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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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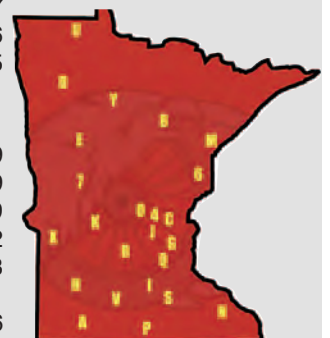
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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Bikerday is almost here. Will you be joining us at the State Capitol?

Are you aware of the legislation that's being proposed? Have you contacted your legislator to let them know how you feel about current bills? Are your rights and freedoms important to you? Join us in the rotunda on March 13th! Spend a few minutes talking to your legislator face to face during Bikerday.

A.B.A.T.E. University is next month. Did you make reservations? Are you bringing

any friends along? It will be a busy weekend! And don't forget about Heartland STEAM. It will take place in Sioux Falls the weekend before A.B.A.T.E. U. At least 7 states will be represented at a weekend of information and socializing. We also raise money for the MRF!

PLEASE! If you're emailing me about anything A.B.A.T.E. related - use my zoho email address!

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If you use my personal email, don't expect a prompt response. I don't monitor that one as often due to the amount of ads that I receive.

See you soon!

Jane



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We all know the old saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." That's kind of the scenario for Kristie and myself due to other complications. We had to cancel our trip, so that's the lemon. But we're going to turn it into lemonade and attend Bikerday at the Capitol. I hope to see a sea of leather at the capitol that day. And who knows, if the weather keeps going like this, we might even see a few bikes there this year.

And once Bikerday is on the record book for 2024, let's set our sights on A.B.A.T.E. University. Like I've said in the past, it's

always a good time, there's always something to be learned, and new and old friends to meet. And let's not forget it's time to sign up for shifts at the rally. I feel this rally is going to be a big event this year. So start spreading the word and let's get a big turnout for the rally just like Bikerday at the Capitol.

And good luck to everybody in the upcoming elections. I like to see some new faces at the B.O.D. and I always like to see the old faces at the B.O.D. It's kind of like a double edged sword.

And I have a feeling the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle is going to be a huge success. It's tough to get tickets already, so I have a feeling it's going to be a sellout.

Till next time

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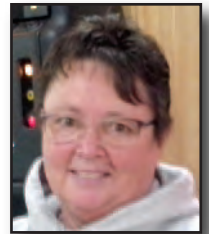


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Congress and state legislatures nationwide are increasingly concerned by efforts to limit the sale of gas-powered vehicles. In 2022, California adopted a measure to require ZERO tailpipe emissions on new cars by 2035. Following the California model; Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington aim to prohibit the sale of gas-powered vehicles in the future.

We need to discuss this with our legislators at Bikerday, if time allows. See ya in the Rotunda!

N1D - Dale

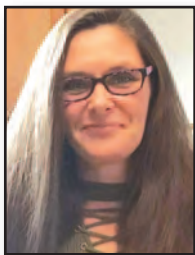
As I'm writing this report (10 days early) my bags are packed and ready to go to Puerto Vallarta MX! I did give a notice in last month's Road Noise that the office was going to be closed for two weeks.

Well, the elections are upon us. When you send your results in, please write everything legible or have someone do it for you. All this information goes in the procedure manual. So, if I can't decipher what it says, the info may be wrong. Maybe someone from another chapter wants to share some information with you. So please do your best to make it clear. Keep on, keepin on!

Shelly Deutsch



A small glimpse into Bikerdays at the Capitol from the past.



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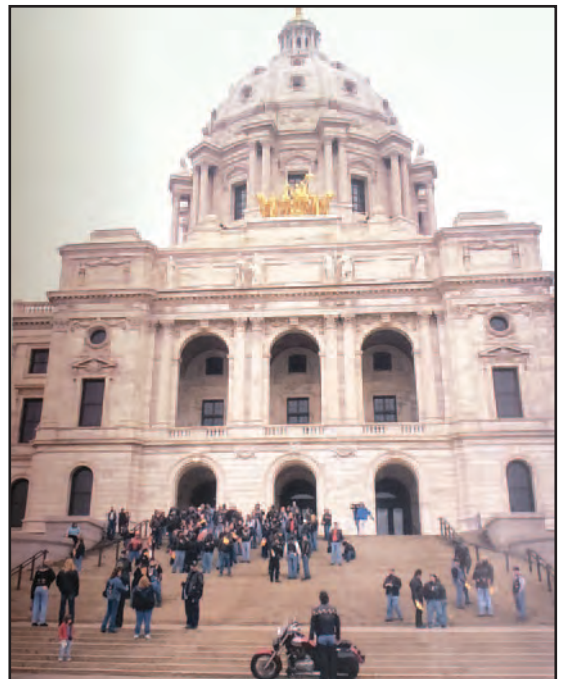
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A small glimpse into Bikerdays at the Capitol from the past. If you did not register in time, we would still love to

have those extra leather jackets and vests helping to support and represent ALL motorcyclists of Minnesota, and beyond. Strength in numbers. Help us make all our voices heard. Those who have spoken and fought before us need the future of this organization to keep the Fight for Freedom going. Let us not let them down. Their hard work was not in vain. Hope to see you there. Let us make history for our future generations to aspire to continue.

Gaida "Gator" Trout





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What a winter this has been! I haven't had my bike out, but I am sure a lot of others have. It was over 50 degrees out yesterday! I am loving it!!

Lots of fundraisers have been going on and hopefully yours has been successful. I want to remind all chapters to make sure the statement "Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible" is at the bottom of all fundraiser flyers. This is a requirement from the IRS and there could be penalties if people are not aware of this.

I have one more reminder to all members; When writing out checks to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, please remember to make them payable to A.B.A.T.E. and not to the chapter. The bank has been good about cashing the checks I receive made out in the chapter name, but that could change and then you would have to get a new check or not get those funds.

Hope to see lots of you at Bikerday at the State Capitol. This is really important, so make every effort to be there.

Mitch



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Buddy bears have been ordered. We ordered 1,197 bears this year. This is the most I've ever ordered in a year. Bears will be ready for pick up at A.B.A.T.E. U. I want to thank all the chapters that ordered for getting their orders in on time. I am looking forward to a good summer and getting the BEARS out. Love you all. I have an updated number 218-507-5163. Thank you for all you do.

Ma Bear

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BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this on your calendar and let's make this the biggest Bikerday yet. Registration is now open online. Please be at the bus locations 15 minutes prior to the times posted.

BUS SCHEDULE

Detroit Lakes/Alexandria/St. Augusta:

4:30 am -- Depart Detroit Lakes - Holiday Inn Hwy 10

6:15 am -- Depart Alexandria - Holiday Inn, Hwy 29

6:55 am -- Depart St. Augusta - McDonalds off 194.

