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- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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Thanks to everyone who showed up for Bikerday at the Capitol! Most of our legislators look forward to our visit. It's great to make that personal connection and voice our opinion on biker's rights. I want to say a special thank you to those who were up in the middle of the night to catch a bus ride!

We have a lot of very hard-working people in this volunteer organization. Many of whom are behind the scene and may feel unappreciated. I wish there was a way to properly thank each and every one of you for your commitment to

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed!

Have you ever met someone, and instantly felt like you had been friends forever? How about meeting someone that you would prefer to not run into again? When that occurs, what do you do the next time you see them? Do you turn the other way? Or, do you make another attempt to visit? Many times, if we don't see eye to eye with someone, we avoid that person. At times we even glare at them, hoping they go away. I have learned many valuable lessons in my lifetime. I started taking the time to get to know people. Once you find out what they are passionate about, the relationship can change. It's amazing what we can learn from others when we allow them into our lives. Patience and understanding go a long way.

See you at A.B.A.T.E. U!

— Jane



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You're all in luck this month, my report is going be short & sweet. I have a little time till it gets done raining, then I'll be going out riding down here in Texas.

It was great to see everyone at Bikerday! It was nice to see everyone and you know when they see us, we make a good impression!

A.B.A.T.E. U is next, make sure you make your reservation, your dinner tickets are ordered and your raffle tickets bought. It's always a great time!

And next thing you know, its full-on riding season.

— Till next time, Jim



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Welcome newly elected officers and incumbents! Thank you for stepping up to the plate! Feel free to contact me for any information you may need.

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See you at A.B.A.T.E. U!!!!!!



## **NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT APRIL 2020**

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In the March Road Noise you may have read the letter to the editor from Doc Richenach addressing MARO participation at the NCOM convention. As stated Doc is the Chairman of the Board of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, he has been involved with the motorcycle rights movement for many years. Doc has sent an invitation for all to make suggestions on how to improve the service NCOM provides to motorcyclists. As he says the motorcycle rights movement was started to combat mandatory use helmet laws for all riders. There has been much progress made in this area over the years, well done. It is important to realize that battle could still be in front of us. Each year at Bikerday at the capitol A.B.A.T.E of MN members ask legislators to leave our helmet law as is no change. We do this because we know any time a change could be proposed. It is happening across the nation states trying to erode the progress that has been made to secure the freedom of choice for adults. Again this is just one of the issues that has faced us, do you know of others? Please take a minute and think about how NCOM can better serve the motorcycle community. If you have ideas please forward them to Doc at [ncomchairman@att.net](mailto:ncomchairman@att.net) or send to me, or better still join us May 8 - 9, 2020 and share your ideas in person.

The battle for freedom of choice is ongoing, if we don't take the time to know what is going on and to protect the choices we have, who will? Freedom of choice is not always easy to secure or protect, it takes some effort. You can help now by telling us what we can do to help. The questions asked many times before are "If not me who?" If not now when?

As always, stay vigilant.

— fe



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At Bikerday this year, as members of three chapters of A.B.A.T.E. sat and visited with two State Senators, a question was asked that I didn't have an answer for. "How many Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center training sites are there?" After I got home, I was able to find the answer.

For 2020 there are twenty-two sites that offer the Basic Rider Course and the Intermediate Rider Course. I looked back to 2017 and there were twenty-eight sites then.

I was disappointed that I missed the January meeting. But after I read the meeting minutes, I saw that there were eight members that missed that meeting. I guess I wasn't the only one having an "off" day.

Our next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul College. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Remember, STUFF happens. Motorcycle accidents don't need to!

— Monte



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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's 2020 Bikerday at the Capitol was a big success. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota continues to have great respect from legislators for our grass roots lobbying efforts. Below are Senate and House bill numbers with talking points of interest to Minnesota motorcyclists.

— Yours in freedom, Mack

### **Improve Funding for Motorcycle Training and Motorist Awareness**

**SF1565 (Kiffmeyer) – HF1871 (Wolgamog)**

Due to a reduction in the number of new riders and the aging of the motorcycling demographic, training class enrollment in Minnesota is declining. Some training facilities find that rider training classes are not able to operate at a cost effective level. The result of this could be closing or consolidating some rider training locations, adding additional travel distance for many students. In an attempt to reduce the risk of a diminished rider training product, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will propose small fee increases in motorcycle permit applications and license renewals. The permit fee will rise a few dollars and the license renewal fee to keep your motorcycle endorsement on your drivers' license will rise from \$13 per renewal to \$17 per renewal. This fee is paid every four years when a drivers' license is renewed. While the dollar amounts are small, multiplied by the 420,000 people who have this endorsement will mean that motorcycle rider training will continue to be a local option. This proposal will also benefit motorist awareness of motorcyclist programs and available motorcycle rider training.

### **Curtail Profiling of Motorcyclists in Minnesota**

**SF1690 (Osmek) – HF1525 (Drazkowski)**

Motorcyclists are frequently stopped by police as they travel simply because they ride a motorcycle or are wearing motorcycle riding apparel. Often

these stops are accompanied with the explanation that a traffic infraction has occurred, which is not always the case. In some cases, people have been told they are violating a law that does not exist. In other cases, the violation cited simply has not occurred. Motorcyclists come from all walks of life and most are law abiding citizens. Motorcyclists should not be treated differently from other members of the transportation mix. We support legislation that assures chief law enforcement officers, at the state and local level, establish and enforce a written policy governing the conduct of peace officers engaged in stops of motorcycle riding citizens.

### **Oppose Mandatory Uninsured and Underinsured Insurance Requirements for Minnesota Motorcyclists**

**SF1005 (Latz) – HF1121 (Youakim)**

These bills would require all Minnesota motorcyclists to carry uninsured and underinsured insurance. This is opposed by a broad coalition of Minnesota motorcyclists. There are many insurance options in addition to the liability requirements that may be of benefit to a motorcycle rider, but these policy additions should be the motorcyclist's option. Most riders already have uninsured and underinsured insurance but the extra cost of this insurance could make motorcycle riding too expensive for some, especially younger riders. Additionally, the passage of this legislation may have unintended consequences. Riders who face large increases in motorcycle insurance may choose to not purchase insurance at all.

### **Reduce the Sales Tax Imposed on Older Motorcycles**

**SF3888 (Mathews) – HF4134 (Lislegard)**

Motorcyclists who transfer a title for a motorcycle which is ten years old or older and valued at less than \$3,000, or have a motorcycle that is 20 years old or older who ask for a "Classic" specialty plate, pay a much higher rate of sales tax than an automobile meeting those criteria. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota feels this is wrong and has introduced legislation to have motorcycles on an even scale with automobiles. Motorcycles cause almost zero damage to our roads and should not be taxed at a higher rate than cars and trucks.



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Hello everyone – The ice is finally off my driveway and that usually means time to buy a new battery for my bike! First, thank you to everyone for their patience as I try to figure out this Gambling Manager gig. There have been a few bumps and I guarantee you there will be a few more so please continue to be patient. We recently finished our audit with the Minnesota Gambling Control and although we had an issue or two, it was a great learning experience for me.

My main efforts are currently around a few chapter raffles and the upcoming A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle. Please keep pushing the sales for each of these raffles. I now get to see all the great charities and organizations that benefit from the profits these raffles produce and it makes the effort we all put into it worth it.

If you need more tickets for the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle let me know and I will get them in the mail to you. Also, two things to PLEASE remember when you sell a ticket, make sure the purchaser has included their full address and phone number and second, get them to me so your chapter gets full credit for the sale.

