 of the chapters stepped up and sponsored YOUR State Rally! That's the most I've seen in years! Give Yourselves a pat on the back! THANK YOU!!!

Heartland STEAM 2026, Alexandria, MN. I'm hoping as many chapters or even more, like ALL of them, will support Heartland STEAM. There will be many people from the surrounding states coming to Your state for this. Let's show them the Minnesota Nice they have been hearing about! Please take time to volunteer and help out where you can.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE — *Edgar*

## NORTHWEST

### Next Meeting (s):

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls, 4:00 pm  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, The Other Place, Fertile, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

Happy Fall! 2025 marks the 31<sup>st</sup> year the Northwest Chapter has taken care of this stretch of Highway 2 through the Adopt a Highway program. The ditch was picked up on September 10<sup>th</sup> and looks great! Thank you to all members for their help and dedication over the years! See photo on the right.

We had a productive meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Goodridge Liquor Store followed by a Fall Color Ride. It was a great day with great people!

Ride safe and see you at the next meeting.

## HEART OF THE LAKES

### Next Meeting(s):

November 21<sup>st</sup>, Bucks Mill, Detroit Lakes, 5:00 pm

Riding season is winding down; however, we have had some great weather for it. I hope that you all caught plenty of wind. I found an accident report on the MSP Web and couldn't help but think, had the motorcyclist taken advantage of the lane filtering procedure, this may have been an avoidable death. A terrible reminder of how



important A.B.A.T.E and what we do really is.

Chapter Meat and Gun Raffle is set for December - if you haven't found your way to a ticket, please contact a chapter member!  
— Gods smile on you all, Jess

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

November 15<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

## BORDERLAND & NORTH STAR No Reports Received





# NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Happy Late Fall!

Two weeks ago, I was glad to go to the First Annual Bike Rodeo for the Young Riders group in Willmar. It was well attended by youth and adults. The adults tried the Safety Center motorcycle simulator. If you have never tried that, it is very humbling.

The next weekend I spent with the Central Chapter on their Fall Fun Run on Saturday and their monthly meeting on Sunday. Those folks know how to put on a run! There were 35 bikes, three custom cars, and a Dial-A-Ride trailer.

The October B.O.D. has happened by now and I went full of questions and hopeful for answers. If you have never attended a B.O.D., make plans now for the January meeting. I hope many of you are thinking about the upcoming nominations for chapter and state officers. This organization needs you to step up. As it is now November, my bike is tucked away for the year. Plans are in the works for vacation plans on it the next riding season. I am also planning for fall and winter chapter events and fundraisers. Please get out and support other chapters, if you show an interest in their events they will come to yours. Trust me. It is also time to start thinking about the \$600 district funds for safety class reimbursement.

The new web site is up and running and STEAM, Bikerday, and A.B.A.T.E. University info are there for you to take advantage of. Be safe in all you do and hope to see you at an event soon.

— Pedro

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting (s):

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am

### Upcoming event(s):

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Turkey Bowling, American Legion,  
St. Francis, 1:00-5:00 pm  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, Heart-On fundraiser, American Legion,  
St. Francis, 1:00-4:00 pm  
March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol, St Paul

Hey All! Here comes the off-season! I want to thank all who came down to help out at the Anoka Halloween Parade. November is here and usually has most of us winterizing our rides in some fashion. Either storing or getting them ready to go south. It's always a little bitter-sweet to see our riding season come to a close.

We're looking forward to Turkey Bowling coming up later this month on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come on out to the Legion and try your luck for a good cause. East Central hosts this

event to provide for the local food shelves and family shelters during the holidays. Speaking of holidays, they're coming too! I hope this year finds everyone healthy and happy.

It's already time to start thinking of next year's events. It looks like the Grounded Hogs party is early this year, January 31<sup>st</sup>. It must mean an early spring...we can hope. The Valentines Heart-On is the following weekend, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We should be thinking of auction items.

It looks like March is kinda crazy with Heartland STEAM and Bikerday within a week of each other. The good part is that staying this busy will make winter go by in no time. Right?

As a general reminder don't forget to have your heating systems checked out before winter. At the very least, a furnace tune-up can save you a few bucks on an emergency call on a Sunday when its -20 degrees. At the most, it might save yours or a loved one's life. That's all I have for this month. 'Til next time, keep the shiny side up!

