



ROAD NOISE

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF A.B.A.T.E. OF MN, INC.

Volume 39

Issue 11

November 2025



**HONORING
ALL WHO
HAVE SERVED
AND ARE SERVING**

American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education of Minnesota, Inc.

Go to www.abatemn.org for the newest version in color!



This publication is the Official Newsletter of A.B.A.T.E. of MN, Inc. Opinions expressed here in, by the Editor and others, may not be those of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Articles may be reprinted with proper attribution.

SUBMISSIONS TO ROAD NOISE
email: roadnoise@abatemn.org
Road Noise
16550 226th Ave NW
Elk River, MN 55330

ROAD NOISE

ADVERTISEMENTS

No faxed ads. Deadline is the 1st of the month prior to publication. Use a jpeg file format for electronic ads. Mailed ads must be mailed flat. Send Display Ad Artwork on paper no larger than 8.5" X 11". **Do not reduce artwork to desired size**, make a note for the desired size for the ad (spell out the size).

Cost / Spaces / per issue

Business Card	\$15.00
1/4 page	\$35.00
1/2 page	\$65.00
Full page	\$125.00
Full page *Insert	call

*Additional printing charges for Inserts.

If Ads are prepaid for one year, a 10% discount is applied. If production work is necessary on the Ad, \$35.00 per hour will be billed.

Chapter Fundraisers/political ads receive a 30% discount.

At the discretion of the Editor, if late ads (after the 1st of the month prior to publication) are accepted, a 20% surcharge will be added to the cost.

Website advertising:

Chapter Fundraisers ads are free of charge. Use a jpeg file format for electronic ads and send to: roadnoise@abatemn.org.

LETTERS AND ARTICLES

Submissions are encouraged, however, are subject to editing and will be printed at the discretion of the Road Noise Committee. The use of foul language, personal attacks or the use of language that may be libelous or interpreted as inciting hate or sexual harassment is not permitted. User comments are reviewed by moderators to ensure that comments meet these standards. Anyone submitting an article, "Letter to the Editor," or photograph may request that it be returned by including with submission a self-addressed stamped envelope. Letters to the Editor must be accompanied with the author's signature. For electronic picture submissions, use a tiff or jpeg file format.

GRAPEVINES AND REPORTS

The deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication.

- DO NOT submit in all uppercase, or insert backgrounds.
- Include your chapter/committee name on the subject line of the email that you send to the Road Noise.

Use the following basic outline:

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



ROAD NOISE CONTENT

State Coordinator	5
Assistant State Coordinator	5
Committees & Reports	5-14
Veteran of the Month	15
SE District Grapevines	16-21
SW District Grapevines	22-24
NW District Grapevines	25
NE District Grapevines	26-28
Advertising	29-39
Calendar of Events	32
2025 Rally Sponsors	33
Heartland STEAM	34
BIKERDAY 2025	36
New & Renew	38

Cover By
Kimmer

ROAD NOISE CONTACT:

roadnoise@abatemn.org
16550 226th Ave. NW
Elk River, MN 55330

ROAD NOISE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Committee Chair	... Tammy Winkels
Editor	... Corinne Baker
Organizer	... Deb Kviz
Secretary	... Open
Treasurer	... Charm Bolgreen
Advertisements	... Michelle Backlund
Proof Readers	... Gaida Trout Kimmer Robertson Michelle Backlund Tammy Winkels Erin Fredricks
Contributors	... Rick Arguello Mack Backlund

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

STATE OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 6:00pm - 9:00pm

State Office Administrator, Shelly Deutsch

E-mail: StateOffice@abatemn.org

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

P.O. Box 142

Mapleton, MN 56065

(507) 487-5000

Not receiving your Road Noise?

Contact the State Office to ensure your address is correct in our system. If it is correct, you will need to contact your post office to ensure that they are delivering the Road Noise to you.

Get address changes to me ASAP.

Road Noise is bulk mail and will not be forwarded.

Membership tri-folds:

can be requested from the State Office, or from Shelley Deutsch (Membership & Retention Chair) at (507) 227-4498, or membership@abatemn.org. You can also find membership forms on the website at www.abatemn.org. When you recruit a new member, write your name and Chapter on the tri-fold so you receive credit for the recruit. Make sure tri-folds, Chapter information forms, and other pertinent business documents are **written legibly, including area codes, zip codes, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses**. Use

POSTAL CORRECT addresses. The following are address tips: Do not abbreviate County Road, Minnesota State Highway, Circle, do not use #sign (i.e. Co. Rd, ST, Hwy, CR, use Lot or Apt. or TRLR number, example: Trailer + number =TRLR 201 or Lot 201, or Apt 201).

Memberships:

Postcards go out to members who will expire at the end of that given month. Renewals must reach the State Office by the third Friday of the month, regardless of the date, to ensure you receive your next month's Road Noise. Use **POSTAL CORRECT** address! Please allow 4-6 weeks to receive your new hard cards.

Minutes:

from Chapter, Committee, and District meetings can be e-mailed to stateoffice@abatemn.org.

Mailing Labels:

The State Office can print current mailing labels for your Chapter's newsletters, reminder cards, and event flyers.

Feel free to call me with questions, concerns, and inquiries 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, or leave a message and I will return your call ASAP.

A.B.A.T.E. of MN accepts no responsibility for the submissions, comments, opinions, or errors contained within this publication.