Hope to see you all in Alexandria for A.B.A.T.E. U and I will be happy to talk to anybody who wants to go over the ins and outs of getting the proper approval process done easily and timely for your next raffle.



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Well, Spring is getting closer! I have seen a few bikes out, be careful if you get the itch to ride! Remember, there is still a lot of sand and chemicals on the road, PLUS Joe Public is NOT looking for us yet!

Well, I have the March numbers here for you and they are improving! March total membership is 3,202. 1,524 singles and 1,678 couples. So that means we are going up! February total was 3,118. That's an 84-member increase! Way to GO!! The top two Chapters were Freedom First Riders with six new singles and 14 new couples, followed by Metro with six new singles and 12 new couples. That is AWESOME!

Just to let you know how I'm doing with the post cards that I handed out at the January B.O.D. This is what I did, first I emailed anyone with an email address. 65 went out, of those I got seven rejected emails, but I did get two responses, neither of those were renewals. Then I sent 70 out by mail. I have been getting some back from undeliverable mail, seven of those, but I did get one that renewed! Stated that he just forgot to send it in. So maybe more will come in, or maybe they sent it right to Liz at the State office. Are you using them yet? Getting any responses? Let me know if these are helping out in any way. Keep on Keeping On!

— Shelly Deutsch



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Bears have been ordered and are on the way. For those of you that ordered bears, please remember that in order to get your bears you need to be current on inventory reports and receipts sent in for all bears delivered by the April B.O.D., where they will be distributed.

Such beautiful weather and a lot of motorcycles out there on the roads. Please be safe and enjoy the new riding season for this year. God bless you all stay safe

— Sharon Polman (AKA) Ma Bear





## STATE RALLY REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 7:00 pm

Well, it's April already, hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can get back to riding. The entertainment has been set for the Rally, posters have been printed and will be ready for your Chapter Rep to pick up after the B.O.D. We will also have the "Save the Date" business cards and post cards, please pick some

up as well and keep them handy to hand out to other motorcyclists this summer and at your summer runs.

Don't forget to have your Chapter Rep sign up your Chapter to fill front gate and security shifts. The sign-up sheets will be at the Rally table at A.B.A.T.E. U after the B.O.D is over. Don't forget the Rally meeting is Friday night at 7:00 pm at A.B.A.T.E. U, everyone is welcome. We love your input because we will use it to make the Rally better. That's it for this month, see you at A.B.A.T.E. U.

P.S. don't forget to put Rally information on any form of social media you and your Chapter use. Remember, if they don't know, we can't grow.

— Thanks, Smoker



## MRF REPORT

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### Upcoming Event(s):

May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Bikers in the Beltway, Washington DC  
September 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Meeting of the Minds,  
Indianapolis, IN

From the DC office:

### Making Moves on Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act

The MRF and our moto lobby friends are continuing to drive cosponsors to our bipartisan and bicameral MAC Reauthorization legislation. We are pleased that eight new cosponsors jumped on this week to stand with the motorcyclists around the country. H.R. 5234 added six new cosponsors and five new states this week, bringing the total to 20. While the Senate companion bill, S. 3249, picked up two more cosponsors and added one new state. It's worth noting that Wisconsin is the first state to secure both of their Senators on S. 3249.

### H.R. 5234 Original Cosponsors:

Rep. Gallagher [R-WI-8]	Rep. Pappas [D-NH-1]
Rep. Rouda [D-CA-48] &	Rep. Balderson [R-OH-12]
Rep. Davids [D-KS-3]	Rep. Brownley [D-CA-26]
Rep. Gibbs [R-OH-7]	Rep. Grothman [R-WI-6]
Rep. Lowenthal [D-CA-47]	
Rep. Rouzer [R-NC-7]	Rep. Carbajal [D-CA-24]

Rep. Sensenbrenner [R-WI-5]

Rep. Huffman [D-CA-2]      Rep. Young [R-AK-At Large]

### New this week:

Rep. Walberg [R-MI-7]      Rep. Kind [D-WI-3]

Rep. Burgess [R-TX-26]      Rep. Bost [R-IL-12]

Rep. Craig [D-MN-2]      Rep. Lamborn [R-CO-5]

### S. 3249 Original Cosponsors:

Sen. Johnson [R-WI] and

Sen. Peters [D-MI] Sen. Boozman [R-AR]

### New this week:

Sen. Shaheen [D-NH], Sen. Baldwin [D-WI]

I want to take a moment to share some preliminary results about the two MAC Calls to Action that we have been circulating. To date, 1,900 emails have been sent through our CQ Engage software to ask your elected officials to support this legislation. On the House side, Wisconsin leads the pack with the most letters sent, followed by Illinois and Texas. In the Senate, South Dakota is in the lead, followed by a tie between New York and Wisconsin. We appreciate everyone who has taken a few moments to contact their legislators on this issue, and we are more successful in meetings when they know that they have heard from you, their constituents on an issue.

The MRF needs you. Please consider signing up or renewing your membership today.

— Gary Goracke, MRF State Rep.



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

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**Next Meeting:** April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University

**VOTE - Your Freedom Depends On It!**

A.B.A.T.E. University is ALMOST HERE! I hope everyone is ready for fun, laughs and learning. If you are interested in taking the Road Guard class, please contact Jodi at [johlogge@hotmail.com](mailto:johlogge@hotmail.com).

If you interested in Conceal and Carry class, please contact Laura at (218) 252-1631. I hope everyone will be at the dinner banquet to enjoy the speaker and the meal.

Standard rooms - \$104.99 plus tax; King rooms and Recreational Area rooms - \$109.99 plus tax

Cannot wait to see everyone there!!

— Stephanie



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Bikers,

Are you ready for A.B.A.T.E. University? Are you ready to see some new products? Come see me in the Products room at A.B.A.T.E. U and see if I have something you want or need. If you don't see something you want or need, let me know and I will check into ordering it for you. As I have said in the past, I don't read minds, so if you don't tell me I can't have it ordered and you won't be able to buy it.

I do have a few new things that will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U and depending how well they sell I will order more as necessary. If I don't have something in your size or color preference let me know and I can possibly have it done for you at a later time and ship it to you, or maybe I'll go for a ride and surprise you by delivering it to you.

I am still working on the catalog, but my hand issues are proving to be a problem in getting this done. Hope you all have a great Easter.

— Kari



## EDUCATION

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A.B.A.T.E. U. is here! The E in A.B.A.T.E. stands for education. This is your chance to experience some of the best education your organization has to offer.

Choose a seminar or two that interests you and participate in it, then report your experience back to your chapter. What better way to get the word out about what we believe in.

Education is important, without it, we will not achieve our goals.

— Ride Safe Ride Free, Paul



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Another Dial-A-Ride season starts this month. When you go out and deliver materials to your local bars please send me a quick email at [johlogge@hotmail.com](mailto:johlogge@hotmail.com) with the Name and the Chapter.

It is also time to start turning in Interventions and Pickups. It is as easy as sending an email to [johlogge@hotmail.com](mailto:johlogge@hotmail.com) with a number, Chapter and County. I do not need to know how many drinks they had, family history, if they were A.B.A.T.E. members, MC members, or just Joe/Jane people.

As you can tell, I have heard lots of reasons why people are not reporting. We do not know how, we do not know where, no one answers, it is too much hassle, and we do not want anyone to know. I have heard it all. Who knows your friends or you could be the next one in the ambulance getting that ride that is not so free.

As the sign said this Monday:  
"DRINK+DRIVE=DWI PLAN A SOBER RIDE"  
I am adding: Call Dial-A-Ride

— Jodi



## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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April is here and I know a few of you have had your bikes out. I always wait for a good rain before I get mine out. No matter what, please be careful, because I have heard of accidents already

happening.

