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Use the following basic outline:

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

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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different types and brands of motorcycles. We are all people with a common interest in a common activity. The fact that we share an interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle we ride.

There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss the operation of the organization. In addition, each chapter holds a monthly meeting in their area of the state. A.B.A.T.E. is a member driven organization. Members are encouraged to participate in any of these meetings.

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to

protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

Our ability to enjoy many freedoms while riding motorcycles in Minnesota is the direct result of the work done by motorcyclists in our state. These people have joined together to fight for our rights and freedoms.

The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota.

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show

your commitment to protecting and preserving your rights as a motorcyclist in Minnesota. Participate in the meetings, rides, and the fundraising activities. You will be informed about the motorcycle activities in the state by receiving Road Noise, the A.B.A.T.E. monthly news publication. A.B.A.T.E. is fun, educational and a great way to meet people and make new friends with similar interests.

With your help, we can continue to promote the positive image of motorcyclists. If you want more information about A.B.A.T.E., please attend any of our meetings, meet other members, and ask questions.

We are pleased that you have decided your rights are worth protecting, that the positive aspects of motorcycling are worth promoting, that education is important, and that the cost of an A.B.A.T.E. membership is a small price to pay to preserve and promote these principles.

Members are the most important thing that A.B.A.T.E. has, so Thank You for becoming a member and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

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It's so good to see that meetings and events are starting to take place again. Isolation is definitely not for me! I miss everyone.

The Holiday Inn was able to accommodate us for a late A.B.A.T.E. University. Thanks to everyone who attended. I hope you had a good time, and

learned something new. Soon, we'll be visiting and sharing stories at our State Rally. Before you know it, we'll be heading for Meeting of the Minds, and then the rescheduled NCOM Convention.

At least they never stopped us from enjoying time on 2 wheels! Spending time in the wind is where I do a lot of thinking.

We're going to get through these tough times together. Reach for a helping hand when you need it, I certainly do!

— Jane



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Let's see, by the time you read this A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally is over, those of you that attended I hope you had fun. We had a Ways & Means meeting at our house, I can only assume that everything was in order, it usually is.

A.B.A.T.E. U is over with too, I hope everyone had a good time. Buddy Bears are being delivered.

So, things are rolling along, Yeah! Maybe not as fast as you & I like, but we have to start somewhere.

The Rally is in sight and we are still going to need help from our Governor. I don't like hearing of "tightening things up again," our state is doing well, at least as of now. But there are a few states are starting to go the other way, we will just have to wait and see....

But riding season here, get out there & ride! I'm planning my next trip up the North Shore, it's been a few years since we went up there.

We will see you all at the Rally, God willing, if all goes well (with Covid-19).

— Till next time, Jim



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This summer is sure going by fast! I guess that is because we had such a strange start.

Hopefully the stay at home stuff is a thing of the past, because it is time to be riding!

If you have any questions on the finances of this organization, give me a call.

Keep watching for bikers that are not A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members and sign them up!

See you on the road,

— Michelle "Mitch" Backlund



STATE RALLY
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPT. 4-7
LITCHFIELD, MN



NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) **REPORT** **AUGUST 2020**

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NCOM convention date and location now confirmed

October 16th - 18th 2020

Indianapolis, Indiana

Marriott Indianapolis East

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If you have not made an NCOM convention before or if it has been a long time, I encourage you to consider it in 2020. Indy is a manageable one-day ride, about nine hours from the Twin Cities. The time commitment for the convention has been reduced. Arrive Thursday evening, convention begins Friday morning, be wrapped up ready to be on the road home Sunday morning. There will be many highlights and topics of interest.

Convention Registration information can be found at abatemn.org

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists

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If you are considering attending or have questions please feel free to contact me.

Be vigilant, or you could be next!

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BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Hopefully the COVID-19 scare is over and life can get back to normal. Buddy Bears have been delivered and you all have instructions on how to handle them, please do so.

Just can't stress enough how important reporting inventory and getting those receipts in when you have delivered bears. Have someone take a picture of the receipt and email it to: polmanse@hotmail.com

I will forward to Frank. You need to mail originals to Dan Matzdorff. His address is: 4080 Lotus Drive, Minnetrista, MN 55331.

Let's have a wonderful stress free Buddy Bear season.

— Sharon Polman AKA (Ma Bear)



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All of the Algona memberships are now entered. If you have not received your cards please contact me directly (not third parties). I will need your receipt number (on the receipt you were given at Algona).

If you do not have your receipt number, I cannot enter you into my database. Thank you to all the volunteers in Algona who did a great job at getting memberships!

Our numbers have been declining and they need to start going up. If you have any questions, please let me know. I try to return phone calls and emails in 24 hours (except for weekends).

— Liz



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As I write this, the Minnesota legislature is preparing for yet another special session. This is triggered by Governor Walz issuing an extension of emergency powers, just like in June. All legislation currently being discussed is COVID-19 related, police reform, and the future of in-class learning for our youth. Please know I am always on watch for a way to introduce motorcycling issues in these crazy legislative special sessions which most predict will last through the summer.

Across Minnesota there are many contested races for elected positions within the Democrat or Republican parties. And perhaps some of the other political parties. The Primary Election Day for these races is August 11th. Many of our members will be at Sturgis Rally Week or otherwise out of the state. For these folks there is another option to vote in the Primary Election. Simply Google “Minnesota Secretary of State” and follow the “Other Ways to Vote (absentee)” link. I did it and it works great. Your vote counts! Please make it count.

2020 has turned out to be a very difficult year for all. Many think we have never had so many challenges. But for those who study history, like

me, the past offers a guide for the future. The founders of our country, in the preamble to the Constitution said, “In order to form a more perfect union”. They said more perfect. They didn’t say perfect. They knew they were mortals and would never be able to achieve perfection. But they would keep trying. We should too.

George Washington was tormented with the thought of losing the Revolution. But he persevered and succeeded. Abe Lincoln spent every waking hour of his presidency figuring out how to reunite the country. He also persevered and succeeded. Winston Churchill, his country bombed to rubble, said “When historians look back, they will say this was our finest hour”. And with the help of the U.S. and others, he persevered and succeeded. And what about General McAuliffe, who during the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, was asked to surrender his troops to the Germans. His reply to the German commander? “Nuts.” And they persevered and succeeded.

I could list so many more examples leading up to our present time. But my point is we are facing a very difficult time for freedom minded motorcyclists. Do we duck and cover? Or do we face these problems head on?

Be involved, be engaged, contact your elected officials, and work hard to elect legislators who respect your right to ride free. Persevere and succeed.

— Yours in freedom, Mack



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With all the bad news we hear going on in the world, I am glad to say that I have **GOOD NEWS!** There were **NO** motorcycle fatalities over the Fourth of July weekend. In fact, there were no fatal crashes reported from June 30th to July 8th. So, as I write this, the total for the year remains at 18, compared to 17 at this time last year. Eleven of this years crash fatalities involved a curve in the road. Two of the deaths were bike/deer crashes. I check the State Patrol reports a couple of times a week and I saw that a motorcyclist had a close encounter with a BEAR and survived. I would really like to hear that rider's story. The report said he laid his Harley down.