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

**State Coordinator**

Jane Doyle (612) 910-1572
statecoordinator@abatemn.org

Assistant State Coordinator

Jim Orn (320) 398-6966
AsstCoordinator@abatemn.org

State Treasurer

Michelle "Mitch" Backlund
(763) 263-1532

StateTreasurer@abatemn.org

State Secretary

Michele Legried (507) 251-3805
StateSecretary@abatemn.org

Northeast District Director

Kent Verner (218) 343-7826
NortheastDir@abatemn.org

Northwest District Director

Edgar Burke (218) 849-5021
NorthwestDir@abatemn.org

Southeast District Director

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

Southwest District Director

Shelly Deutsch (507) 227-4498
SouthwestDir@abatemn.org

Trustee

Mack Backlund (763) 226-9195
Trustee@abatemn.org

A.B.A.T.E. University Chair

Stephanie Christensen (763) 443-4732
abateu@abatemn.org

Buddy Bear Chair

Sharon Polman (218) 507-5163
BuddyBear@abatemn.org

Education Chair

Jon Fernholz (952) 649-0581
Education@abatemn.org

Gambling Manager

Angie Morberg (218) 686-5988
Gambling@abatemn.org

Historian

Gaida Trout (320) 291-6975
historian@abatemn.org

Legislative Team

legislativeteam@abatemn.org

Marketing Director

Harmony Lillie (320) 583-6162
marketing@abatemn.org

Membership and Retention

April Murch (612) 741-0279
membership@abatemn.org

MRF Liaison

Rob Benjamin (952) 681-0592
mrfrep@abatemn.org

NCOM Liaison

Jane Doyle (612) 910-1572
NcomLiaison@abatemn.org

Passport Run

PassportRun@abatemn.org

Products Manager

Kari Duncan (507) 830-0782
Products@abatemn.org

Publications Chair

Tammy Winkels (320) 252-7353
publications@abatemn.org

Revisor

Open

Road Noise Editor

roadnoise@abatemn.org

State Office Administrator

Shelly Deutsch (507) 487-5000
StateOffice@abatemn.org

State Rally Chair

Doug Cohen (605) 321-9613
Rally@abatemn.org

Ways and Means

Kristy Luhman (952) 412-6064
Ways-Means@abatemn.org

Website

Kimmer Robertson (763) 772-4776
WebMaster@abatemn.org

Write to Ride

Frank Ernst (612) 801-2920
Write2ride@abatemn.org

Young Riders

Harmony Lillie (320) 583-6162
youngriders@abatemn.org

CHAPTER PRESIDENT CONTACTS

Northeast District:

O	St. Cloud	Central Chapter
C	St. Francis	East Central Chapter
6	Finlayson	Jack Pine Riders Chapter
G	Twin Cities	Metro Chapter
M	Duluth	Northeast Chapter
4	Big Lake	Sand Dunes Chapter
8	Grand Rapids	Up North Chapter

Northwest District:

U	Roseau	Borderland Chapter
7	Alexandria	Freedom First Riders Chapter
E	Detroit Lakes	Heart of the Lakes Chapter
Y	Bemidji	North Star Chapter
D	Red Lake Falls	Northwest Chapter

Southeast District:

P	Wells	Flatlanders Chapter
N	Rochester	Southeast LC Chapter
I	Mankato	River Valley Chapter
S	Owatonna	Straight River Chapter
Q	Chaska	Tri-County Chapter

Southwest District:

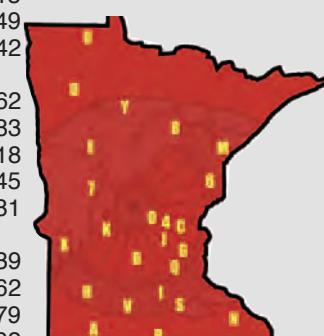
H	Marshall	Buffalo Ridge Chapter
K	Glenwood	Glacial Ridge Chapter
J	Delano	Lake Chapter
V	St. James	Rolling Prairie Chapter
B	Hutchinson	South Central Chapter
A	Worthington	Southwest Chapter
X	Madison	Way West Chapter

Travis Rolfes	(320) 249-6221
Jim Pierson	(763) 226-1797
Duane Tchida	(320) 515-0232
Jameson Lemke	(612) 707-5528
Ed McPhail	(218) 390-4468
Michael Olkives	(612) 730-8616
Chris Parks	(218) 398-7640

Patrick Sullivan	(218) 242-0120
Gary Goracke	(320) 491-8546
Gordan "Gordy" Skillings	(218) 996-4715
Daniel Chandler	(218) 251-0349
Gary Hasby	(218) 689-3242

Tony Roe	(507) 438-5962
Seth Hall	(507) 398-8183
Darren Sather	(507) 676-2918
Mike Smith	(507) 213-8845
Jon Fernholz	(952) 649-0581

Jesse Warneke	(952) 715-1639
Harmony Lillie	(320) 583-6162
April Murch	(612) 741-0279
Tom Duncan	(507) 830-0782
Regina Maningoine	(320) 894-5596
Todd Homan	(507) 304-5901
Jacob Thell	(320) 305-1626



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.

