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



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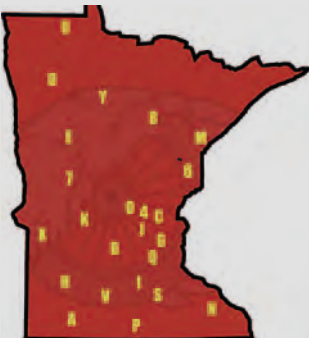
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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Congratulations to our new and renewed officers! Make sure to support your officers. They can all use help and support.

Welcome new members. Let's see if we can avoid internal drama and focus on the job at hand - Motorcycle Rights and Training!

*Jane*



## ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR

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Hello everyone. Jane has appointed me to be Asistant State Coordinator, which I have accepted.

This appointment comes at a time of transition within our organization. While the position has presented unique challenges, given the recent events, I am confident that the majority of those matters have been resolved and are now behind us. It is my sincere hope is that we can refocus our collective efforts on the true purpose of A.B.A.T.E. of MN, protecting biker rights and motorcycle education.

With Heartland STEAM and Bikerday now concluded, I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend and show your support. Looking ahead to A.B.A.T.E. U, I encourage all members to participate as we continue building knowledge, leadership and unity within our organization. And it's fun too. Bring a friend if you want.

Riding season is here. Be sure to check your bike over, making sure it is safe to ride. Like tire pressure, etc.... RIDE WITH CAUTION. Spring road conditions can bring hazards like sand, debris, uncertain road surfaces and especially watch out for motorists who are not yet accustomed to sharing the road with motorcycles. Please ride with caution, make your safety your highest priority.

Also, ENJOY THE RIDE.

Looking forward to seeing you all at A.B.A.T.E. U.

RIDE SAFE

*Joe*

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

### "May you live in interesting times"

Well, we sure do. I can't speak for anyone else, but motorcyclists have a unique ability to impact the future of the activity they love. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Bikerday at the Capitol has come and gone, but the impact of having hundreds of motorcyclists at the Capitol will serve us well long into the future. If you were there, thank you. If not, check out A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's legislative talking points at abatemn.org Then call your senator or representative and ask them to support our issues. This is a time when legislation happens fast and furious. Your Legislative Team will keep you aware via social media.

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I am excited to share that the Rider Scholarship program officially launched on March 1, 2026, and by March 10th we already had 24 students signed up. It is a great start to the season!

For those who may not have heard yet, the Young Riders Scholarship program has recently separated from A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and is now operating as its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, called "A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Rider Scholarship." This step allows us to open the door to many more funding opportunities, and it is already paying off.

As a 501(c)(3), we can now accept tax deductible donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations who want to support motorcycle training and safety. Between the \$14,000 donated by the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Gambling Committee, a private donation of \$15,000, and more donations coming in, we have more funds available for rider training this season than ever before. Please keep in mind that this new organization will have to keep some operational expenses in reserve since we are no longer under the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota umbrella.

We are currently offering scholarships for rider education to individuals who are under 21 years of age, possess a valid Minnesota driver's license or instruction permit, and meet the requirements of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center for training courses. Next year we may be able to expand beyond youth scholarships and help more riders of any age

to get the proper training they need to ride safely and responsibly.

If you know of a business or someone who might be interested in helping sponsor training for new riders, please let us know. And if your chapter has funds it would like to contribute toward rider education, we would truly appreciate your thinking of us.

Thank you all for supporting rider education and helping more people get properly trained and on the road safely. The sky's the limit for what we can accomplish together!

*"There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning."*

-Jiddu Krishnamurti

*— Jon*



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Spring is here! And that means it's time for A.B.A.T.E. University. If you are able to attend this conference, you will not be disappointed. The committee has worked hard to make this one to remember. I hope to see you there.

*— Mitch*



# DIAL-A-RIDE

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All 2026 promotional materials to support Minnesota Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride's upcoming season have been ordered and will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U/April B.O.D. meeting in Alexandria April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> for distribution to participating chapters

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride did a break-out session at Heartland STEAM which was held this year in Alexandria, on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to explain to the participants from Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Nebraska how the program was started and has grown since 1990.

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride had a booth at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Donnie Smith Bike Show at the St. Paul River Centre held on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> once again this year.

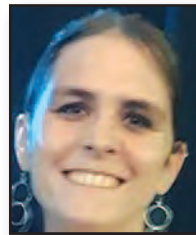
Since the first of the year, Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride has met with and had discussions with two chapters that are interested in acquiring trailers of their own to support the program. Fundraising activities are underway. Over the past 35+ years, trailer requirements have changed. When Dial-A-Ride first started, small, open single-place trailers were adequate because of the types of motorcycles that were commonly used in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. But over the years, motorcycles have become larger and heavier and there are many more trikes on the road as well as various other 3-wheel configurations of vehicles that are not officially considered 'motorcycles.' In the past, \$2,000 was sufficient to purchase a motorcycle trailer to use for Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride activities; today trailer costs can approach \$6,000. Also, we have a number of enclosed trailers as well. If other chapters are interested in looking into trailer purchases, members of

our Board of Directors are always available and happy to meet to discuss the options.

The 2026 Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride season begins on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (the last weekend in April) through Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (the last weekend in October), providing our lifesaving services 28 weekends as well as mid-week holidays on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) and Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day).

**Remember: IMPAIRED IS IMPAIRED - no matter what the source or reason - If You Ride Impaired, You Ride Unprepared**

*— John*



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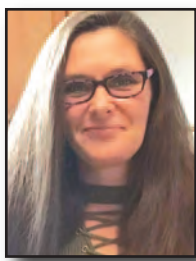
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Happy Spring! A.B.A.T.E. U is here! I hope everyone has registered for Stop the Bleed class, ordered your shirt and your banquet meal to listen to our speaker Scott Gottschalk! If you have not done any of these things please go to our website and do so ASAP.

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Thanks,

*— Stephanie*



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Remember, Dial-A-Ride starts soon! Keep those cards handy in your wallets, lock their number into your phone and spread the word! This is a FREE service to get everyone home safely; it does not matter what the reason is. We just want our riding brothers and sisters to get home safely! And if you can be a sober volunteer to be on call for Dial-A-Ride, PLEASE reach out to them at (888) 342-5743. These volunteers do such incredible service, and they deserve the recognition! I have heard some heartwarming stories of times individuals who were not excited about not riding their motorcycle home, but they were so very grateful for those who volunteered their time to make sure they, their passenger and their bike were all safe.

Ride safe everyone! Hope to see you soon!

*—Gaida "Gator"*



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### Next Meeting (s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U,  
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Hello Everyone! We have wrapped up some raffles, and the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle will come to a close and then on to selling State Rally Raffle Tickets. I want to thank everyone for the hard work put into selling tickets and the fundraising you all do for your chapters. This year at A.B.A.T.E. U when you pick up your Buddy Bears they will be counted there to make sure your chapter has the right amount that you ordered.

Thank you for all that stepped up to fill chapter positions and congratulations! Hope to see you all at A.B.A.T.E. U!

