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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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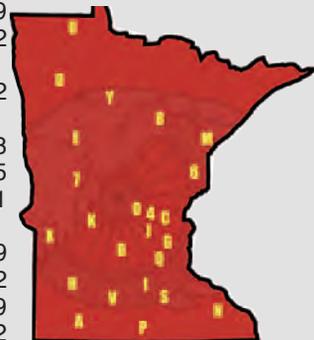
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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It looks like we're in store for an exciting year! With so much going on in the world around us, it is time for us to band together, listen to each other, support each other, and work on common goals.

Have you signed up for Heartland STEAM? Unlike A.B.A.T.E. University, there is a registration fee to attend this convention. Please register soon if you have not done so. The information is on our website and Facebook page. And don't forget to book your room, we need to fill all 147 rooms at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria for the weekend of March 20th-22nd. Spread the word - it is our turn to host this 7 state regional fundraiser for the MRF.

Several of our chapters have fundraisers coming up soon. Go out there and support them, you'll probably meet some new friends! (or catch up with people you haven't seen in a while)

Jane



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Well, we made it to February, which is a short month and winter will be over before we know it.

Sorry I missed the B.O.D. About 14 years ago when I started traveling south for a few weeks in the winter it started to grow on me and now Kristie and myself like to get away from the winters and spend most of it in Texas. We're having a great time riding and enjoying the nice weather.

Let's not forget, if you get a chance, take some time and make it to Bikerday at the Capitol. It's still very educational for myself. If you have a chance take one of your kids or grandkids with, they will enjoy the experience along with yourself.

And let's not forget about Heartland STEAM. They're planning a very informative event.

And A.B.A.T.E. U is full steam ahead. As always, it will be a great event.

It takes a lot of volunteering to put these events on and they enjoy doing it, so take some time get out and enjoy the events.

Thanks to everyone that helped put these two events on and everyone that steps up to help at all the events that go on in the course of the year, helping with everything. Without all the volunteers we would have nothing.

Till next time

Jim



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February brings more winter fundraisers. I hope you are able to attend some and help promote all the great things A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota does. And while doing this, let's sign up some new members. Our membership has decreased over the past few years and to keep this organization strong, we need more members. We also need to promote the Young Rider program to get some new ideas and younger members. We are getting closer to Spring, so keep the bikes ready to go. Hopefully it will be early this year.

Mitch



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s)

- February 21st, Eagles Club, 12:00 pm
- March 21st, Litchfield Eagles Club, 12:00 pm
- April 17th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm
- May 16th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- June 20th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- July 17th, July B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year's.

Here are some exciting developments about the 2026 State Rally which will be held from Friday, September 4th - Monday September 7th.

Great news, the sled pulls are coming back to the Rally! Huge thank you to Sylvester Nagel for doing this. Stay tuned for more details about the sled pull schedule. We hope this will be one additional item that will help increase attendance.

Family Night & Young Riders Rodeo will be held Thursday night September 3rd before the Rally officially starts, from 2:00 - 7:00 pm. 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. The Young Riders rodeo will be from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the back sled pulls area and they will serve hot dogs. We hope to also have young kids' yard-carnival games available as well. Visitors under 18 will be wrist-banded at registration free of charge and their guardian must remain with them at all times within the fairgrounds for safety reasons. The Rally committee will be busy doing setup work with equipment and stage setup, and we do not want any young visitors to get hurt. Please do not let young kids wonder around by themselves. If your chapter wishes to have additional kid-friendly activities at your own campsite during this time, feel free to do

so. We are inviting the food vendors to set up early this year, so we are hoping the food court will also be available from 2:00 to 7:00 pm during this event. Please try to help us create a kid friendly atmosphere during this time with respectable behavior. Everyone under 18 must leave the fairgrounds at 7:00 pm, no exceptions.

Advanced Rally tickets are already available to purchase online, \$40 single and \$60 couple. The deadline for online purchase is August 1st. Also discuss at your next meeting how many Rally advanced tickets your chapter would like to sell and contact Erin Fredricks at erinfredricks22@gmail.com by April 1st with that information. Those advanced tickets will be given to your Chapter Rep at A.B.A.T.E. University if they are requested.

By the time you read this, we will have picked the design for the t-shirt and flyer. The flyer will be ready for distribution by March 1st.

Do not forget to sign 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 17th at 8:00 pm. We will be taking a group photo!

That is all for now, as always keep those Rally suggestions coming to rally@abatemn.org.

Dougie
Rally Chair



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

February 17th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm
March 20th, Heartland STEAM, Alexandria, 2:00 pm
April 17th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Hello Everyone

As I was sitting and thinking about the past year, I started thinking about this position a year ago and if I was up for the challenge. Now looking back at this past year and no doubt it came with challenges and more times good and not so good times. Put it this way, it was all learning curves, but with every new advantage you learn as you go even if you make mistakes that is what makes us human.

I was looking at the gambling account from the past year and what we have done as an organization and this is what I came up with Medical Hardships totaled \$5,300 and donations totaled \$8,650, and winnings were at \$75,404 total in winnings. That is so impressive as an organization. The medical hardships mean a lot to the people receiving it. Donations have helped some outstanding causes. That shows who we are and gets people asking what we are and all about. I am looking forward to more chapters having raffles and more donation requests coming in.

Reminder to sell A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets and chapter credit deadline is April 4th.

— Angie

BIKERDAY

March 25,

2026



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Next Meeting(s):

February 11th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

There is not very much to report this month. I consider it the calm before the storm. The storm being the scholarship program launch on May 1st.

I do have a couple items of notes to share. First, now is the time to start planning chapter and district rider training events for the 2026 training season. Just as last year, pending approval of the budget in April there will be \$600 available to each of the four districts to reimburse rider training courses through our District Rider Training (DRT) program. We have done this in the last two years. As the word gets out and our membership has begun to understand how the DRT program works, we have seen increased participation. With its inception two years ago, only \$600 was reimbursed state-wide. Last year that number was increased to \$2,030. My goal is to have the entire \$2,400 that is budgeted used up in 2026. This equates to more riders trained in 2026.

Lastly, I submitted an Operations Manual change to our State Coordinator regarding the Education Chairperson section. Under the Budget subsection I requested there be a statement added that would prevent the Education Chair from approving rider training reimbursements from the Education budget without meeting minutes approving request for reimbursement. This simply means the Education Chair cannot sign off on the expense without a paper trail. Through transparency, this would allow the organization to track where and why the funds were spent. This language was not needed until the launch of the DRT program. That is all for now, I will check in next month.

"It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows." -Epictetus

— Jon



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Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Paynesville American Legion, Paynesville, 5:00 pm. As usual, our Board Meetings are open to anyone that would like to attend.

2025 came to an end with at least 57 motorcyclist/passenger fatalities and currently in 16 crashes, alcohol and/or other impairments were a factor (these numbers may change during further analysis by DPS staff). The good news is that the number of fatalities is down from 74 in 2024.

The newly elected Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride (McDAR) officers for 2026 are:

John Nelson - President

Bill Ernst - Vice President

Sharon Polman - Secretary

Linda Olson - Treasurer

Thanks to the outgoing officers and thank you to the new officers for stepping up.