MINNESOTA ORGANIZATIONS

Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota

Mark Senn (612) 839-1077
8360 Suffolk Drive
Chanhassen, MN 55317

Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition

Web: www.mnmcccoalition.com
Facebook: [mnmcccoalition](http://www.facebook.com/mnmcccoalition)
Secretary: Mike Klatt
Email: mncalitionsec@gmail.com

Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center - MMSC

Beginning, Experienced, Moped, and other motorcycle courses
(800) 407-6677
www.motorcyclesafety.state.mn.us

Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force

Jon Fernholz, Liaison
mnmsatf@abatemn.org

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride

Kyla Baker (218) 407-4005
Kylab1998@gmail.com

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride

(888) 342-5743
contact@motorcycledialaride.org
www.motorcycledialaride.org

Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota

<https://www.facebook.com/cocofmn>

THE HEARTLAND STEAM ORGANIZATIONS

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

stateoffice@abatemn.org
P.O. Box 142
Mapleton, MN 56065
(507) 487-5000

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois

P.O. Box 526
Avon, IL 61415
(309) 343-6588 • Fax (309) 343-6387
<http://abate-il.org>

A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa

1240 Washington St. • P.O. Box 70
Eldora, IA 50627
(641) 858-5001 • Fax (641) 858-5012
<http://abateiowa.org>

A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska

P.O. Box 22764
Lincoln, NE 68542
(402) 489-0651
[www.abateofne.com](http://abateofne.com)

A.B.A.T.E. of North Dakota

1001 S 22nd St
Bismarck, ND 58504
(800) 726-4094 • Fax (701) 224-0650
abatend.com

A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota

#243 2601 S. Minnesota Ave, STE 105
Sioux Falls, SD 57105-4750
<http://www.abatesd.com>

ABATE of Wisconsin

P.O. Box 38
Brookfield, WI 53008
(262) 402-0593
<http://www.abatewis.org>

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)

13515 Yatmouth Drive
(614) 856-1900

Pickerington, OH 43147
www.AMADirectlink.com

Motorcycle Riders Foundation MRF

E-Mail: mrfoffice@mrf.org
P. O. Box 9090
(202) 546-0983

Peoria, IL 61612
www.mrf.org

National Coalition of Motorcyclists N.C.O.M.

21054 Sherman Way, 3rd floor
(800) ON-A-BIKE

Canoga Park, CA 91303
<http://www.aimncom.com>



STATE COORDINATOR

JANE DOYLE

(612) 910-1572

STATECOORDINATOR@ABATEMN.ORG

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

STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

SHELLY DEUTSCH

(507) 227-4498

MEMBERSHIP@ABATEMN.ORG



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



ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR

JIM ORN

(320) 250-4000

ASSTCOORDINATOR@ABATEMN.ORG

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 17th and 18th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria.

And while you're at it, you might as well check out Heartland STEAM, March 20th-22nd, 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

DOUG COHEN

(605) 321-9613

Next Meeting(s)

Saturday December 6th, Litchfield Eagles Club, 12:00 pm

Friday, January 16th, B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 21st, Eagles Club, 12:00 pm

Saturday, March 21st, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

Friday, April 17th, 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 6th Rally meeting. If you have any more suggestions, please email them to rally@abatemn.org by December 1st. 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 1st email to 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 6th at 12:00pm at the Litchfield Eagles Club!

— Dougie



MARKETING DIRECTOR

HARMONY LILLIE

(320) 583-6162

MARKETING@ABATEMN.ORG

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



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

APRIL MURCH

(612) 741-0279

MEMBERSHIP@ABATEMN.ORG

Membership Challenges

Earn your membership patch in The Wherin 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 2nd 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

STEPHANIE
CHRISTENSEN

(763) 443-4732

ABATEU@ABATEMN.ORG



Next Meeting(s):

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

November 4th, 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,
abateu@abatemn.org

— *Stephanie*

WAYS & MEANS REPORT

KRISTY LUHMAN

(952) 412-6064

Next Meeting:

January 4th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00pm.

Our committee last met on October 12th. 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

TAMMY WINKELS

(320) 252-7353

PUBLICATIONS@

ABATEMN.ORG

Next Meeting(s):

November 9th, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

December 14th, 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

KARI DUNCAN

(507) 830-0644

PRODUCTS@ABATEMN.ORG

Hello biker family. Not much to report this month. Prices will be going up on some products beginning January 1st 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

JANE DOYLE

(612) 910-1572

STATECOORDINATOR@ABATEMN.ORG



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

Next Meeting(s):

November 24th, via Zoom, 6:30 pm

December 15th, 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 if you would like to be added to the email communication.

Thank you to everyone who is on the committee!

— Jane



GAMBLING REPORT

ANGIE MORBERG

(218) 686-5988

GAMBLING@ABATEMN.ORG

Next Meeting(s):

November 27th, Monticello, 6:00pm



DIAL-A-RIDE

KYLA BAKER

(218) 407-4005

KYLAB1998@GMAIL.COM

Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION

JON FERNHOLZ

(952) 649-0581

EDUCATION@ABATEMN.ORG



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



HISTORIAN

GAIDA TROUT

(320) 291-6975

HISTORIAN@ABATEMN.ORG

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 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 if you have questions.

— A.B.A.T.E. of MN Legislative Team

No Reports Received:



BUDDY BEAR CORNER

SHARON POLMAN

(218) 507-5163

BUDDYBEAR@ABATEMN.ORG



STATE TREASURER

“MITCH”

MICHELLE BACKLUND

(763) 263-1532

STATETREASURER@ABATEMN.ORG



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

HARMONY LILLIE
(320) 583-6162
YOUNGRIDERS@ABATEMN.ORG



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!