Rochester/ Owatonna:

6:00am --- Depart Rochester - Wildwood Sports Bar
(by Best Western)

7:00 am -- Depart Owatonna - Wal-Mart (SW corner)

Cloquet/Rock Creek/Forest Lake:

5:55 am -- Depart Cloquet - SW corner of WalMart
parking lot

7:10 am -- Depart Pine City - Speedway
(North side of the building)

7:50 am -- Depart Forest Lake - Forest Lake VFW

Mankato:

6:45 am -- Depart Mills Fleet Farm - South end of
parking lot.

Marshall/Granite Falls/Glencoe:

5:00 am -- Depart Marshall - Applebees

5:45 am -- Depart Granite Falls - Prairies Edge Casino

7:15 am -- Depart Glencoe - Bumps Family
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"Pray for the best, prepare for the worse, and expect the Unexpected."

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March 10th, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am
April 7th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

State and Chapter elections, Bikerday, so much going on this month. Keep checking out the 'Calendar of Events' for chapter fundraisers, events, and committee meetings things to keep us busy during the last of winter such as it is.

"You don't have to be perfect to be amazing!"
Tammy



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Next Meeting (s):

March 20th, Dan and Gabby Matzdorff home, 6:00 pm
April 19th, Alexandria Holiday Inn (A.B.A.T.E. U), 6:00 pm

Nothing new to report.



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I was looking through some old A.B.A.T.E. records and found a report from the first Young Riders meeting ever recorded. The meeting was held May 15th, 1994. Some items discussed were the possibility of having Young Rider groups in designated districts or chapter areas. They discussed having recognition for different accomplishments, first aid/CPR, rider training classes, attending a Share the Road presentation. There are a lot of other accomplishments we could include, if you have suggestions let us know.

The decision to change the Young Riders mailing address to the A.B.A.T.E. State Office was approved at the January B.O.D. The Young Rider membership data base and member records will now be housed at our state office with our A.B.A.T.E. membership records. It will be a separate database but it will be kept at the same location. Now we will get to work designing and printing tri-folds. The tri-folds will include the new address and we will make mailing labels for the tear offs we currently have. We expect applications to be routed to the State Office by April.

We encourage you to bring Young Riders with you to Bikerday, and if you do, please get some pictures and send us copies. Please submit the photos and a minor child photo release so we can use them as we move forward sharing information about the Young Rider program. Photo releases will be available at Bikerday if you need one.

Young Riders will be represented at the Donnie Smith show. The table will be manned by Harmony and Stephanie with their Young Rider family members. Please stop by, say hello, and thank them for supporting the program.

The address for Young Riders is changing. The new address is;
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The next meeting is March 11th via zoom.

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Vicki & frank Ernst	June 23 - May 25
Tri-County chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN	June 23 - May 24
Bob & Toni McChesney	August 23-July 24
Glacial Ridge chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN	August 23-July 24
Buffalo Ridge chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN	Nov. 23 - Oct.24
Kris Gruhot	November 23 - October24
Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN	Jan. 24 - December 24
Bergdale Harley Davidson, Albert Lea	Jan. 24 - Dec. 24
Freedom First chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN	Feb. 24 - Jan, 25
Stephanie Christensen	March 24 - August 24

Would you like to become a Young Riders supporter?

Donations should be forwarded to
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Elk River MN 55330



MARKETING DIRECTOR

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I have dates for all county fairs in Minnesota. If you are interested in being a part of yours and need help with volunteers or signing up, let me know right away.

Membership totes will be ready at A.B.A.T.E. University. If you haven't, let me know if you want one or not.

See you in April!

Harmony



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello bikers!

The most important thing I have to say this month is. When filling out order forms for badges and business cards PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE PRINT clearly and have your chapter secretary email the information to me following your election meeting. The forms can be scanned or retyped and sent to me, but you still mail them back to the State Office with the rest of your voter's packet. If you do not receive a response from me saying that I got your email, please text, or call me to verify I have received your correct ordering information. If I do not receive an email from your chapter, I will contact the State Office for your information, which will cause a delay in my ordering process. If I have any issues, I will respond by email to your chapter email stating what the issue is. The sooner I have the correct information the easier it is for me to get your badges and cards ordered. I have a very small window to get everything ordered to get them in time for A.B.A.T.E. University.

Next up Bikerday at the Capitol is this month. Will I see you there? I hope so!

As always, if you have ideas, need State Products at your event, need an item for an auction or need chapter items please email me.

See you at the Capitol!

Kari



MRF REPORT

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Late last month, 120 members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate sent a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) slamming proposed changes to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for passenger cars and light trucks. The proposal by NHTSA would require an industry fleet-wide average for passenger cars and light trucks of roughly 58 miles per gallon by 2032.

The NHTSA proposal came soon after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) introduced new emission standards which would effectively require 67.5% of U.S. vehicle sales to be electric by 2032. Congress has attempted legislative action to stop the EPA proposal with H.R. 4468 (Passed on 12/6/23) and S. 3094 The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Acts. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation supports both bills and urges the Senate to follow the lead of the House and pass the bill.

This letter makes it clear that many lawmakers believe NHTSA has overstepped its authority with these proposed guidelines. Lawmakers state, "Nowhere in law did Congress authorize NHTSA to set fuel economy standards that effectively mandate electric vehicles, while at the same time force the internal combustion engine out of the market."

The letter outlines numerous concerns regarding the quick shift away from internal combustion engines, saying these proposals act as a "De facto mandate for electric vehicles that threatens to raise costs and restrict consumer choice, harm U.S. businesses, degrade our energy and national security and hand the keys of our automotive industry over to our adversaries, especially China."

The MRF thanks the lawmakers who have pushed back against NHTSA's attempt to eliminate the internal combustion engine. The MRF also sent a letter to NHTSA on this topic back in October, so we are grateful to see legislators addressing this issue.



WRITE TO RIDE

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We have sent you information on methods to communicate with legislators. We have shown you how to earn a Write 2 Ride patch and/or rocker. Now we are sending a few topics you and other motorcyclists may find important. At the end we are offering a few other ideas on how to go about getting involved.

What more can we do to help you get started? I think most can agree these issues are important and need to be addressed. The question is who will step up? The guy next door? The guy down the street? Or will it be the guy that wants to take every freedom of choice and privilege you have away from you?

The question has been asked many times before, who will do it? If not me, who? If not now, when?

Here are some issues of concern to many motorcyclists.

- **Motorcycle accent/ground light.**
- **Electric Vehicle Surcharge, including motorcycles.**
- **Mandating unreasonable level of EV vs ICE vehicle saturation of new vehicle sales.**
- **Put an end to profiling motorcyclists.**
- **Equitable treatment of motorcycles concerning sales tax.**

Digital Fair Repair Act.

In addition to writing letters here are a few other ways you can help.

- Political Contribution Refund Donations "PCR"
- Attend Bikerday at the Capitol
- Meet with legislators in person.
- Attend local town hall meetings.
- Volunteer to help candidates that support your position win their election.

