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

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

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

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to

protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

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

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

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show

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

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

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

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

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I recently read the following article:

4 'Unproductive' Habits That Make You More Productive

The key to having more energy and creativity comes from doing less.

1. Sleep in more

How long should you sleep? The actual amount of time depends on your body's needs, but your goal is to wake up feeling refreshed. While you're sleeping, your body is doing the essential maintenance required. Your cells are repairing, your brain is processing information and your sympathetic nervous system is relaxing.

2. Take lots of breaks

It's easy to forget about what's best for your brain when you're battling a deadline. You might think pushing through is what you need to do, but a 2011 University of Illinois study found focusing too long on a task

actually decreases productivity. Doing something as simple as taking a quick walk can increase your creativity and energy.

3. Laugh

Children tend to laugh numerous times throughout the day, yet the average adult laughs significantly less. While being an adult may bring on added responsibilities and stress, it's important to find ways each day to do things that make you laugh and bring you joy.

4. Do nothing

Is your calendar filled with meetings, projects and endless things to do? Constantly multi-tasking and having a packed schedule can make you feel overwhelmed and exhausted. It's important to take time to get quiet each day.

Some of us have trouble doing these things, but maybe we should give them a try when the opportunity arises. Let's do everything we can to be productive this year.

And remember to join us at Bikerday at the Capitol!

– Jane



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Well, here we are and it's February already, and like I tell my customers at the Mini Mart February is a short month March starts warming up and the next thing you know we will be riding again.

I hope we had some new faces at the B.O.D. this January so you can get some information first handed on what's going on with the state, sometimes it's an overload with information but it's well worth it and like always I know I had fun.

And its election season, time to step up help out and have some fun with it. That's how it

all starts. It's good to have new ideas and a new point of view looking at things in your chapter so let's get out there and run for a chapter position this year, or even on the state level, if you don't know what the duties involve, ask your chapter rep or your president to give you that information.

And it looks like we have some good chapter fundraisers coming up in February and March. March might be a little tight for myself with taking our trip to Texas to do a little riding this winter, but we will do the best we can to try to partake in some of the festivities.

And let's not forget about making reservations to A.B.A.T.E. U. It's another fun filled event and a chance to get together with some old friends and make some new. That's how it all starts.

– Till next time,
Jim



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Bikerday 2022

The Capitol building is currently open, masks are required. The State Office building is closed to the public for the entire session. The Administration Department will be meeting soon to determine when the buildings will be open during 2022. Our reservation is still in place for the rotunda from 9:00 am to 11:30 am on February 16th. This year's session starts on January 31st.

Busses

Busses will remain an option for now. A statement will be listed with the bus schedule that states "members should have alternate transportation arranged just in case buses are not available."

Anyone who carpools may fill out paperwork

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At this time there is not much to report, but I'll give you what I've got. As I write this, the next task force meeting is scheduled in 10 days, January 20th. It has been shifted to an online meeting due to the current DPS decisions regarding the Covid pandemic. As Bill is now retired, the meeting will be hosted by his former supervisor. I am left to assume they have not found Bill's replacement or we will be introduced to his replacement during the meeting. Either way, I am glad the task force meeting wasn't canceled again.

Make good choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Big Jon

for mileage reimbursement.

Lunch

A boxed lunch will be provided to those who pre-register for a lunch. A donation jar will be set out to help offset the cost of the meal. Lunch option will be added to registration so that the correct number of lunches are ordered. Estimated cost of a boxed lunch is \$20.

Online Registration

Registration will include bus routes, carpool option, and lunch option.

Appointments

There will be no individual appointments this year.

Pray for the best, prepare for the worst, and expect the Unexpected.

– Gary Goracke



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Chapter nominations will end this month. PLEASE get your paperwork sent back to the office ASAP after the meeting. Remember I have 25 Chapters to get through, so we don't want to have any snags or hold ups.

Please PRINT clear & legible so we have the correct spelling. Also, if you have someone using a nick name, we still need the member's true name, I have no idea who someone is if all I get is their tag!

Also, as we've heard Liz mention to us for the past 14 years, February 10th is the last day to request an absentee ballot.

Thank you to all of you who are stepping up to help A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota & your Chapter out with your volunteer hours & willingness to help out!

See ya down the road!

— Shelly Deutsch, State Office Admin.



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REPORT
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I do not have a lot of specific NCOM activities to report this month, so I want to make some comments about motorcycle freedoms in general. When I got involved with the motorcycle freedom movement attention was focused on the freedom of choice regarding motorcycle helmets. Little did I realize then that our fight would be expanded to so many things we face each day. Some things like mandatory seat belt use were slipped in while we were aware of it, we did not get real active because we felt it was outside of motorcycle freedom issues.

Now I find myself rethinking what motorcyclists' issues are. I think our issues are much like most other people in the country. We care about taxes, education, health care, environment, infrastructure and so many other things that the non-riding public care about. In addition, we care about freedoms that specifically relate to motorcyclists. I think we have done well on preserving motorcycle related freedoms, but I am concerned as I see so many of our other freedoms being eroded. I have talked to parents that are worried about their children's education. They are concerned about the school's curriculum and their inability to bring about changes in the programs. Programs that are mandated by their local school board or other government entities. I see government trying to mandate un/under insurance coverage for us forcing those that do not agree or feel the need to comply. We recently went through a period where the government told us we could not go in public places or even attend church services of our choice unless the congregation adapted to mask mandates imposed by government. Now they may regulate your admission to public places or government buildings unless you submit to wearing a mask, taking a test, having shots and booster or a combination of all.

When will we be told we cannot ride our motorcycle across a border or into an event unless we submit to these requirements? This is expanding, some are losing their jobs because they won't submit to shots that the government says "they know are best for us."

The shots and tests are particularly concerning, it is in the opinion of many a giant step towards socialized medicine. When the shots started the government told us who could and who couldn't get the shots. You had to be over a certain age or in certain profession to qualify to get the shot. The cost of the shot was paid with the governments \ taxpayers dollars not by the person getting the shot. Government control over medical choices? How soon will we be told government is going to take over all of our health care decisions?