Megan Leonard, who is the Public Information Officer for the Department of Public Safety, has a great story about a rider that took the Advanced Motorcycle Rider Course a few weeks ago and used what he learned to avoid an owl and make a quick stop for a fox while riding near Ely. So, there you go, training can make a difference between crashing or not crashing. Between life or death.

WHAT OTHER REASON DO YOU NEED TO TAKE A RIDER COURSE?

At our July meeting, we discussed this years

motorcycle fatalities, Megan gave an update on the Impaired Rider Campaign, we discussed the State Fiscal Safety Budget changes for 2021, and I gave an update on Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride. I was happy to report that Dial-A-Ride continues to work, even during the COVID lock down. In fact, I was kind of excited and curious when the first report of a pickup was made during the lock down, when bars were supposed to be closed. Dial-A-Ride was still at work!

I guess motorcycle riders have to be the toughest, most block headed, dedicated people that I know. The other morning, as I left Alexandria in the Big Red Kenworth, it was raining. It rained all the way to Monticello. During that 90 miles, I saw 8 motorcycles going down the road. I talked to the last two while they were getting gas. The two women were going to Itasca. I checked the weather radar, and they were riding right into the hardest part of the rain shower. Now, as I am writing this, I am wondering if it was determination, or just bad planning?

Our next meeting will be September 17th at 5:00 pm at St. Paul College. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Ride smart. Ride safe.

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

— Monte.





MRF REPORT

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What's this "Meeting of the Minds," and who's involved?

Over 300 motorcyclists' rights advocates representing a varied collection of state motorcyclists' rights organizations; a dozen motorcyclists' rights advocates who specialize in motivation, lobbying, communication, and all the nuts & bolts needed to build, strengthen, and hold organizations together in the quest to protect motorcycling and the freedoms it represents.

These individuals are from our shared ranks. They have "been in the trenches" of their home state legislatures and Washington, D.C. They have well over 200 years of collective motorcyclists' rights advocacy experience between them and "quit" is not in their vocabulary! It's time you met this list of freedom fighters.

Meet Charles Umbenhaur— "Kickin Ass and Taking Names – Pennsylvania's 35-year winning quest for freedom of choice" is the workshop title and it could just as well be an underscore of Charlie's accomplishments on behalf of motorcyclists' rights advocacy. With over 40 years riding and almost the same amount advocating motorcyclists' rights in Pennsylvania, a charter member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, an inductee into two motorcycling halls of fame (Easyriders Hall of Fame, Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame); recipient of two Lifetime Achievement Awards (NCOM and AMA); plus numerous other awards and recognitions for his years of advocacy on behalf of freedom and motorcyclists' rights. Charles Umbenhaur's workshop, taken from the playbook of his experiences, can be applied to any legislation supported by our grassroots organizations.

Meet Brian "Skinny Bob" Clifford – Riding since the 1990's, but new to motorcyclists' rights in 2015 when he joined A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia because he "found a cause that blended his passions and skill sets." Skinny used his acquired skills from his experience with Habitat for Humanity International and fighting for housing rights for the poor to fighting for bikers' rights. Currently, he works for a nonprofit supporting military and veteran families. His workshop – Media Madness: How to Survive these Wild Times. Without exaggerating the comments from his 2019 presentation at the Meeting of the Minds, "...is essential to the movement's future." Attendees will leave his workshop with 2020 media techniques and how to adapt them to drive membership, message and mission. This workshop should be "mission critical" for your SMRO.

Meet Rocky Fox – Do not be deterred by his "zero years riding experience." Instead, look at his ten-plus years of experience as a registered federal lobbyist, plus his experience

as a former staff member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, and a member of every SMRO he's visited, and know that Rocky is the non-riding half of our D.C. lobbying team. You'll be "Finding Opportunities for Policy Wins During a Crazy Year" as he brings you a summary of the MRF's legislative accomplishments.

Meet Cathy Brush – Six years riding, six-year member of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, newsletter and public relations coordinator, among other local and state offices. VP Public Relations of her local chapter of Toastmaster International, Cathy will bring 30 years of customer service experience to her workshop on making good public relations better with a hit list of Do's & Don't for great Public Relations.

Meet Ryan Hubbard – Navy Veteran, 45 years riding experience, and 19 years A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois membership holding a multitude of elected offices including State Coordinator. With ongoing and extensive Federal Election Commission training, Ryan Hubbard's workshop – Political Action Committee? Why the Hell does a Biker Need One? will provide attendees enough reasons to form a PAC that they will wonder how their SMRO survived without one.

Meet Dave "Chubby" Charlebois – Member of A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin since 1998, holding a host of state offices, including Executive Director since 2012. His workshop -- With Freedom comes Responsibility – takes our quests for freedom beyond the flash of daily headlines and provides attendees not only food for thought, but direction as well.

Meet Mark Buckner – Active in bikers' rights since the mid-80's including four years A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado State Coordinator, two years MRF Board of Directors and six years MRF President and member of three halls of fame (Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame, AMA Hall of Fame, and MRF Hall of Fame). Mark Buckner's extensive business background gives him more than "street cred" when it comes to working closely with the MRF helping to facilitate the organization's strategic planning goals. His Meeting of the Minds presentation provides attendees with the same information tailored to helping your SMRO become internally accountable with a strategic plan that works!

It's motorcyclists' rights advocates coming together to meet old friends, make new friends, and hone skills that may have gone soft during the lockdowns. It's brothers and sisters knowing freedom and wanting more information on how to protect their rights, their motorcycles, and their lifestyles.

That's what this Meeting of the Minds is all about. We endured the lockdown. We social distanced. And the MRF never forgot why we were founded – to advocate and protect the rights of all motorcyclists. The 2020 Meeting of the Minds provides you with the tools to help protect your rights, your motorcycle and your lifestyle! See you in Indianapolis!

— Gary Goracke, MRF State Rep.



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Pick-ups have been coming in steadily every weekend this summer, which is a good thing. It seems like every time I turn on the radio, I hear about another motorcycle accident.

John mentioned to me yesterday that he is looking for new ideas on a new advertising campaign for next year. The Einstein project has run its course and it is time for a new and fresh ideas. If anyone has any thoughts, please let him know.

With thought remember to enjoy yourself in moderation and if not call 888-DIALRID (E) Friday night - Sunday night for a safe ride home.

Hope to see everyone at the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally. Don't forget to sign up for a shift to sell ice.

— Jodi



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It was great to see everyone, and I hope you all had a wonderful time.

Planning for next year will start soon. If you have any ideas, please submit them to smc2930@gmail.com

— Thanks, Stephanie

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It sure has been nice being able to get out more and enjoy our summer. I hope everyone is out having a wonderful time supporting our Chapters. Keep promoting our Rally by getting Sponsors and selling Rally tickets.

