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- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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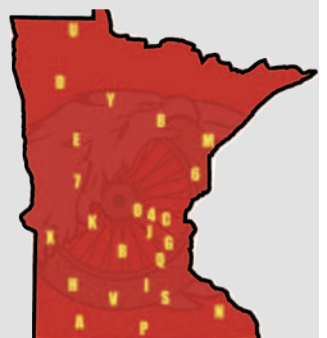
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss 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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As I write this, we're waiting for another snowstorm. I don't know if you feel the same, but I'm ready for the snow and ice to go away so I can get on my bike and go for a ride. Do you have your bike ready to go? Make sure to check your bike over so that your first ride is a safe one. Don't forget to put those new tabs on before you leave home! We want everyone to have a wonderful riding season.

Are you ready for A.B.A.T.E U? We have a great line-up of classes, and we're trying some new things this year. Come and check it out.

I've seen a lot of chapter event flyers. Will I see you there? I try to attend as many as possible. It's great to see you getting together, having fun and raising money to help support A.B.A.T.E of MN. Together we can accomplish anything.

Hope to see you soon!

– Jane



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Well, is everybody ready for A.B.A.T.E University? I guarantee it will be fun for everyone, I remember the first A.B.A.T.E University Kristie and myself went to, and didn't know a soul but by the end of the weekend we found a lotta new friends, so don't be hesitant come on out and join in, I'm hoping by then most of the snow will be gone, it's been over six weeks since I seen snow last, and I'm not missing it at all.

And we've been able to enjoy a lot of time out on the bike down in Texas riding in the hill country, and it has been a great time.

I have been checking emails and catching up on minutes from committees and some chapters, but I've been out of the loop for a little while. I will be back at it again in April.

Hope to see everybody at A.B.A.T.E University.

Till next time

– Jim



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The State office has been busy with the election process, so by the time you read this most results will be in and recorded.

I came across something weird at the post office. Someone returned their membership in a SQUARE greeting card envelope, it was marked, "Postage due" when I asked the postmaster about this he stated "the envelope is a unique size, but the scanner doesn't know which way to read it". So, I had to pay an extra \$.40 . So if you're mailing your post cards back just fold it down and use a regular envelope.

Another issue I just came across, if your chapter holds a benefit, please don't combine the door admission and membership together, it really messes the system up.

See you at the April Board meeting!

– Shelly Deutsch,  
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Have you ever been out for a little ride, pulled over by law enforcement then invited to play the twenty questions game? You know the game, "Hi do you know why I stopped you? Hey how you doing today, where you heading?" Or "where are you coming from? I haven't seen you (or your patch) around before, do you ride with a group from around here?" Or a very popular one, "how many drinks have you had today?" Questions that are just gathering intel because the officer has a preconceived opinion that because you ride a motorcycle you must be a criminal. Or questions intended to get you to commit to some action that the officer looking to make quota may be able to twist into some sort of a traffic charge and write a citation. They know many of us would rather just pay a fine than take the time to appear in court to get a charge dismissed.

I am not always in favor of the laws passed in California but I think this one is an exception. California Assembly AB 2773 Bill Signed by Governor Sep 29, 2022. Some segments of the bill I like "This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2024, require each state and local agency to include in its annual report the reason given to the person stopped at the time of the stop." and "This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2024, require a peace officer making a traffic or pedestrian stop, before engaging in questioning related to a criminal investigation or traffic violation, to state the reason for the stop, unless the officer reasonably believes that withholding the reason for the stop is necessary to protect life or property from imminent threat". If you want all the details just google California AB2773.

As many of you know I have been a little vocal about profiling or other harassment stops of motorcyclists in the past. Just because of a particular officers' prejudices should we be stopped, or detained, could legislation like this help reduce those events? On the rare occasion that I may have mistakenly violated a traffic regulation, speeding, lane filtering or other and an officer feels the need to stop me this would require he tell me the reason before he or she starts questioning me. How would it work if the officer would simply identify himself, identify the reason he has chosen to stop me take whatever official action that is necessary and let me go on my way. I don't need to sit on the side of the road talking with him or her about where I have been, where I am going, how many cups of coffee I have had today, the color of the new drapes or anything else he or she is feeling the need to talk about. Let's take care of the business at hand, deal with the alleged violation and let me go on my way. Then the officer can go someplace, get a cup of coffee and fill out a report on his eventful day.

In closing my report, I will share that for some time I have had a concern about my contributions to NCOM. I don't feel I have been accomplishing things I should and I don't know how to fix it. With that in mind I have made the decision to submit my resignation to NCOM and see if that allows some others to step in and make more meaningful changes. This is a decision I have been struggling with for a while and was difficult to make. My relationship with NCOM has allowed me to have some wonderful experiences, see some great places, meet some fantastic people, and a few others too.

Remember,

Be on time,

Be prepared,

Stay to the end.

It increases your odds of success.

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The next task force meeting will be after this article is written, but before it is published so I don't have a whole lot to share with you. The good news is there are currently no motorcycle crash fatalities. The bad side to this is that almost no one is riding their motorcycle.

I do want to take some time, once again, to share about the need for rider coaches in the state. I received a text message from an unfamiliar number less than a week ago. It turned out to be a new member of Central Chapter who was interested in finding out what is required to become a rider coach for the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center (MMSC). I sent him the application and all the information I have. It got me thinking, he must have read this in one of my task force reports, so perhaps I should bring up the topic again. There is currently a shortage of rider coaches in this state. In fact, there were rider training courses canceled throughout the state last year due to this shortage.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions you have. I will have more to share next month. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Big Jon



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Voting for the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's annual budget will take place at the April B.O.D. Let me know if you have any questions.

Membership dues have increased effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you have up to date tri-folds.

– Later, Mitch



## Letter to the Editor:

Last month I wrote about step one of the great motorcycle rights freedom fighter Sputnik Strain's Five Steps to Freedom. Step one was focused on getting involved in the voting process. If most of the people you hang around with are politically active, step one might seem pretty basic. But in 2022 39% of Minnesotans who were eligible to vote failed to do so. Think about that for a minute: 1.6 million Minnesotans did not exercise a right that half of the world's population wishes they had. The current governor won by less than 200,000 votes and several house and senate seats were decided by less than a couple hundred votes. If Minnesota motorcyclists' voting participation was closer to 100%, our riding rights would be much easier to keep. Now let's look at step two.