I want to thank everyone who stepped up and volunteered to hold a position in their chapter. No matter what position you hold they are all important. Now please take the time to go to A.B.A.T.E. University and learn (or refresh) what the position is all about. No one is perfect we all make mistakes so the more knowledge we have the better we can be.

If any of you want, I will come to your chapter and help in any way that I can. Hopefully I will see you at A.B.A.T.E. University.

I know next is a repeat but very important. As A.B.A.T.E. members, it is up to all of us to look for new members and to remind our old members to renew their membership. Every chapter is given a list of current and expired memberships, look at it. And if there is someone that you know that is on it, contact them ask why they let their membership go. If it is just an oversight get, those to sign up again, if they have a reason let me know or have them contact me. The Chapters belong to the Chapter Members they are the controlling entity of A.B.A.T.E. It is up to them to decide which way the chapter goes, everybody has a voice in A.B.A.T.E. If everyone with a motorcycle were an A.B.A.T.E. member, we would be over 100,000 strong. Think of the good we could do with a membership like that.

Chapters that still have Buddy Bears are you doing your reports like you need to?

— Jon Trashy Smith

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## **GLACIAL RIDGE**

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

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

June 6<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

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

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

Hello People,

I think spring is finally sprung. The temps are in the upper 50's today and most of next week looks to be in at least the upper 40's. This means most of you are itching to get out and ride. I know I am. I have seen a few bikes out today as I was out and about, but I wait for it to rain and wash off the roads. That being said if

you do go for a ride, remember to watch for sand on the roads, near intersections, and on curves especially. Elections have taken place, and I would like to say congratulations and thank you to the people who stepped up to fill the positions, not only in our chapter, but all chapters, and at the State level.

A.B.A.T.E. U will be in a few weeks. Hope to see you there.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be Safe.

— Hives

**SOUTHWEST**  
**No Report Received**



## **SOUTH CENTRAL**

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

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Eagles,  
Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
May 6<sup>th</sup> – Mugshots,  
Cosmos, 7:00 pm  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Handlebar,  
Atwater, 7:00 pm  
July 8<sup>th</sup>, Cheers, Raymond, 7:00 pm



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

April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 30<sup>th</sup>, Spring Fling Bike Show,  
Mugshots, Cosmos, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm  
June 20<sup>th</sup>, Fun Run and Membership  
Drive



**Back row (Left to Right): Mark Berggren, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Bill LaPlante, Tad Lothert, Curt Schmitz, Doug Louris, Carl Melin, Brad "Pops" Latham; Front Row (Left to Right): Dougie Cohen, Ingrid Cohen, Toni Stone**

Our 2020 Chapter Officers were elected last month: President - Brad "Pops" Latham, Vice-President - Dougie Cohen, Chapter Rep - Doug Louris, Secretary - Ingrid Cohen, Treasurer - Toni Stone, Sergeant At Arms - Carl Melin, Curt Schmitz, Bill LaPlante, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Tad Lothert, and Mark Berggren.

Our Spring Fling Bike Show is coming up next month on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at Mugshots from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Cosmos. Come and join us, enter your bike for a trophy, check out our vendors, food, music and fun!

In June will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fun Run and Membership Drive on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars to save the date, more details to come - it is a fun time at each stop with quick games, easy score cards and prizes!

I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some good weather and the breeze between their knees!!

— Ride safe and free,  
Ingrid Cohen, SC Secretary

## **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

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

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 3:00 pm  
(Committee meets at 2:00 pm)  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, Comfrey Bar and Grill, Comfrey, 7:00 pm  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, Thunder Bar, Good Thunder, 3:00 pm  
(Committee meets at 2:00 pm)

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

April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, Washout, St. James Rest Area,  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Greeting fellow bikers,

I cannot believe it's already April. Time sure flies when you are having fun. I hope you all got your fill of Chili at our chili feed last month. The final numbers are not in yet, but I hope we had a great turnout and fun was had by all.

I am looking forward to A.B.A.T.E. U so I can see some friends I do not get to see very often as well as

making new friends in the motorcycle community. You can never have enough friends to go riding with.

We are in the beginning stages of preparing for our runs this year, we have set the dates for all three runs and they are as follows: Summer Kickstart May 30<sup>th</sup>, Mystery Run July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Fallen Friends Memorial Run September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our new and returning officers: President - Randy Prochazka, Vice-President - Don Keim, Secretary - Nita Baker, Treasurer - Donna Prochazka, State Rep - Shelly Deutsch, Sgt @ Arms - Barb Brown, Dan Leiding, Gail Hagen, and Amanda Ranniger.

— Until we meet again, Giggles





Lake Chapter front door  
Grounded Hogs Jodi.



Dan Arne selling products  
at Grounded Hogs.



After the auction.

## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, Motorcycle training

Thanks to the Hollywood Roadhouse for hosting our March meeting. It always works out good for our voting meeting to have that space. Congratulations to the new Lake Chapter Officer Team! President – Keith “Smoker” Efron, Vice President – Scott Bitzer, Secretary – Maureen O’Hern, Treasurer – Christina Lincoln, Chapter Rep. – Todd Riba, Sgt at Arms – Dan Arne, Nikki Arne, Scott Trout, Gaida Olrick, Blythe Bucher and Jim Bengston.

With the success of our Grounded Hogs fundraiser, we were able to donate to Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, the MRF and get some needed funds to the Motorcycle PAC. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this possible. We also voted to be a Silver Sponsor for the upcoming State Rally.

Unfortunately, we had another Lake Chapter member death. Condolences to Scott Wetmore’s family. A donation was made to the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance in his name, as requested by the family. Since he loved motorcycling so much, the family will be donating to Lake Chapter to fund our training classes in May. This allows us to offer the classes free of charge this year, so make sure to get signed up while there is still room. This is a great gift, which will hopefully save lives in the future.

Bikerday was also successful. Great attendance and great meetings. Lake chapter stepped up again to take care of the registration tables. Big Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success. Now we need to write letters to thank our legislators for their time and

support of our issues.

The next event will be A.B.A.T.E. University. They have a lot of great classes scheduled and will include a banquet this year, hope to see you there!

— Later, Mitch’n

## BUFFALO RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Bitton's Roadhouse, Garvin, 5:30 pm

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bitton's Roadhouse, Garvin, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

Happy Spring Fellow Riders,

It is so nice to be having the decent weather. I hope some of you got a chance to get out and enjoy some of the nice weather. More nice weather and better riding conditions are yet to come.

Now that elections are over, we look forward to things to come. I would like to thank everyone that was able to come to the election meeting in March. It was nice to see new faces at the meeting. We would like to start getting more involved in different events and try new things. We would like to reach out to our members and ask that you come join us at our meetings. We want to hear any ideas that you have that could improve and grow our chapter. We are working on moving the meetings around to help make it more convenient for more members to come, but without input, we do not know what works best. I hope to see more people at our May meeting at Bitton's Roadhouse at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Have a Happy Easter and enjoy the beautiful weather. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

— Marie Trierweiler, Secretary



## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting(s):

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm

May? - We will be voting in the April meeting to move the meetings to Saturdays...so plan on the first Saturday I guess.

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

Greetings A.B.A.T.E.'rs,

Congratulations to all the elected officers and Sgt @ arms! Thanks for stepping up to a position and for recommitting to your current position. We cannot do it without your dedication.