*— Angie*



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Hello Biker family.

With everything going on in my world right now, I am sorry to say I do not have anything to report on. Hopefully, I will see you all at A.B.A.T.E. University.

Until next time stay safe.

*— Kari*



Having a drink takes away the very skills you need to ride your motorcycle safely.

To ride your motorcycle and live, you need to be alert, aware, and react well.

Alcohol unfocuses your vision, hurts your depth perception, slows your reaction time, clouds your judgement, takes away coordination, and causes you to miss the point of what's happening. You're not in control.

But too many guys don't believe it; they think they can mix drinking and riding. Last year, two-thirds of motorcyclists killed in Minnesota had been drinking. Almost three-quarters of those deaths involved only the biker. The riders skidded or slammed into trees or walls.

They did it to themselves. They drank and rode.

Two out of three are lousy odds when your life is at stake.  
Beat the odds. Don't drink and ride.



**From the Department of Public Safety, State of Minnesota  
In the A.B.A.T.E. South Central, Minnesota Newsletter,  
March 1988**



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting(s):

April 12<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

*— Tammy*



## MARKETING DIRECTOR

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### 1. Marketing Overview

What is the goal of marketing for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota? I want to increase awareness of the organization, grow membership, support motorcycle rights advocacy, and promote events and rides. Over the past year marketing efforts have focused on positive social media engagement, event promotion, and promoting Young Riders.

### 2. Social Media

Social media continues to be one of our most effective tools for reaching riders across the state.

- Post regular updates on events, legislative issues, and rider safety.
- Share member stories and photos to build community engagement.
- Promote youth rider initiatives.
- Increase engagement through comments and shares on positive motorcycle-related posts.
- Event promotions generate significant interaction and help increase attendance.
- Facebook (primary communication platform)
- Event pages for rides, meetings, and events

### 3. Event Promotion

Marketing supports several key events by creating eye-catching promotional materials and encouraging positive online discussion.



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

**KRISTY LUHMAN**  
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Next meeting(s):  
April 12th Ugly bar, Montrose at 11:00 am

The weather is starting to get nice, so happy and safe riding everyone.

— Kristi

If you ask, I can help with this. Even bouncing ideas off each other can make creative juices flow. If you are reading this and reach out to me, you will be entered into a drawing at A.B.A.T.E. U.

### What else can we do?

- Increase awareness of positive organization activities
- Encourage riders from different areas of the state to attend
- Strengthen relationships with the riding community

### 4. Community Outreach

Marketing efforts also support outreach to riders who may not yet be members.

#### Outreach Methods:

- Encouraging riders to comment and share their motorcycle experiences
- Highlight different motorcycle brands and riding styles
- Promoting rider rights and legislative awareness

### 5. Youth Rider Program Promotion

Special attention has been given to promoting youth rider initiatives to help grow the next generation of motorcyclists.

#### Marketing Focus:

- Promoting youth participation in riding programs
- Highlighting mentorship opportunities
- Sharing success stories and photos from youth events

### 6. Branding and Visual Materials

Marketing materials have focused on bold, eye-catching visuals that appeal to the motorcycle community.

#### Examples include:

- Motorcycle event posters
- Seasonal riding graphics

### 7. Challenges

Some marketing challenges include:

- Reaching riders who are not active on social media
- Competing with many motorcycle-related groups and events
- Maintaining consistent posting during busy event seasons

And as always, I am here to help!

— Harmony





# STATE RALLY REPORT

**DOUG COHEN**

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## Next Meeting(s)

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

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

June 20<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

July 17<sup>th</sup>, July B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

## 2026 STATE RALLY:

Family Night Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>,

2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Rally, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

Hello everyone, we are working hard to plan your State Rally. We want to give you the best Rally possible to look forward to this year!

We will have all the fun events again, like decorating your campsite and social hours, so start thinking of what your chapter wants to do for that.

Sled Pulls are back in a BIG way this year thanks to Sylvester Nagel. There will be a \$1,000 cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place! More details will follow about the sled pull schedule and entry requirements. If you have any questions, or would like to donate toward the cash prize, contact Sylvester at (763) 501-9581.

## This year there will be two Rally Raffles:

**Saturday night drawing** will be at 9:00 pm for these 10 cash prizes.

\$10 to enter: \$2,000 \$1,750 \$1,500 \$1,250

\$1,000 \$500 \$250 for the last four.

**Sunday night drawing** will be at 8:00 pm for the 50/50/50 raffle.

\$50 to enter: 50% to state, 50% to the winner.

Your chapter can sign out Rally raffle tickets to sell at A.B.A.T.E. University, so talk about it ahead of time to decide how many tickets your Chapter Rep should pick up for you that weekend. After that, additional raffle tickets can be requested from [gambling@abatemn.org](mailto:gambling@abatemn.org).

Kari Duncan is working on the 2026 State Rally T-Shirt; it is going to be awesome! She will have multiple colors and a tie-dye version as well. If you want to place a special order for the Rally, contact her at [products@abatemn.org](mailto:products@abatemn.org) by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Family Night will be held that Thursday night

from 2:00 - 7:00 pm before the Rally officially starts. This is another opportunity for us to introduce A.B.A.T.E. to the younger generation and gives you a chance to enjoy bringing your kids into your chapter campsites for the evening. A flyer for this event will be distributed at A.B.A.T.E. University. If you have any fun kid/carnival type games that you would like to lend to us for this event please contact Ingrid at (763) 516-7029.

As announced at the January B.O.D., the King and Queen pageant will no longer be held at the Rally at the end of the season. Instead, the 2026 King & Queen will be announced at the beginning of the season at A.B.A.T.E. University. I hope every chapter will have candidates there that weekend to run for King and Queen.

Also start talking about what volunteer shifts your chapter wants to sign up for. The volunteer sheets will be available for signs up at A.B.A.T.E. University. Last year we had trouble filling spots for registration and evening security. Registration and Security is our top priority, and those shifts are needed in order for the Rally to function. We are asking you to fill those shifts first.

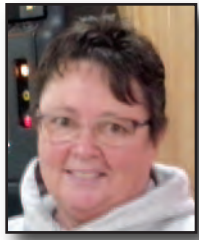
Advanced Rally tickets and the RV camping fee are available to purchase online at the state website. Click on the Resources tab and choose State Rally from the menu. The deadline for online purchase is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

We could use your help with signing up Rally sponsors. The new sponsor form is easy to use and provides all the information a business needs to know about both sponsorship programs. Also, on the form there is a QR code they can scan to sign up and pay online, or they can still mail the form and fee. When you drop off a form to a business, be sure to fill in your information on the back of the form, so that the business can contact you if needed to come pick up the form and fee. The form is available on the state website to download and print or contact Ingrid at (763) 516-7029 to request more forms.

If you would like to attend a Rally meeting over the phone and you are on Facebook, contact Ingrid and she can add you to the group Rally chat for the meetings.

To the Rally Committee, I hope all of you can plan ahead to attend our Rally meeting at A.B.A.T.E. University on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. We will be taking a group photo! As always keep those rally suggestions coming to [rally@abatemn.org](mailto:rally@abatemn.org).