We are offering the opportunity to become "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders."



Young Riders Rodeo

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



NCOM LIASON

JANE DOYLE
(612) 910-1572
NCOMLIASON@ABATEMN.ORG

NCOM is working on details of the convention. Save the Date - Mother's Day weekend, May 8th - 10th, 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

JON FERNHOLZ

(952) 649-0581

MNMSATF@ABATEMN.ORG

Next Meeting (s):

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

January 15th, virtual via Microsoft Teams,
5:00-7:00 pm

The most recent task force meeting was held on September 18th 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. Let's keep the momentum rolling!

WRITE TO RIDE

FRANK ERNST
(601) 801-2920



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 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) 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 or use write2ride@abatemn.org

Get involved, preserve freedom!

— frank



MRF REPORT

ROB BENJAMIN
MRF STATE REPRESENTATIVE

(952) 681-0592
MRFREP@ABATEMN.ORG

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 24th and arrived on Thursday the 25th.

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 4th 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 24th - 27th 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

Submitted by his very proud sister Michelle Backlund.



Thank you Todd for your service!

"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"

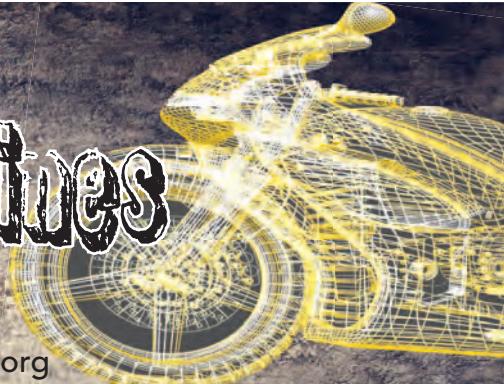




SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

Virgil Legried, Director

(507) 951-0624 • southeastdir@abatemn.org



No Report Received.

FLATLANDERS

Meeting (s):

November 15th, Lyle American Legion, Lyle, 3:00 pm

December 13th, The Willows, New Richland, 11:00 am

January 24th, 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

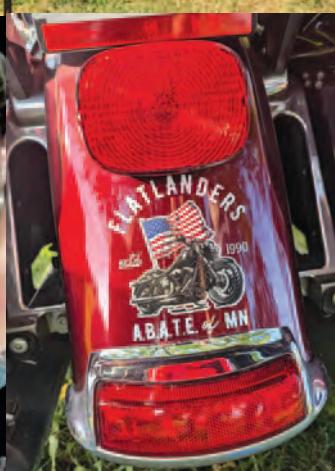
STRAIGHT RIVER

No Report Received.





Summer Done Run!



Next Meeting (s):

November 6th, Cy's Bar, Chaska,
7:00 pm
December 4th, 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

Next Meeting (s):

November 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
December 14th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
January 11th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

January 17th, 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 17th, 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 4th! 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

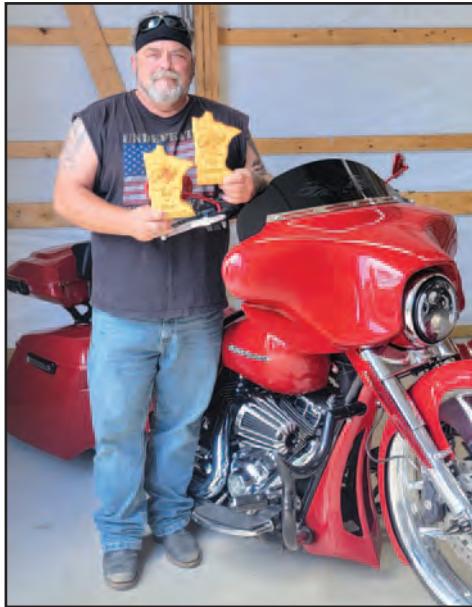
RIVER VALLEY BIKE SHOW



Vintage



Rat



Best of Show & Full Custom



Metric



SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s):

November 16th, location to be determined, 11:30 am

December 21st, location to be determined, 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

March 25th, 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



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

Shelly Deutsch, Director

(507) 227-4498 • southwestdir@abatemn.org



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 20th - 22nd 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 29th, P.K. Eagans, Canby, 10:00 am

December 27th, VFW, Appleton, 10:00 am, will include a Christmas Potluck

January 31st, Legion, Montevideo, 10:00 am

February 28th, Alley Cat, Ortonville at 10:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

November 8th, 3rd 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 1st, Rendezvous Bar and Grill, Annandale 3:00 pm
December 6th, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm
Jan. 3rd, Tentatively, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm
Jan. 31st, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm
March 7th, Tentatively, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm
April 4th, S.O.S Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 31st, 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 31st, 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 2nd 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 7th, 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 1st, Thunder Bar, Good Thunder, 3:00 pm

December 13th, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James, Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, regular meeting, 3:00 pm

January 3rd, 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 16th - 17th, B.O.D., Willmar

March 14th, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James

March 20th - 22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello biker family,

Well, we have set the date for our annual Chili Feed. It will be March 14th 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 5th, American Legion, Silver Lake, 7:00 pm
December 3rd, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
January 3rd, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

November 29th, 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 29th, 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

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting (s):

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

Upcoming Event(s):

November 1st, Potluck, Marcia's, Brooten, 3:30 pm
December 13th, Santa Day, Brooten
March 7th, 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!!