Spring has finally come! What an exciting time of the year for bikers in Minnesota. We finally get to bring on the riding season. With that said, I hope you have your bikes checked and serviced. Safety first!

A.B.A.T.E. U is the 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. If you are newly elected, please take the time to sit in on the information, training sessions for your position. There are always interesting sessions planned throughout the day. And as always, so much fun to socialize with likeminded bikers from throughout the state. Our chapter will be putting on the Bike Games Friday evening, so any help to put these on is much appreciated.

Bring your ideas and bring a friend to any of our meetings. You are the engine to this train.

Ride safe everyone and we will see you on the open road!

— Keep your knees in the breeze, LeAnn

## BIKE OF THE MONTH



### *1987 FLHTC from Dan Arne*

1987 FLHTC after garage fire. Lenny Angermiers. A founding member of the Lake Chapter. Been to Alaska a couple times. Factory rebuilt evo. Sweet smooth ride. Legends never die.





## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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APRIL FOOL'S? No, seriously, thank you for allowing me to represent the Northeast district. But if you wasted your vote by writing in MY name, too bad, learn to support and appreciate our new District director, Michelle K. Scannell. She stepped in when others wouldn't so that our district would not go unrepresented and I appreciated her for that. Now as I look at what we have done or should have done, I see some things that NEED to be done. Such as NOT allowing the status quo to continue. If you don't like how things are going in the chapter or at the state level of this volunteer organization, figure out a solution. Get off your ass and bring forth the motion to change it. Change is a good thing and rest assured; change is coming. I look forward to this chance to be the member that makes a difference, whether you or they approve or not. We must embrace our future by respecting our past, now. Learn to ignore the excuses and instead offer up the solution. Because if you can't or won't, then you're the problem.

Ride safe, smart and sober. But damn it, RIDE!

— Dale

## UP NORTH

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Deer River, 4:00 pm

May 10<sup>th</sup> Knuckleheads, Hill City, 4:00 pm

June 14<sup>th</sup>, MJ's, Pengilly, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 19<sup>th</sup>, Bikers inside the Beltway, Washington DC

May 2<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, Brat Barn Fundraiser, Super One North, Grand Rapids

Hello everyone,

The weather has finally changed for the better and we are back on the roads. With that being said, please remember that other motorists haven't seen us for a while and will not be expecting us out just yet. Remember that there is still a lot of sand on the roads and in intersections.

Thank you to all that were able to attend Bikerday at the State Capitol. If you were able to make it or not please email your legislators and thank them for their time and a reminder of our talking points. A thank you can go a long way when it comes to supporting our rights.

A.B.A.T.E. U is this month, are you planning on attending? With this being an election year, the committee has a great selection of classes. The raffle drawing for the bikes and cash are Saturday night, so if



**JACK PINE RIDERS: Jean Marx Jensen received the Freedom Fighter Award.**

you haven't purchased your ticket yet please get a hold of me or stop in at the April meeting.

With May being motorcycle awareness month, the chapter will be working the Super One Brat Barn again this year on May 28-30<sup>th</sup>. This is an easy way to get motorcycle awareness out to the public and also raise a bit of money for the chapter. I would like to see all of our chapter members come out and have a brat and hang out, help out, and catch up on what is happening.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

— Farmer Jay, Pres.

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

June 25<sup>th</sup>, Brat Stand, Cub Foods Riverside, off Hwy 10

July 25<sup>th</sup>, Summer Thunder Ride

Hello Day Light Savings Time! Each and every day we gain more daylight. Riding season soon approaches.

Are you signed up for the Advanced Motorcycle Safety Course with our chapter? A private session for East Central Chapter with the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center will be scheduled in the coming month. We need a minimum of 8 people to reserve. Please make every attempt to go for this very valuable training this year. Please contact our President, Bob McChesney, who needs a confirmation of the number of people that are interested. Let's make every effort as a chapter to attend with more than enough showing up.

Our elections are over and I would like to personally thank all members who have stepped up to a new position or anyone who renewed with their current position. Volunteer's are what makes our "Grass Roots" Not For Profit Motorcycle Rights Organization and Chapters work.

Michelle Scanell will be stepping down from Buddy Bears this year. So we are in search of someone to step up to fill this important position. Michelle has taken on the North East District Director position. We thank her for all her effort's with the Buddy Bear program. Usually we have a chapter ride with 2 different delivery locations. I have a side car on my bike for all the Bears to fit in for transportation to delivery sites.

East Central's Heart On Fundraiser was a great success. Thanks to the fundraiser Chair Jim Pierson and all the hard working East Central members, also sister chapters Jack Pine Riders, River Riders, Lake, Sand Dunes and Metro. Thanks to the Motorcycle Club's that attended; BPM'S and the Old Timer's. Also the Blaine H.O.G. Chapter. All of your support is greatly appreciated.

East Central's own Jim and Kelly Pierson will be



East Central A.B.A.T.E Heart On 2020



East Central New 2020 Officers

instructing the Sgt@Arms course at A.B.A.T.E. "U".

Plans are coming together for the Summer Thunder Ride on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Try to make the next meeting with ideas and your personal input to make this the best ride and post ride party ever!

ABATE "U" in April has a State Rally Committee meeting set for Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Courtroom 3. I will be attending and will have more to report in May's issue of Road Noise.

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling

— E.C.V.P. Jim



## NORTH EAST

### Next Meeting(s):

April 1<sup>st</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dorrie's Awareness Rally, Superior, WI

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Billboard Party

Hello all,

Weather's finally starting to warm up. I saw a few bikes out the days before writing this up!

Congratulations to our new chapter officers! President – Ed McPhail, Vice President – Parrish Silbernagel, Representative – Kent Verner, Treasurer – Amy Larsen, Secretary – Cherrie McPhail, Sargent at Arms – Bob Saice, Kim Meade, Kim Gerads, Sandy Towle, Pat Meyer, and Anna Montgomery.

Thank you to all who stepped up to keep our chapter active with a full lineup of officers!

Bikerday at the Capitol has come and gone and all indications are that the turnout was great and the reception from the lawmakers was very positive as usual. The temperature was much warmer, 40 degrees higher than last year, which was a bonus. Thanks to all who took the time to attend.

A couple of early Spring events coming up; Dorrie's Awareness Rally in Superior, WI on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's a good way to start the riding season and you might even make it on TV! The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Billboard Party on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A worthwhile fundraiser to pay for motorcycle safety billboards in the Duluth/Superior area. This event starts with a ride, followed by a potluck dinner, then a great party with prizes, auctions, and giveaways. Details to follow on our Facebook page for both events

— Thanks, Ed

## CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Heroes, to benefit

Upsala Fire Dept

July 4<sup>th</sup>, Algona Freedom Rally

August 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, Central Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BIKER BASH, The Mann Cave, Hillman

Congrats again to the officers. Looking forward to another exciting year. Let's keep up the good work and continue to be the largest chapter in the state! Whoopwhoop! See you at A.B.A.T.E. U!

Road Guard classes will be held at A.B.A.T.E. U this year. If you are interested, please get a form filled out and send to the state for approval. When you do receive your acceptance letter be sure to bring that with you to the class! Sign up and complete the class, then the chapter will reimburse you for the cost of the course. We encourage everyone to get certified. This helps make our organized rides safe for everyone and safety is our goal!

Getting excited for our Ride for Heroes to support Upsala Fire Dept. Please bring silent auction donations to Stoney's in Rockville and please be sure to note who the donation came from. All support is greatly appreciated!

Remind everyone that we are out on the road again so please watch for us!!

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

— Let's Ride!!! Shweeila

## JACK PINE RIDERS

No Report Received



Both East Central and Metro A.B.A.T.E. Chapters worked the Membership Table at the Nordeast Swap Meet.