— *Dougie*



# STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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April... we are getting closer to riding season. Things are very stressful in the office right now, between my surgery, losing a family member, Dan's shoulder surgery, and everything else that went on with election time.... I really don't care to turn back time & do it over!

Keep those memberships in your vest pockets & saddle bags!

Keep on Keepin on!

*— Shelly*



# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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## Next Meeting(s):

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Hennepin Technical College  
(Eden Prairie), 5:00-7:00pm

Greetings fellow freedom fighters. The next task force meeting is a little over a week after this report is due, so I won't have a lot to report this month. The task force is currently working on a draft that DPS will submit to the Governor's office regarding a motorcycle safety proclamation for the month of May. I'm not sure what kind of traction it will get, but I'm hoping our Governor is willing to publish one this year.

As you start getting the covers off your motorcycles and get them out on the roads, remember that Minnesota motorists haven't seen motorcycles all winter and won't be looking for them. Please consider riding within your skill set while paying attention to the current spring road conditions.

Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

*— Jon*



# BUDDY BEAR CORNER

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No Report Received

# WRITE TO RIDE

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No Report Received



# Webmaster Report

No Report Received



# MRF REPORT

**ROB BENJAMIN**  
MRF STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Bikerday has come and gone and it was a success. Did you cover your talking points? Did you send a thank you to your representative and recap your talking points?

In February I had a interesting encounter. An email made it's way to me in regards to the Definition of a Motorcycle, H.R 3385. The person that sent the email owns a Polaris Slingshot and brought up concerns about

what would happen if the bill passed. A few concerns were registration and licensing, forced mandates and helmet exemptions and asked how his rights as a Slingshot owner were protected. I took the opportunity to give the person a call to explain why the new definition is needed. After talking for about 45 minutes and I came to realize that his rights, as a Slingshot owner, were not protected. When asked what I could do to help, I said that I can talk to people so his voice could be heard. I also invited him to come to a A.B.A.T.E meeting and possibly going A.B.A.T.E and the MRF. This was a positive interaction that resulted in a new friendship.

*— Shadow*



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## **NCOM'S RESPONSE TO EASYRIDERS/BIKERNET**

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) joins the many voices in the motorcycling community condemning the owner of Easyriders magazine and BikerNet. On February 10th, the same individual that owns both platforms wrote and published a pedophiliac fantasy story on Bikernet relating to the sexual exploitation and abuse of a 13 year old girl.

NCOM stands with the community and will have no relationship with Easyriders or BikerNet as long as the same ownership structure stays in place. The decision to publish such a story, fact or fiction, is diametrically opposed to the values and goals NCOM has always espoused.

To paraphrase one of the most popular texts in human history, the only thing such a decision deserves is a millstone about the neck and a deep body of water.

In summation, there is no reasonable explanation or excuse. Pedophilia is unacceptable in any form or context. NCOM is saddened that such a storied legacy has been stained and tarnished by the unforgivable decision to publish anything relating to pedophilia as entertainment.

**The National Coalition of Motorcyclists**



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

## Tentative Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 9:00 AM • Holiday Inn • Alexandria

**Opening**      9:00 AM      Call to Order .....Jane Doyle  
 Pledge of Allegiance .....Shelly Deutsch  
 Invocation .....Edgar Burke  
 Roll call  
 Agenda approval / changes .....Jane Doyle  
 Secretary Report - Jan. 2026  
 Treasurer's Report .....Michelle Backlund

**Legislative Reports**  
 Legisltive Team .....Team Member(s)  
 Motorcycle PAC of MN .....Mark Senn  
 NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) .....Jane Doyle  
 MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) .....Rob Benjamin  
 Write to Ride .....Frank Ernst

**Committee Reports**  
*(Committee Chairs submit written reports up to 5 minutes for verbal reports, if more time needed request in advance)*  
 A.B.A.T.E. University .....Stephanie Christensen  
 Education .....Jon Fernholz  
 Young Riders Program .....Harmony Lillie  
 Gambling .....Angie Morberg  
 Buddy Bear Program .....Sharon Polman  
 Historian .....Gaida Trout  
 Marketing .....Harmony Lillie  
 Membership & Member Retention .....April Murch  
 Passport Run .....Jon Smith/Em' DeJager  
 Products .....Kari Duncan  
 Publications .....Tammy Winkels  
 State Rally .....Dougie Cohen  
 Ways and Means .....Kristy Luhman

**Other**  
 State Office .....Shelly Deutsch  
 MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride) .....John Nelson  
 Motorcycle Safety Advisory / Task Force .....Jon Fernholz  
 MN Motorcycle Club Coalition & Confederation of Clubs of MN

**Old Business**  
 Bikerday 2026 Recap  
 Heartland STEAM 2026 Recap  
 A.B.A.T.E. of MN Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Proclamation  
 2026 Budget Approval  
 Buffalo Ridge Chapter Discussion

**New Business**  
 State Officer Election Results  
 By-Law Proposal Results  
 Announce Chapter Officers/Chapter Challenge  
 Presentation of Awards

**Officer Reports**  
 Treasurer .....Michelle Backlund  
 Secretary  
 Northwest District Director .....Edgar Burke  
 Northeast District Director  
 Southeast District Director  
 Southwest District Director .....Shelly Deutsch  
 Assistant State Coordinator .....Joe Ruby  
 Trustee .....Jim Orn  
 State Coordinator .....Jane Doyle

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT**



# NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!!

A.B.A.T.E. U !!! Hope to see YOU there! Bring a Friend!!

The Riding Season is upon us! Check them machines. Make sure tires are good and inflated properly. Check chain or belt tension and condition. New oil and gas. And MOST of ALL, check YOU. Make sure YOU are ready for riding season.

Heartland STEAM and Bikerday are behind us. Hopefully you were able to make it to both.

April starts the Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride season. Be aware of yours and others' conditions before riding. Each year we lose some good people. Some of this could be prevented.

I Want to thank ALL the New and Past officers. Thank YOU for taking time out of YOUR busy life to Fight for the Freedoms of the Road! I would also like to Thank the Northwest District for having faith in me and for the support I get. Thank You!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE — *Edgar*

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

**Next Meeting(s):**  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, Garfield Pub,  
Garfield, 6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**  
June 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Camping/Meeting,  
Swift Falls Park, make  
reservations with Bob Funk



Well officially jealousy has set in, with seeing some bikes on the road. With the warm weather and heavy riding season upon us. Please take time to brush up on your riding and passenger skills.

Elections have come and gone in FFR, a huge thank you to our exiting officers for their hard work and sacrifice. A BIG welcome to the new officers and thank you for stepping up to the challenge.

President JOE CHISOLM, Vice President BOB FUNK, Secretary ANITA ALLISON, Treasurer CAITLIN DREVE, Chapter Rep TERRY STOREY, Sergeant of Arms: TED WARREN, KEN MURPHY, ZACH DREVER, BUTCH JACKSON, and BILL CAMERON.