We need your support!

frank



A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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Next Meeting (s):

March 5th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

A.B.A.T.E. University, April 19th - 21st,
Holiday Inn, (320) 763-6577, 5637 Hwy 29
South, Alexandria.

Make your reservations now! Make sure when you call to make your reservation that you mention it is for A.B.A.T.E. U. You must call the phone number above. If you call a different number, it will bring you to a booking agent and they will not know what you are talking about, and the cost of a room will be way more. If you have any trouble making your reservation, please reach out to me.

Court view, poolside, pool view and king rooms \$135. All other rooms are \$125.

Breakout Classes:

- History of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
- Social Media - Platforms and Use; Snapchat/ Twitter/Discord
- Principles of Leadership

Start getting your auction items together!
Keep selling those tickets!

A.B.A.T.E. U T-shirt pre-orders are starting, orders will close March 31st They are \$25 each.

You can contact me by text at (763) 443-4732 or by email at abateu@abatemn.org.

Please let me know size, men's or women's and a contact number.

Thanks,
Stephanie





WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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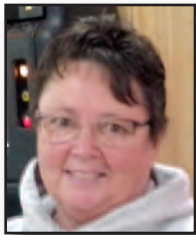
Next Meeting(s):

April 7th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

Our committee last met on January 14th at the Ugly Bar in Montrose. We looked over the Chapter bills, State bills, and deposits. We also reviewed and approved the 2024 proposed budget.

Come on out and learn about Ways and Means. We would love to see you.

Kristy



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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I am not sure what more I can do in this position. The numbers keep going the wrong way! We are down another 70.

The chapter with the highest member increases this month was Straight River, they had an increase of four. Heart of the Lakes was next with an increase of three, and third highest was Borderland with an increase of two.

There were only six chapters that had an increase, two chapters stayed the same and the remaining chapters had a loss this month.

See ya down the road!

Shelly

BIKERDAY MARCH 13TH!



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Next Meeting(s):

March 21st, St Paul College, with a virtual option, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Unfortunately, with the mild December came two more motorcyclist fatalities, bringing the total in 2023 to 69. One of the statistics we have been watching closely is the un-permitted and un-endorsed riders which accounted for 33% of the fatalities last year. Another disturbing statistic is the crashes involving only the motorcycle, which accounted for 48% of the fatalities.

Now on to the task force, which still does not exist. Our most recent meeting was on January 18th. The head of what is supposed to be the task force, Jay Bock, informed us that since he is the Chairperson, he was told by his superiors that he is not allowed to take minutes of the meetings anymore. Therefore, we had no record of the meeting held back in November and there are still no voting members appointed to the task force. This is almost seven months into a two-year term. There was blame placed on the Secretary of State's Office and Jay blamed himself for this latest delay in appointments. We were told the appointments should be finalized before the next meeting, but we have heard this before.

On a positive note, Jay Bock has been going through his predecessor's meeting history and has asked us why certain items always came up during the same months every year. Those of us that have been involved in the task force over the years had an opportunity to inform him. In my opinion, he should have done this over a year ago, but I am glad he is doing it now.

As I stated in this month's Education Report, the Share the Road trifolds I have been working to get back on the DPS schedule have been printed and can now be ordered through the Motorcycle Safety Center website. These pamphlets are dispersed through A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Share the Road presentations in driver's education classes.

Lastly, most of you know that our State Trustee, Mack Backlund, has been a legislative advisor to the task force for years. He has decided to back from that role but is still willing to be available to answer any questions or provide information in the future as needed. I would like to personally thank Mack for almost 20 years of legislative advisement to the task force, and I believe A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota owes him their gratitude.

That's it for this month. Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

Jon Fernholz



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

March 16th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

April 19th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

May 18th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

June 15th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

July 19th, B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

August 17th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

Wow, time is flying by, and the unusually warm temperatures is getting me excited for things to come! Our Celebration of our Fight for Freedom is really coming together. The communication with the sub committees has been outstanding.

We are still in need of an electrician. As I have said before, without an electrician we cannot have our Rally. Please help spread the word! Please contact Fred Pawelk at (612) 240-5767.

We are also in search of a committee chair to run the Registration trailer. Please contact Ingrid or me if interested.

A.B.A.T.E. University is fast approaching and is a key pivoting point in the progression of the Rally. As promised the flyers will be ready and available for you to take and start hanging up.

Advanced admission tickets will be distributed at A.B.A.T.E. University to the chapters that requested them. If you have not already done so, please contact Erin Fredricks at (612) 501-6106 by April 1st to order advanced admission tickets for your chapter to sell. All unsold tickets and money will need to be turned in at the July B.O.D.

Sign-up sheets for all the volunteer positions will also be at A.B.A.T.E. University, so please be prepared to sign up. We will have sign-up sheets for the following categories:

- REGISTRATION
- SECURITY - Front Gate, Shuttle, Patrol, Bands
- FIRST AID
- STATE PRODUCTS
- STAGE - setup & teardown
- WASTE WARRIORS
- ROAD GUARDS - Memorial Ride
- HAYRIDES - drivers
- MR. POTATO HEAD - all of Ron's potato vendor proceeds go to DIAL-A-RIDE

SPONSORS, SPONSOR, SPONSORS!

You will see this in every article... I cannot stress the importance enough. Please get out there and get those sponsorships. I know it is hard for some of you to ask for money from businesses but think of it this way, you are not asking for a handout, you are helping them promote and advertise their business. A huge selling point to mention is that the earlier they sponsor the more advertising they will get (more bang for their buck!). Stressing the fact that they will be recognized in the Road Noise, on the state website, on Facebook, and later in the program and on the band shelter banners. Please download the sponsor sheet from our state's website or copy it from the Road Noise. Keep these forms in your vehicle so you have them readily available.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Rally meetings. If you cannot attend in person but use Facebook and would like to join the meeting over Facebook messenger, contact Ingrid Cohen at (763) 516-7029 ahead of time so you can be included in the Rally meeting group chat.

If you have any suggestions for the Rally, send us an email to rally@abatemn.org.

Dougie Cohen,
Rally Chair

Remember . . .
BIKERDAY 2024
MARCH 13th



EDUCATION

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Next Meeting(s):

March 11th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

I will start off with a quick Young Riders Scholarship update. To date, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has already registered and paid for 20 kids to take rider training in in 2024. With the rate that this program is expanding, we should prepare ourselves of the possibility that we may have to put a spending cap on the program this year. Keep in mind that we did not launch this program online last year until a month and a half after the rider training season had begun. Some more encouraging news is that a second student referred to learning about our scholarship program from Bergdale Harley-Davidson. What a great partnership!