Gina Maningoine	Mike Niece	Doug Louris
Tina Myllykangas	John Maningoine	Noel Hugget
Curt Schmitz	Bear Ackman	Mike Voigt
Kevin Haugen	Grady Hugget	Michelle Voigt
Ingrid Cohen	Dougie Cohen	Bill Laplante
Kristy LaPlante	Pat Haugen	John Dietel
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!

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

Edgar Burke, Director
(218) 849-5021 • northwestdir@abatemn.org



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

Upcoming Event(s):

February 21st, Winter Social, Rusty Nail, Thief River Falls

Happy Fall! 2025 marks the 31st 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 10th 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 27th 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.



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

HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s):

November 21st, 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

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

November 15th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

BORDERLAND & NORTH STAR No Reports Received



NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

Kent Verner, Director
(218) 343-7826 • northeastdir@abatemn.org



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 2nd, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am
December 7th, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am

Upcoming event(s):

November 22nd, Turkey Bowling, American Legion,
St. Francis, 1:00-5:00 pm

February 7th, Heart-On fundraiser, American Legion,
St. Francis, 1:00-4:00 pm

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

March 25th, 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 22nd. 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 31st. It must mean an early spring...we can hope. The Valentines Heart-On is the following weekend, February 7th. 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 it's -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 11th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

November 3rd, Meet and Eat, Welch's Big 10, Arden Hills

November 16th, Brunch, Route 47

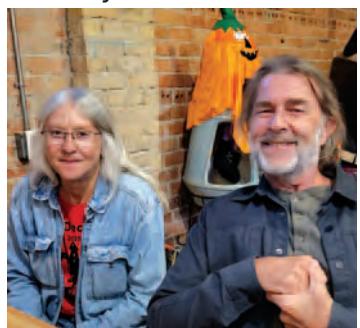
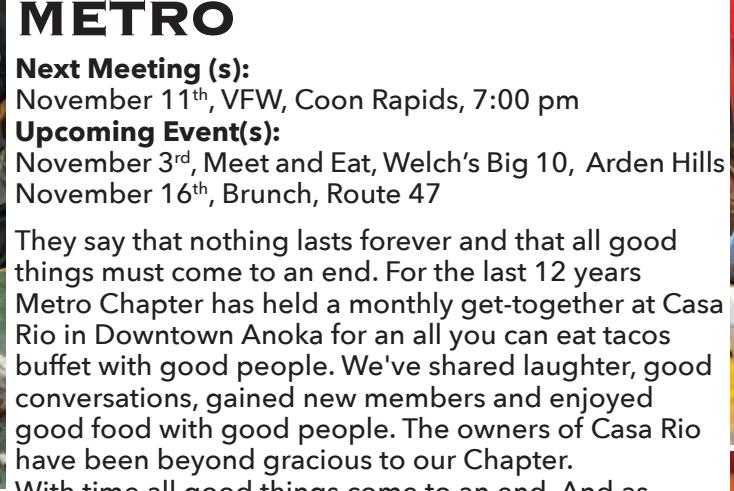
They say that nothing lasts forever and that all good things must come to an end. For the last 12 years Metro Chapter has held a monthly get-together at Casa Rio in Downtown Anoka for an all you can eat tacos buffet with good people. We've shared laughter, good conversations, gained new members and enjoyed 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 6th 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 3rd 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 5th, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm
December 3rd, 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



SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s):

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

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

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

Upcoming Event(s):

December 21th, 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

TOYS for KIDS

Save
the
Date

Saturday, November 29th 2025

Litchfield Eagles

Silent Auction
6-9 pm

DJ Music
8-12pm

New unwrapped toy
or \$5 minimum cash donation

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



**SOUTH
CENTRAL
CHAPTER**



EVENT HOSTESS
KRISTY - 320-282-6851

Donations to ABATE of MN
are not tax deductible



EAST CENTRAL CHAPTER OF 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
suggested value)**

All toys go to the Isanti Lions Club

**Cash Proceeds go to: The North Anoka Food Shelf and Family
Pathways Food Shelf in Cambridge**

*** Donations to ABATE of MN, are not tax deductible.**

DON STODOLA

WELL DRILLING CO., INC.

SINCE 1945

3841 North Main St., St. Bonifacius, MN 55375-0065

WELL AND PUMP SERVICE
WELL ABANDONMENT

MARK STODOLA, President
Office (952) 446-9355 • FAX (952) 446-9670
Res. (952) 472-7062 • Cell (612) 799-8371
stodola@mchsi.com



MN # 1691

HANDY WORKS LLC

YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN SERVICE



LICENSED & INSURED ♦ LIC# BC808100

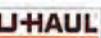
FOR ALL YOUR MECHANICAL NEEDS



SPECIALIZING IN EXHAUST

MITCH FISKNESS • 1-320-352-3791

fandwexhaust.com • 1163 Getty Street S., Sauk Centre, MN



Silver Lake Legion Post #141

241 Main St. W.
Silver Lake, MN 55381

A.L. R Director James L. Nowak
Phone: 320-583-8264
www.jdnowak@hotmail.com

Riding for America's Future
www.legion.org/riders.