– Knees up, Bob Funk, VP

## HEART OF THE LAKES & NORTH STAR — No Reports Received

# NORTHWEST

## Next Meeting(s):

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Rod Olson's,  
Mentor, 4:00 pm

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Island Park,  
St. Hilaire, 11:00 am - Ride  
to follow pending on  
weather

## Upcoming Event(s):

May 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spring Ride In, Island Park,  
St. Hilaire

September 12<sup>th</sup>, Food and  
Toy Run, St. Hilaire

Congratulations and  
welcome to all our Officers!

Thank you for your contribution to this great chapter! President - Gary Hasby, VP - Lonnie Green Lee, Secretary - Andrea, Treasurer - Ben Hand, SOA - Chainsaw, Greg McGlynn, Larry Shimpa, Travis Shimpa, Eileen Todahl, Don Conrad.

Come out to Rod's on April 4<sup>th</sup> and meet the officers, help plan the Spring Ride In, and wish Rod a Happy Birthday after the meeting.

A.B.A.T.E. U will soon be here. Marking the start to the riding season, for us northerners. Remember to get your bikes serviced and ready for the new season. You don't want to be the only one sitting on the porch the first nice day of the season!

- Ben



# BORDERLAND

## Next Meeting(s)

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finns, Badger, 6:00 pm  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Hobo, Newfolden, 4:00 pm

## Upcoming event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Borderland Chapter  
Membership Drive, The Hobo, Newfolden,  
5:00 pm

Hello Borderland!

Spring is officially here and Heartland STEAM and Bikerday at the Capitol are in the rear view. We thank all the folks in A.B.A.T.E. that worked so hard to pull those two great events off! I hope to see you at A.B.A.T.E. U and we are looking for a silent or live auction item. After our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, our meetings will be ride in meetings. We will be scheduling those at our next two meetings. We are looking forward to our chapter's membership drive and fundraiser. We will have a silent auction, door prizes, and a

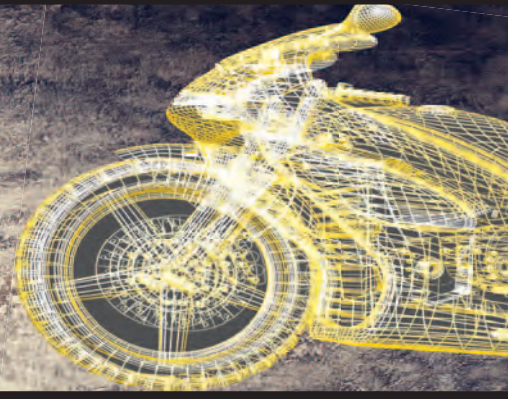
game or two. The cost is \$20 and that includes a door prize ticket and a dinner burger basket ticket. I'm thinkin' you can add to or change your meal for a little extra. We need door prizes and silent auction items and to all you bikers that care so much about your motorcycle rights, re-up. Bring your wallets and have a great time! We want to thank Tim and Dawn for hosting!

Now, I want to save the best for last. Our past and present chapter Prez, Pat (Sully) Sullivan was blessed with a living donor kidney after years of dialysis. Our prayers were answered and please continue to hold Sully up in prayer for a full recovery. He and Christy surprised us at our last meeting after only 15 days at Mayo. So awesome!

I almost forgot. To all of you that have been selling the great A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets, good work and good luck to all! Have a great and safe riding season as well!

- Twistin' da Wick, Tim

# SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines



## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

April 12<sup>th</sup>, L&M, Dundas, \* Meeting time change to 12:00 pm, Meet & Greet is 1:00-4:00 PM  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, Classic's Pub, Waterville, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cash-Wise Food Truck, Owatonna, \*Times to be announced  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Awareness Parade, Mankato, \* River Valley to announce times  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Bikes, Steele

County Fairgrounds, Owatonna, Event starts at 10:00 am, Ride to follow onsite events  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade, Owatonna,  
\* we will update with line-up time

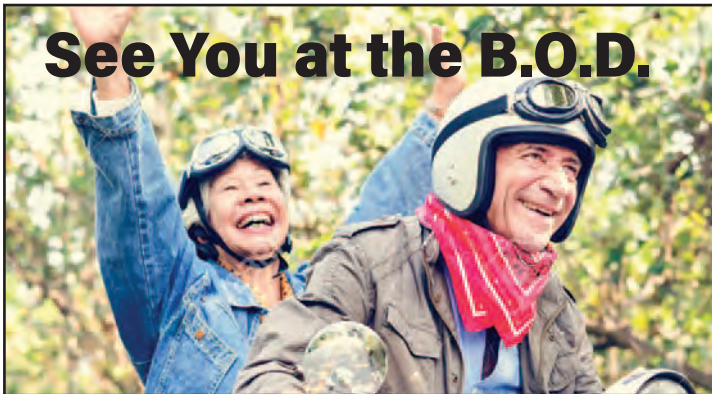
Hello A.B.A.T.E. Family,  
What a couple of months we have had. Can we all just agree to do what is right and move forward. Straight River hosted their chili feed in Owatonna February 21<sup>st</sup>. Our winners were posted on our Facebook page; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dirck Hogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jeff Voracek and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Zoomer.

Straight River elections were held March 8<sup>th</sup>, your Straight River elected officers are:  
President John "Zoomer" Knudsen  
Vice President Brandon Flores  
Chapter Representative John "Zoomer" Knudsen  
Secretary Stacia Round  
Treasurer Cathy Buck  
Sergeant at Arms: Hans Junkers, Laura Knudsen, Roger May and Gerard Duval

Be safe, if you have the bike out, watch out for the salt on the roads.

– Ride Free, Zoomer

## See You at the B.O.D.



## Next Meeting(s):

April 25<sup>th</sup>, Serviceman Club, Blooming Prairie, 3:00 pm  
 May 16<sup>th</sup>, Washout at the I35 Northbound Welcome Center, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm- Ride to follow Chapter Meeting at 4:00 pm, Kurt and Alicia Wallace's House, 115 5th St SE, Geneva

Hello from the Flatlanders

With the close of elections last month, we would like to say "Thank You" to the new officers for stepping up! We would also like to say "Thank You" to those officers who are stepping down. Each of you play an essential role in the chapter and in the organization. Without you, the committee chairs and the members, we would not be the chapter we are and we would not be able to do the things we do.

I hope everyone had the chance to participate in Bikeday at the Capitol and I hope that there was a very large presence. This is our opportunity as bikers to share our issues and to be heard. We do make a difference and are noticed when we are in the capital. When we work together for the cause, we can accomplish so much. If you were not able to go this year, plan for next year because this is about our rights and freedoms.

The A.B.A.T.E. U raffle has come to a close. Hopefully we sold enough tickets to fill the gambling account again this year. Giving to those in need is a big part of who we are as a chapter and those who are recipients appreciate the donations so very much. As of this writing, I do not know what the ticket count is, but I'm sure everyone did a great job like normal. Now it's on to the Rally raffle tickets that will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U and another opportunity for us to make more money. It will be interesting to see how this raffle will be run this year. Who knows, it may be totally different than before, but again, it will be up to us to sell, sell, sell.

