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- 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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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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It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about officer elections. Is it time for you to step up and run for a chapter position? How about getting involved with a State or Chapter committee? Nominations start next month for all officer positions within A.B.A.T.E. of MN. We can always use some new faces and ideas.

As I mentioned at the October Board Meeting, we are working on setting guidelines for chapter specific embroidered patches. Our goal is to have documentation written up as soon as possible that will help unify A.B.A.T.E. of MN. We need to remember that we all belong to one organization whose primary goal is to fight for motorcycle rights, training and education. The more we do things independently, the more people see us as 26 individual groups. We also want to avoid conflicts with other organizations. I want everyone to feel like they are part of a large group

with common goals, and also to be safe wherever they travel. I do understand that you are proud to be a member of your chapter!

A couple of notes for our chapters:

- 1) Please submit a grapevine every month. Make sure you include meeting dates, times and locations. And don't forget those fundraisers!
- 2) Check the link from abatemn.org chapter page to your Facebook and websites. If the link is not correct, please notify our webmaster.

The Road Noise is always looking for Member of the Month, Business of the Month, Bike of the Month, and now - Veteran of the Month! Anyone can submit a short article and photo for any of these submissions. Email your articles to roadnoise@abatemn.org

Remember - the Road Noise can be viewed in color on our website.

I have my fingers crossed that soon we can get back to normal activities.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

– Jane



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Well, we are closing in on the end of the year, I hope everyone got out and voted and if you didn't you have nothing to complain about.

As for COVID 19, the elections are over and

it's still here. I hope by the end of the year we will be on the downhill slide of all this.

Our own elections are coming up, maybe it's time to step up and run for office. You say you don't know what to do? Just wing it, that's what I do.

I was able to get some riding in when everyone was out trying to get a deer. But I'm sure everyone hunting or out riding had a great time.

Believe or not I don't have much more to say.

– Till next time, Jim



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TO ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS!!!

You will be receiving at the end of the month envelopes with nomination forms and instructions on how the procedure works for the upcoming elections. Please read ALL of the instructions before your January meeting to ensure that you are fully informed on the procedures for nominations. Here are just a few things to know:

- #1:** Nominations take place at your January and February meetings only.
- #2:** Immediately following your February meeting you must either mail or email me your nomination sheet.
- #3:** The deadline for voting via absentee ballot is February 10th! THERE IS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE!
- #4:** Please make sure everything sent to me is clearly written. I will not change ballots due to incorrect spellings.

If you have questions, please call me! Don't wait until your meeting to call me. I could be in a position that I cannot answer your call.

Merry Christmas everyone!!!!



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After we had been dumped on by large amounts of snow in October, I thought maybe there would not be any more motorcycle accidents happening until next year. But then Mother Nature fooled us again. The snow disappeared and bikes were out on the road again. This is the first year that I was able to ride the Gold Wing to go and vote on Election Day. I heard from several other people who rode their bikes to vote.

I remember years of going out deer

hunting and temperatures were below zero. This year it hit 70 degrees and I could hear motorcycles going up and down the road while I sat in the deer stand.

So, with bikes back on the road, accidents happened. In the first week of November, I read of another bike/deer crash, a bike only crash, and a fatality crash. Last year, there were 43 crashes that resulted in 44 fatalities. This year, there have been 60 riders killed from 58 crashes in Minnesota.

As it is snowing again as I am writing this, I hope that these are the last numbers to report for the year.

Our next meeting will be January 21st at 5:00 pm via Microsoft Teams.

– Travel safe. Monte



NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT OCTOBER 2020

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The trip to the NCOM convention this year like all things 2020 and COVID-19 had multiple changes. As you know the convention is typically held in May over Mother's Day weekend but not in 2020. The convention was held October 16th and 17th, the same weekend as A.B.A.T.E. of MN Board of Directors meeting. Considering the time, mid-October, and the location Indianapolis, I had planned to leave a week early and spend some extra time.

I planned to do some riding and touring in Kentucky and while there visit the replica of Noah's Ark and the creation museum. Again, like everything else 2020 two days before I planned to leave, I got a call from Can-Do-Canines asking if I could foster a dog in training for 5 days. So, change in plans again, leave a few days late, go to Kentucky, tour a little, go to Indy for the convention, then back to Kentucky for a few extra days, then return on the 21st or 22nd right? That was the plan before I saw the forecast that said a major snowstorm was expected to hit Minnesota and Wisconsin on the 21st so needless to say plans changed again. I decided to leave Indy on Sunday morning the 18th and come straight home. End result I missed the extra days in Kentucky, but I also missed the snowstorm, I had rain and cold on the trip home but missed the snow, so all is good.

Does this give you a hint of how the convention may have gone? I arrived at the host hotel and it was a very nice facility, but don't forget we are talking COVID season. They did request we wear masks when we were in common areas and they told us all financial transactions must be done by credit card, they would not accept cash. You want a bottle of pop or a bag of chips; it was a credit card sale. The majority of nearby fast-food restaurants had only drive through service; and you know the problems that can create

for those of us on motorcycles. In addition, there were some members of the Board and the Legislative Task Force that were coming from states that had travel restrictions for those visiting Indianapolis, so if you were flying in and out when you returned home you would be required to quarantine 14 days. The result of the travel restrictions and health risks kept some including our Founder Richard Lester from attending. The result this year's convention had the lowest attendance I think I have ever seen. So much for the negative news!

Some of the content that was delivered this year was extremely interesting. Slider Gilmore presented his seminar "The Golden Hour," this should be a must see for every motorcyclist, we never know when we might have to deal with the unexpected. There was a presentation by Jerry T the Florida NCOM attorney titled "Protect your Rights/Probable Cause." There was a great deal of information shared that many may not be aware of. I will share more details in future reports; it is information that can reduce legal conflicts. I participated in a panel discussion addressing a bill protecting motorcyclists as vulnerable users, this has been introduced in Florida, again more information in future reports.

Another presentation "Protect your Rights in Motorcycle Accidents" presented by the North Carolina Aim Attorney. This presentation provided information on how compensation for damages resulting from a crash can vary from state to state. We talked about pending legislation in at least one state that could be devastating for motorcyclists and what we can do to protect ourselves. This is a topic that needs a lot of attention and I will write more soon. I will also be making recommendations that we have some informational seminars, possibly at A.B.A.T.E. U or even at Chapter meetings if time permits to share this information. The risk from injury and property damage loss can result in financial ruin. The risks are real but there are things we can do to minimize the risk. This is one of these things that what you don't know could hurt, even devastate you.