Lake Chapter, a part of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 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
- All Sponsors will be publicized at the event
- Bronze 1 event ticket Silver 2 event tickets Gold 3 event tickets

Business Name _____

Contact Name at Business _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Paid cash or check _____

Chapter member who sold sponsorship _____

Date _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Bronze \$50 Silver \$75 Gold \$100 Check Made out to A.B.A.T.E. of Mn

Mail to: Keith "Smoker" Efron
8456 County Rd 11
Breezy Point, Mn 56472
612-703-5755

Sponsor Receipt (please tear off before mailing)
Lake Chapter 2026 Fundraiser Sponsorship

Business Name: _____

Date: _____

Sponsorship Level: Bronze \$50 Silver \$75 Gold \$100

Paid By Cash Check Recruiting Member: _____

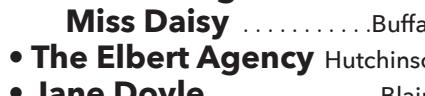
A portion of the proceeds will go to the Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Rights Foundation (MRF), and the Minnesota Dial A Ride Program.

LAKE CHAPTER- A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota GROUNDED HOGS SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM

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
1/16/25	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

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



American Legion Post 104
Litchfield, MN

Central Chapter
St. Cloud, MN

Central Counties Coop
Litchfield, MN

Flatlanders Chapter
Wells, MN

L & M Bar & Grill
Dundas, MN

Lake Chapter
Delano, MN

Litchfield Liquors
Litchfield, MN

River Valley Chapter
Mankato, MN

East Central Chapter
St. Francis, MN

Metro Chapter
Twin Cities, MN

Integrated Power Services Litchfield

- **2 Beer** Tammie WebbBuffalo
- **625 Bar & Grill**Dennison
- **Box Car Bar**Waseca
- **Plaza Morena**Dodge Center
- **Riverside Store & Tavern**Litchfield
- **Team Driving Miss Daisy**Buffalo
- **The Elbert Agency** Hutchinson
- **Jane Doyle**Blaine
- **Cosmos Motorcycle Supply**Cosmos
- **Buzz & Karen**Lake Chapter
- **Curly's**New Auburn
- **Shaggy's Bonfire Bar & Grill**Litchfield
- **BK Heating & Air**Ottertail
- **Glacial Ridge**Glenwood
- **Oak Realty**Annandale
- **Sons of Silence MC** Hutchinson
- **The Cologne Corral Bar & Grill**Cologne



Rolling Prairie Chapter

St. James, MN

Freedom First Riders Chapter
Alexandria, MN

Litchfield Eagles Club



- **Backwoods Bar**New Auburn
- **B & R Cycles**Faribault
- **Channel Inn**Warsaw
- **Heart of the Lakes Chapter**Detroit Lakes
- **Northeast Chapter**Duluth
- **Prairie's Edge Casino Resort**Granite Falls
- **Red Goat Bar & Grill**Watkins
- **Reggies Brewhouse**Owatonna
- **Southeast LC Chapter**Rochester
- **The Toy Box Saloon**Kilkenny
- **Tri County Chapter**Chaska
- **Borderland Chapter**Roseau
- **Duffy's**Montevideo
- **Floor to Ceiling Drywall**Staples
- **Jack Pine Riders Chapter**Finlayson
- **Manannah Hilltop Tavern**Grove City
- **Sand Dunes Chapter**Big Lake
- **Straight River Chapter**Owatonna
- **Way West Chapter**Madison
- **Mr. Potato Head**Shakopee



Hosted by



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

36th Annual Heartland STEAM

A Seminar to Educate and Motivate

March 20-22, 2026

Holiday Inn - Alexandria, MN

\$166 plus tax per night

Call the hotel directly at 320-763-6577

Ask for the Heartland STEAM block of rooms

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Nebraska as we discuss information and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building and strengthening their organizations.

**Heartland STEAM is a fundraiser for the
M.R.F. - Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

Register online at abatemn.org

Or Mail in Registration with check or money order payable to – **A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.**

\$50.00 on or before February 20th, 2026 \$60.00 fee after February 20th, 2026

Name: _____

ABATE/SMRO: _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

T-shirt is not included in registration price.

Please complete the following if interested:

T-shirt \$20.00 extra T-shirt size _____

T-shirt color (circle one) Bright Blue or Ash Gray

Mail to – **A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota**
16550 226th Ave NW
Elk River MN 55330

Questions and Credit Card Registration Issues
call Shelly at (507) 227-4498
email StateOffice@abatemn.org

ON THE ROAD WITH YOU



Rick Bray - RKB Kustom Speed



LAW TIGERS®

MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS

Motorcycle Accident?
Call 1-800-Law Tigers | LawTigers.com

Law Tigers is not a referral service, but a service mark used to identify a lawyer's membership in the American Association of Motorcycle Injury Lawyers © 2023

Scan to Get Your
FREE Rider Benefit Kit



You are invited to attend the 20th Annual

BIKER DAY



At The Minnesota State Capitol

March
2026
1pm - 5pm

25TH



Register By March 5, 2026 at: www.abatemn.org

For more information contact



A.B.A.T.E.
of Minnesota State Office
stateoffice@abatemn.org

507-487-5000

Your freedoms are under attack! Stand up and fight! Do it for you!