With spring in the air and bikes coming out, make sure your ride is ready to ride, before you ride!

*"Finally, the long winter is over. It's time to feel the wind, hear the engine roar, and get back to what matters most: riding"* - Anonymous

– Peace, Love and Hugs!!

## Next Meeting(s):

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm,  
 FUNdraiser meeting 6:30 pm  
 May 7<sup>nd</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm  
 June 4<sup>nd</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U. Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tri-County Carver Ride chapter fundraiser, starts in Carver at noon!

Welcome to our guests... David Heil and BPM members! Also, nice to see Terry Anderson.. long-standing member!

A big thank you to all our returning chapter officers for another year! President Jon Fernholz, Vice President Terry Olson, Treasurer Kristy Luhman, Secretary Katie Gilloffo, Chapter Rep Bill Ernst, and Sergeant at Arms David Brandtner, Mike Pharr, Kelly Erickson, Jim Bengtson, and Sandy Bengtson. These are all very hard working officers!! Thanks for another year of your leadership and dedication!



**Can I have a home?**

Please take some time to read all the Road Noise submissions and Grapevine chapter information.

Spring is coming and so are rides that chapters put on! Our Tri-County ride is May 2<sup>nd</sup>! Come enjoy some country scenery, great stops and awesome food and fun door prizes throughout the day! See our flyer ad for more information in this month's Road Noise. That's about all for now!

*"Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly"*

– Peace out.... Ger

**B.O.D.**  
**April 18**  
**Alexandria**

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

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

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Spring Ditch Pickup

June, TBD, Mike Berg & Fallen Friends

Memorial Ride

Hello all!

Spring is finally here, which means it's time to get the scoots out and start another great riding season. We're looking forward to warmer days, great rides, and plenty of chances to reconnect with old friends while making some new ones along the way.

One of the first big events of the season is our Annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a Fun Run. Join us as we remind everyone that motorcycles are back on the roads! Many say that this is where the fun begins. Due to road construction there will be a temporary route change this year, we are especially in need of additional volunteer Road Guards, so please consider helping if you can. Check the flyer in this month's Road Noise and the River Valley Chapter Facebook page for full details.

Plans are also underway for the Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Memorial Ride in June. Watch the River Valley Chapter Facebook page and the next issue of Road Noise for updates. As always, we ride with the message: "If we can save just one life..." Congratulations to all of our new and returning Officers! Hats off to: President...Mike Burgess, Vice President...Bob Olson, Treasurer...Steve "Slick" Duban, Secretary...Jeana Carey, Chapter Rep...Erin

Fredricks, Sergeants-at-Arms...Bobby Sullivan, Luke Eichberger, Kevin Ling, Lori Sotebeer, and Panther Wolke! Thanks for stepping up to serve the chapter—we truly appreciate your willingness to help lead and support our group. We also want to thank our past officers for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

Don't forget about A.B.A.T.E. University this month! It's a great opportunity—especially for new officers—to learn more about your role. There will also be other classes, games, auctions, and plenty of good times. Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria at (320) 763 6577.

Our Spring Ditch Pickup and Lunch/After Party will be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The more hands we have, the faster the work gets done—then we can relax and enjoy some good conversation together.

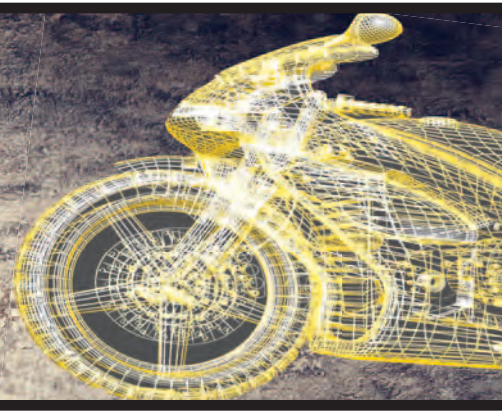
We recently held our River Valley Social during this off-season to reconnect outside of meetings and events. It was a great time, and we look forward to doing more of these—watch for the next one!

Welcome to our new members, and thank you to everyone who renewed—your support means a lot to our chapter. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events. Please encourage fellow riders and friends to join A.B.A.T.E., spread the word about what we do, and volunteer when you can.

*Ride free,  
stay safe,  
and hug often.*

— Lori Sotebeer, Sgt-at-Arms

# NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines



What's up? Northeast District Meeting. Mark your calendars for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at the American Legion, 525 Main St. N., Pine City.



## NORTH EAST

### Next Meeting (s):

April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Not much to say about the events of the last couple of months. We're in the same boat as the other chapters and waiting to see how it all shakes out. By this time our annual fundraiser, the Bunwarmer, will have taken place. Here's hoping that it was a successful event.

We're trying to be positive and on the upside our meeting attendance has been good and holding steady.

Thank you to all of the members who are making the effort to support the cause.

– Looking forward to Spring, Ed

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting (s):

March 29<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am

May 3<sup>rd</sup> TBD

June 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am

### Upcoming event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hey All! Short and Sweet this month. Welcome to our East Central Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

2026 Officers! President - Jim Pierson, Vice President - Sylvester Nagel, Treasurer - Catina Sager, Secretary - Lisa Bright, Chapter Rep - Jimmy LaSpisa, Sgt. at Arms - Jeff "Capten" Johnson, David Bright, Dar Krutsch, John Sager, "KB" Kevin Branchaud, Darrick "Shaggy" Miller.

I am very proud to be selected to lead this group. I'm looking forward to an excellent year. Thank You all and to all the other chapter officers for stepping up.

'till next time, Shiny side UP!

– President Jim



Sand Dunes Chapter

# JACK PINE RIDERS

## Next Meeting (s):

April 19<sup>th</sup>, Mavericks Bar and Grill, Beroun, 1:00 pm

May 17<sup>th</sup>, Marge's Bar and Grill, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

June 21<sup>st</sup>, Squirrel Cage Bar and Grill, Willow River,  
1:00 pm

July 19<sup>th</sup>, Village Bar and Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm

August 16<sup>th</sup>, Endzone Bar and Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

May 17<sup>th</sup>, Roadside cleanup, 11:00 am

Congratulations and welcome to all new and returning chapter and state officers.

The band lineup for the 2026 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. I do not have that information at this time. But if you want more information, attend the next chapter meeting. Posters and event tickets will be coming out soon.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am sharp. 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, log on to our website:

<http://www.jackpineriders.org>

Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

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## UP NORTH

### Next Meeting (s):

April 12<sup>th</sup>, Moose Lodge, Grand Rapids, 1:00 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Deer River, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University

Hello Everyone, we wrapped up our Fever Reliever fundraiser in February and the newly elected officers are as follow: Stan Nordahl - Chapter President, VP - Kate Backlund, Secretary and Chapter Rep - Angie Morberg. Thank you to all who stepped up to fill the officer positions.