— President Jim



# METRO

## Next Meeting (s):

November 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Meet and Eat, Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills

November 16<sup>th</sup>, Brunch, Route 47

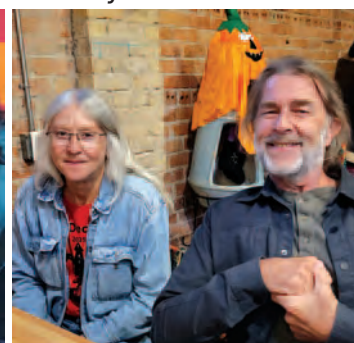
They say that nothing lasts forever and that all good things must come to an end. For the last 12 years Metro Chapter has held a monthly get-together at Casa Rio in Downtown Anoka for an all you can eat tacos buffet with good people. We've shared laughter, good conversations, gained new members and enjoyed good food with good people. The owners of Casa Rio have been beyond gracious to our Chapter.

With time all good things come to an end. And as thankful as we are to Casa Rio, it was time for a change.

We greatly appreciate all that Casa Rio has done for our chapter and we are sad to see this partnership end. Our final taco night was October 6<sup>th</sup> and boy was it an event! We had members from Sand Dunes, Central, East Central and Freedom First come out to join us in saying goodbye to this tradition. We also had members of several clubs as well as quite a few members of CMA show up. We even saw some former officers that haven't been around for a while! In fact, so many people came that seating got hard to find and the buffet ran out of food, twice!! We were beside ourselves with how many came out to support!

But you may ask... if Metro Chapter isn't doing taco night anymore, what are they doing? Well do we have some news for you! We have a new monthly event for the first Monday night of every month! The first new Metro Meet and Eat will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Welch's Big 10 Tavern in Arden Hills! The owner is extremely excited to be working with us! He's even signed up to be a 2026 Passport stop! Our new buffet will still be all you can eat. But it will be a different menu every month! The first month will be a broasted chicken buffet! Other options are spaghetti, alfredo, pulled pork with Mac and cheese, meatloaf... there's so many options! The buffet will be \$13.95 per person and will run from 4:00-8:00 pm with \$2 from every buffet sold going back to support our chapter!

Metro Chapter is once again partnering with East Central for the Anoka Halloween Parade! If you come on out be sure to wave as we ride by! Pictures to come!





# NORTHEAST

## Next Meeting (s):

November 5<sup>th</sup>, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Like everyone else, by the time you read this I'll be winterizing the bikes and preparing for the cold to set in.

Our October meeting was well attended and is continuing the uptick in attendance that we have seen throughout the later part of this year which is a welcome happening.

By the time of this being published we will have had our hopefully successful meet and greet at the River Inn in Scanlon. Between the location and the great band that is scheduled, we're expecting to see a lot of new people and hopefully will have converted some to our cause. Not much else going on with winter weather imminent.

– Ride safe, Ed

# JACK PINE RIDERS

## Next Meeting (s):

November 16<sup>th</sup>, Park Tavern & Café, Braham, 1:00 pm  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, 1:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

December 21<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas party,  
Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill, Banning Junction.  
Christmas Party follows the chapter meeting.

The next roadside cleanup will be in May, 2026. Chapter meeting to follow highway clean up. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

Keep in mind, you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non members are encouraged to stop by and see what we are all about. For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events.

For updated chapter events and information, check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

**CENTRAL**  
No Report Received

**UP NORTH**  
No Report Received



# SAND DUNES

## Next Meeting (s):

November 9<sup>th</sup>, The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake, 5:00 pm  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake, 5:00 pm  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Greetings all!

I am writing this grapevine with some sadness, as this will be my last report. I have stepped down as president of Sand Dunes. Primarily because I live in Arizona for six months of the year and I feel the president should be in the area year-round to be more effective. I am happy to report that our vice-president, Doug Hall, is stepping up to be president of Sand Dunes. I feel our current board is very strong and will do well going forward. I will still be involved and support Sand Dunes and A.B.A.T.E. It has been an honor serving as president for Sand Dunes.

The holiday season is just around the corner. Most of us probably have our bikes put away for the year. However, if you're one of the brave souls that rides until the first major snow, then hopefully you're still able to ride in November. For now, and for me, that's a wrap. Be well, ride safe and peace out!

– Michael Olkives

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# TOYS for KIDS

Save  
the  
Date

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

## Litchfield Eagles

Silent Auction  
6-9 pm

DJ Music  
8-12pm

**New unwrapped toy  
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Auction proceeds will go to ABATE. All cash and toy donations will go to the kids of Meeker and McLeod counties.



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A.B.A.T.E. OF MN**  
*Community Fundraiser*  
**TURKEY  
BOWLING**



**Saturday,  
November 22nd, 2025  
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**American Legion  
Post #622, 3073  
Bridge St NW,  
St. Francis**

- Bring an unwrapped toy for kids
- And or bring non-perishable food
- There will also be a Bake Sale and a Chili contest

**Toys are collected at the Door (\$5.00 or more  
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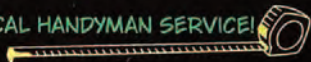
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Lake Chapter, a part of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (a non-profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)(4)), is seeking sponsors for our 2026 Chapter fundraiser to be held at the Rockford Township Hall on Saturday January 31, 2026 from 6 pm-11 pm.