In the fall of 2025, the Dial-A-Ride board passed two motions - one would allow an alternate phone number to be used to initiate a call for pick-up service with restrictions and prior board approval and the other change set up five smaller Dial-A-Ride districts throughout the state of Minnesota (similar to the district system used by A.B.A.T.E.) to increase Board of Director contact through the use of in-person meetings with individual supporting chapters and groups on a quarterly basis. Information about these changes were handed out to Chapter Reps at the January A.B.A.T.E. B.O.D.

McDAR representatives attended the Minnesota Wholesale Beer Association Annual Conference on January 29th in St. Paul.

We will be putting on a breakout class at Heartland STEAM meeting in Alexandria on March 20th - 22nd explaining to interested motorcyclists from other states how our program works. McDAR will have a booth at the Donnie Smith Bike show, March 28th - 29th at the Saint Paul River Centre.

2026 promotional Dial-A-Ride materials will be distributed at A.B.A.T.E. U to all of the participating A.B.A.T.E. chapters.

Remember - if your chapter is having a fundraiser or other type of event in 2026 and would like to have McDAR assist with sober cab services, reach out to President John Nelson to make arrangements.



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Hello,

Please, bring your totes to A.B.A.T.E. U if you did not bring them to January B.O.D.

Does your chapter have signage? Posters? Anything that you can put up for your meetings and where other than social media? People who ride or even those who do not but believe in what we are about, might want to join you but do not have social media or know where to find your page. I pay every month for a QR program, use me to make you one! I am happy to do it.

After elections, get your new officers into Zoho and everything else they may need. If you cannot get into your Zoho, please let me know, I can help. It does not take too long, usually lol.

Be safe, stay warm,

—Harmony



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February 8th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

March 8th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

April 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

Happy 40th Birthday to the Road Noise! 40 years of keeping members up to date with all State, Committee and Chapter news.

The Road Noise Committee needs everyones help with keeping the publication to 40 pages, please remember when writing your report to limit your article to the highlights of the news you want to share and only send 1-2 pictures. Use your meetings and Facebook pages for sharing more information and pictures. Thank You in advance for your help.

—Tammy



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In my recent internet search, I discovered one very important element. We are effectively implementing our strategies; we are doing everything we should be doing. However, a key factor in achieving our goals is to keep doing what we are doing. It is understandable to experience discouragement when progress seems slow, or we are spinning our wheels.

But are we spinning our wheels? Progress does not happen overnight. It takes time, it takes patience, and it takes persistence.

It is encouraging to see the strides we have made this year. The momentum we have built is a testament to our collective efforts. Moving forward, our focus should remain on strengthening our community. We must prioritize engaging existing members, attract new ones, and motivate current members to renew their commitment.

A.B.A.T.E. of MN provides a variety of programs designed to engage and foster meaningful connections among both new and long-standing members within our community.

- The Young Riders Program stands as a cornerstone, to train young riders.
- Through partnerships with the Heartland Steam states, we engage in collaborative environments, facilitating joint training sessions, and expanding our professional networks.
- A.B.A.T.E. U serves as a vital resource, providing comprehensive officer training and specialized programming.
- The Board of Directors meetings facilitate communication and collaboration between the state leadership and individual chapters.
- Recognizing the importance of skill development, numerous chapters generously offer motorcycle training classes at no cost to all riders, promoting safety, and competence.
- Our annual state rally provides opportunities for networking and relationship-building
- Bikerday presents a unique platform for legislative engagement, enabling us to build strong relationships with our legislators. Building upon

- the momentum of Bikerday, the Write to Ride program offers a sustained approach to nurturing these legislative relationships.
- Many chapters demonstrate their commitment to member appreciation through the implementation of various incentives.

Our 3rd quarter winners are as follows:

- Highest % of new members based on membership/\$500
1st Sand Dunes Tied Metro East Central Northeast
- Highest number of actual new members/trophy
1st Metro, 2nd South Central, 3rd Sand Dunes
- Highest % of new members based on membership/District Traveling Trophy
Metro, South Central, Straight River, Northstar

I am here for you. I am here to help. Until Next Month Friends- Together We Are Stronger

—April



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Biker Family,

As we prepare for another round of elections, I want to once again remind all Chapters that I prefer to receive a typed copy of your elected officials when it comes time to order badges and business cards via email (Products@abatemn.org). The form included in the paperwork is to be sent to the State Office as normal, but it makes it much easier for me to get the correct spellings of names and correct phone numbers and email addresses on your badges and business cards if you send me a typed copy.

I am working on finding new things for Heartland STEAM as well as A.B.A.T.E. University. If you have ideas or suggestions, please email me with your thoughts.

Stay safe,

—Kari



MRF REPORT

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At Meeting of the Minds 2025, our Legislative Priorities were set.

High Priority

- Autonomous Vehicles
- Crash Avoidance
- Data recording
- Definition of a Motorcycle
- Emission Regulations
- Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates
- Internal Combustion Engines
- Profiling
- Renewable Fuels
- Right to Repair/Modify
- Surface Transportation Reauthorization
- Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology

Medium Priority

- Lane filtering and/or Lane Splitting
- Taxes

Monitor Items

- Distracted Driving
- End of Life Directives
- EV Incentives
- Exhaust Systems

Please go to www.mrf.org for a full explanation of each item.

Registration for Meeting of the Minds 2026 is now open. Meeting of the Minds will be held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. Please contact me if you have questions.

— Shadow



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

April 12th Ugly Bar, Montrose at 11:00 am

Our committee last met on January 4th. We went over deposits, state and chapter bills, and fundraiser reports. We also looked over and approved the proposed budget for 2026.

Thank you to the committee for being flexible and working so well together.

— Kristy



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A throwback shout out to a few of our past Road Noise Editors. Mitch and Dawn. January 2000 Road Noise. Thank you ladies for all of your contributions.

—Gaida



STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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The State Office has been pretty slow, but this time of year it usually is. I have a couple of small requests, please don't send a post dated check in with your form, the bank will kick it back to me and that just messes all the weekly totals off. Next, please, send something in besides your check, this postcard fits into a small envelope, the label off of the Road Noise, the application off the back of the Road Noise works well too. If you are a multi Chapter member and they are both due, I have no idea what you are paying for.

My surgery that was scheduled for November was cancelled last minute, the new date is March 3.

Keep on keepin on!

— Shelly

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

This page of comments was shared with the motorcycle community many years ago. I believe it was the late 1980s or early 1990s but what it says still rings true today. Please read it carefully, think about what it says and then make a decision, should we give the control to those that oppose us or do our part. It's our government, let's step up and own it, let's make it the best it can be? How you say? Participate! Write and or talk to legislators, know who supports our position and when the time comes cast your vote accordingly and be sure to attend "Bikerday at the Capitol", March 25th, 2026 you can make a difference.

Your A.B.A.T.E. of MN Legislative Team

NEIGHBOR, YOU ARE INVOLVED IN POLITICS!!!

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT AS YOU GET OUT OF BED, THAT THE MATTRESS YOU HAVE BEEN SLEEPING ON HAS IT'S CONTENTS REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS. A BUREAU CONTROLLED BY THE CONGRESS, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

THINK WHILE YOU ARE EATING YOUR BREAKFAST, THAT THE FOOD BEFORE YOU HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, WHOSE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

WHEN YOU FILL YOUR VEHICLE WITH GAS, THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOUR GASOLINE TAXES ARE SET BY YOUR STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

THIS ONE SHOULD SHAKE YOU UP A BIT. ALL CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE HIRED BY PEOPLE YOU CAN ELECT.