Remember to check the calendar of events.

We are still in need of Business and Member of the Month articles.

— Thanks, Tammy



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello fellow bikers!

I cannot believe its August already. Time seems to be flying by.

Hopefully, your Chapter Representative has told you about the catalog they received at A.B.A.T.E. U and maybe you have even seen it. I plan on printing pages to add to it when we add new products. The products listed in the catalogs are products I have on hand currently. If you see something you like but would like a different color, you may special order that item; however, the price listed is for what is in stock. Special orders may be a few dollars more since I'm not purchasing a large quantity.

I went to Algon's Freedom Rally this year and checked out the products available in Iowa, so I have a few more ideas and some contacts to maybe get some products you have requested.

As always, please send me your suggestions and ideas and I will see what I can find. If your Chapter wants me to come and set up some of our State Products at your event, please contact me and I will try my best to be there.

Stay safe and I'll see you at the Rally,

— Kari

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WOW, August already? I see some Chapters are working hard on their memberships, that is AWESOME! The July count is 3,277, up from June at 3,184, that's a difference of 93! Top two Chapters this month are South Central gaining 25 Singles and 30 Couples, River Valley increased 14 Singles and 20 Couples! Way to go!

I am still recuperating from the Algona Freedom Rally; I could REALLY use more help at the membership tables. Thanks to the Chapter members that did sign-up, and most of them did two 4-hour shifts. Thanks to Lake, River Valley, Sand Dunes, Flatlanders, Rolling Prairie, and East Central. Some shifts had two to four members working, some shifts were empty! I did the 8:00 am to midnight shift myself. The total numbers we did sign up this year were down, but Liz did mention to me she did 300 memberships up to the Rally. We did do 181 Single and 56 Couples.

Are you spreading the word about the State Rally? Have you signed up for a 4-hour work shift? I have the shift schedule for the front gate, call or text me to sign up. You can sign up your Chapter or for yourself. Shifts run from 8:00 am-noon, noon-4:00 pm, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, and 8:00 pm-midnight. It's not hard, you meet new people, and you get to see who's coming through the gate!

— Keep on Keepin' on! Shelly Deutsch



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Things are now opening, for the most part. A few of the chapters are starting to have fundraisers it's time to get out there and have some fun. Algona is over and now is the time to look forward to our rally. Tickets are available and bands are set so, let's support our own Rally. The Rally Committee has put in a lot of time to make this happen. They need your help at the Rally, with setting up, if you can get there early please do so, front gate and security. You can volunteer and still have a good time. Then on Monday take time to clean up your area and we need you to help clean and put things away before you leave. The more that help the sooner everyone can get going.

Now for the Chapters ... I hope you are having your meetings and doing it the right way. Officers you must have a quorum before you can make any plans for the Chapter. Now is not the time to alienate anyone. A.B.A.T.E. is here for a reason, (for all bikers) to come together for our rights. If you have any questions get in touch with me that is what I am here for. Chapters must get their minutes sent in; I need to know what is going on in your chapter.

— "Trashy" Jon W Smith



2nd Annual South Central Fun Run!

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 5th, Cheers Bar, Raymond, 7:00 pm
September 2nd, Litchfield Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our 2nd Annual Fun Run and Membership Drive. We had a great turn out, good times and perfect weather! A special thank you to Doug Louris and Jen Sommerfeld for organizing the event, Bill and Kristi LaPlante for hosting the event and camp out, and a shout out to our three stops for

accommodating us: Mugshots, Hilltop Tavern, and Riverside Bar.

For the State Rally we will be having our annual burger night that Wednesday before, so come on out to the South Central tent at 5:30 pm for a burger and chips for \$5.00.

Did you read Mack's June Road Noise article about the governor not declaring the month of May "Motorcycle Awareness Month"? It is important to write our state legislature about this. Our chapter has an easy email template and website you can use to write to your Senator and House Representative. If your chapter is interested in receiving this information let me know.

— Ride safe and free, Ingrid Cohen

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

August 1st, Rooney's Bar Sedan, 6:00 pm
September 5th, Rooney's Bar Sedan, 6:00 pm
October 3rd, 6pm Rooney's Bar Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

Hello everybody!

I hope you all are enjoying this hot and sticky summer. Personally, I wish it would cool down just a bit.

By the time this is being read, Algona rally has passed, and A.B.A.T.E. U has passed, and the State Rally is coming up in a few weeks.

With all the gatherings, hopefully this COVID -19 thing isn't an issue, and people are not getting it, or spreading it.

I pretty much keep to myself, working on bikes to keep me busy, so I'm not real concerned about it, plus I think I've already had it, in January.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see you all at the State Rally. Keep your knees in the breeze, stay safe.

— Hives



Lake - in lake!

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

August 1st, VFW, Monticello, 3:00 pm

September, no meeting

October 3rd, Chris Kalway's house, Howard Lake,
3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 11th, Minnesota Day, Central City, SD

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

February 13th, Grounded Hogs fundraiser,
Rockford Township Hall

Well, the summer is sure going fast. Our July

meeting was later in the month, so I had to send this before that happened. I am sure it was a great time at Smoker's. It's beautiful there in the summer. And a way to beat the heat this summer.

By the time you are reading this, I should be packing for Sturgis, SD and looking forward to Minnesota Day in Central City. It's going to be a lot of fun. I hope to see you there!

Our State Rally is coming up next month, so make plans to be there. It's always a good time and maybe we can come up with some fun human games to play. Might even have some drunken yoga!

— Later, Mitch'n

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

August 1st, Prochazka's Farm, 10:00 am

September 11th, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

September 12th, Fallen Friends Memorial Run,
Buckshot's, leaving at noon

Hello Bikers,

I hope you enjoyed our Passport Mystery Run last month. We look forward to seeing you at our Fallen Friends Memorial Run on September 12th. Registration will be from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm with a service at 11:45 am and kickstands up at noon. Food will be available at Buckshot's following the run as well as a band to dance the night away. Camping is available on the grounds and at nearby Voss Park.

Now that the state is opening a bit more, make sure

to support those businesses that support our Chapter events. Until the State is fully open, they need our support, so they continue to stay open to help support our events as well as others.

— Shiny side up, Giggles

BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Event (s):

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

SOUTHWEST

Upcoming Event (s):

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

WAY WEST

Upcoming Event (s):

September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July. I can't believe the summer is flying by!

I would like to thank everyone who attended our first NE District meeting. Another thank you to our hosts, the Jack Pine Riders chapter.

A.B.A.T.E. U was another great event. Hopefully we all learned something NEW to bring back to our chapters.

Remember our State Rally is just around the corner. We are always looking for volunteers for a 4 hour shift or more if you can. It's not really hard work, while having fun, right? Think of it; one shift and you will have plenty of time for socializing!