As always be vigilant, the rights you lose may happen sooner than you think.

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MRF REPORT

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Upcoming Events:

March 26th-27th, Heartland STEAM,
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Hello everyone,

Now that the elections are over, it is time to get to work. We have some new relationships to make and some existing relations to extend further. Please start reaching out to them and congratulating them and remind them of our 2021 legislative agenda.

Here are some highlights from the elections:

MRF Legislative Champions:

Senator Ron Johnson (Wisconsin) -

Not Up for re-election in 2020

Senator John Thune (South Dakota) -

Not up for re-election in 2020

Senator Joni Ernst (Iowa) - Won

re-election to new six-year term

Senator Gary Peters (Michigan) - Won

re-election to new six-year term

Congressman Tim Walberg (Michigan)-

Won re-election to new two-year term

Congressman Michael Burgess (Texas) -

Won re-election to new two-year term

Congressman Collin Peterson (Minnesota) -

Lost re-election

Congressman Troy Balderson (Ohio) - Won

re-election to new two-year term

All four co-chairs of the House and Senate Motorcycle Caucuses were successfully re-elected. In the Senate the co-chairs are Senator Ernst and Senator Peters. The House co-chairs are Rep. Burgess and Rep. Walberg.

Congressman Peterson, a longtime friend



Congressman Collin Peterson received the 2019 Legislative Award from Gary Goracke.

and ally to the riders in Minnesota was defeated. He has served in Congress since 1991. We at the MRF wish him well and thank him for his countless years looking out the interests of all motorcyclists.

We have our work cut out for us but I know all of us can do our part. I encourage you to stay active by reaching out with phone calls, personal emails, and when they come out the CQ Engage.

Always remember that if you have an event that you would like the MRF to have a membership table at, please let myself or one of the assistant reps know and we will work together to make it there.

2021 is going to be a busy year!

– Jay Hickok


BEST HOLIDAY WISHES



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Greetings fellow bikers!

As I sit here writing this, we recently returned from some couple's wind therapy and have now put the bikes to bed for the winter. At least mine is.

I hope everyone had their fill of turkey and trimmings for Thanksgiving.

I currently have sweatshirts on hand, both pull over and zip styles. They are \$30 each and colors vary by style. If you want another color than what I have on hand I am more than willing to place a special order to get what you want.

As I stated in last month's article, I am unable to get the can cozies that we had a few years ago, due to the company closing. I am looking for a replacement, but I am not having a lot of luck. If you have any suggestions or find a company that could possibly meet our needs let me know and I will investigate it further.

If you are looking for something for that hard to buy for friend or family member, remember a membership to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is a great gift. The Road Noise makes great reading when you are stuck indoors this winter.

Christmas is just around the corner, then on to a new year. Hopefully 2021 will be better than 2020 was. I want to wish all my family and friends of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

– Till next time, Kari



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Merry Christmas to All!

Hope the Holidays are good to you. Maybe Santa will bring a new bike!! Wouldn't that be nice?

In case he doesn't, you might want to purchase an A.B.A.T.E. University Raffle Ticket. You could win an Indian Chief or maybe some cash. Either way, it is an investment in motorcycle rights and safety.

Enjoy the winter. Spring will be here soon!!

– Mitch



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Hope everyone had a good and safe Thanksgiving.

Just a reminder that Buddy Bear orders need to be ready and turned in with gambling request, if using gambling money, and minutes from your meeting.

Have a good Christmas and see you all in January at Warroad for January B.O.D.

Take care.

– Mama Bear, Sharon Polman



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As I write my report, we are getting freezing rain, with snow to follow. I guess winter is setting in. So that means the holiday season will be here shortly. If you have a hard to buy for person on your gift list, consider gifting them an A.B.A.T.E. membership!

Our membership went up in November! Our totals for November are as follows, total number 3,192, 1,458 singles and 1,734 couples. Our best November was 4,144 in 2009! Our top two chapters this month were Central with four new singles and ten new couples. And Northeast with four new singles and four new couples.

I hope you all have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!

Keep on keepin on!

– Shelly Deutsch



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):

January 10th, Jim & Kristi Orn's, Kimball,
1:00 pm



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Nothing new to report.

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Next Meeting (s):

December 5th, Tammy's home, St. Cloud,
1:00 pm
January 10th, Jim & Kristi Orn's, Kimball,
2:00 pm

I hope everyone is doing well as we all leave behind this weird year and move on to a better year.

Remember if you have a hard to buy for biker in your family an A.B.A.T.E. membership makes a great gift. Last month we added a new way to honor our Veterans. We are using the same format as far as information needed.

Keep sending in member and businesses of the month also to roadnoise@abatemn.org.

Make plans now to attend Bikerday on January 20th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

– Tammy



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– Stephanie



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Did you know that Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride is entirely funded through donations?

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, Inc. is a registered non-profit, 501c3 volunteer organization established in 1990 to educate Minnesota motorcyclists about the consequences of riding and drinking, to encourage the use of intervention methods to prevent impaired riders from riding, and to provide free and safe transportation for impaired motorcyclists, their passengers and their motorcycle to their home or another safe location.

The largest donation each year comes out of our state's Motorcycle Safety Fund, with the advice and approval of Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. We have received this annual funding for many years and those funds are used to purchase most of the promotional items (wallet cards, wall posters, drink coasters, informational brochures and bumper stickers) that are distributed to about 800 bars and restaurants throughout Minnesota each spring. The Motorcycle Safety Fund's funding comes directly from Minnesota motorcyclists through initial motorcycle permit fees (\$11) and endorsement renewal fees (\$7). That is the reason that each piece of promotional material that is printed and distributed contains the line "Paid for by Minnesota's Motorcyclists."

Over the years, another large source of funding has been through the generosity of

A.B.A.T.E.'s individual chapters.

Many chapters donate money from either their Gambling Fund or their General Fund.

A.B.A.T.E. chapters are reminded each fall to spend down their Gambling Fund balances to help avoid paying taxes on the outstanding year-end balances. December is an excellent month for your Chapter to make its annual donation.

Another important source of funding is through donations made by employee deductions to their company sponsored United Way programs. At some companies, every employee's donations go to a single, company-chosen charity. But other companies allow individual employees to specify which charity should receive their donation. If this is the case at the company you work for, let them know that you would like your donation to go to Minnesota Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride. They can locate us by using our Employer Identification Number (EIN) which is 41-1731936.