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

- All sponsors be publicized in the road noise every month until March 2026
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date     | Chapter   | Location  | Time      |
|----------|---|---|-----------|
| 11/1/25  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Potluck                                       | Marcia's Bar, Brooten   | 3:30 PM   |
| 11/1/25  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting                                       | Marcia's Bar, Brooten   | 6:00 PM   |
| 11/1/25  | Lake Chapter Meeting  | Rendezvous Bar & Grill, Annandale                                   | 3:00 PM   |
| 11/1/25  | Northwest Chapter meeting   | McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls   | 4:00 PM   |
| 11/1/25  | Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting                                     | Thunder Bar, Good Thunder   | 3:00 PM   |
| 11/2/25  | East Central Chapter Meeting  | American Legion, St. Francis  | 10:30 AM  |
| 11/3/25  | Metro Chapter Meet and Eat  | Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills   |           |
| 11/4/25  | A.B.A.T.E. U Committee Meeting                                      | Davanni's, Rogers   | 6:00 PM   |
| 11/5/25  | Northeast Chapter Meeting   | Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth                                     | 6:30 PM   |
| 11/5/25  | South Central Chapter Meeting                                       | American Legion, Silver Lake  | 7:00 PM   |
| 11/6/25  | Tri-County Chapter Meeting  | Cy's Bar, Chaska  | 7:00 PM   |
| 11/7/25  | Southwest Chapter Meeting   | Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore                                 | 7:00 PM   |
| 11/8/25  | Way West Chapter 3rd Annual Hotdish Feed (Toys for Kids Fundraiser) | Refuge Bar, Odessa  |           |
| 11/9/25  | Publication Committee Meeting                                       | Zoom Meeting  | 11:00 AM  |
| 11/9/25  | River Valley Chapter Meeting  | Eagles Club, Mankato  | 12:00 PM  |
| 11/9/25  | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting  | The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake                                   | 5:00 PM   |
| 11/9/25  | Straight River Chapter Meeting                                      | Reggie's Brew House, Owatonna                                       | 1:00 PM   |
| 11/11/25 | Metro Chapter Meeting   | VFW, Coon Rapids  | 7:00 PM   |
| 11/15/25 | Flatlanders Chapter Meeting   | Lyle Legion, Lyle   | 3:00 PM   |
| 11/15/25 | Freedom First Riders  | VFW, Alexandria   | 6:00 PM   |
| 11/16/25 | Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting                                    | Park Tavern & Café, Braham  | 1:00 PM   |
| 11/16/25 | Metro Chapter Brunch  | Route 47  |           |
| 11/16/25 | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting  | Location TBD  | 11:30 PM  |
| 11/17/25 | Gambling Committee Meeting  | Nordic Taphouse, Monticello   | 6:00 PM   |
| 11/20/25 | Motorcycle Safety Task Force Committee Meeting                      | Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie                            | 5-7:00 PM |
| 11/21/25 | Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting                                  | Buck Mills, Detroit Lakes   | 7:00 PM   |
| 11/22/25 | East Central Chapter Turkey Bowling                                 | American Legion, St. Francis  | 1-5:00 PM |
| 11/24/25 | Heartland STEAM Committee Meeting                                   | Via Zoom  | 6:30 PM   |
| 11/29/25 | South Central Chapter Annual Toys for Kids                          | Eagles Club, Litchfield   | 6:00 PM   |
| 11/29/25 | Way West Chapter Meeting  | P.K. Eagans, Canby  | 10:00 AM  |
| 12/3/25  | Northeast Chapter Meeting   | Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth                                     | 6:30 PM   |
| 12/3/25  | South Central Chapter Meeting                                       | Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield  | 7:00 PM   |
| 12/4/25  | Tri-County Chapter Meeting - Christmas Party                        | Cy's Bar, Chaska  | 7:00 PM   |
| 12/6/25  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting                                       | Marcia's Bar, Brooten   | 6:00 PM   |
| 12/6/25  | Lake Chapter Meeting  | Madigan's, Maple Lake   | 3:00 PM   |
| 12/6/25  | Northwest Chapter meeting   | The Other Place, Fertile  | 4:00 PM   |
| 12/6/25  | Rally Committee Meeting   | Eagles Club, Litchfield   | 12:00 PM  |
| 12/7/25  | East Central Chapter Meeting  | American Legion, St. Francis  | 10:30 AM  |
| 12/8/25  | Gambling Committee Meeting  | via Zoom  | 6:00 PM   |
| 12/13/25 | Flatlanders Chapter Meeting   | The Willows, New Richland   | 11:00 AM  |
| 12/13/25 | Glacial Ridge Chapter Santa Day                                     | Brooten   |           |
| 12/13/25 | Rolling Prairie Committee Meeting                                   | River's Edge Golf Course, St. James                                 | 2:00 PM   |
| 12/13/25 | Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting                                     | River's Edge Golf Course, St. James                                 | 3:00 PM   |
| 12/14/25 | River Valley Chapter Meeting  | Eagles Club, Mankato  | 12:00 PM  |
| 12/14/25 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting  | The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake                                   | 5:00 PM   |
| 12/15/25 | Heartland STEAM Committee Meeting                                   | Via Zoom  | 6:30 PM   |
| 12/21/25 | Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting                                    | Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction                                    | 1:00 PM   |
| 12/21/25 | Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party                             | Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, Following Meeting                 |           |
| 12/21/25 | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting  | Location TBD  | 11:30 AM  |
| 12/27/25 | Way West Chapter Meeting/Christmas Potluck                          | VFW, Appleton   | 10:00 AM  |
| 1/3/26   | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting                                       | Marcia's Bar, Brooten   | 6:00 PM   |
| 1/3/26   | Lake Chapter Meeting  | Choo Choo Bar (Tentative), Loretto                                  | 3:00 PM   |
| 1/3/26   | Rolling Prairie Committee Meeting                                   | River's Edge Golf Course, St. James                                 | 3:00 PM   |
| 1/3/26   | Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting                                     | River's Edge Golf Course, St. James                                 | 4:00 PM   |
| 1/3/26   | Rolling Prairie Chapter Christmas Party                             | River's Edge Golf Course, St. James                                 | 5:00 PM   |
| 1/3/26   | South Central Chapter Meeting                                       | Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian   |           |
| 1/4/26   | Ways and Means Committee Meeting                                    | Ugly Bar, Montrose  | 12:00 PM  |
| 1/11/26  | River Valley Chapter Meeting  | Eagles Club, Mankato  | 12:00 PM  |
| 1/11/26  | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting  | The Getaway Bar & Grill, Big Lake                                   | 5:00 PM   |
| 1/15/26  | Motorcycle Safety Task Force Committee Meeting                      | virtual via Microsoft Teams   | 5-7:00 PM |
| 1/16/26  | BOD Meeting   | Willmar   |           |
| 1/16/26  | Gambling Committee Meeting  | BOD Location  | 6:00 PM   |
| 1/16/26  | Rally Committee Meeting   | BOD Location  | 8:00 PM   |
| 1/17/26  | BOD Meeting   | Willmar   |           |
| 1/17/25  | River Valley Chapter January Thaw Annual Fundraiser and Dance Party |   |           |
| 1/24/26  | Flatlanders Chapter Meeting   | TB-3's, Freeborn  | 3:00 PM   |
| 1/31/26  | Lake Chapter Meeting  | Rockford Township Hall, Rockford (Feb Meeting, prior to fundraiser) | 3:00 PM   |