There's plenty of fundraising events to attend this year. Get out there and represent your chapter proudly by supporting others!

*"A good long ride can clear your mind,
restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel"*

— Mickey

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

August 8th, Tootsies Bar, Big Lake, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 22nd, Bar Olympics, Tootsies, Big Lake, 11:00 am,
\$5 per person.

September 4th - 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a great time in Algona, it was a blast this year.

Our chapter is hosting Bar Olympics. It will be on August 22nd starting at 11:00 am in Big lake at Tootsies Bar, \$5.00 per person. We are also stopping at Foreston and in Rice at the Corner Pocket Bar. We will end up at Rolliies. Please come and enjoy the day with us and some damn good people. I look forward to seeing you all.

— Chuckles, Sgt @ Arms

RIVER RIDERS

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East Central ABATE chapter members at the NE District meeting.

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 2nd, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

September 4th - 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

September 11th - 13th, Snow Barron's Hay Days

Hello,

Welcome August; Sweat, Heat and Humidity! 19 people have signed up so far for the Snow Barron's Hay Days. Shift times run 8:00 am-6:00 pm each day. All members are welcome. Give our President, Bob McChensey, a call for shift times available. Camping is available all 3 days. Our chapter will be assigned a spot by staff in their area. Let's all make a strong going again this year. The Snow Barron's were very happy with our work ethic. I would like to post all member's names for taking our Rider Safety Course: Michelle Scannell, Isaac Barlow, Shaun Dobey, Shaggy Miller, Larry Wilson, Roger Ball, Scott Lecy, Cheryl Lecy, Tim Jensen and Bob McChesney. Great job by all!

Thank you Linda Ball for your donations to the auction at A.B.A.T.E. U.

Our State Rally is on schedule for Labor Day Weekend. We have bands each day, with no major acts. Next year's headliner is *Great White*. Due to virus and loss of money up front to the band if event canceled, there is no headliner this year. *Problem Child* plays Friday night, *Hurricane Alice* on Saturday, local Country Music band on Sunday. Eight vendors are set so far. We still need an electrician to set up the grounds and they must be licensed with company backing. Contact Randy or Smoker. We also need sponsors. Only one Diamond at this time. Waste Management has made a very nice donation of \$100. Biff's Company also made a really great donation of \$2,200.

Sturgis is fast approaching. Stay sharp out there, lots of inexperienced riders and drunk riders. A truly bad mix on the roads can make for a bad vacation! 80th Anniversary can be fun, also a higher number of people and protesters can be equal trouble.

Until next month, Ride Safe & Stay Sharp!

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

— ECVP Jim





CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

August 2nd, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 28th – 29th, Central Chapter's 2nd Annual BIKER BASH,
The MannCave, Hillman

September 4th - 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Algona was a blast! It was awesome to see new members come down and join the fun and festivities. Thanks for the great memories!

I hope everyone is ready for the Central Chapter Biker Bash! I know I am!!! There are some great bands lined up, vendors, bike pulls and games, food, camping, etc. All at The MannCave in Hillman. We will need all the help we can get for this event so please contact Nate 740-243-8793 or Travis 320-249-6221 if you are able volunteer as it would be greatly appreciated!

The State Rally is the weekend after. If you are in the bike pulls, these two events (Biker Bash and State Rally) are a must for your points! Let's see some trophies!!

Motorcycle Dial A Ride is open! Call 888-DIALRIDE (1-888-342 5743). Please call if you have had too much to drink, health issues etc. Be Safe!

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

Stay safe my friends!

— Shweeila





Honor Guard at Chic's Celebration of Life

NORTH EAST

Next Meeting(s):

August 5th, time and place TBA

Upcoming Event(s):

September 4th - 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of

Minnesota State

Rally, Litchfield

September 19th, Billboard Ride

Hello all,

Although things are still in a state of flux at the moment, at least the riding season is well underway. With the opening of bars and restaurants for outside service we finally have some destinations to ride to.

Chic's Celebration of Life took place a few weeks ago and was well attended in spite of current events. There were tons of pictures and stories told as well as an honor guard and flag ceremony in recognition of his many years of military service. I believe that all who took part were comforted and reminded of what a good friend, family man, and chapter member he was.

As a chapter we have decided to go forward with our Billboard ride that was postponed earlier this year. The Northeast Chapter and Wisconsin Region 6B Chapters put on this event every year to raise money for local motorcycle safety billboards. This has been an ongoing collaboration between the two chapters for 15 years and we are going to attempt to keep that streak alive. The date will be September 19th with



poster and details to follow. There will be modifications to the normal order of events with the main change being that there will be no indoor party or potluck dinner afterward. Everyone will meet outside after the ride is over and a food vendor will be onsite.

That's about it for now, getting ready for the Northeast District Campout and A.B.A.T.E. U. I'm sure both events will be great and look forward to seeing old friends.

— Ride Safe, Ed

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

August 16th, Horseshoe Lake Inn, Near McGregor,
10:00 am
September 20th, Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm
October 18th, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm
November 15th, Squirrel Cage, Willow River,
2:00 pm
December 20th, Cricket, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 9th – 16th, 80th Annual Sturgis Rally
August 15th, The Steve Derhaag Ride
September 4th-7th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State
Rally, Litchfield

The Steve Derhaag ride is in honor of our late Sgt. at Arms. Join us for a leisurely ride to Horseshoe Lake Inn, on the shores of beautiful Horseshoe Lake (near McGregor) with a few stops in between for refreshments. Free camping is available along with food and entertainment. I am told Rena Starr will be entertaining us at the Horseshoe again this year. Meet at the Cricket Bar in Rock Creek at 10:00 am or Doc's on 23 in Askov at 11:00 am. We depart Doc's shortly after 11:00 am. The chapter meeting will be held at the Horseshoe Lake Inn the following day at 10:00 am.

The A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, A.B.A.T.E."U" motorcycle raffle has been postponed due to the COVID - 19 regulations. The date of the drawing is Sept 5th. If you bought tickets, the tickets are still valid. For those that have not bought a raffle ticket there is still time. Call Bill at 651-587-7625 or talk to any J.P.R. officer.

For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website: <http://www.jackpineriders.org>
Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

— Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
STATE RALLY
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPT. 4-7
LITCHFIELD, MN

UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

August 9th, Bernies Main Dry, Keewatonia, 4:00 pm
September 13th, TBA

Upcoming Event(s):

September 4th - 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State
Rally, Litchfield

Hello,

I hope everyone is doing well. Have you been putting miles on your rides? Remember when traveling to keep your head on a swivel, there are more and more people out and about and sometimes they tend to forget that we are on the roads also. If you are traveling to Sturgis please be safe.

As we adjust to the new norm I encourage you to get out and promote A.B.A.T.E. safely. This year has brought on a lot of new challenges when it comes to meetings, fundraising, and just plain old get togethers. We need to start thinking about the Winter Fever Reliever and what we will need to do to make it a successful event. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting if you are interested in joining the committee.