WHEN YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL, THE TEACHERS, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT ARE CONTROLLED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

EVEN YOUR EVENINGS OF WATCHING T.V. IS REGULATED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WHOSE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

THE VERY ROADS THAT YOU USE TO GET TO WORK AND SCHOOL ARE CONTROLLED BY A HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

THE AIR YOU BREATHE, THE WATER YOU DRINK, ALL THE LAND AROUND YOU, ARE CONTROLLED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION, THE DIRECTOR OF WHICH IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT. WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

YOUR CASTLE, THE HOME YOU LIVE IN, THE PROPERTY TAXES ARE ESTABLISHED BY CITY, COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

IF YOU ARE WORKING, THE WORKPLACE SAFETY STANDARDS ARE CONTROLLED BY O.S.H.A., A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WHOSE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

IF YOU ARE LAID OFF FROM YOUR JOB, OR ARE OFF DUE TO OCCUPATIONAL INJURY, YOUR UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORKERS COMPENSATION ARE CONTROLLED BY YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

AND IF YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO RETIRE, YOUR MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ARE SET BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, WHOM YOU CAN ELECT.

AND YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE INVOLVED IN POLITICS. THINK AGAIN. AS YOU NOTICED THROUGHOUT THIS ARTICLE, I USED THE WORD CAN ELECT INSTEAD OF DO ELECT. THE FACT THAT THESE PEOPLE WHOM YOU CAN ELECT OR REJECT SIMPLY BY GOING TO THE POLLS AND VOTING, CONTROL TOO MANY ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES, FOR US NOT TO BE INVOLVED. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSE FOR ANYONE TO NOT BE POLITICALLY INVOLVED. IT IS OUR LIVES AND FREEDOMS THAT ARE BEING COMPROMISED, AND ONLY A PURE FOOL SHOULD ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, WHEN IT IS SO EASY TO TAKE CONTROL. THE TIRED OLD EXCUSE "IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE ANYWAY" IS SIMPLY A WAY TO CONVINCE YOURSELF TO DO NOTHING. IF YOU ADMIT THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM, THEN YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT TO CHANGE IT. THIS COUNTRY DEPENDS ON YOUR INVOLVEMENT TO FUNCTION.



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



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Hello!

We have plans in progress for the Young Riders Bike Rodeo the Thursday of the Rally. Still lots of details before anything is finalized, but the committee has started.

I'm headed to the ice races near me to chat with some of the youth there. South Haven and Gray Eagle. I'm also promoting at a nonprofit event in Glenwood. So that should be fun.

What's on your agenda for Young Riders? Don't forget to mention the contest! www.facebook.com/youngriders_mn

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

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

You can become a Young Rider Supporter!

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

WRITE TO RIDE

FRANK ERNST
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To all of our people that took part in Write 2 Ride (W2R) in 2025, **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to those that made an effort, thanks to those that communicated with legislators, thanks to those that make a difference. Your participation in the process to protect our freedom and improve conditions for motorcyclists is appreciated. **THANK YOU** from A.B.A.T.E. of MN. — *frank*

We just had our monthly ZOOM meeting. NCOM plans to be the umbrella under which all motorcycle groups can gather. Those groups include: SMRO's, MRF, COIR, COC's and PROC. As I write this (Jan. 7th), several members of NCOM are heading to the PROC - MC Professional Convention in New Orleans. This is their 22nd annual event where they have approximately 3000 attendees and fill 2 hotels! Can you imagine what the atmosphere will be like at that convention? Next month I will be able to report on what those NCOM members learned while attending. (No, I am not able to attend this one.)

The monthly NCOM newsletter should be up and running soon. I will publicize the information for signing up to receive it as soon as they are ready to send it out.

— *Jane*



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Next Meeting(s):
March 19th, location TBD, 5:00-7:00pm

Our next task force meeting is less than a week away, so I don't have a whole lot of information to share. I continue to check the Secretary of State website hoping for an update reflecting membership appointment, but that has yet to happen. I did receive the ad insert that comes with the tab renewal notification and hopefully you did too. Rider training course schedules are now available online if you are interested in taking a course this year. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to get back to scraping floor boards at 10 MPH. I'll have a lot more information in the next report. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

— *Jon*



Webmaster Report

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Committee Chairs & Coordinators:

If you're responsible for receiving information—such as sponsorship forms, applications, or donation notices—please make a habit of checking your junk or spam folder. Several automated emails from the website are being filtered, and we don't want you to miss anything important.

Membership Renewals:

I've also received reports that some members are unable to click the Submit button when renewing online. This usually happens when the form isn't fully completed. Please scroll all the way down and finish each required field. Once everything is filled out, the button will activate and the renewal will go through.

Thank you all for your patience and for helping keep our digital side running smoothly. If you run into any issues or notice something that needs attention, feel free to reach out to webmaster@abatemn.org



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April 17th - 19th

Holiday Inn, 5637 MN - 29, Alexandria, MN 56303
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Reservations are OPEN!!

Only call the number above and ask for the room block under A.B.A.T.E University for April 17th, 2026 weekend.

Keep collecting and putting things together for the auction. We will be having a silent and live auction. If you need to send your auction items with someone else before A.B.A.T.E U, please contact your District Director.

There will be a Banquet Saturday evening. You will be able to pick your meal and pay on our website.

T-shirts will be pre-order only at \$20 each! You will be able to do this on our website.

We will be having some Young Riders events going on Saturday from 11 am - 1 pm. Lunch will be provided for the Young Riders.

Continue selling those raffle tickets for both Friday and Saturday night raffles!

NEW this year! We are moving the King and Queen pageant to A.B.A.T.E University.

Watch Facebook for any updates! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks,

— Stephanie



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No Report Received:

BIKE OF THE MONTH

The Blue Devil

2014 Tri-Glide Ultra
Fred Pawelk
East Central Chapter

It has 52,000 miles with blue metallic paint, tons of chrome and under frame blue lighting. I love the way the Blue Devil rides and a bonus,

Deb loves to ride in the princess chair! This is a fun Trike to be cruising on.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Under My Wings Professional Services, LLC

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Suz is the founder and driving force behind Under My Wing — a small, community-based business rooted in compassion, professionalism, and personalized care.

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- She has been a member of the Lake Chapter for many, many years.



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State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN

STATE COORDINATOR

Thank you for the confidence in nominating me for one more year as your State Coordinator. If elected, this will be my 8th year in this office. Together, we have done some amazing things. I enjoy traveling to meetings and events to engage with our members and meet people. See you soon!
— Jane Doyle

My Fellow Biker Enthusiasts,

I am writing this article as I have been nominated to be your next State Coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. of MN. This will be my 16th year. as a member of A.B.A.T.E. of MN and over that time I have served as a Sergeant At Arms for one year, a Vice President for two years, a Chapter Representative for three years, and the Northeast District Director for three terms, of which I currently hold the office. In addition to my A.B.A.T.E. of MN experience. I have also served A.B.A.T.E. of WI where I am starting my 19th year as a member. I filled a vacated seat as an Area Representative (Chapter VP) and then was elected to a two-year term as Regional Representative (Chapter President) covering three counties based in Superior. I am starting my 18th year as a member of the MRF, and my 4th year as a member of the AMA. I feel that A.B.A.T.E. of MN is ready for a change and fresh ideas and I think I have the background to do just that. I will have a competent Brother to run as my Assistant Coordinator in Stan Nordahl, current Chapter Representative of the Up North Chapter. We both look forward to serving this great organization, with everything we can muster to give to it.