It isn't just health care, now many states and federal regulators are attempting to mandate what percentage of the vehicles sold must be electric. In some parts of this land of the free we see government telling us we can no longer mow our lawn or trim our trees unless we use electric powered equipment. Why because the government knows that is a "better choice for us." When will they require all vehicles and equipment be electric powered, again taking away yet another choice?

We are all aware of many other freedoms being lost and government mandates imposed but the message is the same. Others will keep telling us what we can and can't do until we say NO we won't do that NO we won't give that up NO we won't let you take our freedom away.

We say we defend motorcycle freedom of choice I say we need to be diligent to preserve all freedom and choice. It is hard to imagine but I talked with a person the other day that said he doesn't waste his time voting! Who protects his freedom to choose?

It is an election year be informed stay vigilant and remember you need to do your part to preserve your freedoms.

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Brrrrr, the Tundra of Minnesota is COLD! Good thing Minnesotans are resilient! Well, a week on the beaches of Mexico helped to thaw out a bit! Well folks, the memberships could really be doing better than they are! The past 2 weeks have been in the single digits for new or renewals!

State numbers as of January 2 are, 1562 singles & 1844 couples with a total of 3406, but we have to add the 8 members of Mississippi Valley in so that brings the total to 3414, same as last month. Some Chapters are holding their own, others need to find new members or use the expired lists handed out at the board meeting and reach out to these members and get them reactivated.

Chapters with the highest increase of members this month are: Tie for 1st with an addition of 4 goes to Heart of the Lakes & River Valley, 2nd highest increase of 3 goes to Tri County & Rolling Prairie, 3rd goes to South Central, South East LC and Flatlanders with an addition of 2 members. We had a Chapter have a loss of -8. So, as you can see, we need to get busy and get an increase going!

As we all have heard Frank say at the Board meetings, ***"if everyone signed just 1 new member up, we would be doubled!"***

I tell the Reps at the Board meeting to get the tri-folds & tear-offs now for your Chapter, and it never fails, a few days or week after someone will call and say, "can you send me a packet?" Sure, but the Chapter is paying for the shipping! PLEASE have your Reps get them! This year let's keep our fingers crossed the Donny Smith Show will go on; the dates are Saturday and Sunday, March 26 & 27th. I'm sure Metro will have a membership table set up. If you attend, maybe stop by and see if you can relieve someone for a bit.

I have mentioned I will have the Algona Sign-up Schedule up and ready to sign up starting at the Jan B.O.D.

Did you remember to have your Rep sign anyone out? You will still have time to check it out at the April B.O.D., but, I'm a planner, and don't like surprises.... Remember this is a BIG Membership drive for Minnesota!

Keep on Keepin on!

– Shelly Deutsch, Membership & Retention



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It's a frigid morning and I cannot help but think of spring when all of us will be back out on the road, enjoying our freedom. But where did that freedom start? For A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, it was in the mid 80's. I recently was called by one of the key people who brought A.B.A.T.E. to our state! I am hoping to get together with him or to at least talk more on the phone and get all the possible details by the time you read this.

How exciting to find a charter member of our organization! And he is an Iron Ranger, from Chisholm, who I knew back in the 1970's so it was grand to get to chat with someone from way back when.

This is one of many things I'm looking for, as Historian, I want to know about all things from the past and get them documented so we can remember those who brought us into the Motorcycle rights world.

Hoping all of you are talking within your chapters about the past and gathering things to either send to me or to bring to A.B.A.T.E. U., where I'd love to go through memories with you. See you soon!

– Cheers, Becca McCollum, State Historian



MRF REPORT

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Upcoming event(s):

May 16th-17th, Bikers Inside the Beltway,
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Hello everyone,

At the 37th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Atlanta Georgia a legislative strategy session was hosted by the MRF's legislative committee. The purpose of this session is to set the legislative agenda and to categorize and prioritize talking points for the 2022 legislative session.

2022 High Priority Objectives

Profiling:

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling. Seek opportunities including, but not limited to, H. Res 366.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 Percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e. no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail

and make public bow their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.

Emission Regulations:

Engage the EPA and Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.

Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycles powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity standards. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

Combustion Engines:

Work to ensure the survival of combustion engines. Including elimination of the California air quality waivers which threaten combustion engine production.

2022 Medium Priority Objectives

- Roadway Design
- Discriminatory legislation
- Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology
- Gang, Club and Other Language
- Taxes

Thank you again for your support of the MRF and always remember if you have a meeting or event that you would like the MRF to speak at please let me or one of my assistant reps know so that we can make arrangements to be there.

- Thank you, Jay Hickok, MRF State Rep



A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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Upcoming Event(s)

A.B.A.T.E. University, April 22nd - April 24th
Holiday Inn Alexandria
(320) 763-6577

Make your reservations now so you get a room!
Please bring past event shirts for the staff.
All chapters are requested to bring at least one item to be auctioned off.

Thank you and if you have any questions please let me know by texting or calling me at (763) 443-4732.

– Stephanie

Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. U. 2022 Motorcyclists: A Dying Breed??

Friday, April 22

6:00-7:00pmGambling Meeting
Courtroom
7:00-8:00pmPre-Board Meeting
Courtroom
8:00-9:00pmState Rally Meeting
Courtroom
7:00-8:00pm“Smarter Than a 5th Grader”
Rec. Area
9:00-11:30pmGames - A.B.A.T.E. Fundraiser
Rec Area

Saturday, April 23

8:00-8:45amOfficer Training
9:00am-1:30pmBoard of Directors Meeting
Courtrooms
2:30-8:30pmInsurance: From
a Lawyer’s Perspective
Courtrooms
3:00-3:55pmThe Demise of the
Gas Powered Vehicle
Courtrooms
4:00-4:55pmUnintended Consequences
Courtrooms
5:00-5:45pmMC/MRO
Know the Difference
Courtrooms
7:00-9:00pmLive Auction, Courtrooms
9:00pmRaffle Drawing, Courtrooms
9:15pm - ?Trike Races - Jay/Stephanie
Courtrooms



STATE TREASURER

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Winter is half done and soon we will be riding again! Hopefully positive thinking will bring Spring quicker.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minneosta has been having a very good year, financially. Let’s keep those memberships and fundraisers going strong for 2022.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns with our finances.