Next month, I will continue this topic with information about project-specific donations (for example, your chapter would like to purchase a motorcycle trailer) as well as other ways individuals and organizations can help to financially support Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride.

And finally, remember that this is the GIVING TIME OF THE YEAR - individual donations to Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride can be mailed to:

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– Ron Lischeid



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

December 16TH, Frank Ernst home, 6:00 pm

January 15TH, B.O.D. Meeting, 6:00 pm

February 9TH, TBD, 6:00 pm

As I'm writing this, I'm looking out my window at it is snowing and temperatures are in the 20's, YUK!

However, I do feel great about all the positive things we as an organization are accomplishing with the efforts of you, our awesome members. However, with all the rules and regulations we are strapped with it sometimes makes it hard, or at least frustrating to see how we can continue at



the levels of giving we have in the past.

However, I would like to see us take that as a challenge when selling this year's A.B.A.T.E. U lottery tickets. During these times with winter upon us, locked up in our house, wouldn't it feel good to think about next April at A.B.A.T.E. U and winning that new Indian Chieftain then heading out for a ride on the open road! Damn, I just shit my pants thinking about that!

Let's get out there, sell those tickets, and maybe buy the winning ticket yourself. Let's show them COVID's not going to stop or even slow us down from making a positive impact in our community.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Submitted by Ron/Dial-A-Ride

BIKE OF THE MONTH

Meet The Mistress

This is my 2001 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic FLSTCi with an 88b.

I purchased her in the spring of 2014 with 12,000 miles. That was less than 1,000 miles a year and that just didn't seem right. It's been 5 years now and I just approached



hitting 40,000 miles, over 5,000 miles every year. My wife calls her "The Mistress" because I spend so much time with her every summer. I'm riding her whenever I get the chance and when the weather keeps her inside I use my skill as a detailer rub her down and polish her up for the next break in the weather. Every winter I save my money to by her a few gifts for when we reunite every spring. Most of her upgrades are quite subtle. They range from visors on the lights and tail light, Saggy Bag liners to reshape the saddle bags, crash bars front and back, keyed alike lock kits installed on the saddle bags, White wall tires, and last year custom dynamics LED inserts for the turn signals. I'm not sure what she will ask for this winter but I'll start saving money now for that.

– Darryl Holman - North Star Chapter

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Kerry Prins *Southwest Chapter Member*

Kerry is the former Treasurer and SOA. She has been an active member of the Southwest Chapter for at least 20 years. She has been coming with her husband Jerritt, the State Representative to the Board Meetings for at least the last 10 of them. She works countless hours at fundraisers, burger nights and concession stand raising money for the Chapter and A.B.A.T.E.

Some of her favorite pastimes are going on rides with her husband, camping and spending time with her family.

Chapter Grapevines



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I would like to start off by congratulating the winners of the Passport run.

1st place and 2nd place go to Joe and Lori Schumann with 96 stops at \$450 each (husband and wife). 3rd place goes to Larry Johnson with 95 stops at \$300. 4th place goes to Tad Lothert with 83 stops at \$200. 5th place goes to Brian Schemmel with 69 stops at \$100.

We also looked at the place that was visited most and it was the American Legion in Litchfield. We are planning on giving them a plaque or something to acknowledge them for their participation in this event. I also want to thank everyone that participated on this, from the members that went out and got the places signed up. And the ones that got the booklets.

The committee is gearing up for next year. Check with your Chapter Rep if you want your favorite place in the booklet. They will have the forms shortly or by the time you read this. Give me a call if you have questions. You can contact me at hertitagesoftail6@yahoo.com or at (612) 708-9328.

I want you to remember that the Chapter gets a split of the places that they sign up, and the booklets that they sell. This is a money maker for the Chapter and the State. It is growing and I want it to keep growing. This year we had a good number from South Dakota and one from Iowa. I want this to expand and every Chapter to get involved. If you like to ride and have different places to go then this is for you.

Now that the season has changed. I want to wish you all a great holiday season. In other words, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

– Jon (Trashy) Smith

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

December 2nd, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 7:00pm

January 6th, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who helped with replacing the old sign. Looks great.

Hope everyone got to enjoy the warm weather when it returned, and you got to get out and vote. By the time you're reading this the election will be over, so take some time to write your Representative and let them know how you feel.

– Thanks, Jesse Warnke



SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

December, TBD

January, TBD

Please watch SW Facebook page for info on dates and meeting locations. COVID-19 is the determining factor for so many activities. We have no control over the ugly virus.

We can't hop on those powerful steel machines that help us clear our heads during better weather, better road conditions. We must remember that our disappointment, and sense of angst is not the fault of those around us. Are you getting tired of hearing this? Sorry, but it's true. We are all in this together!

It truly bites. BUT we can determine how we are

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

December 12TH, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 12TH, Christmas Party - White Elephant Gift Exchange, VFW, St. James, after the meeting. Please bring a dish to pass for the Christmas Party and your own utensils.

It's hard to believe it's been a month already since I have written the last article. I would like to say thank you to each of the people that take time out of their schedule to write an article each month. I know sometimes it's not easy. In the November issue there were seven reports not given. So, thank you to all those that do write the articles each month.

As you read this article it is only days away from Christmas. If you're looking for a present for that person that's so hard to buy for, buy them an A.B.A.T.E. Membership for Christmas. It always fits and you don't have to worry they will exchange it.

In each meeting we hold we will be reading the description of one position, especially with nominations coming up next month. If you are thinking of running for one of those positions and have questions, feel free to talk to anyone that's an Officer now in that position. If people don't have the answer, I'm sure they will find the answer for you. We would welcome anyone that is interested in running for a position. January is when nominations begin.

going to get through the pandemic. Be patient with your loved ones. Call someone you haven't seen or heard from in a while. Our family has been utilizing ZOOM. Conversations with the kids and grandkids is priceless. "Does stuffing come from stuffed animals?" Memories can still be made; laughter can still make your sides hurt. Be patient with those around you. They have also had their lives and activities turned upside down and inside out, just like you have.

Hoping your turkey is moist! Your gravy and potatoes are free of lumps, and your pumpkin pie is the best you've ever had!

Keep our military in your thoughts and prayers
Hang in there and have a great Thanksgiving.