The *Biker* Lawyers



877-209-9452
TheBikerLawyers.com

NEW & RENEWALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

BORDERLAND

Glaydon RuglandR

BUFFALO RIDGE

Ken GannN

Alice GannN

Allen RedwingN

Jerry WolffR

CENTRAL

Barry ShawR

Travis /Lindsey RolfsR

Brandon /Shari TorkelsonR

Tom / Lisa MetcalfeN

Wes CarriiveauN

Robert R ChastenN

Evan T LehrN

Marla LehrN

Tammy/Richard WinkelsR

Hank FosterR

Chad / Jennifer HeggestadR

Jesse Hlebain /Laura Evenson R

James AndersonR

John WolbeckR

Greg StangR

Allen BrinkmanR

John /Mary Beth NotchR

Scott LenzmeierN

EAST CENTRAL

Tim Jensen /Darlene KrutschR

Barbara PerryR

Lana FussyN

Dominic ZieberthN

Jane DoyleR

Derrick MillerR

Timothy J RadkeN

Lalena "Alice" YahnkeN

Bryan FantonN

Jim PiersonR

FLATLANDERS

Tom/ Jan AguileraR

Adam/ Heidi GimberlineR

Gerald R PaulR

John KrellR

Daniel / Julie StuartR

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Gerald VanvalkeburgR

Greg /usan "Suzi"KarvonenR

Miles / Angela WardN

Donald CloseN

Brent BozellN

Michael SchlosserR

Larry / Pamela HubbardR

Steve / Chasity ArnoldR

GLACIAL RIDGE

Paula ReinkeR

Pat BurkeR

Gregory Rutledge/

Melody ConantR

Eileen HunterR

Doug MaddenN

Paul BartellsN

Rodney KingR

Bruce RiednerR

HEART OF THE LAKES

Angelene /Rebecca Meyering N

Leroy CookR

James ScottR

Matthew / Amanda WestonR

JACK PINE RIDERS

Steve /Dee SweeneyR

Dale WilkeningR

Bill CortR

Don/Bobbi SchultzR

Kent P VernerR

Kyle F Quigley/Kara PlunkettN

LAKE

Steven B JohnsonR

Keith M /Sheila A KneeR

Jerry /Amy SmithR

Mark TitusR

Steve EvensonR

Brent A /Rebecca J WessmanR

Shelly JorgensonR

Mark OlsonR

Malissa SmithR

Greg /Michele MatthewsR

Michael KieltyR

Michael ShinnR

Bill ArnoldR

Rachelle CrandellR

Scott BenedictR

J Ryan /Gail HubbardR

Donald /Doreen PlockerR

Todd DevriesR

Catten ElyN

Joshua EtzlerN

Tony SabraskiN

Thomas DaleidenN

Kyle / Emily AndersonN

Van Johnson /Joyce JohsN

Justin BensonN

Scott PetersonN

Greg AnzelcN

Kimmer Robertson /

Joe DawsonR

Dean /Tammie WebbR

Jeremy BlackN

Michael/ Kimberly Henneman N

Bob /Charie JohnsonN

Dave / Julie AndersonN

Mark MillerR

Ardean KellerhuisR

Scott TroutR

Gaida TroutR

METRO

Jennifer GrillR

Eric HaglundR

Mark "Jake" JacobsR

Jameson Lemke/Shannon Bros R

Bill /Sandy SchmidtN

Mike RasmussenN

Dominic SilerN

Ed FloresN

Dave GrothR

NORTHEAST

Kim GeradsR

Joseph / Angela DietrichR

NORTH STAR

Sharon PolmanR

Matthew PeoplesR

NORTHWEST

Wayne "Rat" SirjordR

Brian / Susan GagnerR

Ben / Ashley HandR

Andrea BrodenR

Elizabeth Burkle /

Kimberly KimbleN

Mark Shafer/ Paige NeelsN

Justin Reitmeier /

Nicholle LuckowR

RIVER VALLEY

Shawn ClancyR

James / Tanya MatthewsR

Thomas/Melissa SwansonR

Don BredesonR

Derrick HavemierR

Kayla WymanR

Luke ReynoldsR

Benjamin JorgensonN

Megan HoweN

John "JD" DietzR

Mike /Deb BurgessR

Terri BrunsvooldR

Shelly Deutsch/ Dan LeidingN

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Eric DietzR

Duane / Randy Kay HoogeR

Kent /Eileen AugustinR

SAND DUNES

Nick DeVotoR

Dean SalonekR

Michael OlkivesR

Kristina FlorR

Terry ThielenR

Kim Parchem/Jennifer Neitzke R

Jesse GrimleyR

Jerry HowardN

Pat M SandN

Cody WestphalN

Craig McDowellN

Brian ThellN

Jeff Donwen/Nicole Endreson N

Laura ScharenbroichN

Tom EarleyN

Pat EarleyN

Randy ClipsonN

Steffen FrommerN

Heather MadisonN

Steve BachlerR

Jeffrey "Captain" JohnsonR

Sylvester /Elise NagelR

Kenneth HerderingR

SOUTH CENTRAL

Troy Olson/Joyce CompartR

Daryl / Nancy TritabauhR

Jonathan LeaseR

Tony / Tabitha BentonR

Sarah ClasenR

Dustin / April SuchyR

Kody Orn / Megan JonesR

Glenn NewgaardR

Bill / Missy JohnsonR

Scott MattsonR

Bob / Shawna KingmanR

John DietelR

Mitch / Alecia KellsR

Kelley VandepoorR

Michael /Michelle VoigtR

Pete StoltenowR

Wayne RappleR

Doug /Mary DesensR

Lance /Rachelle ChristieR

Ted JafuertR

Milan GodejahnR

Gale WrightR

Tim SichenederR

Tyler DingmannR

Lonnie JohnsonR

Jason NiccumR

Brandon EngferR

Matt Zwagerman /

Lillian ContrerasR

Brian OslundR

Jeffrey BlokzylR

Amber ChapmanN

Matthew Meyerhofer /

Kenadie ShoutzN

Kierrsten GerrettyN

Heather RoeringN

Mike / Jenn BartleyN

Jody RiebeN

Timothy ScholtesN

Brad BlawdellN

Emily RickN

Roxanne GodephinN

Beth FredricksonN

Bridget WhitcombN

Debbie GerrettyN

Michael / Bobbie YocomN

Brittany SchvettpelzN

Chelsey HavemeierN