– Mitch

STATE RALLY REPORT



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Next meeting(s):

April 22nd, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria, 8:00 pm

Thank you to everyone that made it to Willmar for our last meeting. It is great to see so many interested in our State Rally.

Please remember to submit your flyer designs to me at andprochazka@frontier.com by February 26th so we can get the flyers done in time for A.B.A.T.E. U. State Rally T-shirt designs need to be in to me by April 22nd. The t-shirt design will be voted on at the meeting on April 22nd.

Sign-up sheets for Registration Gate and Security will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U. Please note the difference as one is for signing people in and one is making sure we are safe.

Advanced State Rally tickets will be available at A.B.A.T.E U and online in April. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting in Alexandria.

– Randy



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Well, winter showed up, as I write this article it is currently -8 outside.

I am getting things ordered to have for you at A.B.A.T.E. U, so be sure to stop by the products area. We will be doing the "New to You" table again at A.B.A.T.E. U once again, so clean out your closets and drawers.

I am looking for volunteers to help with set up, working a few hours, and tear down at A.B.A.T.E. U. If you are interested, please email or text me.

With elections coming up, please remember to print clearly when filling out the forms for Officer badges and business cards or have your Chapter Secretary email me with your correct information following your election meeting.

As always, if your Chapter is having an event and wants State Products at your event or need silent auction items let me know and I will see what I can do. If you have any ideas for new products let me know.

– Until next month, Kari

WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Nothing new to report.



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Nothing new to report.

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Next meeting(s):

February 13th, phone meeting, 11:00 am

Many things happening in this month. Check out the calendar of events.

The Publications Committee is looking for new people to help get this publication together. This is a great way to get involved with A.B.A.T.E.

Keep sending in Business, Bike, Member and Veteran of the Month articles to roadnoise@abatemn.org

– Tammy



GAMBLING REPORT

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Hopefully by the time you're reading this you have you're A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets in hand and selling them like crazy. We are giving away some significant United States backed legal tender and an awesome Indian motorcycle! Last year we sold all 800 tickets so let's get out there and match that.

As I'm writing this I'm also finishing up my review of the chapter gambling balances. Some of you have really come to the table and have made some great donations, but we still have some chapters that are in neutral or first gear. If you received a notice from me at the January B.O.D. your time is running out and the gambling board will soon be making the decision for you. Your choice, and I sure don't have a problem deciding how to spend someone else's money!

– Dan

In a sad world where 67 riders and their passengers lost their lives during 2021 due to motorcycle accidents in Minnesota



Feel fortunate that 158 other impaired riders and their passengers were given a safe ride home by the unpaid volunteers of Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride or that death toll could easily have been doubled or tripled



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Allow me to tell you about Lake Chapter member Duck from Ohio. I met Duck and Kat years ago at the Lake Chapter Get Together in Central City and the A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota Social in Whitewood during Sturgis Rally Week. He said "We're heading out west and will be home in a month."

I asked them to stop by the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally on the way home. They did and loved it. Because they rode Shovelheads everywhere, like I did years ago, we had a special bond.

Duck passed away recently. While we talked often, the last time I saw Duck was on a camping trip the four of us took to Grand Lake in western Ohio a year and a half ago. We had

great fires, great food and great friendship.

Duck was a wealth of knowledge and a friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all.

I would not have known this special person if not for A.B.A.T.E.

I would not have known many of you if not for A.B.A.T.E.

Friends now know other friends because of A.B.A.T.E.

Please keep encouraging motorcyclists to join A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. You just never know where your next legislative warrior, motorcycle safety advocate, or good friend may come from. Godspeed, Duck.

– Mack Backlund



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By the time you read this the B.O.D. meeting will be over and nominations will have started. Each chapter should have someone in charge of education. Education is a vital part of our organization so make it important in your chapter.

See you at the B.O.D. Meeting!

Ride Safe Ride Free,

– Paul



Chapter Grapevines



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Howdy Folks,

The second round of officer nominations is upon us. I walk around at events and see what people have to offer for this organization. The amount of talent out there is enough to run this country way better than what we see today. The time is here to **STAND UP** for what **YOU BELIEVE!!!** The effort to keep an eye on our **FREEDOMS** is well worth the time! **BIKERDAY** at the Capitol is the most important day in the life of a motorcyclist. This is **YOUR** time to talk with **YOUR** Representatives and ask for their support. The folks at the Capitol work for **YOU**.

Membership is also what we need. Bring a friend to a meeting. Sign up a new member and maybe they will bring a friend. There are approximately 250,000 registered motorcycles in Minnesota. We have approximately 3400 members of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. I would have to believe that at least another thousand or more folks that ride a motorcycle would love to protect their freedoms of the road. Let's meet them.

I would like to **THANK EVERYONE** for Your efforts to keeping this one of the best organizations I've ever been part of!! The people I met and the folks I have been able to have good times and make great memories with has been **AMAZING!**

Let's Grab 2022 by the Handle Bars and Ride it like it's **OURS!!**

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

– Edgar (218-849-5021, Call me, let's talk.)

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Event(s):

February 26th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

March 26th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

April 30th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Greetings FFR members,

We had a great x-mas party, the food was fabulous. The company was even better. For those that have not been to a meeting in a while, please come back, we miss you. For new members come to one of our meetings and check us out. It is always great to meet new people.

Remember to check out our Face book page for any new events that may pop up. And when they do, please like and share.

NORTHWEST

Upcoming Event(s):

February 5th, Mentor, 3:00 PM

February 19th, WINTER SOCIAL

(live band and taco bar),

The Spot, Red Lake Falls, 7:00 PM

March 5th, Greg's (potluck), 3:00 PM



BORDERLAND

Next Meeting (s):

February 5th, Skippy Finns', Badger, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 5th, Borderland chapter Ground Hogs party, Skippy Finns', 6:00 pm

February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol,

February 20th, Daytona 500, 2:30 ET. Florida

Hello Borderland!

So we are into February now and it will be only weeks before we will be kick starting our bikes and taking that first ride..... Well, maybe it's more like making sure our batteries are ok. However, I do know a couple o' guys that do ride a lot and still kick their main ride. I keep tellin' 'em to cut their big toe nail.