# METRO

## Next Meeting (s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

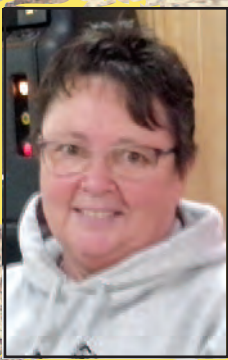
April 6<sup>th</sup>, Meet and Eat, Welch's Big 10  
4:00 - 8:00 pm

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

The days are getting warmer and longer and this can only mean one thing, that we are getting closer and closer to the official start of riding season. Even now, on some days, I hear that rumble of a bike going by and it makes me excited. As we near that season we prepare for everything it brings. Long weekend rides just to get lost, charity runs with friends, even just riding back and forth to work. Everything just feels better on a bike. By the time you read this Metro will have had a super busy month! We hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patty's Warmup party at Route 47 in Fridley. Keep an eye on our Facebook for pictures from this event. And if you didn't make it this year, be sure to watch for it again in 2027! Donnie Smith saw Metro hosting a booth to help teach people who we are and what we do. A thank you to anyone who stopped by to say hi to those who were working.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all members who stepped up for officer role nominations. As our official elections have not been held yet, keep an eye on our website to see who is representing your chapter for 2026! And don't forget to shake their hand and let them know that you appreciate all their hard work. And the best chance to do that will be at A.B.A.T.E. U! I am planning on being there and I am so excited to see what we as an organization can do this next year to bring us all together.

Metro has started planning for some fun and exciting stuff to be held over the next year. So, if you haven't made it out to our events, we would love to see you stop by!



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

Shelly Deutsch, Director  
(507) 227-4498 • southwestdir@abatemn.org



Thanks for all the support while I was your Southwest District Director! I'm sure Naomi will do a great job! I haven't gone anywhere, just made a change that shifted a few things in my life. Keep doing what you're doing, help out other chapters by attending their events and benefits.

Looking for something to do or somewhere to ride? Look at the calendar of events in the Road Noise! I hope you attended Bikerday at the Capitol. Now, have you contacted your Legislators to tell them thank you for giving us time to chat? Great way to get your Write to Ride Patch!

Until next time, *Shelly*

## BUFFALO RIDGE

### Next Meeting (s):

April 11<sup>th</sup>, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, MN, 12 p.m.  
May meeting: TBD (waiting on action to terminate chapter at the April BOD)

Six years ago, I received an email saying our chapter needed help and new active members. I attended the meeting in Garvin, MN and volunteered to serve as sergeant-at-arms—a proud moment for someone newly involved in such a proud organization. As spring and summer arrived, the president stopped attending. I stepped up again, volunteering to take the presidency to keep the chapter alive. That role opened my eyes to the tremendous good this organization accomplishes. Since then, the "Loyal 4"—and later the "Loyal 5"—have consistently shown up to meetings to sustain the chapter. We've tried various approaches to engage more people, and despite everyone's limitations, we've kept moving forward. A.B.A.T.E. is now in a major period of change. The future is uncertain, but great people are working hard at every level to help. If we fail to embrace new ways of doing things and fresh ideas, this organization could fade away. I pray that doesn't happen. It's up to each member to come together and push for the right changes. It's time for silent members to step forward and help save this slowly declining giant. After six years as president, I am stepping down. I have full confidence that the new leadership will do their best to meet the challenges ahead.

— Ride free, ride proud, and stay positive, Jesse W.

## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting (s):

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Marcia's Bar, Brooten

Hi Everyone,

This will be my last chapter report. Prom was ok. Dan Bursaw "Hives" is back in as president. John Nelson is VP and Chapter Rep. Todd Lund is the treasurer, but he is looking to be retired after 29 years. and Eileen Hunter is the secretary.

I want to share how much these past couple of years with Glacial Ridge have meant to me. I've met incredible people and truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you. After a lot of thought, I've decided to step away from the chapter. This isn't out of bitterness—far from it. For the past three years, I've poured my heart and soul into helping our chapter grow, and I genuinely wanted to see us succeed. But when one or two people are expected to fill a basket meant for twelve, it becomes unsustainable. I wish the chapter nothing but the best moving forward.

I'll be around still, April and I are a team and we believe in the mission of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

— Harmony

# LAKE

## Next Meeting (s):

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm The Stanchion, Hamel  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00 pm Missile Park, St Bonifacius  
 (Sunday not Saturday)  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm TBD

Thank you to the Red Lodge in Waverly for hosting our meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered their time for the Grounded Hogs Fundraiser. Save the date for next year's fundraiser on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

Riding season will be here before we know it. Rider training classes are scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> for Intermediate and May 31<sup>st</sup> for Advanced. Reach out to Sherry at sedgett50@gmail.com.

Speaking of riding, we are looking for help with planning our spring run. Discussions are in process of collaborating with CMA and the Ugly Bar in Montrose to support the food shelves on the Hwy 12 corridor.

A.B.A.T.E. University is fast approaching. Join us downstairs in the courtyard in our hospitality room on Friday and Saturday night.

Exciting news is upon us. Dial-A-Ride of Mn has offered up a Dial-A-Ride trailer for the chapter's use. If you have the room to store the trailer please reach out us at lakechpatermn@gmail.com.

Of note please be aware that our May meeting will be on Sunday again this year so that we can attend the Carver Run with Tri-County.

The chapter is currently seeking an enthusiastic individual passionate about our chapter to oversee the management of our chapter products. If this sparks your interest, please reach out to either April or Jim.

Officer elections have concluded. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who accepted the opportunity to serve the chapter.:

- \* President: April Murch
- \* Vice President: Jim Kosse
- \* Chapter Rep: Jim Kosse
- \* Treasurer: Cyndi Buttweiler
- \* Secretary: Sandy Bengtson
- \* Sgt at Arms:
- \* Dean Webb, Jim Bengtson, Mike Jencks, Tammie Webb, Randy Deters, and Keith May

Until next month my friends- Ride Free

- April



# ROLLING PRAIRIE

## Next Meeting (s):

April 4<sup>th</sup> Village Inn, LaSalle 3:00 pm committee  
 4:00 pm regular  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> time and location TBD

## Upcoming events:

April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> A.B.A.T.E. University Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> Washout St. James Rest Area  
 8:00-12:00 Adopt-a-Highway  
 1:00 -2:00 near Madelia

Hello Biker family,

I hope you all enjoyed our Chili Feed last month. I'm going to be shorter than normal this month as I am with a loved one in the hospital. Please be safe in all you do.

- Until next time, Giggles  
 rollingprairiechapter@abatemn.org

# SOUTHWEST

## Next Meeting (s):

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,  
 7:00 pm  
 Friday, May 1<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,  
 7:00 pm

Hope all elections go well, and let's keep the momentum going in a positive direction. Also hope Minnesota bikers were heard at Bikerday at the Capitol!

A.B.A.T.E. University is always fun. Hope many of you were able to attend, hear and share some biker tips and get educated!

Keep our Military folks and their families in your thoughts and prayers. We are living in some rather unusual and trying times. Enjoy life, be safe, and God Bless America!