I have recently been gathering 2023 rider training statistics within our organization. These statistics include total A.B.A.T.E. dollars spent, including gambling and general funds. They also include the total number of riders trained, including scholarship recipients, district rider training events, and chapter events. Last

year A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota spent approximately \$18,000 on training 125 riders statewide. We should be proud of ourselves, excellent job!

Darryl Holman gave an overview at the board meeting about the plan for District Rider Training in 2024. It is too much to cover in the Road Noise, but your Chapter Representative should have brought a copy of the handout back to your meeting. I would encourage those that are interested in taking part this year to talk it over with your chapter. If your chapter is not interested, you can always reach out to your District Director to see what is available in your area.

Some more encouraging news. The Share the Road trifold that were taken off the DPS' printing schedule are now available for you to order. You can do so free of charge at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/mmsc/Pages/default.aspx>.

Also, Jim Orn has transferred all the keychains for this program over to me. If you need more, do not hesitate to reach out. That is all I have for now, see you at Bikerday!

"Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon."

-E.M. Forster

Jon Fernholz

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

212 TAVERN

114 Paul Ave S • Cologne, MN 55322



The 212 Tavern opened in September of 2023. The owners shuttered bar and made a lot of renovations prior to opening. The 212 Tavern is a full service bar that has frozen pizzas and air fried appetizers available. More importantly, they have got on board with supporting A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Since opening, the owners have received and posted Dial-A-Ride materials, purchased and promoted A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets, signed up to be an A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run sponsor and stop, and they will be hosting the 8th annual Tri-County Carver Bike run on May 4th. Talk about stepping up to the plate! If you can't make it out for the bike run, be sure to stop in to get your passport booklet signed this riding season. Let's step up and support the businesses that support A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota!





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

Saturday April 20, 2024, 9:00 AM
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to orderJane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and WelcomeEdgar Burke
InvocationEdgar Burke
Roll callMichele Legried
Agenda approval / changesJane Doyle
Secretary Report - January 2024 ..Michele Legried
Treasurer's ReportMichelle Backlund

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative DirectorGary Goracke
Motorcycle PAC of MNMark Senn
NCOMDale Peterson
(National Coalition of Motorcyclists)
MRFRyan Triebenbach
(Motorcycle Riders Foundation)
Write to RideFrank Ernst

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ABATE UniversityStephanie Christensen
EducationJon Fernholz
Young Rider's ProgramFrank Ernst
GamblingDan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear ProgramSharon Polman
HistorianGaida Trout
MarketingHarmony Sturges
Membership
and Member RetentionShelly Deutsch
Passport RunJon Smith
ProductsKari Duncan
PublicationsTammy Winkels
RallyDougie Cohen
Ways and Means.Kristy Luhman

OTHER REPORTS

State OfficeShelly Deutsch
MCDAR (*Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride*)John Nelson
Motorcycle Safety Advisory
Task ForceJon Fernholz
MMCC & COC of MNJane Doyle
and Dale Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

Bikerday 2024 recap
A.B.A.T.E. of MN
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Proclamation
2024 Budget Approval

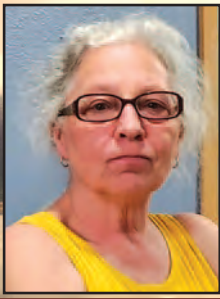
NEW BUSINESS

State Officer Election Results
Announce Chapter Officers/Chapter Challenge

OFFICER REPORTS

TreasurerMichelle Backlund
SecretaryMichele Legried
Northwest District DirectorEdgar Burke
Northeast District DirectorChad Marchand
Southeast District DirectorDonna Larish
Southwest District DirectorShelly Deutsch
Assistant State CoordinatorJim Orn
TrusteeMack Backlund
State CoordinatorJane Doyle

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ADJOURNMENT



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Greetings All!

Bikerday at the Capitol will be here before we know it. Hopefully everyone has registered and we get the Rotunda packed. It is always interesting interacting with our politicians.

Chapter Elections will be held this month. Have you stepped up to the plate and accepted a nomination? Changes cannot take place if no one steps up. If you stay complacent, you have no right to complain when nothing changes. Good Luck to all the nominees.

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up in April. Have you made your reservation yet? The meetings are always interesting and the breakout classes sound like a lot of fun and very informative.

Check the Calendar of Events - lots of fundraisers and parties going on. Each of the Chapters need to support each other.

Enough stumping, time to get outside and enjoy this very mild winter we are having. As always, I will be at your upcoming meeting soon.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart!

Donna

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s)

March 17th, VFW, Rochester, 11:00 am
April 21st, VFW, Rochester, 11:00 am
May 19th, VFW, Rochester, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event (s)

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol, busses leave the Wildwood Sports Bar & Grill in Rochester at 6:00 am
April 12th-14th, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University and B.O.D., Alexandria

Greetings from balmy SE MN:

Hoping this finds everyone doing well and getting antsy to get some throttle therapy. I know I am. Maybe Mother Nature is trying to make up for kicking us to the curb for our winter party as she decided to send a snowstorm and frigid temps, forcing us to postpone our winter party/fundraiser. This has been rescheduled to Feb. 17th at the Stewartville American Legion from 4-9 pm. As before, this is open to the public. Come and check us out, it should be a fun time.

It's that time of year again for electing Chapter Officers. Nominations are still open as I write this, so don't hesitate to throw your hat in the ring if you are interested in an Officer position. Most positions only take a few hours of your time a month. We can always use new faces and fresh ideas. Don't feel intimidated by a position you may want. If I can do it, anyone can.

We are deep in the planning process for our Summer Shenanigans Party and B.O.D. meeting in July. If anyone would like to be a part of the planning committee, I'm sure they would appreciate the extra hands and ideas. This will take place on the third Friday and Saturday in July.

Don't forget our monthly meetings at the Rochester VFW the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am.

If you recently renewed your membership, we thank you for doing this. And if you are a new member, we welcome you into our chapter. Remember, you don't have to ride a motorcycle to be a member of A.B.A.T.E. We welcome all who would like to be involved in protecting your rights.

– See you soon, Terry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting (s)

March 9th, American Legion, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

April 13th, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm

May 11th, Reggie's Bar, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is doing well. Mister groundhog didn't see his shadow. So they are saying early spring.

We have our Blessing of the Bike's coming up here on May 5th. Hopefully we have good weather on that weekend.

Remember this is election month. Good luck and welcome all members who are stepping up in those positions.

Everyone have a blessed month!

– Mike Smith
Straight River Chapter President
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting (s)

March 7th, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 6:30 pm,

Carver Fundraiser Ride Meeting

March 7th, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm,

Chapter Meeting

April 4th, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 6:30 pm, Carver

Fundraiser Ride Meeting

April 4th, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm,

Chapter Meeting

May 2nd, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 6:30 pm, Carver

Fundraiser Ride Meeting

May 2nd, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm, Chapter

Meeting

June 6th, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm

(More to come about potluck bbq)

July 11th, August 1st, Sept 12th.... Augusta Ballpark

more info to come

Upcoming Event (s)

March 13th, Bikerday, State Capitol

May 4th, Carver Fun Ride

Tri county welcomed Lake Chapter members , April and Jim, who presented our chapter with three free Grounded Hogs tickets. Our chapter had donated \$100 to this fundraiser.