At our January meeting we started chapter officer nominations, and it looks like offices will

be filled. We had a good turn out and I signed out almost all of our A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets. When you sell a few make sure you contact me so I can get those back to Dan M. ASAP. This raffle is the best ever as in pay out, so buy and sell! Contact me at; 218 689 7969.

Our Ground Hogs party will have pot luck food, fun games of skill with \$ going to; Motorcycle PAC- Bikerday. We will also have our Norwegian gift exchange (\$20) if you would like to join in on that fun.

There are some questions on if we can meet with our state reps and senators at the capitol. One thing I do know is, we need a new governor, and if Dr. Fauci was in prison he would have some time to reflect and maybe make things right with his maker. He isn't getting any younger you know! Well, LGBTribe and we will see ya soon!

– Twistin' da wick, Tim.

NORTH STAR

No Report Received

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

February 13th, Reggie's Brewhouse,
Owatonna, 1:00 pm

March 13th, American Legion, Owatonna,
1:00 pm (elections meeting)

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Elections are next month. Hope to see you there to vote for our next officers. If you would like to step up to be an officer, come to this meeting and become nominated.

Don't forget to support our sister chapters by going to a fundraiser. Just look in the Road Noise for events.

– Your Pres, Spanky

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

February 3rd, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska,
Fundraiser Committee meeting at
6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm
March 3rd, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska,
Fundraiser Committee meeting at
6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 22nd-24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

Hey all, hope everyone is staying warm. Sorry my family and I missed the last meeting; we were stuck at the house for a good reason. I would like to thank Mark for hosting and cooking up a storm. Fortunately, my family and

I got to eat plenty of it, as Mark was more than willing to drop us a couple care packages. Thank you, Mark!!

I also heard that our former president, Kent Slavik, came back down from Alaska and attended the meeting. I wish I would've been there to see his face and shake his hand once again.

Bikerday at the Capitol is in a short few weeks, if you can make it ...PLEASE come out! Let us passionate motorcyclists show our State Legislature the issues that are important to us.

Don't let the frost slow ya down too much.

– Big Jon

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

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

Upcoming Event(s):

May 7th, Motorcycle
Awareness Parade

Hello All!

Welcome to the weirdest winter ever. December rolled through with snowstorms, rain, thunder and lightning, and tornadoes! Wow! Mother Nature needs a wellness check! A huge thank you to all that helped make our January Thaw dance happen again. It's always



wonderful to catch up with friends new and old.

Bikerday at the Capitol is right around the corner. Hope to see a lot of leather in the rotunda. There are definitely issues coming our way that need to be addressed and held in check!

Our May Motorcycle Awareness parade and Fun Run is scheduled for May 7th. Planning is underway.

Stay safe everyone! Spring is on the way, and we'll be riding. I can't wait to see you in the wind!

– Big D, President

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 19th, Lansing Corners, 2:00 pm
March 19th, Alden Legion, 3:00 pm
April 30th, TB-3's, Freeborn, 1:00 pm

Greetings, Flatlanders,

Nominations for officers have begun. The February meeting is your last chance to accept nomination and have your name on the ballot for elections in March.

Bikerday at the Capitol is February 16th. Check the Road Noise or call President Dan for

details.

A.B.A.T.E. U is scheduled for April 23rd in Alexandria. A.B.A.T.E. U is an excellent opportunity to meet officers and members from other chapters and the state level. There are also various classes of great interest. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets.

If you're looking, I can set you up. As always, check the Flatlanders Facebook page for motorcycle related events and updates.

Together we stand.

–Linda

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

February 20th, Rochester American Legion
Post 92, 11:00 am

March 20th, Rochester American Legion
Post 92, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hi All:

Well, we are a month into the new year and so far, it's looking a lot like last year with all the COVID mandates. Let's hope this coming year gets better with that as everyone is fed up with masks and restrictions. I'll get off my soap box now.

Anyway, the Southeast LC has many irons in the fire including working on the fundraiser with the Straight River Chapter. We had the privilege of having Kathy Dickson from the Straight River Chapter attend our December meeting. It was nice to meet her and have another Chapter visit. We welcome other chapters to visit when able as it's fun to meet with other A.B.A.T.E. members from other chapters.

We are planning on making a \$200 donation to the tornado victims in Minnesota, especially those in the Southeast part of the state. The plan is to pass the hat for the January and February meetings. We want to help some family that suffered damage during that storm.

We were also given a donation of a one-year membership from a current member to pay

for a new membership or a renewal for either a couple or a single. We thank that member for their kind generosity in donating the membership. This will be raffled off in the future.

Rick Benesch brought up in our December meeting that he had been getting phone calls, texts, and emails asking when and where the next chapter meetings are held. Rick is wondering if everyone is getting their Road Noise as the date, time, and location are listed in the Road Noise. If there is someone who is not receiving their Road Noise, please let one of the officers know and they will look into this.

DON'T FORGET that election of new or existing officers will be held at the March meeting and nominations will be taken at the January and February meetings. If there are changes you want to see or you want to get involved, NOW is your time to make your voice heard.

REMINDER that BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL is February 16th. There will be a bus leaving Rochester at 6:00 that morning to go to the Capitol. Let's have a great turnout statewide to let the legislators know our concerns. Use the time to not only voice your concerns but to ask the legislators questions you want answers to and to find out where they stand on issues. It's also a gentle reminder to them come election time if they can count on your vote or not. Don't forget to wear your leathers and bring a mask just in case.

That's it for now. Hope to see you on the 16th.
– Terry



Chapter Grapevines



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Now that we are into the new year, we have a lot to do. There are a lot of fund raisers on the schedule. We need to support our sister chapters. But we all need to get to Bikerday at the Capitol. We need to let them know that we are still here and don't plan on going anywhere. We have the Passport Run, get out and sign up your local watering hole.

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting (s):

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

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

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

Upcoming Event (s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Greeting's people, with the outside temperature well below zero I have a lot of time to think of warmer weather, and the thought of getting the bike out to go for a ride, not anywhere in particular, but just go. However, that will have to wait at least a few more weeks.

Nominations will finish up at the February meeting, and I would like to thank all who accepted your nomination for stepping up to help.