### Step Two: Get Acquainted with Your Legislators.

Minnesotans are governed by a "citizen legislature." Our house and Senate members are regular people who come from all walks of life. While their life experiences may make them particularly knowledgeable in a few areas, they can't be expected to have all the answers on every topic. This is where you come in. Constituent input is a huge part of lawmaking. We live in a time of easy and free communication. Call or email your senator or representative about issues important to you, especially motorcycling related. Very few legislators ride on a regular basis. So, it is important they hear from us. After all, who knows more about motorcycling than motorcyclists! After a while, you will be considered their "go to" person for biker issues. Sputnik offered the following tips on communicating with legislators:

*"Never lie to an official to make your case seem more solid. They have heard them all and you will only brand yourself as a phony. Don't offer a compromise you are not certain your association will honor. Let the official realize you will always be above board on any issue. Treat each official with whom you encounter honesty and integrity as if dealing with a friend and you might just find you are. Always address only one issue per letter or visit unless requested to do otherwise."*

If you know anyone who would like more information on communicating with legislators, please have them call me.

### Next month: Sputnik's Third Step to Freedom.

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# YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

FRANK ERNST

We ran into some delays getting membership cards printed and the welcome letter drafted, but I think we are moving forward again. A Young Riders Facebook page is up and operating and the QR code created will take you directly to that page. The new email address is setup and ready to use. [youngriders@abatemn.org](mailto:youngriders@abatemn.org)

The poker chip that will have the QR code and young riders contact links has been sent out to get quotes. It may be a month or so before we have these. I would like to have them at A.B.A.T.E. University, but I don't know if that will happen. We will have some printed material encouraging potential members to join Young Riders but we expect the poker chip will be more attractive to the younger audience. As stated last month, most communication and contact with our Young Riders will be through electronic platforms.

We have a meeting scheduled that will have taken place before you read this and we will be talking about the possibility of creating a group of financial supporters possibly "Proud Supporters of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders," and have some incentives for people or business to contribute. The funds raised in that method could help support activities that are not eligible to be funded with gambling funds. We are already aware of some expenses that need funding and expect there could be a few more that we have not anticipated. Be sure to share this news with the young people in your lives. Kids, grandkids or for some of you old guys your teenaged girlfriends. Invite them to join Young Riders and invite them to join us at A.B.A.T.E. University.

A reminder; at A.B.A.T.E. U we will have some classes that Young Riders may like to participate in. Stop the Bleed and the First Aid CPR class will be available. For the Young Riders that participate in the First Aid class the certification fees will be free, the fees will be covered by others. In addition to that we will have a special door prize drawing that will only be open to Young Rider members and there will be no fee to enter that drawing.

Thanks in advance for your help, participation, and suggestions.

- frank



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The legislative team has been hard at work getting bills released. With all the craziness that is happening at the Capitol this session, we need to be on our toes making sure nothing bad happens to us.

Please be patient with us and be ready to be sending out letters when we ask. I will have a full update at A.B.A.T.E. University for the chapters.

*Pray for the best, prepare for the worse, and expect the unexpected.*

Thanks!

- Gary Goracke, Legislative Director



# EDUCATION

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The Young Riders scholarship ad page I reported about last month has been approved. It has been submitted to our webmaster to set up the link to receive scholarship applicant information from the DPS/College websites. I am hoping that by the time you read this, we will be good to go on our end. Getting this vetted has taken a lot more time than I had anticipated, but we are making progress.

For those of you that are running for a District Director position, I will be looking for your help should you get elected. If the Education budget is approved in April as written, I will be reaching out to you to help facilitate a district rider training event in your territory. This would consist of getting a list together of A.B.A.T.E. members within your district that are interested in taking an intermediate rider course free of charge to them. We would then pick a date and location suitable for those that are signed up. Good luck this month candidates! That's all I've got for now.

*"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." -Jeff Rich*

- Big Jon





## DIAL-A-RIDE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

As I sit here writing this today, it's snowing outside, hard to believe that in just six weeks we will be in full swing with riding season. Time to watch out for our fellow bikers and get them home safely. I have it on good authority that DIAL-A-RIDE coasters are in and will be distributed to Chapters. Very important to get coasters distributed to your favorite bars, in your area. Those of you out there that have a trailer at home you would be willing to get someone and their bike home contact John Nelson at [bigjohn.jn7@gmail.com](mailto:bigjohn.jn7@gmail.com) or Sharon Polman [polmanse@hotmail.com](mailto:polmanse@hotmail.com). We received a response from a young man in the St Cloud area, would be good to be able to cover the entire state.

Look forward to seeing everyone at A.B.A.T.E. U.



## GAMBLING REPORT

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Gambling has been busy pushing tickets and spending the money those past sales produced. This month we made donations totaling almost \$4,000! Donations were made to Dial-A-Ride, MRF A&E, purchase of Buddy Bears, a Veterans Home, Ronald McDonald House Ride, Eagles Healing Nest and Dough 4 Joe! Damn what a great feeling putting those checks in the mail.

Be safe and looking forward to seeing you all at A.B.A.T.E. U, *and maybe calling out your name as a raffle winner.*



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

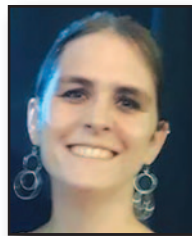
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## A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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### April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> • Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Standard and King Rooms - \$115.99 + tax

Pool view, Poolside and Court view - \$125.99 + tax

Call and make sure you have a room!

We are encouraging people to bring Young Riders. You can sign them up this weekend. Just see me!

We are encouraging Young Riders to take Stop the Bleed class and get certified!

**First Aid/CPR** - is a certified class for \$22.

Please register with me to take the First Aid/CPR Class. If any Young Riders would like to attend this class, we will pay for them.

**Gun Class** (Conceal and Carry) - will be \$69 and you can register at this link

<https://gunclass.wufoo.com/forms/ABATE>

Please sign up for the gun class as soon as possible!

If any chapter or individual would like to sponsor Triathlon Game Equipment, Triathlon Trophies, please let me know. This would be greatly appreciated.

We have one individual that has stepped up and sponsored one of the Triathlon Games and East Central Chapter that has sponsored our First Aid/CPR Instructor fees and her room for one night. Thank you to this individual and East Central Chapter! This is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

**ALL CHAPTERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING:** Chapter challenge, at least one auction item, and any new or gently used shirts for the staff.

**ALL MEMBERS:** If you have anything for the '**New to You**' table and auction items.

Thank you,

– Stephanie



Bikerday has come and gone thanks to those that made it a priority to attend. I have seen some communication with legislators following up on their visit or messages related to Bikerday

topics. Did you talk with your legislators? Did you complete the "Legislative Meeting Report"? Did you follow-up with the legislators or staff you talked with? All important stuff. Looking for a reason to write?

Some potential state legislative changes I am aware of at this time that may prompt you to write.

**SF 1598 Digital Fair Repair Act.** Authored by Senator Kupec (04 DFL) and 4 others and companion bill HF 1137 Authored by Representative Fischer (44A DFL) and 19 others. Mack is watching SF 1598 very close and has some questions and concerns. If you are thinking about writing on this, I suggest you have a discussion with Mack first.

**SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light.** Authored by Senator Coleman (48 R) no companion bill at this time.

**SF2573 Motorcycle sales tax.** Authored by Senator Hoffman (34 DFL) and 1 other and companion HF2376 Authored by Representative Petersburg (19B R) and 3 others

**HF2365 Motorcycle sales tax.** Authored by Representative Harder (17B R) and 1 other and companion SF2395 Authored by Senator Gruenhagen (17 R)

We have reached out to a former House member that is now serving in the Senate that has supported us on other issues and asked them to Author and support an anti-motorcyclist profiling bill but at this time we have not heard back

If you write and get a reply on any of these issues or others, please submit reply for your W2R patch/rocker We will file the information, track support or opposition to our issues and get your patch/rocker to you.

When you write remember state what you want, why you want it, how it benefits you, or others, or all. State facts, tell the truth, be courteous, be brief, and ask for a reply.

At this time 3/10/2023 we have had members of five chapters submit communication for write 2 Ride patches/rockers for 2023. Metro, North East, Rolling Prairie, Tri-County and Way West Thanks to these members for taking part.

Who is responsible for preserving the motorcycle lifestyle? **ME!**

- frank



## HISTORIAN

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Hello to everyone! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I have been a member of A.B.A.T.E. of MN since 2018. Although I have always loved motorcycles and motorcyclists, I never knew about A.B.A.T.E. until then. I quickly discovered I had been missing out. What wonderful people, wonderful causes, dynamic drive and fulfilling family! I've never felt more at home.

Since joining, I have been SGT @ Arms for three years and have taken on the role of products for my chapter for the past year. I have enjoyed both positions very much and am blessed to have been received by open arms.

I am now honored to also take on the position of your A.B.A.T.E. of MN state historian. I can't wait to dive right in!

Since I have joined my chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of MN, I have had the privilege of meeting a lot of my chapter's seasoned members. I absolutely love hearing the stories from the past. To learn more and share more, about the A.B.A.T.E. of MN's past, is enticing.

I hope you will enjoy this journey through the past along with me!

Hope to see you soon at an A.B.A.T.E. of MN event!



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting(s):

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, phone meeting,  
11:00am

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, phone meeting,  
11:00am



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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First of all, I would like to thank the outgoing officers for your service to this great organization.

Secondly, I would like to thank the incoming officers for stepping up.

I would like to remind everyone to clean out their closets and drawers and bring their gently used motorcycle gear to A.B.A.T.E. University and I will try to sell it in the products area.

Please stop in to see me in the products area at A.B.A.T.E. University as I have some new things you might just need to have.

I think that is all for now, but if you need something special or have an idea, please email at products@abatemn.org and I will do my best.

Ride safe until we meet again.

– Kari, State Products Manager



## STATE RALLY REPORT

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## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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First off I made a mistake in last month report. I stated that the new Increase prices were \$30 for Singles and \$40 for Couples, that is WRONG! It should have been \$30 and \$50. I misunderstood at the B.O.D when they stated an increase across the board of \$10, I didn't realize it meant per person not per category. I apologize!

That being said, the new trifolds & tearoffs will be available at the April B.O.D. Please have your Chapter Rep. stop by & grab the new materials, we want to save on postage!

This months figures are up +59! The Chapter with the highest increase was: Sand Dunes with a +28 membership! Way to go! 2<sup>nd</sup> highest was Up North with +12, and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest was Northwest Chapter with +10.

I thought maybe, without naming names, you may be interested in knowing who the sizes of the largest and down to the smallest chapters are. Our largest chapter as of March 2 is 232 chapter members. The smallest is 32 members. So we need to reach out and help some of our smaller chapters with their benefits and rides!

Keep on Keepin' on,

– Shelly Deutsch , Membership & Retention



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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No Report Received



## MRF REPORT

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No Report Received

## BIKE OF THE MONTH



## 2015 Victory Cross Country Tour

owned by  
**Dean Webb,**

Dean Webb is a member of Lake Chapter and Sand Dunes Chapter. Dean's bike is a 2015 Victory Cross Country Tour, 106 cubic inch motor, 62,000 miles. Favorite ride is Beartooth Pass in Montana.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



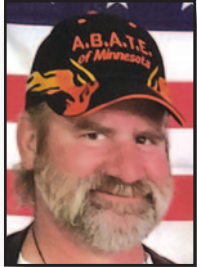
## Lee Heaton

Lee is a member of Borderland Chapter since 2002. In Lee's years of being a diehard member he has held every position except State Rep, and he currently is President of our chapter. Over the years Lee has led many fall colors runs and buddy bear runs along with attending rallies, selling raffle tickets, organizing ditch cleanups, ground hogs' parties to membership drives, and helped organize Bash at the Barn.

Lee is an all-around top-notch member!

Lee has served in the U.S. Army until he Retired in 1995. He worked at Polaris Industries as a Sr. Development Technician until he retired in 2018. He started his own business after retirement called Far North Cycles and believe me when I say this Lee knows Victory and Indian motorcycles inside out. He is a diehard Victory guy also; he still rides his V92!

Lee is retiring from his President position in Borderland A.B.A.T.E. and we wish him a happy retirement from all his friends in the Borderland!



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

Want to start out by giving a huge **THANK YOU** to **ALL** out going Chapter and State Officers! I would also like to THANK, ALL the new chapter and State officers!! Without YOU this organization would not roll straight!

Welcome new people to YOUR Chapter. Often the new guys and gals sit in the back and take in what goes on. Take the time to make them feel at home.

A.B.A.T.E University is just around the corner!! A very good time, and educational as well. Bring a friend! Hopefully We can ride our bikes there.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, whether our Governor signs it or not. As we get ready for another season of riding, make sure the tires are full and the oil is new. Also PLEASE make sure YOU are ready to go. Take the time to take a Rider Training Course. I will be 59 this year, have been riding since I was 9 and still every year I try to take a rider course. EVERY time I take one I learn something. Mostly what I learn is that I get relaxed on certain things like turning my head when turning my bike. The little things count! Let's go into this season with a ZERO deaths attitude. We are losing way to many of our loved ones each year.

– TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, EDGAR

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## NORTH STAR

### Next Meeting(s):

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Silver Creek, Shevlin, 4:00 pm

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Lobos, Shevlin, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Congratulations to all newly elected and returning officers. Let's make 2023 a fun and safe riding season. Our chapter would like to send out congratulations to our dart tournament winners.

1st: Mike Hanson and Roman Brown

2nd: Kaye Anoka and Zeek

3rd: Ethan Brown and Christine Googley

– Until next time, stay safe to all.

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## BORDERLAND

**No Report Received**

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## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

April 15<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Last night were our chapter elections. Thanks for all that ran for an office and to our outgoing officers.