Our chapter will be sponsoring an Intermediate Riders Course in Eden Prairie in June. Dates to be determined.

Bikerday at the State Capitol is March 13th! Let's get lots of attention and exposure about biker

rights. Buses are available from certain locations... see the Road Noise for the schedule. Go online to register and remember, we are giving two trophies away... one for a registered member who came the furthest and one for the chapter with the most registered attendees to the Capitol!

Plans moving smoothly for our main fundraiser, The Carver Fun Run, May 4th. Bring door prizes and bring your friends!!! Hoping for a warm sunny day!

Thank you to our chapter's Secret Santa who covered the pizza expense at our Christmas celebration!!! You rock!!

– Peace Out.... Ger

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s)

March 16th, Eagles, Austin, 4:00 pm

April 27th, Eagles, Albert Lea, 3:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders...

The BIGGEST item...BIKERDAY - Your presence is requested March 13th. Get on the buses and make sure you are registered!!!

We are coming into March and oh what crazy weather we have had. Days in January/February in which you could ride your motorcycles is nuts, but for some, nice. So if you have your bike out or are considering taking it out, please be careful. We logged 2 more fatalities in December because of the nice weather.

On another note, February was Nomination month, so come March make sure that your memberships are up to date if you want to vote. If you are expired, you will need to renew at the meeting to participate.

Don't forget, there are classes for the officer positions at A.B.A.T.E. University that are very beneficial for new officers stepping into these roles. In addition, A.B.A.T.E. University has other seminars, gatherings and fun stuff which provides you with the opportunity to meet others within the organization that you may not know.

You should know not where you are going...
You should let the road decide
For it is not the destination...
It's the glory of the ride

Peace and Love Always

– Hugs



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s)

March 10th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

April 14th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

May 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Events (s)

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

April 19th - 21st, A.B.A.T.E. University

May 4th, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 11th, Spring Ditch Cleanup

Hello All!

Spring is around the corner...yay!!!! And, I'm assuming a lot of you are starting to get your bikes ready for the riding season! It's also a time to start marking your calendar with upcoming rides and events!

On that note... Bikerday at the Capitol is this month! Please do consider attending; it's a very important event for us bikers. Even if you haven't signed up, you can still go. The River Valley Chapters bus is scheduled to meet at Mills Fleet Farm (south end of the parking lot) at 6:45am.

This month is Election time! Please plan on attending the meeting and voting in your new

Officers for the year. We would like to give a big shout out to our previous Officers for all your time and effort! Thank you!

Remember that A.B.A.T.E. University is next month! If you have become a new Officer or Sergeant at Arms, please make sure you go. It is beneficial to attend the classes to learn about what to do for your position... plus it's a lot of fun! Make reservations at (320)763-6577.

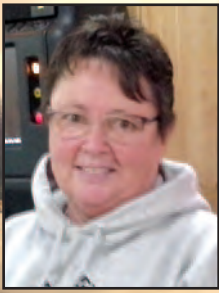
We are currently in the process of planning our Annual May Motorcycle Awareness Parade. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. Stay tuned for further information on our Facebook page. Our Spring Ditch Cleanup is just around the corner as well. More details to follow.

Welcome to our new members and thank you to those who renewed their memberships! We are looking forward to seeing and getting to know you at our monthly meetings and chapter events! We usually have our meetings on the second Sunday of every month at the Eagle's Club on Riverfront Drive at noon in Mankato. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please keep on watching our Facebook site for event updates!

– Anthony Crandell





SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapervines

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Not much for me to report here. Just waiting for the elections to finish up and see if we get some new people with new ideas to share. Did you get signed up for Bikerday? The bus leaves soon. If you don't fight for your rights, who will? If you can't get the day off, at least send a letter to your legislators. Tell them some of your really cool friends will be there soon!

Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting (s)

March 1st, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm
April 5th, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore,
7:00 pm

Food for food pantry has been collected. Thank you for all contributions! We have discussed trip to the Capitol, and A.B.A.T.E. U. Several will be attending from our Chapter.

April seems so close, but a lot can happen with our Minnesota weather. We will just wait it out, along with the rest of you! Remember our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Spring is a comin'
– BAM (Becky Murphy)

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting (s)

March 3rd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
April 6th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
May 4th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events (s)

March 9th, Taco Bar Fundraiser, Heidi's Bar, Sedan,
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

Getting ready for our all you can eat taco bar fundraiser on March 9th. We have the mini bike raffle and the 50/50 cash raffle. We are hoping for a good turn out.

Planning rides and getting out this summer. The riding season seems to go really fast, so make the time to get out and about!

Stay safe!

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting (s)

March 2nd, VFW Post 1914, St. James, 4:00 pm
(Chili Feed meeting 3:00 pm)
April 6th, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 4:00 pm
(Chili feed wrap meeting up 3:00 pm)
May 11th, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James,
Approximately 3:00 pm (following Washout &
Adopt-a-highway. Watch our Facebook page for updates)

Upcoming Events (s)

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
March 22nd, Chili Feed Prep, VFW Post 1914,
St. James, 9:00 am
March 23rd, Southwest District Meeting, VFW Post
1914, St. James, 2:00 pm
March 23rd, Chili Feed, VFW Post 1914, St. James,
5:00-8:00 pm
April 12th-13th, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls, SD
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

Who will be at Bikerday at the Capitol? Have you registered? I hope to see a substantial amount of my fellow bikers dressed in leathers at the Capitol on March 13th.

Who is ready for some chili? We are excited to have you come over to see us and eat some of our famous chili's. There will be a silent auction too. Please call Barb at (507)995-3337 and leave a message to get your advanced tickets for \$10. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

Make sure to get out and support the other Chapters fundraisers. It is so much fun traveling to other parts of the state to see our friends and family.

Until we meet up again, stay safe.

– Giggles

LAKE

Next Meeting (s)

March 2nd, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm (Elections)
April 6th, Son's of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm
May 5th, Missile Park, St Bonifacius, 3:00 pm
June 1st, Rendezvous Bar, Annandale, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Events (s)

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
March 23rd-24th, Donnie Smith Bike Show, River Center, St Paul
April 12th-13th, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls SD, 9:00 am
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 5th, Ditch Pick up, St Bonifacius Community Center, St. Bonifacius, 12:00 pm
May 20th-21st, Bikers in the Beltway, Washington D.C.
June 8th-9th, Intermediate and Advanced Training Classes

Thank you to everyone who came out to the February meeting. The Grounded Hogs fundraiser was wildly successful. We had record attendance numbers. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it such a success and to all that came. Thank you to Dial-A-Ride for providing sober rides at the event. Thank you to all of our sponsors. Your support is important and appreciated. This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride. Start saving your photos for the 2025 calendar. It is never too early to start preparing and those can be emailed to lakechaptermn@gmail.com. Member of the year was presented to the very deserved Rosa Kreitlow.