The A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally is coming up fast. I encourage anyone who has not attended to try and make it this year. Save the date of Labor Day weekend. The committee has been working hard on putting things together and from what I have heard it's going to be great. As I write this the event will go on. The bands are booked and the city of Litchfield is ready for us. If you or a business you know would like to sponsor the Rally please fill out the form that is in the back of the Road Noise. We need these sponsors to help with the cost of the event. As in years past we always try to camp as a chapter so if you are planning on attending please let us know so we can help direct you to the right campsite if you are unable to leave early Friday afternoon when most of the others from the chapter ride down.

Don't forget to look in the calendar of events for a meeting or fundraiser that another chapter is having. It is always a good idea to go and attend these so that you can bring ideas back to our chapter.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

— Farmer Jay, Pres.



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Howdy Folks,

A.B.A.T.E. STATE RALLY TIME!!!!

With all that has been NOT going on this is the time to plan to attend YOUR STATE RALLY. I can honestly say I have had an awesome time every year I have attended the rally. This is time to hook up with friends and have some fun. Also, a good time if ya bring some friends to meet new people.

Many think that volunteering for a shift or two is a lot of work. I have found it to be way more fun than work. This gives the opportunity to meet new people and to see how smooth the rally is planned out.

This year has been very trying for a lot of nonprofit organizations. All the more reason to bring some friends with.

There have been several motorcycle deaths so far this year. Too many have been single vehicle crashes. As we get older it is important to take an advanced rider course. If it saves one crash from happening it is worth the time.

As we ride around our beautiful state and other states as well. Spread the word of A.B.A.T.E. and the MRF.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, EDGAR

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received



BORDERLAND

No Report Received

NORTH STAR

No Report Received

NORTHWEST

No Report Received



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
STATE RALLY
LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPT. 4-7
LITCHFIELD, MN



A Sunday Ride!



FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Meeting(s):

August 29th, TBD -

Check Facebook page for updates

September 26th, TBD -

Check Facebook page for updates

So.....Algona was a blast. Sorry I didn't make it to the June's chapter meeting, I just haven't figured out how to be in two places at once.

What I enjoy the most about the freedom rally is all the visiting with like-minded bikers from the 7 state areas and talk all things bikers. We had a new guy in the FFR camp this year. Thanks, Kyle, for the good laughs.

Next weekend is A.B.A.T.E. U. and I hope FFR has a great attendance.

With the COVID-19 going on please watch our chapter Facebook page for updates on chapter events to weekend rides. If you don't have Facebook feel free to contact Derek for updates.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G



Camping in Algona.

Chapter Grapevines



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SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

August 9th, American Legion Post, Winona,
11:00 am

September 13th, Brewski's, Utica, 11:00 am

...but the corn farmers should be happy. The U.S. Ag Dept. is making grants available up to \$100 million to expand the infrastructure needed to sell more ethanol and other renewable fuels. The EPA hopes to increase biofuels blended into the nation's fuel supply to 20.17 billion gallons by 2021. Fifteen billion gallons would be ethanol and 5.17 billion gallons would be advanced biofuels. The federal farm relief package includes \$19 billion towards supporting E15 fuel. The current administration is promoting E15 for nationwide, year-round use. This isn't a bash on farmers. Plenty of A.B.A.T.E. members farm. All I ask is that you save a few acres for sweet corn.

According to the AMA, none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATV's in current use are certified by the EPA to operate on fuel higher than E10. Don't play Russian roulette at the pump. Avoid the yellow and green nozzles when filling the bike. Or is it the blue and red ones? Thank goodness the government knows what's going on.

The July meeting was relocated to Rushford. I apologize to anyone who showed up in Stewartville. The decision to move the meeting was made after the July Grapevine was submitted. From now on our future is set. Thanks to V.P. Rick, the meetings are scheduled through May 2021: August 9th, American Legion Post, Winona, September 13th, Brewski's,

Utica, October through May, Strikers in Stewartville. All meetings are the second Sunday at 11:00 am. This is Plan A. The COVID-19 may force us to use Plan B. What's Plan B? We'll wing it!

South East LC welcomes new members Rick N. and Elizabeth M. and nine renewing members in May.

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

August 22nd, Kipp Fuller home, 205 Ermina,
Albert Lea, 2:00 pm

September 26th, Lansing Corners Supper Club,
27017 US-218, Austin, 11:00 am

Thanks to Buff and anyone who helped with June's meeting and the first annual Border Blast at Buff's home. We look forward to Border Blast II next year! Planning is in the works for the Summer's Done Run in September. Stay tuned.

Items in memory of longtime member Jesse Larish are available here: <https://www.bradyscustomwoodcraft.com/shop/jesse-larish-memorial-items/12>.

Dial-A-Ride is in full swing. Don't hesitate to make use of this valuable service if you or someone you're with needs it.

Check the Flatlanders Chapter Facebook page for the latest info.

— Together we stand, Linda Peak



TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

August 6th, 7:00 pm, location TBD

September 3rd, 7:00 pm, location TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

September ?, Highway clean up, date TBD

Upcoming Chapter meeting are locations are to be determined. They are usually held at Cy's Bar and Grill, 500 Pine Street, Chaska. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Come out early and have some dinner. We meet in the back room by the pool tables. Fundraiser committee meetings will start at 6:30 pm.

Hello everyone! Sorry again for missing the last issue. I think I've finally resolved my calendar reminder problem. A big THANK YOU to all the members that came out for our Highway clean up in June. It was nice to see everyone and soak up some sun and fresh air (even if it's out picking up trash).

We also had our Chapter organized Intermediate Rider Course in June. We had 10 participants which was a great turnout! A little rain in the beginning slowed us down at the start, but the range dried up quickly after the sun showed up. A Lake Chapter member joined us to make it a multi-Chapter event, thanks Jim! Rider training courses are always an awesome time and a great way to sharpen your riding skills. Maybe next year we can do an advanced course.

I hope everyone had a chance to relax and celebrate the independence of this great nation and what it represents to us over the 4th of July. Our Constitution grants each and every one of us many rights as citizens. Be sure to understand them and exercise them as you see fit.

Until next time, ENJOY THE RIDE!!

— Big Jon



Intermediate Rider Course in June.



Highway Cleanup in June.

RIVER VALLEY

We have been in this Corona virus pandemic for some time now. We were just notified that as of July 10th if you go anywhere inside in public places in Mankato you are required to wear a mask at all times. I hate this. I'm sure others also agree with me when I say, "it's the unknown that's the scary part." I pray every day this will be over soon. Many motorcyclists believe we can social distance and still ride together. There is nothing better than wind therapy to forget all your troubles. Even if it's just for a little while.