President: Derek Nelson, Vice President: Scott Larson, Secretary: Carrie T, Treasurer: Ryan T, Chapter Rep: John N, Sgt. At arms: Ted W, Dave C., Bill C. Mike J, Mark K, Jeff F, Trevor T.

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up once again and I hope to see you there. This is a great time and one of the things I look forward to each year. Hope to see you there.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

# NORTHWEST

## Next Meeting(s):

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Rod Olson's,  
3:00 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Snow Sled in  
Gentilly, 11:00 am,  
Ride to follow,  
weather permitting

## Upcoming Event(s):

May 26<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>st</sup>, SPRING  
RIDE IN, St. Hilaire;  
Check our Facebook  
page for details.



**Northwest new officers: L to R: Jessica Shimpa, Ben Hand, Ashley Hand, Don Winand, Greg McGlynn, Joe Shimpa, Shawn "Oggy" Carlson, Dan Farder, Gary "Saw" Johnsrud, and Don Conard.**

Election Results: President: Greg McGlynn, Vice President: Shawn "Oggy" Carlson, Chapter Representative: Ashley Hand, Secretary: Tiffany Jones, Treasurer: Jessica Shimpa, Sergeant-At-Arms: Gary Johnsrud, Dan Farder, Ben Hand, Don Conard, Joe Shimpa, and Don Winand.



## Heart Of the Lake 26th Annual Pool and Dart Tournament Winners of the Pool n Dart raffle!!!

- 1<sup>st</sup> place .....\$1,000  
Mike Chapman, Osage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place .....\$500  
Vern Lehman, Perham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place .....\$500  
Judy Belka, Perham
- 4<sup>th</sup> place .....\$250  
Bruce Trieglaff, Frazee
- 5<sup>th</sup> place .....\$250  
Kath Fryer,  
Watertown, SD
- 6<sup>th</sup> place .....\$250  
Steve Noll, Detroit Lakes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$250  
Kiesha Ottersetter,  
Clarissa
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$250  
Fred Binczik, Dent
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place .....250  
Amanda Ferencik,  
Detroit Lakes, MN
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$100  
Curt Spry, Detroit Lakes
- 11<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$100  
Luis Saavedra,  
Pelican Rapids, MN
- 12<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$100  
Frank Papenfuss, Perham
- 13<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$100  
Matt Weston, Rochert
- 14<sup>th</sup> Place .....\$100  
Ray Sanchez, Perham



Pool and Dart  
Tourney  
Winner is  
Todd  
Murphy!!  
*Pictured  
with Contest  
Coordinators  
Edgar  
and Rob*



Left to right:  
1<sup>st</sup> place : AL Dreggler  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: LeRoy Fullerton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chance



From Left to Right:  
Dart Tourney  
Master Coordinator  
Mort Mortenson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Virgil Legried  
1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
Shane Lachowitz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kyle Katchmark



## HEART OF THE LAKES AT BIKERDAY 2023



Heart of the Lakes Chapter Bikerday meeting Representative Tom Murphy.



Heart of the Lakes Chapter Bikerday meeting Senator Jordan Rasmussen.



Jess Cooper here, Heart of lakes Chapter. Hoping that someone can help a gal out. Awhile back the chapter lent 10 of our road guard signs and for the life of us we can not remember to whom we lent them. Can you all look and see if maybe they are in a long forgotten tote, maybe hiding under some vests, or in a lonely corner of a shed. They are collapsible signs in orange bags with marked H.O.T.L lettering on the bags. If found give me a jingle at 218-298-4156 or shoot an email to [heartofthelakeschapter@abatemn.org](mailto:heartofthelakeschapter@abatemn.org). Thanks all.



Don't Drink and Ride



# Chapter Grapevines



## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings Southeast District,

As some of you know I have been having some problems with a knee since mid-summer last year. It has been increasingly debilitating as time has gone by. My weeks have been 5 days of work (if possible) and weekends of recuperation to try and make 5 days again. This is the reason I haven't been attending your chapter meetings, especially on Sundays. As of my writing this I am scheduled to have a complete knee replacement immediately after A.B.A.T.E. U and hopefully by July I'll be rehabbed and recovered to be fully out and about.

Also, I want to give a big THANK YOU to all the outgoing chapter officers and CONGRATULAIONS to all the incoming officers. You all are what make this organization tick.

– Virgil

## RIVER VALLEY

### Next Meeting(s):

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

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Spring Ditch Pickup

June 10<sup>th</sup>, Mike Berg Memorial Ride



With April here, this means this is my last article as your chapter president. A resounding thank you goes out to everyone for the opportunity. Thank you to our new and returning officers that stepped up to fill all the positions. As we move forward, remember to be sure to volunteer if possible. Keep signing up new members. Keep passing the word about who we are. Attend other chapters' events. Most of all, enjoy our freedoms and keep fighting for them. I'll see you in the wind!

– Big D

Welcome to what is hopefully the start of a great riding season for everyone. As riding season starts, let's help get the word out that we are back on the roads. As a whole we can help reduce the numbers of accidents. With that being said, our May Motorcycle Awareness Parade planning is well underway and coming along nicely. We hope to see good numbers of participants again this year. The date is set for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Starting at the City Garage on the corner of Hoffman and Victory and ending at Spring Lake Park. There will be a fun run to follow.

Currently we are looking forward to A.B.A.T.E. University at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend... especially new officers. There is a lot of great information available as well as some great times.

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

April 8<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm

June 10<sup>th</sup>, Medford Muni. Medford, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the Bikes, Owatonna  
fairgrounds, 10:00 am

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Breakfast Brunch Fundraiser,  
Morristown

Thanks for the people who have stepped up to positions in the next year. Congrats.

Be Safe & Ride Free.

– Zoomer



## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup>, Isle of Dream Bar and Event Center,  
13029 County Rd 3, Spring Valley, 11:00 am  
May 21<sup>st</sup>, American Legion, 114 S Main St, Mabel,  
11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting & A.B.A.T.E  
University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismark, ND  
May, Rider's Awareness Ride to be held in  
Rochester, watch for more information to come.  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, Summer Party, Isle of Dreams Bar and  
Event Center, watch for future advertising

Hi Everyone:

Well, another month has gone by. Although, it may not seem like it, we are getting closer to spring, if it ever stops snowing that is. May have to put skies on those bikes....

Our chapter has been busy planning the upcoming events for the summer which includes a May Awareness Ride, a summer party with camping, vendors, food trucks, bike games, a short ride, a DJ, and a band. The date for this is 7/21 so come and have fun with us. Our Buddy Bear Ride will be held in September, more information on this at a later date. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and implementing these upcoming events. Please step up and help out.