– BAM

A.B.A.T.E. University is April 16th - April 18th. The phone number to make reservations is (320) 763-6577. It is encouraged to attend if you are a new officer of the chapter. It is a really good time to connect with old friends and make new friends.

Our chapter is looking for someone to take over social media on the Facebook page. You really don't have to be techy to do it. If you are interested in that job, please feel free to contact any of the officers of the chapter.

Kari Duncan has the memorial patches for Jessie Larish and Janet Todd. They are \$5 each.

Bikerday at the Capitol is coming up fast. It is January 20th. If you have never attended one you should. It is really a good time. You learn a lot and it's always very informative. Our chapter will be driving up in our own vehicles. If you are interested in attending and don't feel like driving yourself feel free to contact any of the officers in our chapter. Bikerday is our one day of the year to meet face to face with our legislators. Believe me they remember you. The legislators love it when we attend Bikerday because of the interactions as well as for the fact that we don't want any money from them. We just tell them point blank to "leave us alone." Countless organizations ask for money when they are in session. They are for the most part in favor of our agendas. We are always given paperwork to leave with the legislators after we visit with them so our visit sticks in their minds after we leave.

Until next time, together we ride free. Nita Baker



Remember when?

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

December 5th, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm
 January 9th, Mike & Mary Berger's home,
 Waconia, 3:00 pm
 February 13th, Rockford Township Hall, 4:00 pm
 March 6th, VFW, Monticello, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 13th - Grounded Hogs fundraiser,
 Rockford Township Hall

Another good meeting in November. It was over 70 degrees Fahrenheit! There were quite a few bikes out that day. I took mine for a ride. What great November weather. Hopefully we get some more of it!

Advance sale Grounded Hogs fundraiser tickets are available. Make sure to get one for yourself and another one for a friend. We are not sure exactly how this fundraiser will work with the Governor's restrictions. But hopefully they will be more relaxed by then.

Scott is still looking for someone to take over the Lake Chapter membership chair. Doesn't involve a lot of time. And if you like talking with other bikers, it would be easy! It can be a committee too, rather than one person taking it all on. If you would like to help with membership tables at local events, let Smoker know.

We are still collecting food shelf donations at

our meetings. Cash and non-perishable food will be accepted and donated to the Buffalo and Wright County Food Shelves. They are also looking for personal hygiene products.

Toys for Tots program has made some changes. There will not be personal appearances on KARE 11 news, but they will be putting up pictures of groups making cash only donations. Lake Chapter will be starting the fundraising at \$500 and has already had other chapter members pledge \$900 more! We will be accepting donations until the December 5th meeting. If you would like to add to the pot, contact an officer or come to the December meeting.

We were not able to vote for the Steven J Kreitlow Award as no nominations were received. Smoker asked everyone to give serious thought to who they would like to see get this prestigious award. And we will probably bring up the nomination process a little earlier next year.

Officer nominations will start at our January meeting and continue in February. Member of the Year nominations are Nikki Arne and Scott Bitzer.

Bikerday at the State Capitol is scheduled for January 20th. Hope to see lots of you there.

– Later, Mitch'n

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

December 12th, KJ's Refuge Bar & Grille,
Orrock, 12:30 pm
January 9th, KJ's Refuge Bar & Grille, Orrock,
12:30 pm
February 13th, KJ's Refuge Bar & Grille,
Orrock, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 11th, Toys for Tots, toy sorting
and tables, 19950 177th St NW, Suite 300,
Big Lake, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
December 17th, Toys for Tots, toy sorting and
helping families get gifts, 19950 177th St
NW, Suite 300, Big Lake, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
December 18th, Toys for Tots, toy sorting and
parent pick up, 19950 177th St NW, Suite
300, Big Lake, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
December 19th, Toys for Tots, last family pick
up day, 19950 177th St NW, Suite 300,
Big Lake, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hey everyone,

Tis the season for bike upgrades!!!!

I want to give a big shout out to everyone that has helped our chapter grow this past year. We had gotten a suggestion from our chapter about reaching out to the community this year, so I am proud to announce we are helping raise money and collect Toys for Toys for Tots in the Big Lake this year. Any help is much appreciated even if you can only help for an hour! Last day to turn anything is December 18th! We have trains, pins, and patches available for good will donation! All money goes to them.

– Sincerely, Ally - V.P.

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

December 4th, VFW, Ortonville, 7:00 pm
January, TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

January, February, and March Chapter Officer
Nominations
March Officer Elections

Greetings to all!

I hope your Thanksgiving was a great one with family and friends. As I write this, who knows how our holidays will be spent. I hope your Christmas holiday will be memorable as well. Way West members, please note the time and day change for our next meeting. It will be held on Friday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ortonville VFW.

Welcome new members! It is always exciting to see new members. More voices!

Officer nominations will be coming up in January, February and March. Officer elections are in March. Please consider stepping up and challenging yourself to a position. The chapter is Yours! Please speak up, let us know of your ideas and opinions.

There are upcoming chapter fundraisers. If you can fit any into your schedule, they would appreciate support. If you know of meeting places that would love to host us, get the info and bring it to our meeting. We have members from all over.

Please monitor the state website and the chapter website on Facebook for info.

– Stay blessed my friends, Gypsy Mama



SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 2nd, TBD due to COVID

January 6th, TBD due to COVID

Not a lot to report in December. South Central wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a better 2021!!! Let's all tell Santa to wrap up an early spring and leave it for us under the tree!!! Here is our present to you, the traditional motorcycle Christmas poem.

By: Rich Gouin

Tw'as the night before Christmas
when all through the garages
Not a motorcycle was rumbling,
except for Santa Claus'
The leather was hung in the
closet with care
In hopes that nice weather,
soon would be there
Our bikes were all nestled snug
in their covers
With visions of blacktop and
burning up rubber
With momma in her bandana
and I in my skull cap
We had settled down for a long
winters nap
When out on the lawn, arose
such a rumble
I sprang from the bed as I
started to grumble
When what to my wondering
eyes should appear
Was a pack of motorcycles, with
riders and gear,
With one old driver so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be biker St. Nick
He was dressed all in leather, from his head to his foot
His clothes were all tarnished with bugs and road soot
A bundle of chrome he had flung on his back
Down the chimney he came, carrying a big red sack
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work
As he filled all the riding boots, then turned with a jerk,
And laying a finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose
He sprang to his motorcycle, to his team gave a sign
As they cracked their throttles and got into line,
Now Honda, Now Harley, Now Triumph, and Trike,
On Kawasaki, On Suzuki, On Yamaha and Victory,
But I heard him exclaim as he roared out of sight
Keep the rubber side down and have a good ride.
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!