Our chapter would like to say thank you to everyone that attended the Mike Berg Memorial Run. We are hoping to make it a yearly event. Mike loved everything to do with motorcycling. His family has expressed an interest to donate the money to either rider's education classes or teaching motorcycle safety on the roads. He will be sorely missed by many. His life was taken way too soon. He was our first fatality this season. We have had 13 lives taken this year already. One life is too many. That's why I'm still doing the Share The Road classes. I have another coming up in St. Michael Albertville this Monday. I've taught almost 5,000 kids in the last four years. I'm definitely not doing it for the money. Lol, I've said since I began these classes if I can save even one family from the grief of losing a loved one from something that could have been avoided it's worth all the time, effort, and expense.

I'm sure many of our Chapter members had a fantastic time at the Freedom Rally in Iowa over the 4th of July. I've got Rally tickets available for our State Rally event. All you have to do is either contact me or go to the abatemn.org website and you can order your tickets online. It would be great to see everyone. It sounds like a great time this year. I know I've had a good time every year I've attended. The Rally Committee works very hard every year to make it a great time. There are still slots open on the front gate, security, and first aid that need filling. Feel free to help out.

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Remember, if everyone could sign up even one member this year, we could double our membership. We need those memberships to continue with our great work keeping our motorcyclist rights here in this state.

This is an election year, too. I'm sure every official would appreciate any help they could get whether it was stuffing envelopes or putting up signs. We need to remind them who puts them in office. They all need to remember they work for us. The political scene this round is very volatile. Pay close attention to their campaign promises. Ask them the hard questions. Ask them why they deserve your vote. If you get a written response you can always get your Write to Ride patch and rocker, just send a copy of it to Frank Ernst.

I don't know if it was such a good thing to have me writing the article each month, because everyone that knows me personally knows I can write a book. Lol. Until next time, remember together we ride free. Be safe out there.

— Nita Baker

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

August 8th, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

September 12th, Medford Muni, Medford, 1:00 pm

October 10th, American Legion, Morristown,
1:00 pm

November 14th, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

November 14th, The Fall Bash, Reggie's, 6:00 pm

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Hope everyone had a great time at A.B.A.T.E. U.

It's time to get more sponsorships for our State Rally. Remember, we need them to put on a better Rally. We will have our A.B.A.T.E. U bike raffle at the Rally this year.

Let's start collecting silent auction items for our Fall Bash. We need all of us on this so one or two people aren't stuck doing it all.

Please try to make it to a meeting so we can get more input from other members in our Chapter. We want to hear from you. Yes, from you. You are missed, so I hope to see you soon.

— Your President, Spanky

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Crystal Lesko *Heart of the Lakes Chapter*

Crystal Lesko is serving her 13th term as Treasurer of Heart of The Lakes.

She has been a member for 15 years. She is the smiling face that greets you at the door when you come to The Heart of The Lakes Pool and Dart tournament. She sits there all day without a complaint unless you mess up her system which a few have been known to do just for fun.

She served 4 years in the US Navy and was honorably discharged.

And in her own words she is proud to ride Bitch!



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



Ron's Computer Repair Service

Meet Ron Schmitz, owner of Ron's Computer Repair Services in Litchfield, MN. Ron has been a member of South Central Chapter since January 2019. He was able to take our idea to action to host "live" monthly chapter meetings, and is always there to offer our chapter hands on technical support whenever we need it! Ron's business has been serving the community for ten years and offers everything from computer diagnostics to repair at reasonable prices. Please contact Ron for all of your computer needs at the following two numbers 575.694.2714 or 320.296.6845 but you can also find him on-line at

www.ronscomputerrepairservice.com

Thank you Ron for being an A.B.A.T.E. supporter and sharing your talents with us!

BIKE OF THE MONTH

Jim Brune

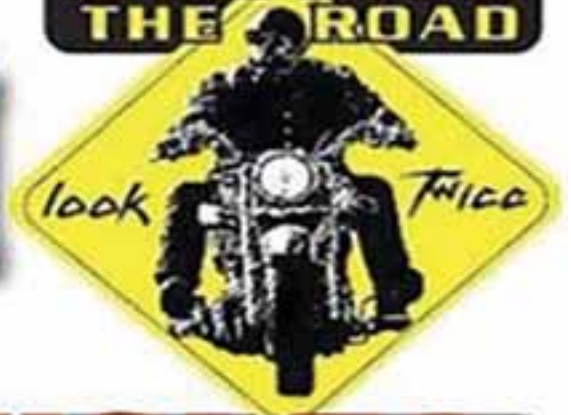
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Lakes
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Frazee,
Minnesota



**PUT DOWN THE COFFEE....
HANG UP THE PHONE
AND**

**SHARE
THE ROAD**



**WATCH
FOR
MOTORCYCLES**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
1-Aug	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Prochazka's Farm, 10 am committee's	11:00 AM
1-Aug	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
1-Aug	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	1:00 PM
1-Aug	Lake Chapter Meeting	VFW, Monticello	3:00 PM
2-Aug	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 AM
2-Aug	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
5-Aug	South Central Chapter Meeting	Cheers Bar, Raymond	7:00 PM
5-Aug	Northeast Chapter	TBD	
6-Aug	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
8-Aug	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	Tootsies Bar, Big Lake	12:30 PM
8-Aug	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna	1:00 PM
9-Aug	South East LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion Post, Winona	11:00 AM
9-Aug	Up North Chapter Meeting	Bmies Main Dry, Keewatian	4:00 PM
11-Aug	Minnesota Day	Central City, SD	
16-Aug	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Horseshoe Lake Inn, Near	10:00 AM
22-Aug	Motorcycle Training Course	Detroit Lakes	TBD
22-Aug	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kipp Fuller Home, Albert Lea	2:00 PM
22-Aug	Sand Dunes Bar Olympics	Tootsies Bar, Big Lake \$5 per person	11:00 AM
28-Aug	Central Chapter 2nd Annual Biker Bash	The MannCave, Hillman	
29-Aug	Central Chapter 2nd Annual Biker Bash	The MannCave, Hillman	
29-Aug	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	TBD	
2-Sep	South Central Chapter Meeting	Rally Fairgrounds, Litchfield	7:00 PM
3-Sep	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
4-7 Sep	A.B.A.T.E. State Rally	Litchfield, MN	
5-Sep	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
11-Sep	Rolling Prarie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	7:00 PM
12-Sep	Rolling Prarie Fallen Friends Memorial Run	Registration 11:00 am	12:00 PM
12-Sep	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Medford Muni, Medford	1:00 PM
13-Sep	Up North Chapter Meeting	TBD	
13-Sep	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Brewski's, Utica	11:00 AM
20-Sep	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Village, Pine City	2:00 PM
26-Sep	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	TBD	
26-Sep	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Lansing Corners Supper Club, Austin	11:00 AM
3-Oct	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3-Oct	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalloway's House, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
10-Oct	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Morristown	1:00 PM
18-Oct	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's, Surgeon Lake	2:00 PM