**SAND DUNES**  
No Report Received

SAND DUNES: New officers of the Sand Dunes A.B.A.T.E. Chapter.

## RIVER RIDERS

No Report Received

River Riders Taco Night at the Hogsbreath in Roseville. (right)



RIVER RIDERS: 2020 Officers and River Riders Chapter members.





## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

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

May 12<sup>th</sup>, VFW,  
Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night,  
Casa Rio, Anoka,  
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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

University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 17<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast Buffet, Route 47, Fridley,  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

So, can you guess what the date is as I'm writing this? You guessed it! It is the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Many of you have already gotten out on your first ride of the year. Some of you wait for the first rainfall and then there are folks like me who have their bike in the shop. Either way, riding season is upon us! Can we get an AMEN!!

I don't know the official spin on Bikerday a few weeks ago. I can say that I was there and there seemed to be a lot of folks in leather around the Capitol. Our little group had a very productive meeting with Senator John Hoffman. We went through our talking points and had a long discussion about Dial-A-Ride. I have been wondering just why a person would not try to make it to Bikerday at the Capitol? It is the single most important day for our cause, to maintain our riding freedom!! If you did not make it this year make plans



**Metro A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Officers for 2020.**

for next year. It is a blast!

Are you all ready for A.B.A.T.E. U? If you haven't registered you need to do it now!! I know I will probably do it on the March 20<sup>th</sup> (that's the last day to register). It is April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. It promises to be a fun and informative time. And you can watch me win the bike raffle!!

I don't know how many of you are into the whole social media thing, but it is a great way to find out what is going on in the biker world. Most all chapters of A.B.A.T.E. have a Facebook page and I know they post their events on those sites. There are also other random sites that will have all sorts of other biker type shenanigans going on. When you go to these things bring up motorcycle rights. It's a great thing to bring up in between looking at all of the bikes.

Until next month...keep on keepin on.

— Dirt

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



### *Jay Hickok* *Up North Chapter*

Jay is the current President and Chapter Rep of Up North Chapter. He is a Charter Member of the chapter and has held offices of Sgt at Arms and Vice President. He started out as a member of North East Chapter, which he is also a current member of. He is involved in the A.B.A.T.E. U Trike Races and a participant and trophy winner in the bike games and bike pulls at the State Rally. Besides being active in A.B.A.T.E., Jay is a Assistant MRF Rep who has ridden out to Bikers in the Beltway and to Denver for Meeting of the Minds in 2018. You could find Jay doing countless hours of security in Bloomington this year at Meeting of the Minds and for this we would like to say a big Thank you!

# 2020 BIKER DAY



Lake Chapter Dan at Bikerday 2020



Metro Chapter



Below: Rep. Mary Franson and Heart of the Lakes President Monte.



Lake Chapter Karen

Audience



Mack Backlund





A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota at 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol on February 27, 2020.



Heart of the Lakes Chapter



FFR and Glacial Ridge with Rep. Anderson.



Metro Chapter



East Central



Jack Pine Riders with Rep. Nathan Nelson







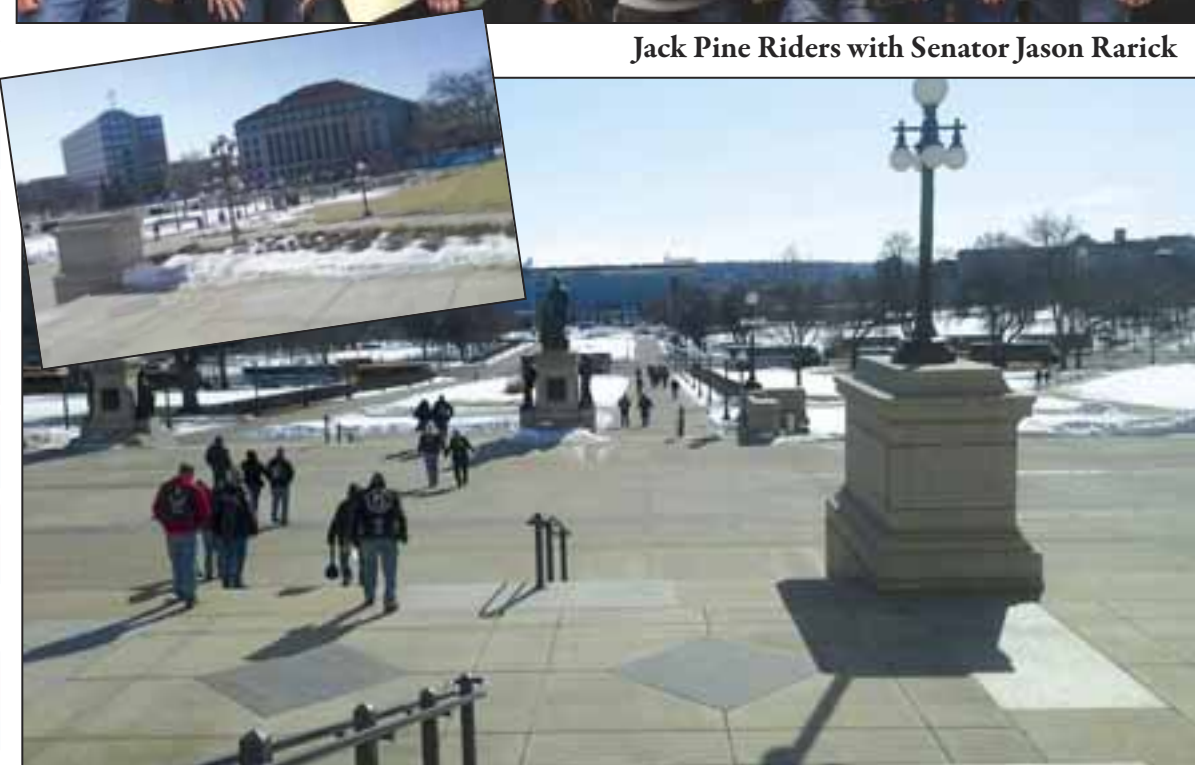
Straight River with Rep. John Jasinski



East Central



Jack Pine Riders with Senator Jason Rarick



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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First off I Would Like to THANK EVERYONE that has stepped up and ran for an officer position in YOUR chapter. Without YOU this bike would loose it's wheels of freedom of the road and Crash.

Again, THANK YOU!!

I'd also like to thank everyone that took time out of they're busy schedule and made the journey to the Capitol. This is the most important day of the year for freedom minded bikers. Also would like to ask ALL of you that went to send a thank you letter to your elected officials for taking time out of their day to visit about motorcycle issues.

There are many good fundraisers out there. Take time to visit other chapters events and they will in turn come to support you.

Next Big Time is A.B.A.T.E. U. Hope to see all the rooms full of bikers. See Ya There.

I have decided to make the journey to DC for Bikers in the Beltway. I'm looking forward to the ride and to see the nations capitol. Never been there so I think it will be a blast. Also Collin Peterson will be receiving a Legislative Champion Award. That's a pretty big deal. Collin has been very good to the bikers over the past years.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

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## BORDERLAND

### Next Meeting(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, VFW, Roseau, 5:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

A.B.A.T.E. University, April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Alexandria  
Borderland chapter 21<sup>st</sup> annual Membership drive,  
Roseau VFW, May 2nd, 6:00 pm

Hello Borderland!

First we want to thank the Borderland Chapter members that made it down to Bikerday at the Capitol and the hard working A.B.A.T.E. members that organized it all! And thanks to the Minnesota legislators that support our motorcycle rights issues. It was a very successful and great day!