Please join us in making this dream a reality.
— Kent “Pedro” Verner

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN

SE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Thank you for the nomination of Southeast District Director! Most of you already know me, but here it goes. I’ve been a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota since November of 2014. I’ve been a Chapter Rep, Secretary, Membership & Retention Chair, State Rally assistant, and currently SW District Director & State Office Admin. I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election, thank you for your time!

— Shelly Deutsch

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN

ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR

Good day brothers and sisters,
I am writing this article. I have been asked to run alongside State coordinator Kent Verner as his Assistant State Coordinator. I have 14 years experience as an A.B.A.T.E. member. During this time frame I have held offices of Sergeant of Arms, and the past several years I have held the office of Chapter Rep for the Up North chapter. I currently hold dual memberships in both local chapters in my area. I have past leadership skills as a 3 year Eagles of Grand Rapids President along with several years on the board. I am looking forward to running alongside Kent and as we look forward to serving this organization. I feel the 2 of us will bring fresh ideas and both open minds to the organization. I feel both of our passions and drive to fight for the rights of the needs of A.B.A.T.E. of MN and look forward to serving you in this position.

Help us make this dream a reality!

— Stan Nordahl

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN

STATE TREASURER

I want to thank everyone for their support over the years. I have accepted the nomination for State Treasurer for the last time. This next year will be my 30th year as State Treasurer and it is time for a change. If anyone wants more information on the positions of State Treasurer and Bookkeeper, let me know.

— Mitch

State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN

SW DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Hello to everyone in the SW District and the state. I'm Naomi McVay and on Facebook my last name is Grosz (maiden name) and sometime in the future, either near or far, it will be Hilden. I started with the A.B.A.T.E. of SD in the Rushmore Chapter of Rapid City in 2018 and when I moved back to East River SD in 2019 I had the privilege to get to know the Way West Chapter and eventually became a member. Since that time there's been a move into MN and have had the honor to serve as a Sergeant of Arms and a Chapter Representative. I look forward to the new venture within the A.B.A.T.E. community and intend to serve the chapters in the SW District the best that I can.

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN

NE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Thank you to Liz Ovick from Jack Pine Riders for the nomination as NorthEast District Director. I went to my first A.B.A.T.E. of MN meeting in 1987. I was a charter member of the Whitetail Chapter and held multiple officer positions within Whitetail chapter (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Rep.) Before becoming Northeast District Director back in the mid-90s the position I held for 3 years. For the past 10 years I have been East Central Chapter Rep, and sit on many A.B.A.T.E. of MN committees (A.B.A.T.E. U, Rally, Heartland Steam 2026) I am looking forward to working with the members of the Northeast District. I am going to try to make your chapter meetings or events over the next couple of months but as we all know Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate this time year.

— Thank you, Tim Jensen

Look whats moving to A.B.A.T.E. U

ABATE ROYALTY PAGEANT

Details will be available at your next Chapter Meeting

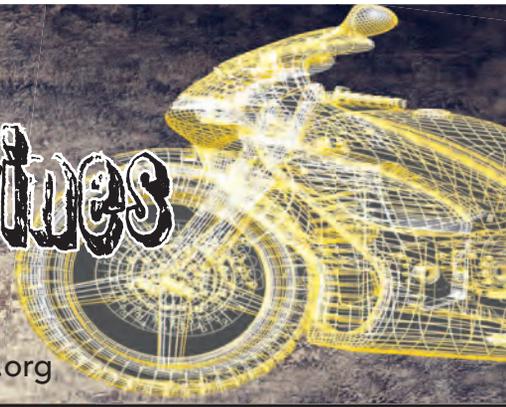
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NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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By the time you are reading this article, the January B.O.D. has taken place and the Executive Board nominations hopefully are complete. I said "hopefully" as there are some positions that, as far as I know, are not filled. The first round of chapter nominations should have taken place. I was at a NE District chapter meeting yesterday and they filled all the offices on the first round. The second round of chapter nominations are coming up. So, if your chapter is short of head table officers, please, please step up. It's not that hard and there are a ton of resources to help you to do the job. Please support the elected members. They are all volunteers and are doing their best to administer to the chapters and the organization as a whole. Watch them and learn from them so you can feel confident in putting up your name next year.

It is definitely winter, so riding is out of the question. Plan on attending some chapter fundraisers. I cannot stress this enough that your support at an event may make the difference between that chapter making it another year or not. More than one chapter in our district is in trouble, personnel, and funds. New member numbers are increasing but we need to focus on the renewals also.

In March we will be hosting Heartland STEAM. We do this once every seven years, and it is very worthwhile. Bikerday at the Capitol is approaching and registration is available on line for both events. April brings A.B.A.T.E. U. Another must if you are an active member of our organization. A Board of Directors meeting will take place along with fundraisers and seminars. Mark your calendar for all three. Hope to see you there. Spring cannot come soon enough for me.

— Pedro

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

February 8th, The Getaway, 5:00 pm

The new year is upon us. I hate to be the person who says the years go by faster every year. But the years do go by faster every year. My youngest is 22 this year and I still remember his birth... and it feels like it was last week.

With Valentine's Day coming soon, don't forget to get your significant other a special gift. Something that says "I love you and I appreciate you." Amy is getting something really special this year, an oil change kit AND a promise to change her oil. I also got my Chieftain a new windshield and seat this year. Love is Love.

It is only a few months from the riding season. I

am already.

– Burn Miles not Time, Doug Hall

UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

February 15th, Eagles, Grand Rapids, 1:00 pm

Hello everyone.

We have a fundraiser coming up on February 21st at the Eagles in Grand Rapids. If any chapter would like to donate items for our live and silent auction, please get ahold of Stan, chapter rep, or Chris Park, chapter president. Hope to see you all there.

– Angie Morberg

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 1st, Triple R, Kimball, 12:00 pm
(Nominations will take place during this meeting)
March 8th, VFW East, St. Cloud, 12:00 pm
(Voting happens at this meeting)
April 12th, Trobecs, St. Stephens, 12:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):

March 28th, Easter Hog Roll, SALS, St. Joseph,
1:00 - 4:00 pm
May 30th, 3rd Annual Ride for Terebinth

A special thank you to SALS in St. Joseph for hosting our January meeting and Holiday party. Central Chapter is excited to host our First Easter Hog Roll. This is a free family event. We will have Ham Bowling, the Easter bunny, kid and adult egg hunt. Look for the event and keep up on the details on our Facebook page: A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Central Chapter

3rd Annual Ride for Terebinth Ride and Auction is scheduled for May 30th. Mark your calendars for this great time for a great cause!

We had our Holiday party after our January meeting. It was such a fun time. We played the white elephant game and just spent time with each other. Thank you to Chad and Jen H for making it all happen.

At the February meeting nominations will take place. So, if you would like to support the chapter by running for a position or nominating someone, come on out to this meeting to do so. The March meeting will be voting for officer positions. If you would like to vote but cannot make it you can request an absentee ballot from the State. Those need to be requested by Feb 8th!