A.B.A.T.E. University is around the corner. Remember to book your room. We will again be hosting the hospitality room so be sure to stop by and say hi while you grab some yummy food.

Bikerday is coming soon. Attendance by all is crucial this year. Registration for the motorcycle intermediate and advanced training classes is open. They will be held on June 8th and June 9th. Please reach out to the chapter or Sherry Edgett (lefty245@aol.com) to register. There is a refundable \$25 deposit to secure your place. The deposit is refunded after completion of the class, and attendance at one of the following two Lake Chapter meetings in either July or August.

The Chapter's 2nd round of nominations occurred: President- April Murch, Vice President- Jim Kosse, Chapter Rep- Scott Trout, Secretary- Maureen O'Hern, Gaida Trout, Treasurer- Jim Kosse, Sergeant At Arms- Jim Bengston, Mike Jencks, Todd Riba, Gaida Trout, Cyndi Buttweiler, and Dean Webb. Thank you to all who accepted nominations. Your willingness to serve is appreciated. Everyone please remember to bring your active A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota membership card to elections meeting. Until next month my friends- Ride Free
– April

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

March 6th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
April 3rd, The Dive, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
May 1st, VFW Post 906, Hutchinson, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 28th, Food Drive, Family Fare, Litchfield, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
May 4th-5th, Spring Fling Bike Show, Litchfield Civic Arena, Litchfield, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm both days
May 15th, Ditch Clean Up, Odd Fellows Park, Hutchinson, 6:00 pm
June 2nd, Fun Run & Membership Drive, LaPlante's, Litchfield, Registration 10:30 am

Woohoo! It's March and the groundhog has predicted an early spring!!! I am choosing to believe in him this year. 😊

Our busy months are upon us! I hope to see everyone at the Capitol for Bikerday on March 13th. As a reminder, our area's bus leaves at 6:55 am from the McDonald's parking lot off of I-94 in St. Augusta. Then it will be A.B.A.T.E. University time. I can't wait to see who wins the chapter challenge!

South Central always kicks off Motorcycle Awareness month with our Food Drive and Bike Show. I hope our family pulls together as usual and helps with these. We are only strong and successful with the help of all of our members. Our bike show is going to be a big 2 day event this year, inside the Litchfield arena. I hope you'll come and check out the new location and enter your bike. Check out the flyer in this Road Noise. If you would like to donate door prizes or be a vendor, please contact Michelle Voigt at 320-292-6352.

Hope to see you out on the road soon!!

– Dougie Cohen, President

WAY WEST

Next Meeting (s)

To be Announced

Upcoming Events (s)

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Greetings!

Spring is coming! Start maintaining your bikes if you haven't started. March meeting is elections.

Plan on attending A.B.A.T.E. U. If you are newly elected to a position plan on attending officer classes.

– Gypsy Mamma



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

CHAD MARCHAND, DIRECTOR
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March is here and it's a busy one. There are Chapter elections. If you ever wanted to have a more direct role in the operation of your chapter now is your opportunity to ask to be added to the ballot and run as a write in candidate. These offices are obligations, and responsibilities, not positions of authority and privilege. Please remember and practice this to set a good example for new members and future officers. The success of our organization cannot be narrowed down to the work of one member. It takes hundreds of us putting in the effort. Now imagine if the thousands of members we have put in that same level of work whether it be holding an office, actively writing your lawmakers, volunteering at your Chapters events or recruiting. When we all put in the effort, it makes short work of huge tasks.

We have several huge tasks in front of us like electric vehicle mandates, fuel choice restrictions, and right to repair concerns just to name a few. The freedoms we value are not static and without our vigilance and efforts we will see our freedoms eroded. It can be difficult to fight what is clearly an uphill battle but if we don't keep pushing the gears of government and regulations, that same government and its regulations will turn and push on us. Be the voice that ensures your freedom.

Until next time, ride safe!

Chad Marchand

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s)

March 10th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
April 14th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
May 12th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s)

March 13th, Bikerday, State Capitol
April 19th-21th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 18th, Sand Dunes Spring Ride, time/place TBD
Sand Dunes Bike Show & Rodeo, Bailey Ray's,
Santiago, 11:00am-5:00 pm

By the time this article is posted the Minnesota caucuses and Minnesota's first Presidential Primary will be over. I'm sure most of us are not shocked by the two selections from each party. Next on the agenda is Bikerday March 13th at the state capitol. I hope you are registered or, at the

very least, have decided to write to your state senator and representative. This is one of the major reasons that A.B.A.T.E. exists. We are here to represent the rights of bikers throughout this state.

Back in January the Lake Chapter, with help from Sand Dunes, Central, and East Central Chapters, helped with a Bowling for Kids event. This is an annual event and helped raise \$1400 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Everyone had a great time for a great cause!

Currently our chapter is planning two big events. On May 18th we will have our annual Spring Ride and our Ride Committee is working to finalize the route and stops. We've been very fortunate as we have had great weather for the last three years. On June 8th we will be holding our annual Bike Show and Rodeo. It will be bigger and better than ever! And, we are in a new

location, Bailey Ray's in Santiago. We will have some awesome trophies and silent auction items.

Finally, saying it's been an unusual winter weatherwise is an understatement. If you're one of the crazy ones (like me) still riding, be careful. Not many drivers are looking for us this time of year. Plus, sand and salt can always be an issue, but we have not had much of that this year and most of the roads are good. Still, be safe and be alert. That's all for now. Peace out!



Elevator Selfie!

CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

March 3rd, VFW East, St. Cloud, at 12pm: voting will be happening at this meeting so please come out and vote.

April 7th, Side Bar, Cold Spring, 12:00 pm

May 5th, Doochies, St. Martin 12:00 pm

August 15th-18th, Biker Bash

We have the entertainment booked for Biker Bash.

Thursday, August 15th: Jam it Anyway Entertainment;

Friday, August 16th: Crimson Edge

Saturday, August 17th: Diamond Back. Thank you to CJ&J trucking for sponsoring. We are still looking for vendors and sponsors please contact Joe Bud Wisner for more information.

Polar Plunge was February 17th at Avon Beach. 7 members jumped. Will have updates on those crazies next month.

Painter Mike (Lewerke) passed away on January 4th. He was a long standing member of our Chapter and known by many as a friend and someone always there to help. He will be missed. His name will be add to our memorial banner.

Holiday party and January meeting was January 6th at Sal's in St. Joe. Thank you for hosting us. We had a great time, ate lots of food and some amazing pulled pork! Yummmm! Thank you to Jen H, Chad H and Joey L for putting on such a fun night. The casino night (with play money) theme made the night special. And of course DJ JooEy.