Merry
Christmas
to All

– Ingrid Cohen, SC Secretary

Chapter Grapevines



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Hello NE Members!

Thank you all for taking the time out last month to VOTE and making your voice be heard. Did you notice last month under the Legislative Report? There's a template to send to your NEW and RETURNING elected officials in St. Paul and Washington D.C. a congratulatory message. Also, let your St. Paul officials know to have them mark their calendar for January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol.

Don't forget to send Road Noise, (due on or before 10th of the previous month) your meetings, photos and, activities in your chapter.

Remember, not everyone has a FB account and be considerate of FB notifications. Should be 24 hours prior notice. We all need to work on our memberships in our district, right?

Hope to see you all out and about supporting other chapters and your own events. It's the best way to get your event advertised, when you attend outside of your chapter.

I hope everyone has a wonderful upcoming holiday with family and friends, be safe all!

"Life is a beautiful RIDE"

– Mickey

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

December 2nd, location TBA, 6:30 pm

January 6th, location TBA, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello all,

Not much going on. Putting away the bikes and getting ready for a winter which came way too fast.

The resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the state has definitely affected turnouts at social events including chapter meetings. I'm thankful for our core group of members who come to every

meeting in spite of that fact, social distancing of course. It's hard to guess what will be coming in the future, all we can do is plan for a normal life and spring riding season and see how it goes.

The national elections are over and maybe by the time this is published we'll actually have some official results, although I won't hold my breath. In the state of Minnesota bikers did well this year. In my area our state representative was re-elected and has been a solid supporter of biker's rights, having even made an appearance at the Northeast BOD last year. We wish him good luck and to hold fast in his support for us in the coming legislative cycle.

– Ride Safe, Ed



*President Bob Mcchesney and VP Jim LaSpisa manning the table
at Vendor Palooza at SRO in Oak Grove, Minnesota.*

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 6th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am
January 3rd, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

December 12th, Christmas Party, Toni and Bob's
House, Cedar, time TBD
January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
February 13th, Heart On fundraiser, Legion,
St. Francis

Greetings to all of you,

December has arrived, snow on the ground. Plow trucks dropping salt and the reality of the bike riding season is over. There are plenty of events throughout the off season to get involved with our chapter and supporting other chapters.

December 12th Christmas Party, Toni and Bob's house in Cedar. At the December meeting we can finalize our plans for this event.

We have approved our Buddy Bear purchase for 150 again this year. We'll plan for the two donation stops for this coming season.

Wednesday, January 20th is Bikerday at the Capitol. Please make plans to attend this very important event. Our freedom of the road and right to ride free really need a strong showing of attendance. We have appointments to talk

with our Senators and Congressman face to face and ask them questions and also hear their opinions about motorcycle laws and possible changes in the up-coming session. Personal cash donations for Bikerday charter buses can be sent to our State Treasurer Michelle Backlund.

Our Chapter is making plans to attend the Road Guard Class with the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Council in the Spring. We're looking for 6-8 volunteers to attend for qualifications. This will be critical for our Summer Thunder Run.

Finally, we need to let the public know who we are and what we stand for. A.B.A.T.E. stands for (A)American (B)Bikers for (A)Awareness (T)Training and (E)Education. A.B.A.T.E.

We are a Grass Roots, Not for Profit, Motorcycle Rights Organization! Most people don't understand what A.B.A.T.E. stands for, nor what we about. Freedom to ride with no Law Maker's Rules for our lifestyle and the way we equip the motorcycles we ride.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Safe New Year!

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

– V.P. Jim

UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

December 13th, Dutchroom, Grand Rapids,
4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
February 20th, Winter Fever Reliever

Hello everyone,

I hope you are doing well. The elections are over and we have new and returning elected officials that we need to start and continue relationships with. We need to continue to fight for our freedoms as motorcyclists.

As I write this, the Winter Fever Reliever is being planned for February 20th. With the Covid still going around, we are looking into other options and have thought about a backup plan for later in the year. Keep an eye on our facebook page for updates as the time gets closer.

With Covid still going around and bars and restaurants being limited, we are struggling the last few months on having meetings with our chapter membership. I understand we are dealing with something like none before, but we are a chapter that is six years old and have struggled with meeting attendance and participation the last couple of years. If anyone has suggestions as to where and when to have meetings, please let me know. The officers of the chapter are open to suggestions. I hate to see the Up North Chapter fall in the same footsteps as previous chapters that have been in this area.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting or event.

– Farmer Jay, Up North Pres.

SAND DUNES

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CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 13th, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm
January 16th, Stoney's, Rockville, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, Chapter Xmas party, Stoney's,
Rockville, 6:00 pm
January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Thanks everyone for their hard work this year. We faced a lot of obstacles with the COVID shut downs, etc. But it's great to see how everyone worked together to make things happen.

We were able to raise a good amount for the Upsala Fire Department this year. We plan on meeting up to deliver the check on November 25th. Please watch our facebook for any updates or contact our President, Keith Jacobs with any questions.

At our Christmas Party this year, we will be having our ugly sweater, chili, soup and dessert contest again. So, get on the spirit. The committee has done a lot of work and collecting some awesome prizes. I can't wait!!

I'm thankful to be a part of Central Chapter and have such an amazing A.B.A.T.E. family!!

Kevin has chapter stickers for sale. Available at Stoney's Bar in Rockville, so stop by to get yours and show your chapter pride.

Get ready for Bikerday at the State Capitol, January 20th!

Watch our facebook site for event updates!

Stay safe and warm my friends!

– Shweeeila

RIVER RIDERS

No Report Received

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

December 20th, Cricket, Rock creek, 2:00 pm
January 17th, Bear's Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm
February 21st, Off the Road Saloon, Brook Park,
2:00 pm
March 21st, Banning Junction, Banning
Junction, 2:00 pm
April 18th, Outback Saloon, Stanchfield,
2:00 pm
May 16th, The Village Bar and Grill, Pine City,
2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 20th, Jack Pine Riders Annual
Christmas Party, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek
January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Our Christmas Party will include food, drinks, white elephant and more! Party follows with the Chapter meeting. All are welcome. It will be a pot luck buffet. Bring a dish to share or just come to enjoy what others have cooked up and enjoy the company of like-minded people.