– Until next month, Ling and Cowboy

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

February 10th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 2nd, Meet and Eat, Welch's Big 10, 4:00 to 8:00 pm
March 15th, Brunch at Route 47, 8:00 am to Noon
March 14th, St Pattys Warm Up, 6:00 to 10:00 pm
March 28th - 29th, Donnie Smith Bike Show

I don't know about you, but I know I have the winter blues. Seeing all the snow and ice and waiting for spring to pull out the bikes again. But just because the weather is cold does not mean that there is nothing going on. In fact, this is the perfect opportunity to see our A.B.A.T.E. family. As you all know Bikerday at the Capitol is quickly approaching. Have you registered yet? I know I have. This is the perfect opportunity to speak about biker rights with those in government. These issues affect us all so let's get a big showing and get our voices heard! Can't wait to see you there on March 25th!

Here at Metro, we are putting together a few events you do not want to miss! Our annual St. Pattys Warmup is quickly approaching! March 14th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at Route 47 in Fridley! Presale tickets are available through any officer. \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door gets you free tap beer, soda, a burger basket, selfie station, bake sale, silent and live auction, and music from Pandemic Rocks! Plus, you get to hang out with your friends over in Metro! This event is not one you wanna miss so get those presale tickets now and prepare for shenanigans!

Have you ventured to the cities for the Donnie Smith bike show lately? On March 28th and 29th Metro will be hosting an A.B.A.T.E. booth at one of the largest bike shows in Minnesota. The booth has been getting updates over the last year and we cannot wait to show it off to you! Metro will be there to help educate about A.B.A.T.E. and our mission. We signed up new members last year and plan to sign up even more this year! Stop down and support the vendors and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota!

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

February 4th, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm
March 4th, Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 14th, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon



Hello all,

It's almost Valentine 's Day already. Winter seems to be flying by, which suits me fine.

Somehow, I missed attaching the picture from our Christmas white elephant giveaway so I've attached it this time around.

Not much to report at the moment. We're starting the planning for our annual Bunwarmer fundraiser event. We have a date, location, and band

Northeast "White Elephant" Party.

arranged. The River Inn in Scanlon on March 14th with Virgil Caine providing the music. We'll have more details such as room blocks and food specials in future Road Noise articles as well as social media.

Here's to days getting warmer and longer soon.

– Ride safe, Ed

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 15th, Bogey's on Main, Hinkley, 1:00 pm
March 15th, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, 1:00 pm
April 19th, Mavericks Bar and Grill, Beroun, 1:00 pm
May 17th, Marge's Bar and Grill, Brook Park, 1:00 pm
June 21st, Squirrel Cage Bar and Grill, Willow River, 1:00 pm
July 19th, Village Bar and Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm
August 16th, Endzone Bar and Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm

It's time again for officer elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the February meeting. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 17th 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

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 1st, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am

March 1st, American Legion, St Francis, 10:30 am

April meeting TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

February 7th, East Central's Valentines Heart-On,

American Legion, St. Francis, 1:00-5:00 pm

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

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hey All!

It's February and you know what that means? It means you might still be hung over from the Grounded Hogs party and you're getting ready to go to our Valentines Heart-On party this weekend. Hope to see you all there. February also means that Bikerday is right around the corner. We should be getting to know who our elected officials are and let them know we would like to meet them. Please make plans to go to St Paul on March 25th. This is our single biggest opportunity to show we care about our rights and safety to the people who make our laws. The more people the louder the message, so let's show up for our

organization.

There are many things happening right now, including chapter and state elections. Nominations are under way with the election coming in March. We have some wonderful people that have joined our organization lately who have some great ideas. We really need these folks to keep this thing we call A.B.A.T.E. rolling, so make sure you welcome in your new members. You never know when a wonderful friendship will form and they may want to bring their friends.

Don't forget Heartland STEAM coming up as well. This is where we get together with our neighboring states and share knowledge through seminars and social interaction. It's a great time to get together and see what others are up. To share ride stories as well as seminars in team strengthening and building. If nothing else, a great weekend getaway with other bikers with spring just around the corner. It's a good time, so sign up!

East Central will be pulling together a Road Guard course this spring. So let us know if you're interested before April. The date will be May 3rd and we will require a deposit for a spot.

That's all for now. 'til next time, Shiny side UP!

– President Jim

A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota Central Chapter

Easter Hog Roll Event

Saturday, March 28th - 1 - 4pm

Sal's Bar and Grill - St. Joseph, MN

Open to the Public -

Join us for a FREE, Family-Friendly celebration.

- Easter Bunny will be available to take personal photos.
- Free Egg Hunt for Kids & Adults
- Ham Bowling (Roll a strike - win a Ham!)
Adults: \$5 roll 3 Rolls for \$10
Kids (10 & under) \$2 roll or 3 rolls for \$5
(Prizes for all participants)
- Chicken Strip Basket Special

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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No report received.

— Virgil

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

February 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

March 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 21st, River Valley A.B.A.T.E. 3rd Annual Social

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol (1:00 pm -5:00 pm)

Hello all!

February is here – another month down and one step closer to riding season! Most of us are ready for winter to be done, so stay warm and keep thinking spring.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our January Thaw Dance happen – from the committee for all their hard work, to everyone who attended and supported the fundraiser. It's always great catching up with friends, old and new.

The second round of officer nominations is upon us, and we encourage anyone interested to step up and get involved. The February meeting will be your last chance to accept a nomination and have your name placed on the ballot for our March elections.

BIKERDAY at the Capitol is March 25th. Take the day off work, meet your representatives, and make your voice heard. Never been? This is one of the most powerful ways to protect our freedoms. Register at

abatemn.org, wear your leather, and let's pack the rotunda!

Get ready for our 3rd River Valley Social Gathering – Saturday, February 21st, 2:00-5:00 pm at Pub 500 in Mankato. Come hang out and get to know your fellow riders outside of meetings and events.

We welcome current members, former faces, and anyone curious about joining A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Expect great laughs and even better company – don't miss out on the fun! Everyone's welcome, so bring a friend or two.

Have you reserved your spot for A.B.A.T.E. University? April 17th-19th at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Learn, connect with members from all Chapters, and have fun! Call (320) 763-6577 to make reservations.

A big thanks to our new and returning members! Don't forget to bring a friend to meetings and events, sign up a rider, and let's grow our family of road warriors while keeping our voices loud and our roads free!

Check Road Noise and our Facebook page for off-season events – there's plenty to see, do, and support!

Stay positive –spring and our first rides are just around the corner!

– Big D, President

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 21st, George's of Geneva, Geneva, 2:00 pm
March 21st, Eagles Nest (Eagles), Albert Lea,
2:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Bikerday at the Capitol, March 25th, St. Paul, 1:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders

The Minnesota statewide precinct caucuses for 2026 were scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 pm. These meetings were run by the political parties, not the government, and they were the first step in a process where parties were able to:

- Discuss issues and ideas to include in the party's platform
- Choose volunteers to organize political activities
- Select delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions

Hopefully you took the opportunity to attend to see how things are run and maybe even participate. With everything that is happening in our state right now, the best thing we can do is get involved, learn as much as we can and be a voice for positive change.

Nominations for Chapter Officer positions will be taken again this month with voting in March. If you are curious about a position, ASK so you can find your answers. If you want to run for a position, have someone nominate you or nominate yourself! At the end of the day, we need to fill the seats of the officers positions in order to continue to run this chapter as effectively as we have over the year! One thing to remember, even if you don't think you're ready or you are unsure, you have the help of every pre-existing officer to help you! So do not be afraid to Step Up!!