Bikerday at the Capitol is coming up on the 16th of this month. If possible, please go and let your thoughts be heard. Also A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming up April 22nd - 24th. It's a great time to get out and visit with people from other chapters and attend some of the classes held to learn new things. Rooms fill up fast if you plan to stay book early.

One last thing, our chapter isn't near as big

as it was, say 10 years ago, and with the number of members we do have, it would be great to see you at least occasionally. Most of our members are paper members, meaning they don't attend meetings, because of busy schedules or whatever, and I'm not saying you must attend every meeting, but it would be nice to see you occasionally, our meetings are always held the first Saturday of the month, at 6:00 pm, at Heidi's Bar in Sedan, usually in the very far back room.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be safe.

– Hives

BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

February 2nd, Sons of Silence Clubhouse,
Cokato, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

LAKE

Next Meeting (s):

February 5th, Rockford Township Hall,
Rockford, 3:00 pm
March 5th, Hollywood Roadhouse,
New Germany, 3:00 pm
April 2nd, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 5th, Grounded Hogs fundraiser,
Rockford Township Hall
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 21st, Lake Chapter Advanced
Motorcycle training
May 22nd, Lake Chapter Experienced
Motorcycle training

We had a decent turnout for the January meeting. Thanks to the Red Lodge for the meeting space.

We were able to donate \$800 to Toys for Tots and were allowed a small crew to be on KARE 11. Thanks to everyone who donated to the cause.

Patches in memory of Dan Arne are still in the works and Lake Chapter calendars are available.

Please consider taking one or both group motorcycle training classes in May. If you are interested, contact Sherry at lefty245@aol.com.



By the time you are reading this, our Grounded Hogs fundraiser may already be history. Hope you were able to make it. Always a great time!

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up soon and our chapter will host a hospitality room again. Bring a dish to share if you can. Dial-A-Ride materials will be distributed that weekend, so start thinking of bars that may want this information.

Chapter Officer nominations will continue at the February meeting. Let someone know if you are interested in helping. Voting will be at the March meeting.

– Later, Mitch'n

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting (s):

February 4th, Rushmore School/Community
Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm
March 4th, Rushmore School/Community
Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

We have decided to cancel the yearly Soup and Chili Feed, and COVID is the reason. I am getting tired of COVID and it's ugly offspring, how about you?

There's not much going on in our Southwest corner. We have very little snow, except for the ditches. So, for the sake of getting much needed moisture, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. Then when riding weather arrives, everything will be in place to ride, ride, ride!

Please keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Stay well, be safe.

– BAM

WAY WEST

Next Meeting (s):

February 5th, American Legion, Bellingham,
12:00 pm

March 5th, The Pump, Milbank, SD, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, BikerDay at the State Capitol

February 18th - 20th, Youth Event for Kids,
Alexandria

April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

Greetings everyone! We have some important events coming up. One being Bikerday at the Capitol. It's our day for our elected officials to hear what we have to say. On-line registration needs to be completed by February 6th. You can choose then if you would like to ride a bus or drive yourself.

Our chapter raised \$2,859 for Toys for Kids. We served two families in crisis and the counties of Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Swift and Chippewa. Thanks to a member who wants to remain anonymous for carving the gorgeous eagle, it brought \$1,200 in donations. Thanks also to the Odessa Fire Department for their \$1,000 donation and to the businesses and people who donated to our cans.

Get your rooms for the Youth Event for Kids and for A.B.A.T.E. U.

Now is the time to be thinking and looking



Picture of a wood carving that a member did to raise money for our Toys for Kids!

forward to fundraising for the chapter. Bring your ideas to the meetings.

Are you all staying warm? DANG....It's a great time to do your bike maintenance. Spring is around a couple corners. Write your officials. We need them!

Until next month keeper toasty !

– Gypsy Mama

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting (s):

February 5th, Buckshots Bar & Grill,
Butterfield, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

February 18th - 20th, Youth Motorcyclist Event,
Alexandria

March 26th, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James,
5:00 pm

April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. U/ B.O.D. Meeting,
Alexandria



Chapter Grapevines



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Well, its February. The January B.O.D. is over and State Officers have been nominated. Chapter's have had one meeting to nominate officers. BIKERDAY, BIKERDAY, BIKERDAY. Come one and all and bring a friend. If you haven't been before, you should go. Like-minded people and your peers, striving for a like cause.

A.B.A.T.E. U, A.B.A.T.E. U, A.B.A.T.E. U. Start planning for what I feel will be the most important U. in recent history. It is another MUST for the newcomer and the experienced as well. BIKERDAY, ABATE U.

– Healing very slowly, Pedro

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 6th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

February 12th, Heart On Chapter Fundraiser,
Legion, St. Francis, Set up 11:00 am,
Event 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 22nd-24th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello to all members and friends
in the Frozen Tundra!

St. Francis Legion was still being remodeled
for our meeting in January. Toni and Bob
McChesney we're gracious to host the
meeting at their home. Great food and cake.
Way to go Toni and Bob!

February 12th is our Heart On Chapter
Fundraiser. Set up will be at 11:00 am. The
event will start at 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. Free
admission, please invite your family and
friends.

February 16th is Bikerday at the Capitol.

Please register online at www.abatemn.org

We had officer nominations at our January
meeting. If interested, ask for an open
position at our next meeting. Don't be a
pessimist and complain from the rear. Stand
Up and be Heard! Remember, all good
A.B.A.T.E. members always come forward!
You Cannot Lead from Behind!

Our Brat Stand is in the works for the
weekend before the 4th of July. Mark your
calendars, more information to follow in the
coming months.

April 22nd-24th is A.B.A.T.E. U at the Holiday
Inn in Alexandria. Have you made your
reservations yet? We will have a guest
speaker and seminars held in the rotunda.

Our Chapter will handle the live auction.

East Central Chapter would like to thank John
Alberg for all his work with the Buddy Bear
Program. Isaac Barlow has volunteered to
step in and take over for John.