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Tom / Lisa Metcalfe ..... N  
Wes Cariveau ..... N  
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Evan T Lehr ..... N  
Marla Lehr ..... N  
Tammy/Richard Winkels ..... R  
Hank Foster ..... R  
Chad / Jennifer Heggestad ..... R  
Jesse Hlebain /Laura Evenson R  
James Anderson ..... R  
John Wolbeck ..... R  
Greg Stang ..... R  
Allen Brinkman ..... R  
John /Mary Beth Notch ..... R  
Scott Lenzmeier ..... N

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Barbara Perry ..... R  
Lana Fussy ..... N  
Dominic Zieberth ..... N  
Jane Doyle ..... R  
Darrick Miller ..... R  
Timothy J Radke ..... N  
Laleny "Alice" Yahnke ..... N  
Bryan Fanton ..... N  
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## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

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Steve / Chasity Arnold ..... R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

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Pat Burke ..... R  
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Doug Madden ..... N  
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Steve /Dee Sweeney ..... R  
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Mitch Berelke ..... N  
Julie Prieto ..... N  
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Fred Vollmuth ..... N  
Tim Nagle ..... N  
Michael /Toby Pharr ..... R  
John Hokkanen ..... R

## UP NORTH

Delbert Brincefield ..... R  
James McCrehin ..... R  
Mason Hill ..... N

## WAY WEST

Andrew "AJ" Kirby ..... R  
Brandon Nelson ..... R  
William/Hope Hedlund ..... R  
Dan Kellen ..... R  
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