Jason Vande StoegN

Robin ArthurN

Dave/ Beth JahnN

Nicolas HellzenN

Michael TruelsonN

David DraxtenN

Dana EricksonN

Ashley NeedhamN

Rick LogeN

Cole StofferN

Tyler Ally /Ashley VoightN

Wes SchillingR

Jeremy LinderR

Sabrina GroffR

Brad "Pops" /Michelle "Shelly" LathamR

Daniel PearsonN

Carl MelinR

SOUTHEAST LC

Greg / Suzie BrooksN

Gayle / Rosalee NoyesR

Arthur HowardR

Jim RandallR

Seth HallR

SOUTHWEST

Wayne /Ruth BentsR

Larry DomagalaN

STRAIGHT RIVER

Daniel G HallN

Mike SchauerN

Lori / Ann HavelickN

Wayne RamseyN

Steve LangerN

Marcus "Gypsy" Dick /

Mellissa BuchtaR

Casey HeadlineN

Gerard Jr /Amanda DuvalN

Shanan GruenhagenR

TRI-CUNTY

Frank/ Vicki ErnstR

Mitch BerelkeN

Julie PrietoN

Devon /Barbara UlibarriN

Fred VollmuthN

Tim NagleN

Michael /Toby PharrR

John HokkanenR

UP NORTH

Delbert BrincfieldR

James McCrehinR

Mason HillN

WAY WEST

Andrew "AJ" KirbyR

Brandon NelsonR

William/Hope HedlundR

Dan KellenR

Nicole SkallerudR

Rachel Crows BreastN

Jordan Wollschlager /

Amy AndersonN

Angela Elsner-BrownN

51 years of riding and 30 years
representing bikers who
are hurt or in trouble in Minnesota.



**CALL
1-800-770-7008**

St. Cloud (320) 259-5414
“Ask your friends about us.”

If you have any legal problem
and you wonder what to do

CALL US
and we will find someone to Help!

www.minnesotapersonalinjury.com

Offices in St. Cloud and the Twin Cities

“Justice For the Injured”

Check your expiration date. Please use the form below to re-new your membership with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, so that you may continue to receive the Road Noise and be informed!

I Want To Be A Part Of A.B.A.T.E.!

(Applicants 18 years of age and older)
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____
Associate Name

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail: _____

Renewal: Yes NoOver 18: Yes No Under 21: Yes No

Chapter: _____

If left blank the correct area chapter will be assigned.

Dues:

- 1 year \$30.00 Single or \$50.00 per couple.
- 2 years \$60.00 Single or \$100.00 per couple.
- 3 years \$90.00 Single or \$150.00 per couple.
- 5 years \$150.00 Single or \$250.00 per couple.

*Make checks payable to:***A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA**

P.O. Box 142, Mapleton, MN 56065

Charge to: Visa Mastercard

Exp: _____

Card #: _____

Signature: _____

MOTORCYCLE PAC OF MINNESOTA

Unless you opt-out by signing below, \$3.00 from your yearly membership dues will go to Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, a Political Action Committee of Minnesota Motorcyclists.

Opt-Out:

Signature: _____

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR

Governor Tim Walz

130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155
(800) 657-3717

U.S. SENATORS

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) <https://klobuchar.senate.gov>
302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3244 Fax: (202) 228-2186

Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) <https://smith.senate.gov>
309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5641 Fax: (202) 224-0044

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST DISTRICT

Brad Finstad (R-MN) <https://finstad.house.gov>
1605 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2472

SECOND DISTRICT

Angie Craig (D-MN) • <https://craig.house.gov>
1523 Longworth Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2271

THIRD DISTRICT

Kelly Morrison (D-MN) • <https://morrison.house.gov>
1205 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2871

FOURTH DISTRICT

Betty McCollum (D-MN) • <https://mccollum.house.gov>
2256 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-6631 Fax: (202) 225-1968

FIFTH DISTRICT

Ilhan Omar (D-MN) <https://omar.house.gov>
1517 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-4755

SIXTH DISTRICT

Tom Emmer (R-MN) <https://emmer.house.gov>
315 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2331 Fax: (202) 225-6475

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Michelle Fischbach (R-MN) • <https://fischbach.house.gov>
1004 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2165

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Pete Stauber (R-MN) • <https://stauber.house.gov>
126 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-6211

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/cong.pdf>