Now, we would like to congratulate the Borderland chapter officers for 2020! Prez; Lee Heaton, VP; Jarod Magnusson, Sec; Lee Heaton, Treas; Amy Carlson, Chapter Rep; yours truly, and sgt@arms;

Adam Cwikla, Bruce Berg, Cody Lindland, Justin Loewe, Nick Gerulli Jr, Pat Sullivan, and all of our state officers as well!

Well our membership drive is only a month away so remember to invite, collect memberships, and show up for a good time. Again, Great grub, fellowship, fun, door prizes, free membership drawing, and games for Motorcycle PAC of MN. New members eat free. If you have door prizes, silent auction items, memberships, but can't make this great event contact VP Mags at: 218-469-0064.

Last I personally want to thank our members for the great job on selling those awesome A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets, and getting them back to me in time for the chapter credit payback! We never have much \$ in our general account but the payback our chapter gets off the sales of this raffle enables us to help people in need in our communities. Good luck !

We'll see ya in da spring if da mattress getcha. Ride safe!

— Twistin' da Wick, Tim



## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS



### Next Meeting(s):

April 25<sup>th</sup>, VFW,

Alexandria, 6:00 pm

May 30<sup>th</sup> Mercantile, Leaf Valley, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

May 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, Bike Show RCC, Alexandria

I want to thank the following members that attended Bikerday at the Capitol: Jeppe, J1, Bill, and LeAnne. I was hoping for more than five of us. Maybe next year we will be in better attendance. We did meet with Representatives Anderson and Franson. We also had a joint meeting with Senators Ingebretsen and Westrom. All the meetings were very successful.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is just around the corner. Please come out and join us for a weekend of training and fun.

The Bike Show is also coming up and from what I've heard, this may be the best one yet. There are some new merchandise vendors and bike vendors that will blow your mind. So come on out and enjoy the great time. Hey and while you are reading this, give Patty a shout and sign up for a shift to work. We need around 50 member to work and there are a bunch of openings.

See you on the road. Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G

## HEART OF THE LAKES



### Next Meeting(s):

April 10<sup>th</sup>, Woodshed, Ottertail, 7:00 pm

Hello fellow riders,

The time has come for giving serious thought to bringing out the bikes and having them ready to go. A few of you have already been trying out the roads a bit. Remember to take care out there! We have lots of gravel and distracted people out there!

Our chapter had another great Pool and Dart Tournament. There was a lot of real good

## NORTH STAR

### Next Meeting(s):

April 19<sup>th</sup>, Fozzie's, Bemidji, 12:00 pm

May 17<sup>th</sup>, TBD, 12:00 pm Ride in and ride out meeting.

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, ABATE-U, Holiday Inn,

Alexandria, Friday 6:00 pm – 11:30 pm

Saturday, 8:00 am - ??? pm

Northstar Chapter members, the elections are behind us and spring riding season is here. There is a unique opportunity for you to join your elected officers and A.B.A.T.E. members from around the State of Minnesota at our Annual A.B.A.T.E. U. in Alexandria. It is a wonderful experience with the opportunity to attend classes on motorcycle safety, sit in on officer training, and witness the work of your Board of Directors. Come and enjoy the hospitality and visit with our other chapter members from around Minnesota.

Every year A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has a fundraising Raffle. Only 800 tickers are printed with a chance to win one of two brand new motorcycles and cash prizes of \$10,000 and \$5,000. Yes, that is a 1-in-800 chance of winning one of these great prizes. Tickets cost \$100 each and will be purchased through Sharon Polman. Contact her at Polmanse@hotmail.com. If any tickets are unsold they will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U. through Saturday evening. For more information on the raffle, the flyer can be seen on the state website.

— Ride safe this spring, Darryl

competition, and the best players came to the top. Afterwards we all had a wonderful time jamming to "Rusty Bourbon." Thanks to all who came out and supported our yearly fundraiser!

Just a thought to mull over as you plan for your season.... work in one of those "maybe someday" trips. None of us are getting younger, and none of us know the number of days we have remaining. Live the dream while you still can.

Dream on Brothers and Sisters!!!

— Little Bear

## NORTHWEST No Report Received



## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Greetings Southeast District,

Bikerday update: A big THANK YOU to every one of you that attended from the Southeast district. We also had representation in a couple of offices that haven't seen us in many years, thanks to the members of the South East LC Chapter.

Congratulations to all the newly elected Chapter Officers. Make your upcoming year the best it can be for you and your Chapter.

A.B.A.T.E. University is this month so if possible, please attend for the experience, you never know who you may meet and what you may learn.

— Virgil

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## **RIVER VALLEY**

I want to say thank you to all of the new Officers for stepping up and for all the past Officers for your hard work.

I heard Bikerday went well.  
Thank you everyone that attended.  
I had an emergency I had to deal with.

Our Chapter is working very hard on our May Awareness Parade. We look forward to seeing you all there.

This month we have A.B.A.T.E. University. It is a great opportunity for members throughout the state to participate in various classes and activities geared toward motorcyclists. Who knows, you may find a lifelong friend in the process. A stranger is only a stranger for a moment in time.

I would like each and every member to think about our membership issues. We need to fix it. We need to have an honest conversation with each other. We really need to buckle down and change this fact about our organization. Because if we don't, our organization will suffer. Mitch has been talking about this for years, but it seems she has not been able to get any traction with this



issue. It's serious. We need to fix this, or our organization will be no more. I don't want to be the generation that sees all the hard work gone. The generations before us did not do all that work for it to go away in the blink of an eye. I know I need to work harder on this issue myself. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas you're willing to try, talk to other members, get the conversations started. We need to start somewhere. Enough about that.

Our Share The Road classes are going well. I've had to cancel a couple classes because of health issues. It would be really nice to have someone willing to step up in those situations. If anyone is willing to step up, please let me know. It would only be about 10% of the time, if that.

We look forward to the riding season. I hope Mother Nature is done having fits. It's been a long winter. Be careful out there. Look twice, save a life.

Together we ride free.

—Nita



## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

Greetings to the Southeast LC Chapter.

Thank you to Jane Doyle, the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Coordinator for making the long drive south to attend the Chapter meeting. Your visit was surely a sign of your commitment to and acknowledgment of the strength of individual Chapters supporting the state organization.

We welcome Bob and Judy and Milt and Shannon new members to the Southeast LC .

If success is reflected in numbers, our image is bright. The February fundraiser generated income in excess of \$2000. Approximately 100 people attended. Combined donations created 41 silent auction entries, resulting in raising over \$1000. The sale of Chapter t-shirts and baked goods added to the total. Thanks to all who worked behind the scenes before the event, worked the front door, generously donated items, supplied the music for the evening, and cleaned up. A special thanks for the food! It never ran out, just like Grandma's at Thanksgiving.

Thirty-seven members cast ballots in the Chapter elections. Congratulations and good luck to our new officers: President Bob Tear, Vice President Rick Benesch, Secretary Sara Tear, Treasurer Kim Zwart, Chapter Rep James Cleven, and Sergeant @ Arms Todd Roush, Gary Zwart, James Bemal, Angel Ramirez, Ruthie Tear and Jas Caffrey.

One year ago the Chapter was listed as "inactive." Today, the Chapter's current successes and accomplishments are credited to the previous Chapter Officers who stepped into the unknown. With the initial guidance from Virgil and Michele Legried, and an involved membership, we have created the new Southeast LC.