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

– Your VP Jim

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

February 3rd, KJ's, Orrock, 6:00 pm
March 3rd, KJ's, Orrock, 6:00 pm
April 3rd, KJ's, Orrock, 5:00 pm
May 1st, KJ's, Orrock, 5:00 pm
June 12th, KJ's, Orrock, 10:30 am

Upcoming event(s):

May 7th, Spring Ride, KJ's, Orrock, KSU,
10:30 am
June 12th, Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo,
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thank you to all our members and guests who came to McPete's for our holiday party. We had a lot of fun and collected a good amount of food for the local food shelf.

We have a Spring Ride planned for May 7th. This is the Saturday before Mother's Day, so bring her along.

We completed our first round of officer nominations. If you want to be more active in YOUR chapter. please come to our next meeting and step up to the task. We are more than happy to help you, help A.B.A.T.E.

– Until next time, Ride Safe

SAND DUNES YOUTH TESTIMONIAL

It was OK but sometimes the meeting was funny. The bowling was fun but I can't say too much about it since I got obliterated.

– Nolan Darwin - Age 13

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

March 2nd, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
April 6th, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Upcoming event(s):

March 26th, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

Not much to talk about this go round. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. We'll be getting ready for our annual fundraiser soon. The Bunwarmer will take place on March 26th at the River Inn in Scanlon. We're back to our normal fall schedule and hope to see many of you there. More details to follow.

– Ride safe, Ed.

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

February 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
March 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
April 12th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 7th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka,
4:00 pm-9:00 pm
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Everyone knows the dates for Christmas and the New Year, but what day does your significant others birthday fall on? What day does that anniversary fall on?? You need a calendar! Metro Chapter happens to have a badass 16-month calendar just for you!! I should have five or six of these things hangin around the house to remind me of all of the exciting things going on in the world.

Metro Chapter has started planning for the second *Not the Winter Bash Bash*. I don't know if that will be the official name, but it is today. This will be happening Memorial Weekend. So, keep your eyes and ears posted for more information on that.

I hope you are all planning on going to Bikerday at the Capitol. I know there are some changes to how Bikerday is being done this year. The House seems to be a bit afraid of the plague so their building is closed. I guess politicians meeting with their constituents isn't essential to them. We are asking folks in the Metro Area to show up and show up in HUGE numbers. I personally love going just to go to the Capitol. It's a fun place to explore! The folks in the Capitol tell you that you can go anywhere and look at everything. This is the peoples building. That isn't necessarily true, but they are very nice about ushering you out of places you shouldn't be!! I also like hangin out with Senator Hoffman and Putz. Get registered and get down to the Capitol. This is THE most important day of the year for Minnesota bikers!!

Keep your eyes open for all of the upcoming events! There are tons of other chapter's events and club events that we should all be supporting. We are the American biker and we are on the same team!

– Stay warm, (Frozen) Dirt

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 20th, Outback, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm
March 20th, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm
April 17th, The Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm
May 22nd, Doc's on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm
June 19th, Ryder's, Henriette, 2:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at The Minnesota State Capitol
April 22nd-24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
July 8th-10th, J.P.R. Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the February meeting. Elections will be at the March meeting. We also have begun planning our 16th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Now is the time to bring your thoughts and ideas to the chapter meeting.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. First prize is \$20,022 cash, second prize is a 2022 Indian Super Chief motorcycle, third prize is \$5000 cash, fourth prize is \$2022 cash, fifth prize is \$2022 cash. Text Bill at 651-587-7625 for tickets. Or contact any J.P.R officer.

Next roadside cleanup will be in May. Looking forward to a great turn out. Thank you to all who help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

For more events, check the Road Noise Calendar of Events. Also be sure to check your sister Chapter's Grapevine's for more events. For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website:
<http://www.jackpineriders.org>

Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus

UP NORTH

No Report Available

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 6th, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm
March 6th, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm
April 3rd, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm
May 1st, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 22nd-24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

So far, we've made it through quite a few negative degree days, multiple snow storms, but worst of all we lost the iconic Betty White. I think I speak for most of us when I say I'm ready for winter to be over!

Keep in mind, chapter elections are coming up. Voting will be held at the March meeting. Chapter officer nominations will be accepted during the February meeting.

We are very excited to announce Central Chapter's new Biker Bash location at the Halfway Jam property in Royalton. This is planned for August 25th-28th. We are looking for vendors. Please contact our President, Keith Jacobs, or our VP, Travis Rolfes, with any you know of.

Quick reminder, we should always keep membership retention in the back of our minds. If you know anyone interested in joining our chapter, please contact any of our members or board members.

Please remember we all have the common goal, fighting for our motorcycle rights and freedoms. So be present and get educated at the upcoming biker events.

Vroom Vroom

– Veronica Burkland



2022 MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run

This month of February is the last month left to submit the entry forms for the new 2022 passport book. Bars, restaurants, convenient stores, etc. can sign up to be a stop in the book, a sponsor of the run, or both. All entry forms must be postmarked and mailed to the address on the form by March 1st. This is a firm deadline so that the book can be created and printed in time to have the passports ready for all the chapters to pick up in April at ABATE U.

Remember, the Passport Run is a great fundraiser for A.B.A.T.E. and our motorcycle rights, and for your chapter as well. Your chapter earns \$10.00 for every business you sign up as a stop for the passport, and earns \$10.00 for passport you sell. Take a look at the 2022 guidelines and entry form in this issue of the Road Noise.

So if you have a favorite establishment that you would like to see in this year's passport, help them get signed up by bringing them an entry form. Everything they need to know is on the form, and explains how this will help them receive more business, as passport customers must make a purchase in order to get their book signed. You can offer to come back and pick up the form to mail it in for them, or give them a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Last year we had 126 stops, let's see if we can break that record!

If you have any questions contact the Passport Run Committee:

Trashy Smith
612-708-9328

Joe Ruby
605-949-1366

Ingrid Cohen
763-516-7029

A.B.A.T.E. PASSPORT RUN GUIDELINES 2022

****Must be 18 to Participate** • Duration: May 1st - Nov 1st**

SPONSORS/STOPS:

- **Entry Forms for businesses must be mailed to the address on the form by March 1st.** Offer to mail it in for them, or give them a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Flyers are available to print and hand out to businesses to hang up for being a sponsor and/or a stop.
- Sponsors and stops can be any type of business: bars, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, there must be an actual place to stop!
- Recognition will be given to the business with the most frequent stops.
- Fee is \$25.00 each for a sponsor and or a stop, both is \$50.00.
- Stop Fee: \$10 goes to chapter, \$10 to state, \$5 to printing costs, Sponsor Fee: for prize money & printing costs.