Party includes a white elephant gift exchange. In case you are unfamiliar the game, the goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to

entertain rather than to gain. Roll the dice and see what comes your way. Gag gifts are typical, or standard. Participation is voluntary. But it is really kind of fun. You have plenty of time to start looking for that perfect gift.

Keep in mind; you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non-members are encouraged to stop by, and see what we are all about.

Looking for a stocking stuffer? I should have A.B.A.T.E. "U" raffle tickets for sale in time for the J.P.R. Annual Christmas Party.

Next roadside cleanup will be in May 2021. Looking forward to a great turn out, thank you to all who help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website:
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– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus



Chapter Grapevines



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Howdy Folks,

MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . and a Happy New Year!

Well, with Christmas comes time to think about Chapter elections for 2021.

We have an amazing amount of talent in YOUR organization. So many people have the view to see what an organization needs to run smoothly. YOU might be that person. YOU might be the one your Chapter is in need of to make things run smooth. EVERYONE in the Chapter is a spoke in the Big Wheel. In order for the wheel to role smoothly it takes all the spokes to be in tune to each other. If not in tune, the wheel wobbles and hops. There are enough people in this world that want to make the wheel hop, WE need someone to keep the wheel rolling straight. YOU CAN HELP!

Officer positions are more fun than worry. Like the world it is what YOU make of it. Just think about it. That's all I'm asking.

BIKERDAY 2021 is January 20th, 2021 The busses are getting scheduled. YOU, as a motorcyclist, should plan to be on one of the busses. Bikerday at the Capitol is (I feel) the most important day of the year for a Bikerer. There are many new politicians sitting behind the desk this year. They work for YOU. They will listen to YOU. YOU have to be there.

Hoping and praying next year brings us ALL some normalcy.

– Take Care, and Ride Free, Edgar



Heart of the Lakes Chapter Buddy Bear delivery to Perham Fire and Rescue.

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, Roseau VFW, 6:30 PM.

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN B.O.D.

Seven Clans Casino, Warroad.

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello Borderland!

We again want to thank our State Senator Mark Johnson and State house candidates, Connie Lindstrom and John Burkel for attending our last chapter meeting. As you now know, Mark J and John B will be representing us in St Paul. Make sure you put BDATC on your calendar. Edger has transportation lined up and we will board a bus in Detroit Lakes again.

Now then. 2020 is a year we want to put in the rear view in many ways... The China virus, and a very corrupted election cycle. We will soon know who our President elect will be.

Now we are entering into the Christmas season. Let's remember the true meaning of Christmas and don't forget that for four years everyone has freely been able to say Merry Christmas.

So, with that, have a blessed Christmas season!



North Star: Matt at the Rally!

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

No Report Received

NORTHWEST

No Report Received

NORTH STAR

No Report Received

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received



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Greetings Southeast District:

The "T" in A.B.A.T.E. is for training and I didn't get a report in last month because I was training. No, it wasn't "Arrrrmy training SIR" but motorcycle training. October 8th, 10th and 11th, I took a BRC after having my endorsement for close to 40 years. I learned what many of my bad habits and how to correct them and the Riding Coaches had a good time using me as a bad example. One of the coaches that I had is a SAA in the SouthEast LC chapter so most of the ribbing was all in fun. My fellow students ranged in experience from never riding a motorcycle to a few that had some miles on a permit. At the conclusion of the class everyone passed and had a certificate to get their endorsement. I even passed, learned some new tricks and polished up some old ones.

Soapbox speech: I took a rider course, had a lot of fun and learned some valuable skills. If I can do it, you can too. As A.B.A.T.E. we talk education and training as opposed to legislation, so we need to walk the walk and set the example. Take a rider course, improve your skills and yourself.

With the results of the November 3rd elections, we lost some very good friends and allies of A.B.A.T.E. At the state level Dan Sparks, District 27 Senator, lost his reelection bid. Over the years Dan has been a very good friend to A.B.A.T.E., most recently signing on as a co-author to the profiling bill. He has also been a member of the Flatlanders. At the federal level Collin Peterson, District 7 Representative, also lost his reelection. Rep Peterson has been a very good friend in Washington DC.

With the turnover of House and Senate seats in St Paul Bikerday (January 20, 2021) is all that much more important. There is going to be many new faces for us to introduce ourselves to and existing relationships to reinforce.

– Virgil

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting:

December 12th at Reggie's Brewhouse,
Owatonna 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Due to COVID restrictions, pretty much everything has been shut down for the time being. We are trying our best to keep the facebook page updated and current. Please look us up on facebook for our latest updates.

Stay safe during the Holidays.

– Your President, Spanky





River Valley Ditch Clean up in October.



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

December 13th, Eagles
Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, Eagles Club,
Mankato, 7:00 PM,

We started October with a very successful ditch clean up. We had 20 plus members helping this fall! Jerry Freidricks then hosted a barbeque, bonfire, and hayride.



Planning for our JANUARY THAW dance is going in full force. Grab bags, silent auction, live band, and FOOD. Mark your calendars, January 16th @ 7:00 pm.

Would like to do a shout out to ALL service members past and present. THANK YOU for YOUR SERVICE!

Best of wishes for your Holiday season, wishing all of you health and joy!

(Christmas gift idea.....A.B.A.T.E. membership)

—J



SOUTH EAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

December 13th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville,
11:00 am
January 10th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville,
11:00 am

Hello South East L.C.

Do you wish the outcome of the election went another way? Why not vote again? You can! At the December meeting, we will revote on the SE L C Chapter logo. It was brought to the attention of the membership that there was some confusion on what the choices were for logos to vote on at the September meeting in the matter of fairness and transparency, a term we hear too often in politics, we will vote again on the Chapter logo. Will it be the tire, the eyeball, or a third party?

Speaking of parties....and events, the SE LC Mid-Winter Blues Bash is February 27th. Silent auction donations can be dropped off with VP Rick or Sgt @ Arms Todd. Secretary Sara is starting the "bring a dish to pass" list. Treats are good too. Bikerday @ the Capitol is January 20th. The Chapter donated \$150 to the Bikerday Chapter Challenge to help with expenses.

And speaking of challenges, with the new reality of COVID, all parties, events and meetings are subject to change.

We welcome four new members and thank two member renewals for the month of September.

The South East L.C. Chapter wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a covid- free New Year!