NEW & RENEWALS FOR JUNE 2020

BORDERLAND

Robbie Ostlund R
 Tony Rud R
 Ron / Kelly Simonson

BUFFALO RIDGE

Kevin Crow R
 Brook Crow N
 Ryan Dambrotten/ Jessica Busack .. N
 Tanner / Tegan Giles R
 Pat Hagemeyer R
 Mike Hodges R
 Dale/ Carmelita Pfarr R
 Thomas Sederquist N

CENTRAL

Kelly Andreasen N
 Emily Bjelland N
 Tyler Bjelland N
 Rakha Bjelland N
 Bryant Blackwell R
 Jeff Burg R
 Loran / Brenda Czech R
 Jessica Czech R
 LeRoy Egan R
 Hank Foster R
 Jeff Friedrichs N
 Jennifer Grotte N
 Josh Halberg N
 Chad Heggstad/Jennifer Hansen .. R
 Gerald Hommerding/Michele R
 Scott Hutchinson/Bana Rose N
 Keith/ Sheila Jacobs R
 Ryan Janisch / Brianna Eastman ... R
 Eric Lantto N
 Joseph Lein N
 Mike Lewerke R
 Gina Lewis N
 Brian / Lori Mackedanz R
 Zachary Mackereth R
 Ryan Maslowski/ Darcy Peters R
 Wayne Maurer / Debra Olson N
 Mike Menard / Samuel Marshall .. R
 Nathan Middendorf R
 Mike Navarro/ Dawn Marie N
 Steven / Rebecca Reichard R
 Aaron Rennie R
 Kristopher Reyes R
 Reed / Marie Ritzer R
 Terry Sauer R
 Jason / Jennifer Schafer R
 Chris Schulte N
 Matthew Schwinghammer Maritess R
 Barry Shaw R
 Kevin/ Nelda Starr N
 Eldon Swedal R
 Bruce / Dawn Taylor N
 Todd Tischer R
 Michael / Kathleen Tomczik N
 Anthony Tschida R
 Bill Weyer R
 Tammy / Richard Winkels R
 Glenn / Julie Woodbridge R
 George III/Kelly Zvanovec N

EAST CENTRAL

Michael Beckmann R
 Bob Broich R
 Jesse Bullis/Ashley Peterson N
 Shawn Dobe/Michelle Swenson .. R

Tony/ Cindy Hovind R
 Tim Jensen / Darlene Krutsch R
 Scott / Cheryl Lecy N
 Fred / Donna Magnuson R
 Toni McChesney N
 Darrick Miller R
 Doug /Rae Ann Mosiman R
 Kurt / Kathy Nelson R
 Scott Peterson R
 Brett / Jasmin Quiggle N
 Brian / Cassandra Reichert R
 Larry Wilson R
 Mike / Sharen Wright R

FLATLANDERS

Tom / Jan Aguilera R
 Dana Farrell R
 Jordan Fuchs N
 Aaron Juliar N
 Paul Krause R
 Rick Peters / Wendy Barnett R
 Eric Plaia / Christina Lane R
 Kasey Schaub/ Julie Johnson R
 Stacia Schnoor N
 Thomas Shawback N
 Jeff / Kathy Yunker R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Laurel Brandt/Kimberly Quigley .. R
 Brian /Tera Daker R
 Mark "Wolf" /Deb Eastmead R
 Travis Fick / Tracy Grabe N
 Doris Grimm N
 Patrick Hanson/Jennifer Searle N
 Shawn / Leilani Hauge R
 Robert / Roxanne Hedine R
 Kristine Hendershot /
 Shaun Holmquist R
 Howard / Debra Kill R
 Jim / Patty Lindemann R
 Corrie / Diane Mattocks R
 Kenuto Medrano N
 Shanda Mitchell N
 Kenneth Mull /Stacy Kracht R
 Dale Murray R
 Derek Nelson /Patty Sherod R
 Dave Piere N
 Tristan Rath N
 Austin Rath N
 Kayla / Kelle Ravn R
 Steve Schulke R
 Thomas / Aileen Sperr R
 Jackie Steffen R
 Richie /Sharon Theusch R
 Trevor Triebenbach R
 Robert Uhden R
 Gerald Valkenburg R
 Ted Warren R

GLACIAL RIDGE

Jari Gruis R
 Todd Lund Glenamarie R
 Kurt / Charlene VanLuik R

HEART OF THE LAKES

Chad Dalland N
 Jennifer Hariluk N
 Chad Kieffer R
 Corey Siegel R
 Annie Squires R
 Marji Aaberg N

Cal Anderson N
 Elmer Danger Johnson N
 Robert Dufresne N
 Sammie Goebel N
 Travis Leidenfrost/Nyssa DeMars . N
 Joey Likewise N

JACK PINE RIDERS

Daniel Barnick R
 Celest Berger R
 Ardean/ Sharon Bratland R
 Linda Dronen R
 Rob / Marie Gullickson R
 Dave Hancock R
 Carol Hanson R
 Randy Lain/Chris Townsend N
 Daniel / Magen Olsen R
 Leroy Price Jr N
 Don / Bobbi Schultz R
 Matthew Sutton N
 Dale Wilkening R
 David Zaun/Sheila Huggett R

LAKE

Steve Evenson R
 Christina Gruenhagen R
 Russell / Linda Haag R
 Gary Hestness N
 Judy Kalway R
 John Kinsell N
 Shaun / Natasha Leach N
 Ezra / Andie Lideen N
 Newell / Kimberle Liebelt R
 Greg Mathews R
 Jerome / Fay Susa R
 Dave / Jeanne Truax R
 Todd Vail / Karen Dougherty R
 Rick / Myra Van Horn R
 Brent / Rebecca Wessman R

METRO

Noe Lopez R
 Daniel / Tanya Lundblad N
 Mark Mikkalson R
 Shelly Watt N
 Robert Willard Jr/Jennifer Penley . N
 Amanda Wilson N

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Kulley Simerson

NORTHEAST

Bill / Darlene Dower R
 Lisa Gould R
 Chuck Hakes / Leah Hanson N
 George / Michelle Martin R
 Andrew Mathiasen R
 Prescott Olson/Kimberly Morton .. R
 Mark Rude/ Michele Haltli N
 Bob Saice / Kim Mead R
 Abe / Michelle Savage N
 Brian / Mijjalisa Viele N

NORTH STAR

William Foster /Alisa Hepsak N
 Darryl Holman R

NORTHWEST

Kalcy Barbot N
 Ross Bruggeman N
 Deb Butler R
 Mark / Susanne Herberg R

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NEW & RENEWALS FOR JUNE 2020

NORTHWEST continued from page 28

David Hofstad N
 Danny Johnson R
 Skip Norman R
 Joseph / Jessica Shimpa N

RIVER RIDERS

James Galarneault R
 Fred Hartung / Pepper Moyer R
 Tom Kissack / Shelly Flasch R
 Tessie Magnuson N
 Bryon Schultz R
 Charley Schultz R
 Doug Vale R
 Victoria VanElsberg R
 Gary Wollak R