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## TRI -COUNTY

No Report Received

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

No Report Received

## FLATLANDERS

No Report Received

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

April 11<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's  
Brewhouse, Owatonna,  
1:00 pm  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, American Legion,  
Morristown, 1:00 pm  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, Medford Muni,  
Medford, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 31<sup>st</sup>, Annual Breakfast Fundraiser, volunteers at  
6:00 am, serving 7:00 am-9:00 am. Look for more  
info on our Facebook page

Hey Straight Jackets,

Well, our Chapter and State elections are over, and I'd like to thank the outgoing Officers who have sacrificed their time over the last year or two and welcome in the new Officers. Many are the same folks, just with different positions.

And also, a big thanks to the Straight Jackets that attended Bikerday at the Capitol, way to go guys! I wish we had another hundred like you.

It's now April, and with the early spring I hope some of you (including me) have been out riding. Remember, next month is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Look Twice, Save A Life. Hand out those tri-folds and bumper stickers, don't be shy. "In a bikers world, there are no strangers, only friend's we have not yet met" Adam Foster.

In closing my last Grapevine, remember,

*"People are like motorcycles: each  
one is customized a bit differently"*  
- A Biker Guide to Life.

— Ride safe, Ride Free, Groucho, member





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

## Tentative Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Saturday, April 18, 2020 • 9:00am • Holiday Inn • Alexandria, MN

### CALL TO ORDER

9:00 am — Call to order ..... Jane Doyle  
 Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome ..... Edgar Burke  
 Invocation ..... Edgar Burke  
 Roll Call ..... Michele Legried  
 Agenda approval / changes ..... Jane Doyle  
 Secretary Report - January 2020 ..... Michele Legried  
 Treasurer's Report ..... Michelle Backlund

### LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Interim Legislative Director ..... Mack Backlund  
 Motorcycle PAC of MN ..... Mark Senn  
 NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) ..... Frank Ernst  
 MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) ..... Gary Goracke  
 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)*

A.B.A.T.E.  
 University ..... Stephanie Christensen  
 Education ..... Paul Tjepkes  
 Gambling ..... Dan Matzdorff  
 Buddy Bear Program ..... Sharon Polman  
 Membership  
 & Member Retention ..... Shelly Deutsch  
 Products ..... Kari Duncan  
 Publications ..... Tammy Winkels  
 Rally ..... Randy Prochazka  
 Ways and Means ..... Kristie Orn

### OTHER REPORTS

State Office ..... Liz Herzog  
 MCDAR  
 (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride) ... John Nelson  
 Motorcycle Safety Advisory  
 Task Force ..... Monte Ohlrogge  
 Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and  
 Confederation of Clubs  
 of Minnesota ..... Jane Doyle  
 & Frank Ernst

### OLD BUSINESS

2020 Budget  
 Bikerday 2020 Recap  
 Sand Dunes Update  
 Legislative Director Update

### NEW BUSINESS

State Officer Election Results  
  
 Announce Chapter Officers  
 & Presentation of Awards

### OFFICER REPORTS

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT

 Welcome to ABATE U 2020 Vote! Your Freedom Depends on It 		
Friday, April 17		
6:00-7:00 pm	Gambling Meeting	Courtroom 3
7:00-8:00 pm	State Rally Meeting	Courtroom 3
8:00-9:00 pm	Pre-Board Meeting	Courtroom 3
7:00-8:00 pm	Non-Gambling BINGO	Courtyard
8:00-10:30 pm	Conceal & Carry Permit-Classroom	Boardroom
9:00-11:30 pm	Games by Way West	Courtyard
Saturday, April 18		
8:00 am-8:45 am	Officer Training	See signs
8:00 am-11:30 am	Conceal & Carry Permit - Classroom	Boardroom
9:00 am-1:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Courtroom 1-2
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Road Guard	Courtroom 4
12:00 pm-3:00 pm	Road Guard	Courtroom 4
Noon	Conceal & Carry - Range	Meet in Boardroom
3:00 - 3:35	Knowing the Candidate	Courtroom 3
	Where do they stand on our issues?	
3:40 - 4:15	Electing Officials	Courtroom 3
	How can we help?	
4:20 - 5:00	Citizen Lobbying	Courtroom 3
	How to approach your Legislator and/or staff	
3:00 - 3:55	Facebook do's and don'ts	Courtroom 4
4:00 - 5:00	MCMRO - Open Forum	Courtroom 4
	Bring your questions - Jazz and Jane	
5:30 - 6:30	Banquet with Major Alan Duff	Courtroom 1-2
	Speaking on American Values	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Live Auction	Courtyard
9:00 pm	Bike Raffle Drawing	Courtyard Deck
9:15 - ?	Trike Races - Jay/Stephanie	Courtrooms 1-3

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

## BORDERLAND

Keith Bitzer ..... R  
Bruce Hanson ..... N

## CENTRAL

Dion Court ..... R  
Bruce Daniel ..... R  
Troy DeKeyser ..... R  
Robert Folk ..... N  
Josh Heintzeman ..... R  
Anthony Hively ..... N  
Cheyenne Madsen ..... N  
Chad Marchand ..... R  
Andrew Marshall ..... R  
Tammy Moon ..... N  
Dale Morin ..... R  
Kenneth / Janell Peterson .... R  
Mike Schwinghammer ..... R

## EAST CENTRAL

Isaac / Alexis Barlow ..... R  
Ron Fox ..... N  
Fred Pawelk/Debra Kivz ..... R  
Mike / Christine Swafford .... R

## FLATLANDERS

Wade / Carla Cassidy ..... R  
Brandon Cates ..... N  
Adam / Heidi Kimberline .... R  
Pete Leehey ..... R  
Jeremy / Jacquie Mausest ..... R  
Harry Robinson ..... R  
Bryan Schultz ..... R  
Steven Whelan ..... R

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Mike Adensam ..... R  
Brian Athmann/Mary Malone . R  
John /Sunshine Bettendorf ... N  
Scott Birr/Courtney Niemann . R  
Kennie Cauthren ..... R  
Christina Cook ..... N  
Arthur Detmers ..... N  
Tim / Chris Hall ..... R  
Richard Hertwig /  
Julie Robideaux ..... R  
Kris Holden/Ashley Gebhardt . N  
Roger Holden ..... N  
Brian Johnson / Jill Stoeck .... N  
Kyle Katchmark ..... R  
Ernie Kolle ..... R  
Christopher Nash ..... N  
John / Lisa Nori ..... R  
Jeff Sonstebly ..... R  
Vince Wogan ..... R  
Steve / Jess Wussow ..... R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Theron Bartos ..... N  
Tara "Spoon" Lynette ..... N  
Mike Pesta ..... R  
Tharon / Julie Young ..... R

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Nick/ Jessica Danley ..... R  
Robert Gerhart ..... N  
Tom "Frog" Heazlett ..... R  
Gary Kertscher /Cindy Kunz .. R  
Todd / Cindy Murphy ..... R  
John Rogers / Sue Wehmas .... R  
Paul / Nancy Utke ..... R  
Shawn Weatherhead ..... R

## JACK PINE RIDERS

Laurel Pankow ..... R

## LAKE

John Amdor III ..... R  
Danny Armstrong/Laura Barber R  
James / Sandra Bengtson ..... R  
Richard Bohach ..... R  
Ron Carlson ..... R  
Gail Caston ..... N  
Tony / Erica Ciatti ..... R  
Mike Jencks/ April Murch .... R  
Steven Johnson ..... R  
Ron Lischeid ..... N  
Daniel P/Lorna M Lyrek ..... R  
Matthew Maas ..... R  
Tom Moffit / Kathy Kushel .... R  
Mike Mondor ..... R  
Dale Morin ..... R  
Banny Nowak ..... R  
Lee / Michelle Plante ..... R  
John / Jennifer Russell ..... R  
Tim / Chris Schaar ..... R  
Jeffrey Schefers ..... R  
Robert Tanchin ..... R  
Matt Thell ..... R  
Rob Trudeau /Shawn Sweet ... N  
Jason Vanerp ..... N  
John Wachholz ..... R  
Jody / Penny Winkle ..... R  
John Winter ..... R