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

NO REPORT RECEIVED



FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

December 12th, 3-N-1, Hollandale, 4:00 pm,
January 23rd, VFW, Wells, 2:00 pm
February, date to be determined, Servicemen's
Club, Blooming Prairie

Greetings, Flatlanders.

First of all, kudos to Flatlander Jim G. for selling the 1st and 2nd place winning State Rally raffle tickets! With that kind of luck, you better get plenty to sell next year, Jim. People will be beating a path to your door!

Our next meeting includes our Christmas party which means we are in the midst of the Holiday Season. The 3-N-1 will have food for order off the menu. Donations will be accepted from members to be given to Hy-vee's Feed a Family program.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to all! Let's hope next year is a damn sight better than this one.

January brings nominations for officer positions for next year. Anyone who is interested in running or has questions about particular offices should feel free to chat with current officers or request job descriptions. Nominations are only held in January and February so don't put off accepting nomination or making your interest known.

Bikerday at the Capitol is slated for January 20th. There will be newly elected people to meet and discuss motorcycle related issues with as well as those folks we already know. Buses will again be available.

An Indian Chief and three big cash prizes will be raffled off at A.B.A.T.E. U. in April. Dan has raffle tickets ready to be checked out. Get some before Jim sells 'em all.

The MRF is looking for new members. If you aren't a member, consider joining to support the organization that looks out for bikers at the national level. Go to www.mrf.org to check it out. As always, check the Flatlanders Facebook page for the latest news and updates. Together we stand.

Linda Peak

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

January 7th, Mark Warner's house, Belle Plaine,
food at 6:30 pm meeting at 7:00 pm
February 4th, Location TBD, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

I am going to assume that as you read this winter has descended upon us and you've all put your bikes away for the season....Grrr! But with winter, comes the most important day for our organization...Bikerday at the Capitol. The more bikers that show up at the Capitol sends a strong message that we not only care about motorcycle legislation, but we are paying attention. Plus, it's a perfect time to meet the new faces that have been elected to represent us.

Chapter elections are in March and

nominations for Chapter positions begin in January. If you feel the fire and want to step up to try something new, now is the time!

Once again Mark came up with an awesome spread of food for our November meeting and Albe brought his delicious apple crumble. Thanks Mark and Albe!

For all of you reading this, the day has come and passed. But as I write this, Veterans Day is in two days and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of you that have served these great United States. Whether it be behind a computer screen or with a rifle strapped to your shoulder, your sacrifice is greatly appreciated!

It's time for me to sign off, I hope to see you all at the Capitol in January.

Stay warm!

– Big Jon

January B.O.D.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th

6pm - Gambling Meeting • 7pm - Pre-Board Meeting
8pm - State Rally Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th

9am - Board of Director's Meeting

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David / Amy Carlson R
Brent / Connie Lindstrom N
Cameron / Cassidy Norenberg ... N
Brian Walton R

BUFFALO RIDGE

Wesley Cole R
Paul O Drown R

CENTRAL

Tracy Aldrich N
Nic Beggin / Jodi Mann R
Paul "Cheeto" / Nicole Betz R
Chris Finken N
Steve / Julie Heying N
Melissa Jensen N
Brad / Maureen Nelson N
Brian / Jill Peters N
Dan Pick / Donna Singh R
Dianne Scanlon N
Missie Schara N
Jay Stiles R
Barry / Yvonne Wolbeck R

EAST CENTRAL

Terry / Mary Larson N
Jay Zeug N

FLATLANDERS

Steve Anderson R
Kevin Hagen / Jody Berglund ... N
Randy Henderson R
John / Laura Knudsen R
Tony / Stacy Roe R
Michael Stinehart R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Patrick Gwinn N
Tennessee Keener / Suzie Larson .. N

HEART OF THE LAKES

Steve Ash R
Edgar / LeAnn Burke R
Julie Jones R
Dan Mortenson / Kristen Barthel .. R
Dane Royer N
Dan / Kathy Shave R

JACK PINE RIDERS

Russell "Gonzo" Jensen R
Gary / Tracie Provo R

LAKE

Gary "Duck" Alessi /
Kathy Lynn Moreland R
Richard Arguello R
Kelly Bettendorff R
Michael "Pops" / Karline Clark ... R
Lyle Dibb R
Stephen "Giant" Gretsche R
Bill T / Marianne W Nelson R
Eric Ross N
Gaida Ulrick R
Logan Weiland R

METRO

Jane Doyle R
Eric Haglund R
Ron Lischeid R
Bill Shaffer R

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Troy Oberg R

NORTHEAST

Bob Engl N
Thomas Jr / Lynnette Haller N
Tom Hautajorui N
Thomas Henning R
Keith / Sharri Love R
Darrell Sam N
Don / Andrea Yrjanainen R

NORTH STAR

Alan / Dawn Cullifer N
Jeffery / Joanne Finley R
Allen / Amanda Foster R
Andrew Krumrey R
Jackie Miller R

NORTHWEST

Brandon Delage R

RIVER VALLEY

Mike / Deb Burgess R
John Kenning N
Jeff Milbrott R
Dennis Nolte / Terri Fischer R
Kim Thissen R
Dave Tupper R
Glen Zollner R

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Benjamin Andert R
Mike / Marilyn Chepa R
Bernett Eichstadt N
Wendell Else R
Dale A Hansen R
Jim "Legs" / Paulette Korte R
Randy / Donna Prochazka R

SAND DUNES

Isaac / Alexis Barlow R
Nathan / Lise Boesen N

SOUTH CENTRAL

Kathy Bogatzki R
Gary Loethert N

SOUTHEAST LC

Travis "Tonic" Bretzman N
Rory Clarey / Liz Vandal N
Donald Nelson R
Andrew Sanford R
JR Ward N