We have had a good crowd at our last few meetings so keep up the good work. We thank all those new members and look forward to meeting you at our monthly meetings. And to those who have renewed their membership, we thank you also and again we look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

As you read this, elections have been completed and the new officers are now in place. Congratulate them and support them for the next year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at A.B.A.T.E. University in April.

– Bye for now, Terry

# See You at A.B.A.T.E. U



Flatlanders donating money to Cora Hall who has cancer and is a grandchild of chapter members.



## FLATLANDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

April 29<sup>th</sup>, Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club,  
Blooming Prairie, 2:00 pm  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, Washout I35 northbound rest stop just  
south of Albert Lea, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ride  
to follow. Meeting at Wallace's house at 4:00  
pm, with food, fire, camping to follow.

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

Chapter Officer Elections were held in March. Thank you to last year's officers for the work you did. Congrats to the new years officers. Thank you to Senator Dornink and Reps. Mueller and Bennett for coming to our meeting and supporting us.

Check out Flatlanders Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of MN Facebook page for upcoming events, meetings, and info.



# TRI-COUNTY

## Next Meeting(s):

April 8<sup>th</sup>, Paul and Gerry's house, 32144 141<sup>st</sup> Ave,  
Montgomery, 12:00 pm food, 1:00 pm meeting  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 6:30 pm food,  
7:00 pm meeting

## Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride, The Dog  
House, Carver, 10:30 am registration, 12:00 pm  
kickstands

I don't know about you, but I've had enough of this  
dern snow! By the time you read this, I hope to have  
my motorcycle out for the first time. Chapter  
elections were held last month, and the results are as  
follows: President: Jon Fernholz, Vice President: Terry

Olson, Treasurer: Kristy Luhman, Secretary: Katie  
Gilloffo, Chapter Rep: Bill Ernst, Sgt @ Arms: Jim  
Bengston, Sandy Bengston, Mike Pharr, Scott  
Steinhoff, and Kelly Erickson. Thank you to  
everyone, past and present, that have helped Tri-  
County to be a continuing success.

Paul and Gerry will be hosting our April meeting  
(see above) with food served at noon, meeting at  
1:00 pm, and a horse drawn carriage ride to f  
ollow. Bring some food to share if you like, it's  
always a great time over there!

One last thing, don't forget to come out and join  
us for the Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride on  
May 6<sup>th</sup>. As always, door prizes will be given away  
throughout the run with free food at the end.

See ya when it's warmer!

– Big Jon

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Preliminary Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

**Saturday April 15, 2023, 9:00 AM • Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN**

### CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to order .....Jane Doyle  
Pledge of Allegiance  
and Welcome .....Edgar Burke and Holiday Inn Staff  
Invocation .....Edgar Burke  
Roll call .....Michele Legried  
Agenda approval / changes .....Jane Doyle  
Secretary Report - Jan. 2023 .....Michele Legried  
Treasurer's Report .....Michelle Backlund

### LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Director .....Gary Goracke  
Motorcycle PAC of MN .....Mark Senn  
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) .....open  
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) .....Jay Hickok  
Write to Ride .....Frank Ernst

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for  
verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)*

ABATE University .....Stephanie Christensen  
Education .....Jon Fernholz  
Young Rider's Program .....Jon Fernholz  
Gambling .....Dan Matzdorff  
Buddy Bear Program .....Sharon Polman  
Historian .....Gaida Trout  
Marketing .....Harmony Lillie  
Membership and Member Retention ....Shelly Deutsch  
Passport Run .....Jon Smith  
Products .....Kari Duncan  
Publications .....Tammy Winkels  
Rally .....Randy Prochazka

Revisor .....Bob Gerhart  
Ways and Mean .....Kristie Orn

### OTHER REPORTS

State Office .....Shelly Deutsch  
MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride) .....John Nelson  
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force ...Jon Fernholz  
Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and  
Confederation of Clubs of MN ...Jane Doyle/FrankErnst

### OLD BUSINESS

Bikerday 2023 Recap  
ABATE Motorcycle Safety Awareness Proclamation  
2023 Budget Approval

### NEW BUSINESS

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

### OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer .....Michelle Backlund  
Secretary .....Michele Legried  
Northwest District Director .....Edgar Burke  
Northeast District Director .....Kent Verner  
Southeast District Director .....Virgil Legried  
Southwest District Director .....Jon Smith  
Assistant State Coordinator .....Jim Orn  
Trustee .....Mack Backlund  
State Coordinator .....Jane Doyle

### ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT



## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Well as you read this it is April. Even though there might be snow on the ground in some places, I know we are all looking forward to getting the bike out and getting the wind in our faces. I hope that all of you take the time and really check over your bikes. Tires, lights, brakes, we need to make sure that you are not one of the casualties for being in a hurry. We all need to be safe this year. Last year we had too many accidents (even one is too many) in the state and with all the new politicians at the State Capitol we need to all be safe and watch out for our fellow bikers. If we don't watch out for ourselves and our brothers and sisters, then they may think that they must do it for us.

– Please ride safe and have a great spring.

## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 1<sup>st</sup>, SOS Club House, Cokato, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway,  
Washington DC

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, Lake Chapter motorcycle training  
courses

June 17<sup>th</sup>, Lake Chapter Spring Run, Red Lodge,  
Waverly

We voted for chapter officers at the March meeting. Here are the results (see photo below); President - April Murch, Vice-President - Todd Riba, Chapter Rep - Scott Trout, Treasurer - Dale Morin, Secretary - Maureen O'Hern, Sargent at Arms - Nikki, Jim B, Blythe, Jencks, Gaida, and Dean. A BIG thanks to all the outgoing officers and good luck to the new ones. LCWD!!

We are planning a Spring Run. If you have ideas or want to help, let Scott Bitzer know. The run will be starting at the Red Lodge in Waverly and ending at the home of Scott &

Gaida Trout.

The motorcycle training courses have been scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to our members who take these courses. But there is a limit for each class, so let someone know if you are interested.

Gaida will be ordering more on the "If Found - Return to Lake Chapter" t-shirts. Let her know if you want one.

Buddy Bears have been ordered and we should get them in April. Distribution dates will be set when we know for sure how many we are getting.

That's all for now, got to get back to work! I hope to see everyone at A.B.A.T.E. U. Make sure to get your raffle ticket. Lots of great prizes this year.

– Later, Mitch'n



## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting(s):

March 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, St. James, 2:00 pm

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

March 11<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed & Silent Auction, VFW,  
St. James, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Gambling Meeting, 6:00 pm

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Pre-Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Rally Meeting, 8:00 pm

April 15<sup>th</sup>, Officer Training, 8:00 am

April 15<sup>th</sup>, Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 am

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway,  
Washington DC

Washout and Ditch Clean-up TBA

Congratulations to the new Chapter Officers!