PASSPORT SALES:

- Passports are \$20.00 each - \$10.00 to chapter, \$10.00 to state.
- Passports can be sold to anyone, does not have to be ABATE member.
- Chapters are responsible for all sales. If you have a business selling books, you are accountable to collect the money and unsold books to turn in by the deadline.
- Checks are payable to ABATE only (no personal or chapter names). DO NOT HOLD CHECKS all summer long, watch the date of the check and please mail them in right away.
- **Passports will be available to the chapters at ABATE U to sign out and start selling throughout the summer.**
- **Please contact Ingrid at 763-516-7029 as soon as possible to pre-order the number of passports your chapter would like to sell.**
- **All Passport specials are only valid until Nov 1st.**

CONTEST:

- One passport entry per person.
- One stamp or signature per person per passport at each stop.
- Must make purchase at the stop to receive a stamp or signature.
- **Signed passports for the contest must be returned to the address in the book no later than Nov 1st.**
- Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 people with the most passport stops.
- Prize money amounts will be determined by sponsorship money collections.

All sponsor/stop entry forms, passports and money **must be postmarked by the deadlines** and mailed to:
Ingrid Cohen, 407 No Hubbard Ave, Litchfield, MN 55355.

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

**5th Annual
A.B.A.T.E.
Passport Fun Run
2022 Entry Form**

Dear business owner or manager,

Hello, my name is Jon Smith and I'm the Southwest District Director for ABATE of Minnesota. We are in the process of creating the 5th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st – Nov 1st, 2022. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed a sponsor of this event, as a stop inside the book, or both. As a passport run stop the people will come in with their passport and want you to sign and date the book. They must make a purchase first, which means more business for you! Sponsors will be listed in the front of the book, advertised on Facebook, and in our Road Noise publication. The fees help cover the cost of printing, ads, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event please include those with your entry form and fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold through thousand of ABATE members to anyone all across Minnesota! Recognition will be given to the business that receives the most stops!!

If you have any questions you can either email or call me at 612-708-9328, Heritagesofttail60@yahoo.com. If you're interested in participating in the Passport Run please fill out your information below:

Name of business _____

Street address _____

City _____ County _____

State & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Hours _____

Specials/discounts for Passport Customers to list in the book:

Sponsorship Fee \$25 _____ Passport Stop Fee \$25 _____ Both \$50 _____

PASSPORT STOPS ONLY MUST HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS TO STOP AT

Send check or money order made out to ABATE or cash to the address below **before March 1st, 2022.**

Ingrid Cohen
ABATE Passport Committee Secretary
407 N Hubbard Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355

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

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Member _____

Fill Out One:

Check # enclosed _____ Amount _____ Cash Amount Enclosed _____

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2022 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2022 State Rally, to be held September 2nd-September 5th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

Diamond Sponsorship

The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000

It includes:

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

Gold Sponsorship

The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000

It includes:

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

Silver Sponsorship

The Silver Sponsorship is \$500

It includes:

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

Chrome Sponsorship

The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250

It includes:

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

Copper Sponsorship

The Copper Sponsorship is \$100

It includes:

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

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

Partnering with us will make the 2022 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2022 Rally is 2,000.

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

For more information, please contact:

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

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

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is
August 1, 2022**

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2022 State Rally Sponsorship

Sponsor Information

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Business Contact Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: DIAMOND GOLD
 SILVER CHROME COPPER

Check Number: _____ or

Credit Card Number with expiration date: _____

Program Ad/Business Card:

Enclosed Business will mail/email

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

Recruiting Member

Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Promotional Tickets

Mail tickets to Business Contact
* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2022

Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

Contact Name: _____

* Identification will be required

Quantity given: _____

Ticket #'s: _____

Mail to: Michelle Backlund

16550 226th Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

Sponsor Receipt

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2022 State Rally Sponsorship

Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Recruiting Member Signature: _____

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

If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund

(763) 263-1532 or email statetreasurer@abatemn.org

Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2022

If you don't receive your tickets by July 31st, 2022 contact Michelle Backlund

Visit our website at: www.abatemn.org

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A.B.A.T.E. University April 22-24th 2022

Holiday Inn Alexandria, MN Call for reservations 1-320-763-6577

STATE OFFICER/EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINEE RESUMES

STATE COORDINATOR JANE DOYLE

My third year at State Coordinator is coming to an end, and I see some wonderful changes on the horizon. Together we can accomplish great things for the motorcycle community. We have a fantastic team, and I have some great shoulders to lean on. With Jim at my side, I look forward to leading you through another year. Thanks for your support.

— *Jane*

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR JIM ORN

I would like to thank Jane for asking me to run with her again this year, it's been fun working with her and I feel she is always on top of things. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes that nobody sees and I'm happy doing my part to help out wherever I can.

For myself, I've been a part of A.B.A.T.E. since 2000. Over the years, I've held office as vice president, president, Southwest District Director and Asst. State Coordinator. I've enjoyed holding all those positions and seeing how A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota works from all angles. I've also enjoyed working with all the committees, which is part of the job of being Assistant State Coordinator. Thank you for your support

— *Jim*

BIKERDAY
February 16, 2022

NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR KENT VERNER

I was nominated by Jay, President of the Up North Chapter, to run for the NE District Director's position at the January BOD. I accepted the nomination at that time. I have been the Director for the past year and have enjoyed it while keeping me very busy.

I have been involved with A.B.A.T.E., WI and MN, for 15 years serving in a variety of positions for 11 of those years. The Director's position has been the most challenging due to the sheer number of members I represent. I will continue to do the job to the best of my ability as long as you all will have me.

Thank You,

— *Pedro*



STATE OFFICER/EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINEE RESUMES

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR JON W. SMITH

Hello all of Southwest District

My name is Jon W. Smith (Trashy) I am proud to be nominated for the position of Southwest District Director. It is the position that I have held for the last few years and I hope with your support I can continue. This year the district has 2 candidates running for the position. I feel either one will be up to the task at hand.