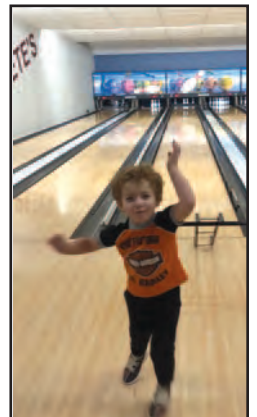
On January 21st Lakes and Sand Dunes chapters had their Big brother and Big sisters bowling for kids fundraiser. Some chapter members, ourselves and our 4 year old son Ryder went out and did some bowling. It was a great turn out and had such a fun time.

On December 31st two of our chapter members Joe Bud and Julie got married. The wedding was beautiful and the reception was a blast! Congratulations to the Wisner's!

We previously had a Facebook group and page. We are now only having a Facebook group. It is A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Central Chapter. Please go join the group if you have not already.

Until next month,
Cowboy and Ling

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EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

March 3rd, American Legion, St Francis,
11:00 am

Upcoming Event (s)

March 13th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

April 7th, Chapter meeting

April 19th, A.B.A.T.E. U.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

This years Heart On is in the books and a big thank you goes out to all our friends from other chapters who came out to see us. Kari Duncan gets a huge thanks for bringing up the state products. Its always a pleasure to see her bright smiling face. You 'da best! President Jim and I wish we could have been there but we were sitting it out due to covid. I guess there is always next years Heart On event.

We've delivered 40 Buddy Bears to the Anoka County Sheriffs CID, February 12th. It makes sense to partner up with your local law enforcement departments to directly help kids in crisis. Thank you Anoka County!

We are looking forward to Bikerday at the state capitol soon and are sure have better weather than last year. At least we're not up to our butts in snow! Theres only around 100 people signed up for it now. That leaves alot of empty seats on the buses, so come on and register and take a field trip down to the capitol with us.

We all are seeing lots of motorcycles out on the roads early this year, you may be one of them. Salt, dirt, garbage and inattentive drivers who are not use to seeing motorcycles in March. Keep your head on a swivel, friends. This year we might have a record number of accidents. Dont be one of them.. it will ruin it for the rest of the year and nobody wants that.

Take care and Stay aware!

– Kelly



NORTHEAST

Next Meeting (s)

April 3rd - Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

May 1st - Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Bikerday at the Capitol is coming up on March 13th. Let's make sure it's well attended and productive.

We've set the date for our annual Bunwarmer party which is March 23rd at the River Inn in Scanlon. The party starts at 6:00 pm with The Reckoning playing at 8:00 pm There will be door prizes, live auction, and games so be there or be square! There are rooms with special rates available at The First American Inn in Carlton, phone (218) 384-3535.

– Stay warm!! Ed



JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s)

March 17th, American Legion Post 51, Pine City, 1:00 pm

April 21st, Doc's on 23, Askov, 1:00 pm

May 19th, Marge's Bar & Grill, Brook Park, 1:00 pm
(meeting follows highway cleanup)

June 16th, Squirrell Cage, Willow River, 1:00 pm

July 21st, Maverick's Saloon, Beroun, 1:00pm

Upcoming Event (s)

April 18th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

July 12th-14th, Jack Pine Riders Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown

August 18th, Memorial Ride weekend. Ride ends at Nickerson Bar. Riding/Camping/Bonfire and more.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets. Who couldn't use \$29,999? All cash prizes this year. Ticket info contact Liz 320-280-0775.

The next roadside cleanup will be May 19th, 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.

It's time again for chapter elections. Chapter and State officer elections will be held at the March meeting.

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.

Band lineup for the 2024 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. I do not have that information at this time. But if you want more information, attend the next chapter meeting. Poster and event tickets will be coming out soon.

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.

- The Grapevine Jesus

UP NORTH

Next Meeting (s)

March 10th, Taconite Legion, Taconite, 3:00 pm

Our meeting time has moved back to 3pm. Our next meeting will be March 10th (which will also be our voting meeting) at the Taconite Legion.

METRO

Next Meeting (s)

Second Tuesdays of each month, VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids, 7:00pm
March 12, April 9 and May 14

Upcoming Event (s)

Second Monday each month - March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, Metro Chapter Recurring Fundraisers: Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant, 201 Jackson Street, Anoka, 4:00 to 8:00 pm

March, May, July, September and November Sunday Brunch, Route 47 Pub and Grub - 7820 University Ave NE, Fridley, 8:00 am to Noon
Check our Facebook page or website for details

Our second round of officer nominations is after the deadline for this article. The first round of Officer nominations were: President - Nick Capra, VP - Greg Schommer, Chapter Rep - Rob Benjamin, Treasurer - Joe (JJ) Jones, Secretary - Alyssa Schommer, Sgt-at-Arms - Brian LaDoux, Sean Hughes, Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros, Marcia Capra. Sounds like a winning leadership team to me! We are pleased to announce that the 2024 State Rally Calendars are now available to purchase. We will have calendars on hand for people to purchase at Bikerday at the Capitol and at the St. Patrick's Day Warm Up Party. The calendar features photos taken at the 2023 ABATE State Rally by Nick Capra, Harmony Sturges and Dale Morin. All profits from the sale of the calendars will be donated to Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride.

Once again in March, Metro Chapter will be hosting the A.B.A.T.E. membership booth at the Donnie Smith Bike Show, March 23rd and 24th at the St. Paul River Centre. Stop by to say 'Hello' and to renew your A.B.A.T.E. membership for any of the 24 chapters for 2024. Stop by and get a FREE hug from JJ (and if you are lucky, maybe even a picture taken with him).

Save the date Friday, March 15th for a Pre St. Patrick's Day event at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley from 6-10 p.m. The committee has been working overtime making sure that this will be an event to remember. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door, get your Pre-Sale tickets at metro315tickets@outlook.com. Tickets include FREE food, beer and pop, live music by Skitzo Fonic and a fabulous Silent Auction with many cool items to bid on.

The 4th Annual MetroMorial Day celebration will be held on Sunday, May 26th at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley. It will be your first chance to enjoy Loaded Baked Potatoes and Roasted Sweet Corn. Stay tuned for more details.

We will be making a big push to get as many Metro Chapter members as possible to attend Bikerday at the State Capitol, Wednesday, March 13, as well as to attend Heartland STEAM in Sioux Falls, SD April 13-14 and A.B.A.T.E. U. in Alexandria the following weekend, April 19-21.



Howdy Folks,

BIKERDAY at the Capitol, March 13th! In this very unstable world WE are in, NOW is the time to step up and be counted! If you are unable to make it PLEASE Contact YOUR Legislators and touch base on motorcycling Issues. Page 9 of the February Road Noise has the talking points. By far the MOST IMPORTANT Day of the Year!!!