## METRO

Patty Horton/Heather Heard .. N  
Michael Jondreau /  
Krista Harmison ..... N  
Christopher Kamp ..... N  
Evan Komar ..... N  
Joe "dirt" / Angie Krauss ..... R  
William LeMieux ..... R  
Gary Munns ..... N  
Albert Poolo /Christy Lee .... N  
John /Carol Rasmussen ..... R  
Kevin Sallblad ..... N  
Wayne Sather ..... N  
Rodney Schwartz/Lorie Hable N  
Billy Sjobeck ..... N  
Joshua Young ..... N

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

John Crawford ..... R  
Mack Goodpaster Jr ..... N  
Jill Kielblock ..... R  
Dan Klankowski ..... R  
Russell Marsolek ..... R  
Tom Mitchener ..... R  
Cody Mortenson ..... R

## NORTHEAST

Timothy Foslsted ..... N  
Rick Lahti ..... N  
Dale / Debbie Peterson ..... R

## NORTH STAR

June Coller ..... R  
John "AB" Coller ..... N  
Fran Eskridge / Mike Frazer ... R  
Cole/ Jenny Hardy ..... N  
Diane Morey ..... N

## NORTHWEST

Bob Finkle ..... R  
Brian Gagner ..... R

Gary Johnsrud ..... R  
Rod / Rachel Olson ..... R  
Chuck Simpson/  
Nichole Stonehouse ..... R  
Greg Woods ..... R

## RIVER RIDERS

Rita Martin ..... R  
Steven /Catherine ..... R

## RIVER VALLEY

Thomas Goebel ..... R  
Kevin / Barb Novak ..... R  
Nick Meidl ..... N  
Mike / Karla Schmitz ..... R  
Lester Windschitl ..... R

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

Curtis Eidhammer /  
Karen Abbott ..... R  
Matt / Jen Haberman ..... N  
Jay / Steph Markey ..... R

## SAND DUNES

Lowell Jensen ..... N

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Leonard /Sharon Ardolf ..... R  
Mark / Marcella Berggren .... R  
Michele Heveron ..... N  
Brian Johnson ..... N  
Tim / Jody Longman ..... R  
Robert Melin ..... R  
Myah Zwart ..... N

## SOUTHEAST LC

Donna Aarsvold-Larish ..... R  
Steve Amdahl R  
Robert / Sara Tear ..... R  
Henry / Sandi Vrieze ..... R

## SOUTHWEST

Pat Lange / Diann Lange ..... R  
David / Rebecca Murphy ..... R  
James Radmaker ..... N  
Joe / Nicole Reiter ..... R

## STRAIGHT RIVER

Eugene / Amy Broas ..... N  
Lynne Brooks ..... R  
Michael / Deborah Marko ..... N

## TRI-COUNTY

Ronald / Sue Ernst ..... R  
Angel Gault ..... N  
Terry Haas ..... R  
Michael/ Toby Pharr ..... R  
Brian/ Jordana Sperl ..... N  
John Wachholz ..... R

## UP NORTH

Tammy Bailey ..... N  
Ron Bishop ..... R  
Brian Bye/Heidi Tanberg .... N  
Stanley Davi/Kelli Weimer .... R  
Frank Jacobson ..... R  
Stanley "Caveman" Jewett .... R  
Jake Knuth ..... N  
Danny Millan ..... R  
Brandon Miller ..... R  
Stan Nordahl/Angie Morberg .. R  
Miladen (Sim) Simunovich .... R  
Peter Strassburg ..... R

## WAY WEST

Darold "Beetle" /Paula Bailey .. R  
Sandy Caskey ..... R  
Lance Okeson /Joyce Allen .... R

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1-Apr	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Litchfield	7:00 PM
1-Apr	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
3-Apr	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore	7:30 PM
3-Apr	Way West Chapter Meeting	The Checkered Flag	7:00 PM
4-Apr	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Gerry and Paul's Home	7:00 PM
4-Apr	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot, Butterfield	3:00 PM
4-Apr	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
4-Apr	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5-Apr	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
5-Apr	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Bitton's Roadhouse	5:30 PM
5-Apr	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg's Place, Red Lake Falls	2:00 PM
5-Apr	Up North Chapter Meeting	Deer River VFW, Deer River	4:00 PM
5-Apr	South East L C Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
5-Apr	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	
10-Apr	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	The Woodshed, Ottertail	7:00 PM
11-Apr	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
11-Apr	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	11:00 AM
11-Apr	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	Tootsie's, Big Lake	12:30 PM
12-Apr	River Riders Chapter Meeting	Hugo American Legion	11:00 AM
13-Apr	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4:30 - 8:00 PM
14-Apr	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
14-Apr	Borderland Chapter Meeting	VFW, Roseau	6:30 PM
17-Apr	ABATE University	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 PM start
17-Apr	Gambling Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 PM
18-Apr	ABATE University	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
19-Apr	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders, Henriette	2:00 PM
19-Apr	Northstar Chapter Meeting	Fozzie's in Bemidji	12:00 PM
25-Apr	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM start
25-Apr	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	TB3's, Freeborn	1:00 PM
1-May	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Comfrey Bar And Grill	7:00 PM
2-May	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Bitton's Roadhouse	1:00 PM
2-May	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
2-May	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Roseau VFW	5:30 PM
2-May	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Chainsaw's Place, St. Hilaire	11:00 AM
2-May	River Valley Chapter 31st Annual MC Awareness Parade	Meet at City of Mankato Public Works Parking lot	12:00 PM
3-May	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Dorrie's Awareness Rally in Superior, WI	
6-May	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots, Cosmos	7:00 PM
6-May	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
7-May	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
9-May	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Morristown	1:00 PM
9-May	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Billboard Party	
10-May	South East L C Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
10-May	River Riders Chapter Meeting	Hugo American Legion	11:00 AM
10-May	Publication Committee Meeting	TBD	TBD
10-May	Up North Chapter Meeting	Knuckleheads, Hill City	4:00 PM
12-May	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
14-May	Gambling Committee Meeting	Frank Ernst's House	6:00 PM
17-May	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Docs on 23, Askov	2:00 PM
17-May	Northstar Chapter Meeting	Ride in and out Meeting TBD	12:00 PM
17-May	Metro Chapter Breakfast Buffet	Route 47, Fridley	8:00 AM - Noon
30-May	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Mercantile, Leaf Valley	6:00 PM
31-May	Straight River Annual Breakfast Fundraiser	more info to come on Facebook	7:00 - 9:00 AM
3-Jun	South Central Chapter Meeting	Handelbar, Atwater	7:00 PM
5-Jun	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Spring-ride, St.Hilaire	TBD
6-Jun	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
6-Jun	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Thunder Bar in Good Thunder	3:00 PM
9-Jun	Gambling Meeting Dates	Jim and Kristie's House Kimball	6:00 PM
9-Jun	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
13-Jun	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Medford Muni, Medford	1:00 PM
14-Jun	Up North Chapter Meeting	MJ's, Pengilly	4:00 PM



# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2020 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 2020 State Rally, to be held September 4<sup>th</sup>-September 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

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