I started out in '91 as VP of Rolling Prairie. I have held the position of VP, Pres, Chapter Rep, and SWDD. I always try to do my best and make myself available to everyone thru email or phone.

I leave it up to you and your chapters.

Thanks for letting me serve you and I look forward to the future.

—Jon “Trashy” Smith

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR JOE RUBY

Hello, my name is Joe Ruby. I'm running for Southwest District Director.

I have been the President of Way West for the past five years. I have been an avid motorcyclist my entire life, it is one of my greatest passions. I am also a member of the MRF and SCVR.

I strongly believe in A.B.A.T.E. as an organization and the principles that it stands for. I understand the struggles of member retention and participation, as our chapter was once there. I will work hard for each and every one of you to succeed in your chapter's goals and to represent each and every one of you at the state level. Together we can accomplish anything!

You are the backbone and the voice of A.B.A.T.E.

I would appreciate your vote and look forward to representing you and attending your meetings throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me. Thank you.

—Joe Ruby



**SEE YOU AT
BIKERDAY
AT THE
MINNESOTA
STATE
CAPITOL
FEB. 16th, 2022**

2022 A.B.A.T.E. U RAFFLE

Drawing Held April 23, 2022
9:00 PM
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

1st PRIZE:
\$20,022.00

2nd PRIZE:
2022 INDIAN
SUPER CHIEF
MOTORCYCLE



3rd PRIZE:
\$5,000.00 CASH

4th PRIZE:
\$2,022.00 CASH

Photo of motorcycle is not the actual prize,
but only a representation of prize to be given away.
Indian Motorcycle purchased at:
Mies Outland, Watkins, MN

**LICENSE NO. 03470
WINNER RESPONSIBLE FOR TAXES
AND TITLE FEES.
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

5th PRIZE:
\$2,022.00 CASH



TICKETS:
\$100⁰⁰ EACH
800 TICKETS OR FEWER SOLD
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICE
507-487-5000
StateOffice@abatemn.org
or Dan Matzdorff 952-250-5113



Invites you to attend the
32nd Annual Heartland S.T.E.A.M
April 1-2nd, 2022

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska as we unite to keep our freedoms. The Heartland STEAM conference will feature seminars to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening our grassroots organizations. All profits from Heartland STEAM support the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF).

Hotel Information:

Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center
 3280 Northfield Dr
 Springfield, IL 62702
www.northfieldinn.com
 217-523-7900 or 866-577-7900

**Across the Street –
 Ramada Inn**
 3281 Northfield Dr
 Springfield, IL 62702
 217-523-4000 or 800-854-9517

Single or Double rooms are \$100.00/night +tax

Guest rooms include complimentary breakfast per room.

Be sure to mention Heartland Steam during registration



Room Discount Expires March 20, 2022



Name(s): _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Registration Costs:

\$50.00 per person before March 19, 2022 - \$65.00 per person after March 20, 2022
 Option to pre-order t-shirt. \$20.00 per t-shirt Shirt Size: _____

Registration Options:

Major credit cards accepted starting December 27, 2021 at www.abate-il.org or mail this registration form with check or money order to:

ABATE of Illinois, Inc – Heartland STEAM
 PO Box 526
 Avon, IL 61415-0526

Questions?? Email: Bob Ellinger mouse91151@yahoo.com or call 815-674-5944

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2/2/22	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
2/2/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Sons of Silence, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/3/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	6:00 PM
2/3/22	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/3/22	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	6:30 PM
2/4/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore School/Community Center	
2/5/22	Borderland Chapter Grounded hogs Party	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
2/5/22	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	5:00 PM
2/5/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
2/5/22	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs Fundraiser	Rockford Township Hall	
2/5/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Township Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/5/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Mentor	3:00 PM
2/5/22	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's Bar and Grill, Butterfield	4:00 PM
2/5/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Bellingham	12:00 PM
2/6/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
2/6/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
2/7/22	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4 - 9:00 pm
2/8/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/11/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Sandbar, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
2/12/22	East Central Heart on fundraiser and Party	American Legion, St. Francis	
2/13/22	Publications Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
2/13/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/13/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
2/16/22	Bikerday at the Capitol	State Capitol	
2/18/22	Youth Mortorcyclist Event	Alexandria	
2/19/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Lansing Corners	2:00 PM
2/19/22	Northwest Chapter Wintr Social	The Spot, Red Lake Falls	7:00 PM
2/19/22	Youth Mortorcyclist Event	Alexandria	
2/20/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Outback, Stanchfield	2:00 PM
2/20/22	Southeast LC Chapter	Rochester American Legion	11:00 AM
2/20/22	Youth Mortorcyclist Event	Alexandria	
2/26/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM
2/26/22	Northeast chapter Bunwarmer	River Inn, Scanlon	
3/2/22	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
3/3/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	6:00 PM
3/3/22	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/3/22	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	6:30 PM
3/4/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore School/Community Center	7:00 PM
3/5/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3/5/22	Heart of the Lakes Pool Tournament	Sanbar II, Detroit Lakes	2:00 PM
3/5/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Hollywood Roadhouse, New Germany	3:00 PM
3/5/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg's potluck	3:00 PM
3/5/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	The Pump, Milbank, SD	12:00 PM
3/6/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
3/8/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
3/11/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Playtime Sportsbar, Perham	7:00 PM
3/13/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
3/19/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Alden	3:00 PM
3/20/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's on 23, Askew	2:00 PM
3/20/22	Southeast LC Chapter	Rochester American Legion	11:00 AM
3/26/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	5:00 PM
3/26/22	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	
4/2/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/2/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
4/3/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
4/3/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	5:00 PM
4/6/22	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
4/12/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/17/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	The Village, Pine City	2:00 PM
4/22/22	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/22/22	State Rally Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	8:00 PM
4/23/22	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/24/22	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/30/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	TB-3's, Freeborn	1:00 PM
4/30/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM

ABATE of Minnesota Up North Chapter

Winter Fever Reliever



7 PM Saturday February 19th \$10 Tickets



**Eagles Club Grand Rapids
Silent Auction, Live Auction, Cash Bar
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