The other item I want to touch on is Bikerday at the Capitol. This is our day to make a difference and influence change. Registration is open, so log in and get your name on the list whether you know if you can go or not. Buses have been set up so all you have to do is drive to the meet location and get on the bus. All too often those who do not participate are the first to speak about things they do not like or agree with...Do not be that person, come with us, meet your Legislators

and Senators and share your concerns with them. Again, I cannot say it enough, this is OUR DAY to INFLUENCE and effect CHANGE!! Hope to see you all there.

"You cannot say you want to protect the rights of motorcyclists and not be willing to step up and participate" - Anonymous.

– Peace, Love and Hugs, Michele Legried

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

February 5th, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
Fundraiser meeting 6:30 pm
March 5th, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska 7:00 pm
Membership committee meeting 6:15 pm
Fundraiser meeting 6:30 pm
April 9th, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska 7:00 pm
Fundraiser meeting 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 20th-22nd Heartland STEAM, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, see Road Noise ad for more info
March 25th, Bikerday at Capitol
April 17th-18th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Happy February

I'm sure all you two-wheel (or three) bikers are waiting for this winter to be over.... But in the meanwhile....there's lots of events going on with your A.B.A.T.E. friends! Check out the Road Noise for upcoming events to get you out of the house and boost your spirits!

Speaking of events.... Our chapter voted to reimburse a TriCounty member in good standing (meaning attended all meetings the last 12 months) \$100 if they attend any National Conference.. Meeting of the Minds, Bikers in Beltway, Heartland STEAM... for the first time. Also, our chapter will reimburse \$500 to a member who attends the Bikers in the Beltway in May for the first time that are in good standing too!

A membership committee will have the first meeting at 6:15 pm prior to the fundraising meeting in March. Start thinking of ways we can increase our membership numbers!

Chapter officer elections were had at end of meeting. Thanks to all who accepted the nominations! And thanks again for the 2025 officers!! We have the best!!

– Over and Out, Ger

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

February 15th, VFW, Rochester, 1:00 pm (*note time change*)

March 15th, VFW, 1:00 pm

April 19th, VFW, Rochester, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 19th-21st, Heartland STEAM, Alexandria

March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

March 28th, SELC Spring Party, Stewartville Legion,
4:00 - 8:00 pm

April 17th-19th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Greetings: Well here we are again. Only about 7 days until Spring and riding season. Can't wait.

We are planning a spring party for March 28th at the Stewartville Legion from 4-8. This is our chapter fundraiser. We will have food (potluck), music, silent auction, and a bake sale. Come and celebrate spring finally arriving with us. On that note, we need silent auction items, bake sale items, and potluck items. We need the chapter to help us out with these items.

As you may have noted, starting with the February meeting, we will be changing the meeting times. It was brought to our attention that the current time falls during church time and many members and future new members are not able to come to the meetings due to being in church. We are hoping this later time brings more members to our monthly meetings.

Terry still has tickets for the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. They are \$100/ticket with several prize chances. There will be a raffle on both Friday night and Saturday night. Contact Terry for tickets or come to the February and March monthly meetings as Terry will have the tickets there.

Don't forget about Bikerday at the Capitol. We need to fill those buses and the Rotunda. We need to let the legislators know we are watching them and make our concerns heard. The bus ride is free and for our chapter and the bus will pick us up in Rochester. You do not need to be a member to go to this event. Registration is open on the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website. Registration is so appointments can be made to meet with your Senator and Representative. This event is free and open to the public so bring lots of friends and relatives.

Heartland STEAM is fast approaching and planning is going well with just a few last minute things to tie up. Registration for this is also open. The cost is

\$50/person and T-shirts are also for sale for \$20/shirt (pre-order only). This is open to all A.B.A.T.E. members so come and check it out. This should be quite educational as there will be 6 other states there and we will get to hear what is going on in their states.

It was announced at our December meeting that Terry will be stepping down as secretary after almost 6 years in the position. Seth Hall, our president also announced that he is stepping down as president for personal reasons effective immediately. At this time Rick Panek (vice president) is stepping into this position until after officer elections in March. At this time the chapter is looking for a President, Vice President (?), and secretary, Tom will continue as treasurer unless someone else would like to take on this task then he will gladly step aside. Terry will continue as chapter rep for at least one more year. If you or anyone you may know is interested in any of these positions, please come to the meetings so you can be nominated and put on the March ballot. If we don't get anyone to step up, then I fear the chapter will fold which is quite sad.

I think that's all for this month. See you at the monthly meetings.

– Terry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

February 8th, The Box Car, Waseca, 1:00 pm

March 8th, Legion, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

* Elections

Upcoming Event(s):

Straight River Chili feed/contest February 21st,

Elk's Lodge There is a \$150 fee to hold event there (allows children into event)

Happy New Year! I hope you brought in the new year happy and healthy with the ones you love. I for one am tired of the snow and wind. I am looking forward to wind therapy, sooner than later!

We are also planning a Meet & Greet in April. More details to come next month.

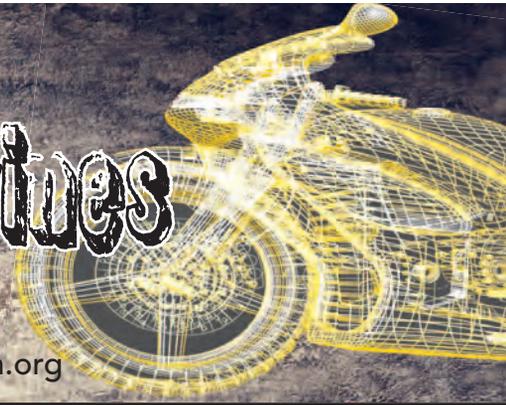
Looking forward to seeing you all at A.B.A.T.E. U in April!

Take care!

– Mike Smith, Straight River President



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines



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I hope everyone survived the New Year Celebration! Here we are in February, right in the middle of elections & so many events coming up. There is still time to get on your chapter ballot to run for a position! So many chapters are struggling to fill the head table, this is a good time to try your hand at a leadership position!

We have so many chapter events going on, check out the calendar of events out in the Road Noise.

March is going to be a busy month, I have my neck surgery on the 3rd, Heartland STEAM is the 20th-22nd, and Bikerday is the 25th. I will be attending all of these events, even after having a major surgery, I hope to see you all there too!

Until next time, *Shelly*

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th, The Village Inn, LaSalle,
Committee 3:00 pm, Regular 4:00 pm
March 7th TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

March 14th, VFW, St. James, Chili Feed
5:00 - 8:00 pm
March 20th-21st, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,
Heartland STEAM

Hello Biker family,

Advanced Chili Feed tickets are available from members or by calling Kari at 507-830-0644. They are \$12 each or \$15 at the door. Chili will be served from 5-8pm and the Silent Auction goes until 8pm. Come try various chilis and see what finds you can purchase off our silent auction.

Other than our Chili Feed, we are trying to stay healthy, getting ready for all the fun things we have planned this summer.

- Stay safe, Giggles

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

February 18th, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 3:30 pm
March 11th, Dave's Muscle Cars, 3:30 pm

Nominations for Chapter Officers will be taking place in February, so if you are a member of the Buffalo Ridge Chapter and want to be an active part of the chapter please consider coming to the February meeting.

We will be keeping our meetings listed on Facebook, so please follow our page.