- BAM

# **SOUTH CENTRAL**

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

Meetings Wednesdays at 7:00pm:  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, Shaggy's Bonfire - Litchfield  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, VFW - Hutchinson  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Neisen's Bar - Biscay

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

April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, FOOD DRIVE 10:00am - 2:00pm  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, DITCH CLEAN UP 6:00pm  
May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, SC SPRING FLING Bike Show  
2 DAYS, Litchfield Civic Arena  
Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, MEIS Burger Day,  
10:30am - 2:30pm  
Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, FUN RUN & Membership  
Drive, 10:30am registration

Our annual Spring Fling Bike Show is at the Litchfield Civic arena this year. Check out the flyer in this month's Road Noise. This is a 2 day event on May 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm, and May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm. Bike Registration will be Friday 4:00pm-8:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am.

Contact Angie Cairl to donate door prizes or for any questions at 320-221-5690.

Save the date for our annual Fun Run and Membership Drive on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 10:30am. Camping is available for all A.B.A.T.E. members.

Congratulations to our 2026 South Central officers:

President: Gina "Silverfoxx" Maningoine  
Vice-President: Mike Niece  
Chapter Rep: Doug Louris  
Treasurer: Noel "Christmas" Huggett  
Secretary: Tina "Screamer" Myllylangas  
Sgt @ Arms: Curt Schmitz, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Mike Voigt, Kevin "Shooter" Haugen, Grady Huggett, Dustin "FL" Lahr  
Hope to see all of you at A.B.A.T.E. University!  
- Ingrid Cohen

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## **WAY WEST**

**No Report Received**

## **BIKE OF THE MONTH**



**Young  
Riders  
getting  
started  
riding?**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
4/1/2026	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar, West Duluth	6:30 PM
4/1/2026	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/2/2026	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
4/2/2026	TriCounty Fundraiser Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
4/4/2026	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	
4/4/2026	Lake Chapter Meeting	S.O.S. Clubhouse, Cokato	3:00 PM
4/4/2026	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod Olson's, Mentor	4:00 PM
4/4/2026	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Village Inn, LaSalle, 3:00 pm Committee Meeting	4:00 PM
4/6/2026	Metro Meet and Eat	Welch's Big 10	4-8:00 PM
4/8/2026	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
4/10/2026	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Rob & Crystal's	7:00 PM
4/10/2026	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
4/11/2026	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	South Central Food Drive		10-2:00 PM
4/12/2026	Straight River Chapter Meeting	L&M, Dundas - Meet & Greet Following 1-4:00 pm	12:00 PM
4/12/2026	Up North Chapter Meeting	Moose Ladoge, Grand Rapids	1:00 PM
4/12/2026	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	11:00 PM
4/14/2026	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finns', Bager	6:00 PM
4/14/2026	Metro Chapter Meeting	VPW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/17/26	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/17/2026	Rally Committee Meeting	A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria	8:00 PM
4/18/26	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/18/2026	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
4/19/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Maverick's Bar & Grill, Beroun	1:00 PM
4/25/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Serceman Club, Blooming Prairie	3:00 PM
4/26/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
4/28/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Outlaw Saloon, Nassau	10:00 AM
5/1/26	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
5/2/26	36th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade	Mankato	12:00 PM
5/2/26	Borderland Chapter Meeting	The Hobo, Newfolden	4:00 PM
5/2/26	Borderland Chapter Membership Drive	The Hobo, Newfolden	5:00 PM
5/3/26	Blessing of the Bikes	Steele County Fairgrounds, Ride to follow	10:00 PM
5/3/26	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Bonicacius	3:00 PM
5/3/26	Road Guard Class		
5/6/26	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar, West Duluth	6:30 PM
5/6/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	VPW, Hutchinson	7:00 PM
5/7/26	Tri-County Carver Bike Run	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
5/9/26	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Island Park, St. Hilaire	11:00 AM
5/9/26	River Valley Spring Ditch Pick-up		
5/9/26	Rolling Prairie Adopt-a-highway	Madelia	1-2:00 PM
5/9/26	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	TBD	
5/9/26	Rolling Prairie Washout	St. James Rest Area	8-12:00 PM
5/10/26	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
5/10/26	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/10/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
5/10/26	Up North Chapter Meeting	VPW, Deer River	1:00 PM
5/16/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kurt & Alicia Wallace's House, 115 5th St SE, Geneva	4:00 PM

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/16/26	Flatlanders Chapter Washout	135 Northbound Welcome Center * Ride to follow	1:00 PM
5/16/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
5/16/26	South Central Spring Fling	Civic Center, Litchfield	
5/16/26	North East District Meeting	American Legion, Pine City	1:00 PM
5/17/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Bar & Grill, Brook Park	1:00 PM
5/17/26	South Central Spring Fling	Civic Center, Litchfield	
5/21/26	Motorcycle Safety Task Force	Hennipin Technical College (Eden Prairie)	5-7:00 PM
5/25/26	Memorial Day Parade	Owatonna	
5/29/26	Northwest 37th Annual Spring Ride in	Island Park, St.Hillaire	
5/30/26	Lake Chapter MC Training Class	Hennpenin Technical College, Brooklyn Park	
5/30/26	Northwest 37th Annual Spring Ride in	Island Park, St. Ride to follow	
5/31/26	Lake Chapter MC Training Class	Hennpenin Technical College, Brooklyn Park	
5/31/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Outlaw Saloon, Nassau	10:00 AM
6/3/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	Neisen's Bar, Biscay	7:00 PM
6/4/26	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
6/7/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
6/13/26	Meis Burger Day		10-2:30 PM
6/14/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Classic's Pub, Waterville	1:00 PM
6/20/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
6/20/26	South Central Fun Run & Membership Drive	Registration	10:30 AM
6/21/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Squirrel Cage Bar & Grill, Willow River	1:00 PM
6/25/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/26/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/27/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/28/26	Summer Hummer - ABATE of WI	ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI	
6/28/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Watson Sage Park, Watson	10:00 AM

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RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER



# 36th ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PARADE



**Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at 12:00 Noon**  
**PARADE STARTS AT 1:00pm**

**Join us in getting the message out to the motoring public  
that motorcycles are back on the roadways.**

*Rain  
or Shine!!*

**~ ALL Motorcyclist Invited To Attend ~**

*SPECTATORS  
WELCOME!!*

PARADE SCHEDULE

**12:00pm...Meet in the CITY OF MANKATO PUBLIC WORKS parking lot.  
(Corner of Victory Drive and Hoffman Road).**

**1:00pm...Kickstands up! Parade ends at 1:30pm at SYBLEY PARK.**

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION – NEW ROUTE THIS YEAR**  
**Same starting location – ending at Sibley Park.**  
**Hot dogs, chips, and pop available at the park.**  
**As always, this ride remains free!**

## MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN AFTER!

Parade Information Call: Erin Fredricks at 763-682-1532

Donation to American Bikers for Awareness Training & Education of MN are not tax deductible.