Did you make it to the Chili Feed last month?  
Mm mm it was sooo good!

We will be setting the date and time up for our  
May meeting, Washout, and ditch clean up soon,  
please watch the Facebook page.

My last month writing this page, thanks for  
looking!

- Shelly

## WAY WEST

No Report Received



## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND

April 30<sup>th</sup>, Food Drive, Family Fare, Litchfield,  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Bike Show, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos,  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway,  
Washington DC

May 31<sup>st</sup>, Ditch Clean-up, Odd Fellow's Park,  
6:00 pm

June 24<sup>th</sup>, Fun Run, LaPlante's, Litchfield,  
registration 10:30 am

Spring is here, at least as of March 20<sup>th</sup> the calendar says it is. Get ready to bring those attitude adjusters out of hibernation. Timing is everything. Give it time for all the salt and sand to be washed away before rolling into the corners. Give extra time for others (non-bikers) to get used to us being on the road again, they need to be re-educated on looking twice to Save Our Lives!!! Remember to do all your pre riding checks before hitting the road. Please check your tires air pressure as the cold temperatures literally suck the pressure right out of them.

I am so excited for all the Chapter events that are starting to be advertised, especially our own Annual Spring Fling Bike Show on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer in this edition of the Road Noise. The 2023 Passport Run Books will be available soon, make sure to get yours.

Congratulations to our new and returning officers: President-me, Vice-President Gina "Silver Foxx" Maningoine, Chapter Rep Doug Louris, Treasurer Tina Myllykangas, Secretary Ingrid Cohen, Sergeant at Arms: Curt Schmitz, Tad Lothert, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Mike Niece, Mike Voigt, and Brian Schemmel. I am truly blessed to have such a great and dedicated group of officers. But officers do not make our chapter, the members do. They are the voice and what completes the family tree.

I am so looking forward to seeing all my friends at A.B.A.T.E. U. It is always a fun and educational time. Whoever said school isn't any fun has never been to A.B.A.T.E. U. If you haven't purchased your A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle ticket, what are you waiting for? Contact me and I will hook you up.

OH, THE SNOW IS SO PRETTY, SAID A BIKER...  
NEVER!!!

- Dougie Cohen, President

## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan,  
6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E.  
University, Alexandria  
April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland  
STEAM, Bismarck, ND  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers  
Inside the Beltway,  
Washington DC

## SOUTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Community  
Center, Rushmore,  
7:00 pm  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, Community Center,  
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E.  
University, Alexandria  
April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland  
STEAM, Bismarck, ND  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers  
Inside the Beltway,  
Washington DC

At last meeting we discussed a few ideas for summer fundraisers, so stay tuned!

Officer election was held, and paperwork was processed.

We send condolences to the Folkers family, as they have experienced the loss of several siblings.

We hope to see you at A.B.A.T.E. U. That's all folks.

Please keep our military, their families and the Folkers family in your thoughts and prayers.

Be safe out there.

- BAM

## BUFFALO RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:30 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>h</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria  
April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tap Takeover, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 5:00 - 9:00 pm  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

Congratulations to all the new officers, and the old ones too.

We have been asked by the State Patrol to help recognize a survivor of a motorcycle accident, in their Saved by the Helmet initiative.

We delivered some buddy bears also (see Buddy Bear delivery photos below). I know I am ready for winter to be over, more than enough snow for me. Not long now.





## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

**KENT VERNER**

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Hey everybody, spring is just around the corner and not coming any too soon. I'm ready!! The streets in the city of Superior are the worst I've seen in 22 years of living up here. Pot holes are everywhere. Some of them are 8" deep, 12" wide, and side by side. If you try to dodge one you will hit another one that is worse. It will be quite a while before I can get my bikes out this year.

I want to remind everyone that A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up fast, just a couple of weeks away by the time you read this. The committee has put in a huge amount of effort to make this U the best ever. Make your reservations soon and see you in Alex.

Chapter voting is complete and the results will be read at the board meeting. I want to thank all outgoing officers for their work and effort and thank all the new officers for stepping up to serve this year. It is fun and very rewarding to serve in this organization. Please continue to visit other chapter meetings to see what works for them that you could try. Try and attend other chapter fund raisers, we are all in the same boat, and you just might have some fun and meet new friends.

If you are riding by the time you read this, be extra careful and keep your head on a swivel.

– Later, Pedro

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, Joe Boys Ride  
September 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State  
Rally, Litchfield  
September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, Hay Days, 5 miles east of  
North Branch

Our officer elections are over. Thanks to all out going officers for all your volunteer work.

### Welcome All New Officers:

President .....Jim Pierson  
V.P. ....Jim LaSpisa  
Treasurer .....Toni Mc Chesney  
Secretary .....Kelly Pierson  
Chapter Rep. ....Tim Jensen

Sargent at Arm's: .....Larry Wilson,  
Darlene Krutsch, Travis Gilson, Maris Schilling,  
Jeff " Captain " Johnson and John Everett.

Thank you for all you do in the coming year.

We have been called to volunteer again for the Sno Barons at Hay Days in September. This is a great event with snowmobile racing and lots of vendors. We continue to be assigned security and servicing fans at the beer booths. The Sno Barons have been in existence some 55 years!

Looking forward to seeing you all again on the road. Riding Season is knocking on the door.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month! Our Governor Walz still has NOT made a proclamation for this issue.

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

– Your Relected V.P. Jim

# METRO

## Next Meeting(s):

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

May 9<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

June 13<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

May 28<sup>th</sup>, MetroMorial Day Celebration, Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley, 12:00 - 6:00 pm

Greetings Gang!! Fear Not - Spring is Near.

The Metro Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. We would love to see you, no matter if you are a current active member past/inactive member or potential member.

Most likely, by the time you read this, the Donnie Smith Bike show will be history. The Metro chapter was back in our usual spot performing membership duties for all A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota chapters and promoting Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride as well as promoting Metro Chapter activities, including our monthly Taco Nights, Sunday brunches and our annual fundraising event, the MetroMorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley. This event replaces our former annual Winter Bash which, for a number of reasons, we have discontinued holding in late January or early February.

We have been racking our brains trying to find a signature event to incorporate in our MetroMorial Day Celebration and we think we have come up with the perfect solution - the Metro Chapter is literally Going to the Dogs. We know that there are a number of bikers that like to include their furry, four-legged pets in their motorcycling adventures and we are going to showcase those riding partnerships.

Most motorcycle event flyers contain the words; No Children - No Pets. So we have decided to buck tradition and open our

event up to everyone, including children/grandchildren and pets.

As many of you are aware, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota recently dove head-first into promoting a Young Riders program designed to get the younger generations interested in motorcycles and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. So this May, we are putting together our first Bestie/Beastie Biker Pet Beauty and Talent competition and we will be encouraging motorcyclists that ride with their pets to attend and show off their riding partner's good looks and talents. Prizes will be awarded to riders and their pets in a number of categories which we are working to finalize.