SOUTHWEST

Weston Erlandson N
Todd / Deb Homan R

STRAIGHT RIVER

Swain Smith N

TRI-COUNTY

Katie Gilloffe R
Scott Steinhoff R

UP NORTH

William Kerzie R
John / Jennifer O'Neill N
Dave Schultz / Joanne Baker N

WAY WEST

Keith / Julie Adelman N
Chad Bissett R
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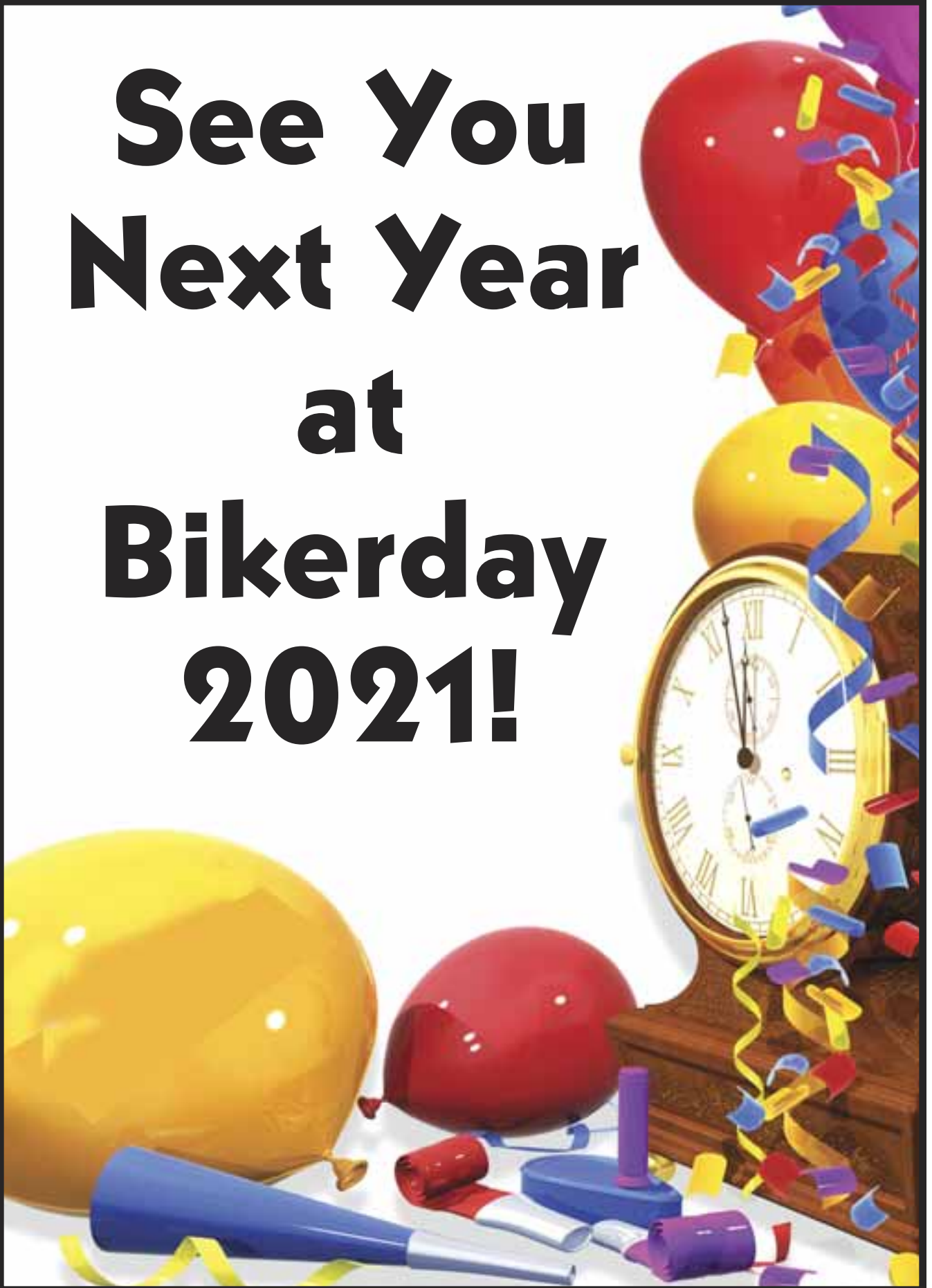
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2-Dec	South Central Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
2-Dec	Northeast Chapter Meeting	TBD	6:30 PM
2-Dec	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	7:00 PM
3-Dec	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
4-Dec	Way West Chapter Meeting	VFW, Ortonville	7:00 PM
5-Dec	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	7:00 PM
5-Dec	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
5-Dec	Publication Committee Meeting	Tammy's Place	1:00 PM
6-Dec	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion	11:00 AM
8-Dec	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
8-Dec	Borderland Chapter Meeting	VFW, Roseau	6:30 PM
12-Dec	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
12-Dec	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	12:30 PM
12-Dec	East Central Christmas Party	Bob & Toni's House, Cedar	TBD
12-Dec	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	3-N-1, Hollandale	4:00 PM
13-Dec	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	12:00 PM
13-Dec	Up North Chapter Meeting	Dutchroom, Grand Rapids	4:00 PM
13-Dec	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
13-Dec	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
16-Dec	Gambling Committee	Frank Ernst House	6:00 PM
18-Dec	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Edgar and LeAnn Burkes	7:00 PM
20-Dec	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party	Cricket, Rock Creek	2:00 PM
20-Dec	NorthStar Chapter Meeting	Grace Lake Bar & Grill, Cass Lake	12:00 PM
3-Jan	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion	11:00 AM
6-Jan	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
6-Jan	Northeast Chapter Meeting	TBD	6:30 PM
7-Jan	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Mark Warner's house, Belle Plain	7:00 PM
9-Jan	Lake Chapter Meeting	Mike & Mary Berger home Waconia	3:00 PM
9-Jan	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	12:30 PM
9-Jan	South Central Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
10-Jan	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
10-Jan	Ways & Means Meeting	Jim & Kristi's House	1:00 PM
10-Jan	Publication Committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi's House	2:00 PM
15-Jan	Gambling Committee	BOD	6:00 PM
16-Jan	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	5:00 PM
16-Jan	River Valley - January Thaw	Eagles Club, Mankato	7:00 PM
16-Jan	ABATE of MN BOD	Seven Clans Casino, Waroad	
17-Jan	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bear's Den, Bruno	2:00 PM
20-Jan	Biker day at the Capitol		
21-Jan	Mortorcycle Safety Meeting	Microsoft - online	5:00 PM
23-Jan	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Wells	2:00 PM
30-Jan	Freedom First Riders	Leaf Valley Merchantile	6:00 PM
4-Feb	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
9-Feb	Gambling Committee	TBD	6:00 PM
13-Feb	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Township Hall	4:00 PM
13-Feb	Lake Chapter - Grounded Hogs	Rockford Township Hall	
13-Feb	East Central - Heart on	St. Francis Legion	TBD
21-Feb	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Off The Road Junction, Bannin Junction	2:00 PM

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