Bikerday registrations are due March 5th. Stay warm and SAFE out there!

- Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treas.

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th Marcia's Bar, 6:00 pm
March 7th, Paynesville Legion, 3:00 pm
April 4th, Marcia's Bar

Upcoming Event(s):

March 7th, Biker Prom, Paynesville Legion, 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Planning our Memorial Weekend camp out. We have so much fun at these. We go on rides, eat lots, went fishing last year, Hives and I did pretty well. Prom is coming up! Biker theme, \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. We hope to see you there!

- Harmony, President

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Red Lodge, Waverly (Election Meeting) 3:00 pm

April 4th, S.O.S Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

May 2nd, Missile Park, St Bonifacius, 3:00 pm

Thank you to Choo Choo Bar for hosting our January meeting.

The 2025 Member of the Year award was presented to the incredibly worthy Maureen O'Hern. We are thrilled to recognize her outstanding leadership and her significant contributions to the chapter this year. We thank you for your dedication and service to the chapter.

Both Bikerday and Heartland STEAM are fast approaching. You can register online for both of these events. Don't forget to reserve your room for Heartland STEAM. If you are unable to attend Bikerday the chapter has drafted two letters that you can send to your Representatives.

We are looking at dates at the end of May or the middle of June for rider training classes. Stay tuned so you can register for these free training opportunities.

A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets are available for purchase. This year there are two drawings offering you fantastic opportunities to win amazing prizes. You can either purchase tickets for yourself or sign out some to sell. Your participation will directly contribute to funding our gambling account.

The chapter is seeking enthusiastic individuals to fill two key roles: a dedicated Membership Coordinator to manage our growth efforts and someone passionate about our chapter to oversee the management of our chapter products. If either of these positions spark your interest, don't hesitate to reach out to either April or Jim.

We are exploring the possibility of an online platform to sell our chapter products. We are in the planning stages and anticipate having more details soon, so stay tuned for updates! Chapter calendars are in and going fast. If you haven't got one and want one contact Jim Kosse.

The first round of officer nominations has



concluded. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the nominees. The 2nd round of nominations will take place at our February meeting which will be held on January 31st. If you need an absentee ballot please reach out to Shelly at the State Office no later than February 10th. If you are attending the March voting meeting please bring your A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota membership card to the meeting.

The nominees are: President: April Murch, Vice President: Jim Kosse, Chapter Rep: Todd Riba, Treasurer: Cyndi Buttweiler, Secretary: Sandy Bengtson, Sgt at Arms: Dean Webb, Jim Bengtson, Mike Jencks, Tammie Webb, Randy Deters, Keith May, and Chris Paumen.

Thank you to our 2026 Grounded Hogs Sponsors:

Platinum: Frederick Creek Sheet Metal

Super Gold: Bizter Garage Door Repair

Gold: Dale Morin, Buzz and Karen Plante, Tri-County A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota, Family Counseling Center, Lake Bowl, Thirsty Buffalo, Smoker, Mike Jencks, Cyndi Buttweiler and Jim Kosse

Silver: Cosmos Motorcycle Supply, Gaida Trout

Until next month my friends- Ride Free!

– April

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

Meetings Wednesdays at 7:00pm:
February 4th SOS, Cokato
March 4th Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield
April 1st Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield
May 6th VFW, Hutchinson

Upcoming Event(s):

March 20th-22nd, Heartland STEAM
Holiday Inn, Alexandria
March 25th, Bikerday at the Capitol,
1:00pm - 5:00pm
April 17th & 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University
Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 16th & 17th 2 Days, SC SPRING
FLING Bike Show Litchfield Civic Arena

Huge thank you to Bill & Kristy LaPlante for hosting our annual chapter Christmas party! I am heading there tonight as I write this, I'm sure we will have a blast! We are enjoying potluck, games, and a gift exchange.

Save the date for our annual Spring Fling Bike Show at the Litchfield Civic arena this year. This is a 2 day event on May 16th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, and May 17th, 10:00am - 3:00pm. We will have the same categories: Custom, Classic, Stock, Bagger, Rat, Trike, Sport, Best in Show. Bike Registration will be Friday 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am.

In the meantime, I hope you can attend the other chapter's events and state events like Heartland STEAM, Bikerday, and A.B.A.T.E. University. Even though we are not riding yet, there is still a lot to participate in!

You can also help with fundraising efforts right now. Get sponsors signed up for the Passport Run (deadline February 14th) and for the State Rally. Both of these forms are available to download online. Sponsors for both of these events can also sign up and pay online as well. Look under the Resources tab at the abatemn.org state website.

Stay warm and hang in there, not much longer until we can vroom vroom!!



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Tournament



SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

SW Minnesota meetings are held at Rushmore Community Center at 7:00 pm.
February 6th meeting
March 6th meeting

Happy February!

In our little corner of Minnesota, things have been pretty chill. It's other parts of our fine state, where the stuff has been hitting the fan. Let's hope all of that noise and frustration is diminished by now.

We have a real live Santa in our midst! And he made the rounds this December!

Please keep our Military in your thoughts and prayers, as well as fellow Minnesotans during these noisy times.

– BAM, Becky Murphy



WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

February 28th, Alleycat Lanes,
Ortonville, 10:00a.m.

Upcoming Event(s):

Heartland STEAM in Alexandria
ABATE University in April in Alexandria

Greetings all, I hope all is well.

We're sorry some times of the last couple meetings had to be changed. It was done to accommodate their business hours. Our Facebook page is a great place to stay up to date.

Heartland STEAM is coming up fast. It's a great way to mingle with others from all around. Our president is actually delivering a class. Come on and join us.

In just a few short months, we'll be back on the road. Now is the time to do your maintenance. Otherwise, not much new on this end....I still prefer sunshine and warmth over winter.

– Take care and stay well, Gypsy Mama



NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines



NORTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

January 31st, American Legion, Plummer, 2:00 pm
March 7st, Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 21st, Winter Social, Rusty Nail,
Thief River Falls
May 29th-30th, Spring Ride In, Island Park,
St. Hilaire
May 30th, Memorial Ride, Broadway Station,
St. Hilaire, KSU 10:00 am

We had great attendance at the January meeting, excellent discussions and first round of

nominations completed.

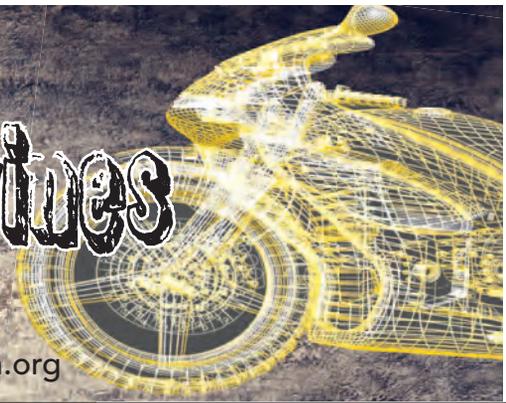
See you at the Winter Social to be held at the Rusty Nail in Thief River Falls on February 21st. Free will donation dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Popular band, Hillbilly Rock, is playing 8:00 pm-12:00 am. This is a great event for your friends to see what A.B.A.T.E. is all about.

Plan to join us for 37th Annual Spring Ride In held at Island Park in St. Hilaire. Gates open at 6:00 pm on May 29th with a full day of fun on May 30th. On site camping is available through May 31st.