RIVER VALLEY

Dan Blackwell R
 Teri Burnsvold N
 Brian Dehn / Stacy Paul R
 John Dietz R
 Steven Duban / Cindy Wierson R
 Hunter Everett/Jayma Faulstich N
 Jason Ewert N
 Paul Flick/Tonja Flick R
 Erin Fredricks/Anthony Crandell R
 Jason / Miriam Goughnour R
 Jennifer Hastings N
 Eric Heirmeier/ Jacci Classen N
 Ethan /Morgan Henke R
 Kali Huber R
 Tara Hueper N
 Dust/ Leslie Jacobson N
 Dustin Johnson/Barbara Kubly R
 Ron Johnson R
 Mike /Myra Jose R
 Greg Luscombe R
 Dan May N
 Trent Messner N
 Joshua Nelson R
 Angelica Nolan N
 Colter Petersen/Bobbi Jo Saunders R
 Jim Prom R
 Jason Schultz R
 Travis Schultz R
 Karl Schultz R
 Dawn Smith N
 Travis / Crystal Tellijohn R
 Dylan Tischer/Jordan Reichel N
 William /Britany Tipton N
 Peter VanDuynhoven R
 Mike /Nancy Vogel N
 Randy Zollner R

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Kent / Eileen Augustin R
 Tom / Crystal Chapman N
 Edward Connell N
 Jeremy / Randy Curry N
 Cody Fedder R
 Kirk Jorgenson R
 David Klabunde N
 Nick Klabunde N
 David Leinenweber /Lynette R
 Colton Mammmerger N
 Jennifer Mendenhall N
 Grant Metz/ Bonnie Manderfeld R
 Jason Meyer / Emily Stauffer R
 Austin Pankratz / Alyssa Style R
 Bick / Cindy Sandbo R
 Devin Stephens Megan N
 Brock / Jill Thielbar R
 Chase Vaske / Tiffany Diel R

Francis Wagner R
 Mark Weedman R
 Adam Wolner R

SAND DUNES

Nick DeVoto R
 Bobby/ Rozie Stephens R
 Steve Thole / Jena McAlpine R

SOUTH CENTRAL

Misty Boyer R
 Doug / Ingrid Cohen R
 Diane Dauer R
 Doreen Fank R
 Derreck Hennen/Kayla Asfeld N
 Bill Johnson/Missy Crandel N
 Andrew Johnson/Mia Mazzone N
 Bob Luedtke N
 Van Maahs R
 Travis / Becky Magoon N
 Rocky Mattsfield N
 Scott / Jacob Mattson N
 Gary Ness N
 Mark /Randi Opitz R
 Dick /Julie Orn R
 Scott Riley N
 Wayne Streich R
 Ernest Trimble N

SOUTHEAST LC

Jordan Albrecht R
 Roman Broadwater /Tia Born N
 Ace / Elle Browning R
 Chuck Considine/
 Teresa Klosterman N

Gary Fritz N
 Andrew Gerads/Jessica Duncan R
 Cleary Grubb R
 Jake Howard / Elena Brustad R
 Arthur Hudson N
 Richard McDonald R
 Jonathan McDonough N
 David Mchan / Taylor Martin N
 Gayle / Rosella Noyes R
 Nathan Scharf /
 Alyssa Wickersham R

SOUTHWEST

Norman Allen R
 Jon Anderson R
 Norman / Cheryl Gries R
 Virgil Hoffman R
 Lyle Klingenberg R
 Tom / Ramona Myrvold R

STRAIGHT RIVER

Mike Bustad R
 Patrick Duchene R
 Keith / Shauna Hildahl R
 Stephen Vlach N

TRI-COUNTY

Tim Albright / Karee Rowell R
 Brianna Anderson N
 Brenda Belisle N
 Frank / Vicki Ernst R
 Paul Hanzel N
 Russell Hestness R
 Jeff / Jean Hlavac R
 Allen Hoeschen R
 Debra Jensen R
 Marsha Millonig R
 Kevin Moriarty R
 Eric Olson R
 Lee Polersky N
 Curt / Judi Quiner R
 Rusty Tiede N
 Dan Waalen Whelean N

UP NORTH

Steve Miller R
 Corey Nelson R
 Robert (Bob)/Deb Shaw R
 Shawn Wood N

WAY WEST

Bruce Abild /Rhonda Gutzmer R
 Steve / Carrie Dunkley R
 Ed Olson Jr. R



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 4th-September 7th 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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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+)
- Waiver of vendor fees to set up at the Rally
- 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
- Waiver of vendor fees to set up at the Rally
- 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
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- Your company name listed on our website
- One free weekend pass to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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Partnering with us will make the 2020 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 2020 Rally is 1,500+.

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!

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Name: _____

Chapter: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

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☐ Mail tickets to Business Contact
* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2020

☐ Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:
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* Identification will be required

Quantity given: _____

Ticket #'s: _____

Mail to: Michelle Backlund
16550 226th Ave NW
Elk River, MN 55330

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A.B.A.T.E. OF Minnesota 2020 State Rally Sponsorship

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Business Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Recruiting Member Signature: _____

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If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund

(763) 263-1532 or email statetreasurer@abatemn.org

Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2020

If you don't receive your tickets by July 31st, 2020 contact Michelle Backlund

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- **Lake Chapter**
- **Metro Chapter**

2020 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

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- **Alexandria Freight Service**
- **Bitzer Garage Door**
- **Buffalo Ridge Chapter**
- **Dan Leiding & Shelly Deutsch**
- **Doc's Sports Bar & Grill**

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CHROME



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- **Frederick Creek Sheet Metal**
- **Heart of the Lakes Chapter**
- **Maureen O'Hern**
- **Michelle M. Backlund, CPA**
- **Moon Motor Sales**
- **River Valley Chapter**
- **Todd's Rod Shop**
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- **Way West Chapter**

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6/20 FOR SALE: Harley Davidson Super Trap mufflers with removable baffles for 1994 and earlier big twin. Used 3,000 miles. \$225 or best offer. Call Mark at 763-784-0783.

6/20 FOR SALE:

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6/20 FOR SALE:

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6/20 FOR SALE:

2003 Anniversary,
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7/20 FOR SALE: Pull Behind the Motorcycle Trailer, \$180. Also For Sale: Trailer Hitch and Wiring Harness, fits Electra Glide. Call JR 763-755-8097

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7/20 FOR SALE:
1999 Honda Goldwing one owner with hitch, pinstriped excellent condition \$3,600 call Don 320-248-1816



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2003 Sportster XLH 883 anniversary edition. 2669 miles, lowered w/bobber fender. Includes: stock fender, extra seat, stock springs and shocks, bags and back rest. \$4500
Shella Huggett shellahuggett@gmail.com



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2001 Heritage Softail 7,200 (or so) miles, very clean, may need tune-up. Trying to sell for my father-in-law. Asking \$10,000 or OBO.
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