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

<b>BORDERLAND</b> Mike Solsten .....R	Karen Forcier .....R Caitlin Drever .....N	Garry /Sue Green .....R Jayada Green .....R Carla Smith .....N William / Diane Schreier ....R Don Drusch ..... N	<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Michael Brisson ..... N Aimee Schmidt .....N
<b>BUFFALO RIDGE</b> Lee Seiler ..... R	<b>GLACIAL RIDGE</b> Jeff Paul .....R John A Swanson ..... R	<b>NORTHEAST</b> Don Hanson .....R Juanita Puglisi .....N	<b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b> Robert Melin/ Lia Nistler .....R Ronald /Sherry Rolfes .....R Scott Karg .....R Badboyscustom .....R Kyle /Casey Moy ..... R Nikki Braunworth .....N Christopher R Paulson .....N Leonard/Sharon Ardolf .....R Mitch Fiskness .....R Kenneth /Janell Peterson ....R Andy Fisch .....Y Austin Anderson .....N Hannah Ruschera .....N Steven Gribas .....R
<b>EAST CENTRAL</b> Karen Semmler .....N Mike /Melissa Swafford .....R Jim LaSpisa .....R Wes Zastoupil .....R Paul Slettehaugh .....R Ren /Stacy Ladd .....R Mike DeVine .....R Brian D Fritche Sr .....N Mike Auman .....N Patrich /Christie O'Neil .....R Blair Good / Sudi Jannatpour .....N	<b>HEART OF THE LAKES</b> Tim "Edgar" /LeAnn Burke ...R Doug Feela .....R	<b>NORTHWEST</b> Shawn "Oggy" Carlson / Tiffany Jones .....R Kallie Hand .....R Roberto/ Katherine Ibarra ...N Chad Grindeland .....R Gary Johnsrud .....R	<b>RIVER VALLEY</b> Lori Sotebeer/ Bobby Sullivan .....R Dennis Noltee /Terri Fischer .R Tod Klotz .....R Jeff Bass ..... N Chris Gurrole ..... N George D Dummann ..... N Mick Sawyer ..... N Matthew / Brandy Foster ....N Matt Haberman .....R
<b>FLATLANDERS</b> John Knudsen .....R Scott /Kim Heilman ..... R Dean / Joleen Zilm ..... R Renee Perleberg ..... R Chad Majerus .....R Tony/Stacy Roe .....R Nathan Grausam .....N	<b>JACK PINE RIDERS</b> Bill /Tia Wilke .....R Bradley Giebel .....R	<b>ROLLING PRAIRIE</b> Alexus Asleson / Jesse Scharbach ..... R Curtis Eidhammer .....R	<b>STRAIGHT RIVR</b> John/Lorie St Clair .....R John Knudsen .....R
<b>FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS</b> Robert /Roxanne Hedine ....R Chris Senger .....R Nick /Kari Koos .....R Bradley A Collins .....R Joe Chisholm / Bobbi Joe Swim .....R	<b>LAKE</b> Danny / Laura Armstrong ...R David / Nancy Dibb .....R Jeremy /Kristin Kulla .....R Scott Bitzer / Christine Kalway .....R Neil /Patricia Herzberg .....R Kelly Bettendorff .....R Kevin Brase .....R Mark LePage .....R Colleen/Matthew Cox .....R Rod Quist .....R Stratos Starvianos .....N Mike / Mary Berger .....R Charlie /Jenny Cassell .....R Patrick /Mikette Caspers ....R Aaron Stume .....N Shad / Noma Skinner R	<b>SAND DUNES</b> Jeremy Black .....R	<b>TRI-COUNTY</b> Lynn Weidling .....R Terry / Lynn Anderson .....R
	<b>METRO</b> Karen Semmler .....R Christopher /Denise Green ..R		<b>WAY WEST</b> Keith Adelman .....R Michael Hanson .....R Dan Johnson .....R

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**If you sign up, SHOW UP!**

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# A.B.A.T.E OF MINNESOTA

## 2026 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 2026 State Rally, taking place **September 4-7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.**

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and growing, and our goal for attendance is 2,000 motorcycle enthusiasts. Our members proudly support the businesses who support them.

Partnering with us provides your business with generous recognition and advertising with your company name and logo published in our Road Noise magazine, state website, social media, and the Rally Program.

**Please note:** Sponsorships are not tax deductible as a charitable donation but may qualify as a business expense. Please consult your tax advisor.

### *Sponsorship Levels*

#### **DIAMOND SPONSORSHIP - \$3,000**

- Premier stage and band hub signage
- Full-page ad in our Rally Program
- 12 Complimentary Rally Tickets



#### **GOLD SPONSORSHIP - \$1,000**

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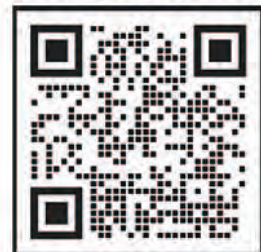
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- Business card ad in our Rally Program
- 1 Complimentary Rally Ticket



**GET READY TO BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!!! BECOME A SPONSOR!!!**

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**\*\*Minimum sponsorship would be \$200.**

*Thank you for your consideration.  
Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.*

# 2026 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally Sponsorship Form

## BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHOOSE YOUR SPONSORSHIP

Choose your sponsorship level:

- DIAMOND       GOLD  
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ENTERTAINMENT

Sponsorship Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Minimum \$200.00

How should we announce your name on stage?

How would you like to receive your tickets?

Mail tickets to Company Contact

• Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2026

Tickets at Will Call

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

• Identification will be required at Will Call

## SPONSORSHIP SUBMISSION OPTIONS

**By Mail:** Mail this form, fee, and a copy of your business card/logo to:

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**In Person:** Call your recruiting A.B.A.T.E. member to have them pick up your form, fee, and business card/logo:

Recruiting Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Online:** Scan the QR code on the reverse side to submit your form, fee, and business card/logo at our State website.

**Sponsorship Questions?** Contact Michelle 'Mitch' Backlund

**Phone:** 763-263-1532    **Email:** [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

For more information about A.B.A.T.E. visit [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)



# Royalty Pageant

*Moved to A.B.A.T.E. U*

**APRIL 18TH, 2026**

**Holiday Inn, Alexandria**

**We challenge each chapter to pick one male and one female, (MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED) for entry into the A.B.A.T.E. royalty pageantry.**

1. All rounds will be held Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at A.B.A.T.E. U in the Courtyard, after all breakout sessions and before the Banquet.
2. The King & Queen Nominees are judge by chapter, not individually.
3. Please dress for a pageant. Independent judges will determine whose 2nd Place, Runner up and 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**A.B.A.T.E. Royalty has a few specific duties to fulfill.**

1. The King and Queen are to wear their Crown and Sash the balance of A.B.A.T.E. U!
2. Attend three A.B.A.T.E. functions to include Anoka Halloween Parade A.B.A.T.E. Float and the 2026 State Rally , 2027 ABATE U
3. We ask, if attending Chapter Events, to sport your Sash and Crown.



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**\*Register at The Dog House Bar in historic Carver, MN starting at 10:30am**

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

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

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