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HOWDY FOLKS!!! Happy Valentines to All!

Bikerday at the Capitol • Heartland STEAM • A.B.A.T.E. U – This is an Action Packed Schedule! As we get through January, we tend to start thinking about getting our machines ready to go. Hopefully you are taking time to attend Your Local Caucus.

It's no doubt with the events going on in YOUR State that WE ALL NEED to get more involved with our legislature. This year's involvement with Your Reps and Senators is VERY Important! Not only that but you learn about what's going on in your local community.

As we push on, take note the time change for Bikerday. This by far is the most Important day for Motorcyclists!!!! Get registered for the bus. They will take you right to Capitol Hill.

Rider Training – I try to take a rider training course every year. People ask me, Why? When you've been riding for 50 some years. Well EVERY ONE I've taken I Learn something. Obviously, I'm not as young as I once was. It's a very good refresher course. And furthermore most chapters have it set up where it doesn't cost any more than a couple hours of your time. I mean, probably be riding that day anyhow.

Also a good time of year to get a young rider involved! Very Good program. One step farther, You could sponsor that kid. It goes back to getting involved with the locals..

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE – *Edgar*

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

February 10th, Skippy Finn's, Badger, 6:00 pm

Happy February Borderland!

So, we didn't have a December meeting because of freezing rain and with the holidays. And if I remember right, that is about 15 over 35 years that we did not have a chapter meeting. I personally want to thank Pat "Sully" Sullivan for being our rock-solid chapter prez. And also, our Secretary-Treasurer, Amy Carlson, for her amazing dedication to the Borderland chapter! We want to thank Angie Morberg for her work as our new gambling manger as well. We have those great A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. This is an amazing pay back we get as a chapter on our sales that we can give to charities of our choice. Buy and sell and win!

Now we have state and chapter elections coming

up with nominations open at our next meeting. We thank all ongoing officers and those from the past! And a big thanks to the membership!

So, I believe you all now know what is happening in our state and country. What do we do? Well I will be at Bikerday at the Capitol, and I will see Mark and John. Not sure which tee shirt I will have on!

– Twistin' da wick Tim

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

No Report received

NORTH STAR

No Report received

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report received

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2/1/26	Central Chapter Meeting	Triple R, Kimball	12:00 PM
2/1/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
2/3/26	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Village Inn, LaSalle	4:00 PM
2/3/26	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	Village Inn, LaSalle	3:00 PM
2/4/26	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
2/4/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	SOS, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/5/26	Tri County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/6/26	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
2/7/26	East Central Chapter Heart-On Valentine Fundraiser	American Legion, St. Francis	1-5:00 PM
2/7/26	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
2/7/26	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	The Village Inn, LaSalle	4:00 PM
2/8/26	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/8/26	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Getaway, Orock	5:00 PM
2/8/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/10/26	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
2/11/26	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom	6:00 PM
2/13/26	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Edgar & LeAnn's 35052 432nd Ave, Ottertail	7:00 PM
2/15/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bogey's on Main, Hinkley	1:00 PM
2/15/26	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
2/15/26	Up North Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Club, Grand Rapids	1:00 PM
2/17/26	Gambling Meeting	via Zoom	6:00 PM
2/18/26	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	3:30 PM
2/21/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Georges, Geneva	2:00 PM
2/21/26	Northwest Chapter Winter Social	Rusty Nail, Thief River Falls	5:00 PM
2/21/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	12:00 PM
2/21/26	River Valley ABATE Third Annual Social		
2/21/26	Straight River Chapter Chili Feed/Contest	Elk's Lodge	
2/28/26	Way West Chapter Meeting	Alley Cat, Ortonville	10:00 AM
3/1/26	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
3/2/26	Metro Meat and Eat	Welch's Big 10	4-8:00 PM
3/4/26	North East Chapter	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
3/4/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
3/5/26	Tri County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/6/26	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
3/7/26	Dial-A-Ride Meeting	Paynesville American Legion, Paynesville	5:00 PM
3/7/26	Glacial Ridge Chapter Prom	VFW, Belgrade	7:00 PM
3/7/26	Pool & Dart Tournament - Heart of the Lakes	Silvermoon, Perham	
3/7/26	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge (Tentative), Waverly	3:00 PM
3/7/26	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls	3:00 PM
3/7/26	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	TBD	
3/8/26	Central Chapter Meeting	VFW East, St. Cloud	12:00 PM
3/8/26	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/8/26	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
3/11/26	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	3:30 PM
3/13/26	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Silvermoon, Perham	7:00 PM
3/14/26	Metro Chapter St. Patys Warm up	Route 47, Fridley	6-10:00 PM
3/14/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	12:00 PM
3/14/26	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	
3/15/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction	1:00 PM
3/15/26	Metro Chapter Brunch at Route 47	Route 47, Fridley	6-10:00 PM
3/15/26	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
3/19/26	Motorcycle Safety Task Force Meeting	TBD	5-7:00 PM
3/20/26	Gambling Meeting	Heartland STEAM, Alexandria	2:00 PM
3/20/26	Heartland STEAM	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
3/21/26	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Eagles Nest, Albert Lea	2:00 PM
3/21/26	Heartland STEAM	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
3/21/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
3/22/26	Heartland STEAM	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
3/25/26	Bikerday at the Capitol	St. Paul	
2/28/26	Donnie Smith Bike Show		
3/1/26	Donnie Smith Bike Show		
3/28/26	Easter Egg Hog Roll - Central Chapter	Sal's Bar and Grill, St. Joseph	1-4:00 PM
3/28/26	SELC Spring Party	Stewartville Legion, Stewartville	4-8:00 PM
4/1/26	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/4/26	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	
4/4/26	Lake Chapter Meeting	S.O.S. Clubhouse, Cokato	3:00 PM
4/9/26	Tri County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
4/12/26	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
4/17/26	Gambling Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 PM
4/17/26	Rally Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	8:00 PM
4/17/26	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
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4/19/26	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Maverick's Br & Grill, Willow River	1:00 PM
4/19/26	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	1:00 PM

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Charlene KuchenreutherR
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Debra Sawyer/
Greg LuscombeR

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Arvid /Crystal BrodenN

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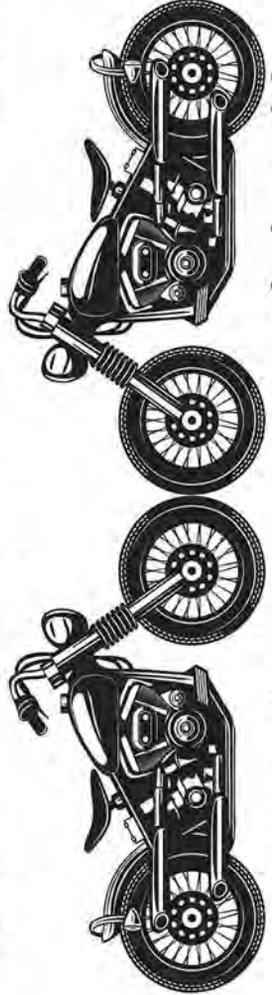
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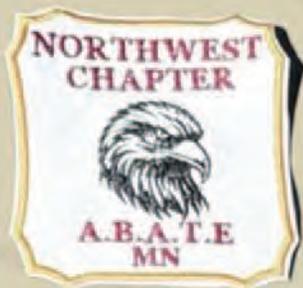


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