As of this writing, we don't know the answer to the question; Is MetroMorial Day a biker event where children and pets are welcomed? Or is it a family-friendly event showcasing furry, four-legged motorcycle riding companions that also happens to be welcoming to bikers? I guess you will have to attend for yourselves if you want to find out the answer.

And the next time someone asks you; *Who Let the Dogs Out?* You can tell them, the Metro Chapter.



## QUESTION of the MONTH



### Is the Metro Chapter's Annual Fund Raising Celebration, MetroMorial Day:

**A.) A traditional-style motorcycle event and bike show that is welcoming to children and pets?**

....or....

**B.) A fun event with a new element that spotlights our furry, four-legged biker dogs and cats in beauty and talent competitions that is also welcoming to bikers?**

....or....

**C.) An excuse to spend time on a holiday weekend Sunday afternoon with your friends, soaking up the sun, eating good food, enjoying some liquid refreshments and listening to some great music by Virgil Caine?**

**ANSWER: You will need to show up to find out**

## CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stoney's, 12:00 pm

May 7<sup>nd</sup>, Stoney's, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 20<sup>th</sup>, BACA 100 mile run

June 10<sup>th</sup>, Ride for Hero's

Congratulations to all the officers for this year. We would like to thank Keith for being our president for the last 7 years. You have helped grow the chapter into 100's of people, thanks you.

Our officers are now: President - Travis Rolfes, VP - Ryan Janisch, Chapter Rep - Mike D, Treasurer - Sherry Rolfes, Secretary - Rosey Anderson, Master Sargent at arms - Ron Rolfes, Sargent at arms - Bud Wisner, James Halupczok, Steve Schwrtze, Rosey Anderson and Ryan Janisch.

We are helping raise money for a few causes this summer. The 1<sup>st</sup> ride we are helping with is the BACA 100 Mile Run on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Every BACA chapter is having their 100-mile run to help support Child Abuse programs. This year they will have sign up from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. KSU at 11:00 am. There will also be two stops which will be named in next Road Noise.

The second ride we are helping with is Stoney's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Heroes, Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. This year the ride will help raise money for the Rockville Fire Department. These are the three stops along the route. The Watering Hole in Elmdale, CB'S Bar n Grill in Meire Grove, and Pearl Lake Lodge in Marty. Afterwards Stoney's is having a street dance outside the bar with the Pandemic band playing. Please come out and help support these great causes.

Ride Safe Everyone,

– The DLS

## JACK PINE RIDERS

**Next Meeting(s):** *Note, there are some time changes.*

April 16<sup>th</sup>, Ryders Saloon, Henriette, 2:00 pm

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

June 18<sup>th</sup>, End Zone Bar & Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm

July 16<sup>th</sup>, Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm

August 20<sup>th</sup>, Blue Moose, Near McGregor,

10:00 am

September 17<sup>th</sup>, Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook

Park, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,

Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 21<sup>th</sup>, Roadside Cleanup, 10:00 am

Last chance! We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. First prize is \$20,000 cash, second prize is an Indian Super Chief motorcycle, third prize is \$5000 cash, fourth prize is \$3000 cash, fifth prize is \$2000 cash. Tickets are \$100 each and only 800 tickets or fewer will be sold. Call or text Liz at 320-280-0775 for tickets. (or contact any J.P.R officer) Drawing will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria.

Band lineup for the 2023 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. Check this issue of Road Noise for 17<sup>th</sup> annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown poster (page 33).

The next roadside cleanup will be in May 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at Marge's Pub and Grub in Brook Park at 10:00 am sharp. The last cleanup had a great turnout. Thank you to all that help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

For more events, check the Road Noise Calendar of Events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter's grapevine's for more events. For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website: <http://www.jackpineriders.org> Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus



## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Not much to report this month. By the time you read this our annual fundraiser, The Bunwarmer, will have taken place and I'm sure it will have been a great success.

Riding season is creeping up on us, so it is time to start thinking about bringing your bikes out of storage and doing all of the pre-season checks that ensure your safety. There's plenty of time between now and then, so no reason to be in a hurry at the last minute and forget to check your tire pressure and fluid levels.

Looking forward to A.B.A.T.E. U this year. It's always a good time and we'll be seeing a couple of new programs get going. The Young Riders program is one we're definitely looking forward to. We already have several local young people who have signed up and are excited to get started. This program has the potential to help generate younger A.B.A.T.E. members which is crucial as the general membership gets older.

That's about it. There will be more to write about as riding season starts soon.

Stay warm!!

- Ed

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## UP NORTH

### No Report Received

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Don't Drink and Ride

## SAND DUNES

### Next Meeting(s):

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friendly Buffalo, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

May, TBD, please see the Chapter's FB page for details

June 11<sup>th</sup>, KJ's in Orrock, 10:00 am (we will have the meeting, then finish setting up for the Bike Show and Rodeo)

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Spring Scavenger Hunt and Run, KJ's Refuge, Orrock

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bike Show and Rodeo, KJ's, Orrock, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Spring is here and summer is hot on its heels. We have our Spring Scavenger Hunt and Fundraiser Run coming up May 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration at 9:00 am, KSU 10:00 am from KJ's Refuge in Orrock. This ride is organized by the same crew who brought our Not a Poker Run.... Run which was a bunch of fun and an awesome success.

We will also be out at KJ's on June 11<sup>th</sup> for our 3rd Annual Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo. For those who couldn't make it to the last few, you missed out and should really come check it out. For those that have enjoyed it in the past, I hope to see you again. Bring a friend. We will have our bike show, motorcycle games on the ballfield, a silent auction, and a very awesome mix of vendors. This event has been extremely successful for our chapter and that is 100% due to the hard work that many of your fellow chapter members put in. I have had many, many people compliment how well organized and executed our events are. This is a testament to your ability to work together and get the job done as a team. We should all be very proud of what we have achieved and look for ways to build on it.

Please, come to a meeting, share your ideas, and get involved.



# NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

## BORDERLAND

Brandon "Red" Kostrzewski .....N

## BUFFALO RIDGE

Kristin / Brian Gruhot .....R  
Pete / Carrie Speh .....R

## CENTRAL

Duane "Chris" / Holly Christian .....R  
Mike Diethelm .....R  
John Ethen .....R  
Richard Hogan .....N  
Gerald / Michele Hommerding .....R  
Cody Linz / Liz Virning .....N  
Michael / Tammy Polinsky .....N  
Robert Remley .....N  
Jessica Richter .....R  
Brian / s Tina Sluss .....R  
Jay C Stiles .....R  
Sue Stoops .....R  
Thomas Stromwall .....R  
Bud Wisner / Julie Hoffarth .....R

## EAST CENTRAL

Bob Belland .....R  
Trent / Samantha Boldt .....N  
Steve Bolduc .....R  
Travis Gilson .....R  
Jon Griefenhagen .....N  
Brian Kelly .....R  
Jim LaSpisa .....R  
Thomas / Donna Mevissen .....R  
Quintin Nelson .....N  
Jim / Vicki Palmer .....R  
Shawn Record .....R  
Karen Semmler .....R  
Mike Swafford / Milissa Swan .....R

## FLATLANDERS

Randy Henderson .....R  
James McGee R .....R  
Charlie / Linda Schmidt .....R

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Mike Adensam .....R  
Mary Fransen .....N  
Brandon Hale .....N  
Richard L Hertwig .....R  
Matt Ironi .....N  
Mike Jibben .....R  
Marc Moen .....N  
James Vearrier .....N  
Landyn Zimney .....R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Daniel Kottschafe/ Jennifer Nash .....N  
Harmony Lillie/ Robert Sturges .....R  
Mike Pesta .....R

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Justin / Kristina Grotjohn .....R

## JACK PINE RIDERS

Michael Galba .....R  
Robert Gavitt /Nicole Zbacnik .....N  
James Rolston .....R  
Julie Say .....N  
Ed / Sharon Sokol .....R

## LAKE

John Amdor III .....R  
Cyndi Buttweiler .....R  
Krista Henke .....R  
Neil / Patricia Herzberg .....R  
Steven Johnson .....R  
George Kappas .....R  
Greg Lehno .....R  
Daniel P / Lorna M Lyrek .....R  
Laurie Otten .....R

## METRO

Rob / Camilla Benjamin .....N  
Tom Campbell .....N  
Tim Fox .....N  
Eric Gutterman .....N  
Richard House .....N  
Jim LaSpisa .....R  
Ron Michaletz .....N  
Scott Nekob .....N  
William Nelson .....N

Jason Ruddy .....N  
Greg / Alyssa Schommer .....R  
Joseph White .....N

## NORTHEAST

Robert Berg .....R  
Dale / Debbie Peterson .....R

## NORTHWEST

Jeff Aakhus / Michelle Lunsetter .....N  
Don / Teresa Conard .....R  
Justin Frenzel .....N  
Kallie Hand .....N  
Jeffrey Low .....N  
Tyler Sandahl .....R  
Brian / April Shimpa .....R  
Jeremy Toso .....N  
Don / Tracy Winand .....R

## RIVER VALLEY

Dennis / Janice Arens .....R

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

Morgan Asleson .....N  
Neil "Castro" Kuchenbecker .....R

## SAND DUNES

Brad Barthel .....R  
Robert "Evil Bob"/Tiffany Gerhart .....R  
Shawn McClure .....N  
Pattrich / Christie O'Neil .....R  
Steven "Schnidrr" Thuss .....R  
David Asleson .....R  
RD Currier /Gloria De Santiago .....R  
Anthony Giese .....R  
Kevin Isaacson .....R  
Mike / Myra Jose .....R  
Nathan / Rebecca Libby .....N  
Kevin Ling .....R  
Ricky Melvin .....R  
Dieter Miller .....N  
Harley Sowers .....R

Scott /Julie Tuchtenhagen .....R  
Steve / Lisa Zoubek .....R

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Mark / Marti Berggren .....R  
Jeffrey J / Wendy R Klehr .....R  
Adam Niece .....R  
Barney Nowak .....R  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
4/1/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/1/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	SOS Clubhouse, Cokato	3:00 PM
4/1/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod Olson's	3:00 PM
4/1/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield	4:00 PM
4/1/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	The Refuge, Odessa	12:00 PM
4/2/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
4/2/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
4/2/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	Friendly Buffalo, Big Lake	5:00 PM
4/5/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
4/5/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
4/5/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/8/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
4/8/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Paul & Gerry's home, Montgomery, food at noon	1:00 PM
4/9/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
4/9/23	Up North Chapter Meeting	Calumet Saloon	4:00 PM
4/11/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/14/23	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/15/23	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/15/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 PM
4/16/23	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/16/23	Dial-A-Ride Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/16/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henriette	2:00 PM
4/16/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Isle of Dream Bar and Event Center, Spring Valley	11:00 AM
4/21/23	Heartland STEAM	Bismarck, ND	
4/22/23	Heartland STEAM	Bismarck, ND	
4/22/23	North Star Chapter Meeting	Silver Creek, Shevlin	4:00 PM
4/23/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Playtime Sports Bar, Perham	5:00 PM
4/29/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Serviceman's Club, Blooming Prairie	2:00 PM
4/30/23	South Central VA Food Drive	Family Fare, Litchfield	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
5/3/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
5/3/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM
5/3/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
5/4/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
5/6/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Tap Takeover	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	5:00 - 9:00 PM
5/6/23	Dirty Rotten Bikerfest	Princeton Speedway, Princeton	11:00 AM
5/6/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/6/23	Motorcycle Awareness Parade	Rochester	
5/6/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Snow Sled, Gently, ride to follow	11:00 AM
5/6/23	South Central Chapter Spring Fling	Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
5/6/23	Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride	The Dog House, Carver, registration 10:30 am	12:00 PM
5/7/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
5/7/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
5/7/23	Straight River Chapter Blessing of the Bikes	Fairground, Owatonna	10:00 AM
5/13/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
5/13/23	River Valley Spring Ditch Cleanup		
5/13/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Moose Lodge, Faribault	1:00 PM
5/14/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	5:00 PM
5/14/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/15/23	Bikers in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.	
5/16/23	Bikers in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.	
5/20/23	East Central Spring Ride		
5/20/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Event	RCC, Alexandria	
5/20/23	Flatlanders Chapter Washout	I35 Northbound south of Albert Lea	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
5/20/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Wallace's home	4:00 PM
5/20/23	North Star Chapter Meeting	Lobos, Shevlin	4:00 PM
5/20/23	Sand Dunes Scavenger Hunt Ride	KJ's, Orrock, Registration 9:00 AM	10:00 AM
5/21/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Event	RCC, Alexandria	
5/21/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Road Cleanup	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	10:00 AM
5/21/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	1:00 PM
5/21/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Mabel	11:00 AM
5/21/23	Straight River Chapter Breakfast/Brunch Fundraiser	Morristown	
5/26/23	Northwest Chapter Spring Ride	St. Hilaire	
5/27/23	Northwest Chapter Spring Ride	St. Hilaire	
5/28/23	Metro Chapter MetroMorial Day Celebration	Route 47 Pub & Grub, Fridley	12-6:00 PM
5/28/23	Northwest Chapter Spring Ride	St. Hilaire	

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