A.B.A.T.E. U is just around the corner, another very informational and fun event, April 19th-21st. Holiday Inn, Alexandria. Please bring an item for the auction. This is A.B.A.T.E. of MN's annual fundraiser. Get your room booked. Visit a neighbor chapter's fundraiser. Support those that support you.

Again I would like to say THANK YOU To ALL past and Present Officers and Committee members!!! This wheel won't Roll Without YOU!!!

Riding season is upon us. Please use caution and keep your chin up. Sign up for a rider course. I try to take one every year. After riding for all these years, I learn something every time I take the course. Get to know YOUR Ride.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Edgar

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting (s)

March 9th, VFW, Alexandria, 4:00 pm,
 April 20th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn,
 Alexandria, TBD

Greetings FFR Members,

Just finished our February Meeting and the second round of Officer Nominations. One last chance to get yourself in as a write-in during our March meeting before we complete the voting if you are still interested.

The meeting had some distinguished guests and some of our long-standing supporters. Northwest District Director Edgar Burke, was there to give us some updates on the Young Riders program and also to remind us about the Heart of the Lakes, Pool and Dart Tournament on March 2nd. Glacial Ridge President "Hives" was there to let us know about their Taco Night fundraiser, raffle and 50/50 tickets for March 9th in Sedan. Representatives from Dough 4 Joe were also there to talk about what they represent. The chapter made a donation to their causes.

The Blizzard game where our service members will be recognized on the ice during the game is on March 2nd at the RCC, Hockey Rink in

Alexandria. Game time is 7:00 pm, but please come early to get your tickets to the game. Rich Reimers will be the POC for the event and if you weren't at the meeting to get your name on the list please contact him through Facebook or Messenger. The chapter has decided to rent the Icebox for the game for all members and service members so please come out and have a fun night on us.

Don't forget to sign up for Bikerday at the Capitol Sign up online and the bus schedule has been published. Don't miss out on your chance to talk with your representatives!

Expect the Unexpected!!

– Big Papa

HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting (s)

March 8th, Playtime Sandbar, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm
 April 12th, Bucks Mill Brewing, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm

NORTH STAR NORTHWEST BORDERLAND

No Reports Received

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2024 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2024 State Rally, to be held August 30th-September 2nd at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

Diamond Sponsorship

The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000

It includes:

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

Gold Sponsorship

The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000

It includes:

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

Silver Sponsorship

The Silver Sponsorship is \$500

It includes:

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

Chrome Sponsorship

The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250

It includes:

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

Copper Sponsorship

The Copper Sponsorship is \$100

It includes:

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

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

Partnering with us will make the 2024 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2024 Rally is 2,000.

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

For more information, please contact:

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532

Email: statetreasurer@abatemn.org

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

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is
August 1, 2024**

Sponsorship Forms and Rally Sponsors on Page 26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
3/1/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
3/2/2024	Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart Tournament	The Silver Moon Bar and Lounge, Perham	1:00 PM
3/2/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge, Waverly	3:00 PM
3/2/2024	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg McGlynn's	3:00 PM
3/2/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James (Chili Meeting 3:00)	4:00 PM
3/3/2024	Central Chapter Meeting	VFW East, St. Cloud	12:00 PM
3/3/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
3/3/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3/6/2024	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
3/6/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	7:00 PM
3/7/2024	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
3/7/2024	Tri-County Carver Ride 2024 8th Annual Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
3/7/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/8/2024	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	The Sandbar, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
3/9/2024	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	4:00 PM
3/9/2024	Glacial Ridge Taco Bar Fundraiser	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	3-7:00 PM
3/9/2024	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
3/10/2024	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom	11:00 AM
3/10/2024	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/10/2024	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
3/10/2024	Up North Chapter Meeting	Taconite Legion	3:00 PM
3/11/2024	Education/Young Riders Meeting	via Zoom	6:00 PM
3/11/2024	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
3/12/2024	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
3/13/2024	Bikerday at the Capitol		
3/15/2024	Metro Chapter St. Patricks Day Warm-up	Route 47 Pub & Grub, Fridley	6-10:00 PM
3/16/2024	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Austin	4:00 PM
3/16/2024	State Rally Meeting	Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
3/17/2024	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	American Legion Post 51, Pine City	1:00 PM
3/17/2024	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
3/20/2024	Gambling Meeting	Dan and Gabby Matzdorff home	6:00 PM
3/21/2024	Motorcycle Safety Task Force Meeting	St. Paul College w/a virtual options	5-7:00 PM
3/22/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed Prep Day	VFW, St. James	9:00 AM
3/23/2024	Donnie Smith Bike Show	River Center, St. Paul	
3/23/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	5-8:00 PM
3/24/2024	Donnie Smith Bike Show	River Center, St. Paul	
4/3/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	The Dive, Cosmos	7:00 PM
4/3/2024	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:00 PM
4/4/2024	Tri-County Chapter Fundraiser Ride Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
4/4/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
4/5/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
4/6/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/6/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Son's of Silence Club House, Cokato	3:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS *continued*

4/6/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	4:00 PM
4/6/2024	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed wrap up Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	3:00 PM
4/7/2024	Central Chapter Meeting	Side Bar, Cold Spring	12:00 PM
4/7/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
4/7/2024	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
4/7/2024	Ways & Means Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
4/8/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
4/9/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/12/24	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Bucks Mill Brewing, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
4/12/24	Heartland STEAM	Sioux Falls, SD	
4/13/24	Heartland STEAM	Sioux Falls, SD	
4/13/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Moose Lodge, Faribault	:00 pm
4/14/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
4/14/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
4/19/24	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/19/24	Gambling Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 PM
4/19/24	State Rally Meeting	A.B.A.T.E. U, Litchfield	8:00 PM
4/20/24	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/20/24	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	ABATE U, Litchfield	TBD
4/21/24	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/21/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's on 23, Askov	1:00 PM
4/21/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
4/27/24	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Albert Lea	3:00 PM
4/28/2024	South Central Food Drive	Family Fare, Litchfield	10 - 1:00 PM
5/1/24	North East Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/1/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 906, Hutchinson	7:00 PM
5/2/24	Tri-County Chapter Fundraiser Ride Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
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5/4/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/4/24	Motorcyle Awareness Parade		
5/5/24	2024 Spring Fling	Litchfield Civic Arena, Litchfield	10 - 4:00 PM
5/5/24	Central Chapter Meeting	Doochies, St. Martin	12:00 PM
5/5/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Bonifacius	:00 pm
5/5/24	Lake Chapter Pick up	St. Bonifacius Community Center, St. Bonifacius	
5/11/24	River Valley Ditch Cleanup		
5/11/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	3:00 PM
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5/14/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
5/15/24	South Central Ditch Clean Up	Odd Fellow's Park, Hutchinson	6:00 PM
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5/19/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM

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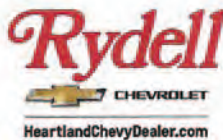
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