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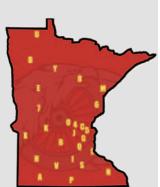
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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BIKERDAY! Are you ready? This is such an important day for motorcycle rights. Please do everything that you can to be there!

Nominations... are you ready to step up? We have a strong organization, with some very energetic members. Let's put that enthusiasm to good use.

There's always a way for you to help A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Run for a position, volunteer to help on a committee, attend meetings and fundraisers - we look forward to seeing your smiling face!

Before you know it, we'll be attending A.B.A.T.E. U and Heartland STEAM. It's only a matter of time until we'll be back on our bikes. Let's make sure we have the right to ride - when and where we want. And that we can modify our bikes to reflect our personalities.

See you soon!

— Jane



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Welcome to February, it's a short month! Plus we get an extra day this year!

You always hear going on and on about getting out there and hit the other chapters fundraisers. At our last chapter meeting it was great to hear our members going out to a neighboring chapter and they had a blast! They said that they felt very welcomed & appreciated. Now they're talking about going to more, travel the state.

As for membership drive, I know we say let's get

out there and find new members, but if that's not working, why not just join another chapter? Be a dual member, or 3. It's winter things might be a little slow, go check out what the neighbors are doing and how they do things. Steal some ideas, be a dual member.

Now being February 1st that means we have 27 days left to make plans to go to Bikerday at the Capitol. I hope everyone gets the time off. I'm 99% sure it will not be -30. And 2 days after Bikerday, Kristie and I are out of here for 3 weeks heading to San Antonio, Texas, for some sun and riding. If it's raining and cold, oh well, we're still on vacation!

Till next time,

— Jim





MRF REPORT

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From the DC office,

2019 was a year of transition in Washington, D.C. Democrats took control of the House of Representatives and the focus on the 2020 Presidential campaign intensified.

Regardless of the politics surrounding Washington, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been and will remain committed to protecting the rights of motorcyclists nationwide. Whether it be issues related to consumer protection at the fuel pump, autonomous vehicle technology, profiling, or the myriad of other bureaucratic rules and regulations, the MRF D.C. team is committed to fighting for your rights and interests on Capitol Hill.

We are currently at 125 co-sponsors from 42 states and one territory for H. Res 255, the motorcyclist profiling resolution.

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

— Gary Goracke, MRF State Rep.





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By now, you should have received your renewal for your motorcycle license in the mail. And if you looked in the envelope, you should have also received a slip of paper reminding you to take a rider training course. The Task Force voted on and approved sending this reminder in with your renewal notice. I highly recommend that you take a class to keep your skills sharp. You can register for classes online and registration has been open since January. So beat the spring rush and sign up NOW.

I have been told that there have been a few new exercises added to the Intermediate Course, which will make it more interesting. So, if you took the I R C before, you should take it again this year and see what's new.

At our last meeting we put together a list of safety slogans for the changeable message signs along Minnesota freeways. While not all of our suggestions are used, the list is reviewed and some appear on the signs in May, for Motorcycle Awareness month. Also, at our January meeting, we discussed the proposed budget for 2021.

I hope you had a chance to attend the International Motorcycle Show at the Minneapolis Convention Center on January 31st to February 22nd. Always interesting things to see and learn.

Our next Task Force meeting will be March 19th at 5:00 pm at St Paul College. Guests are welcome to attend.

— Travel safe, Monte

Bikerday February 27



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Happy Valentines everyone!

I know it is the time of year that everyone one wants to find their favorite warm snuggly blanket and hibernate until spring, but hopefully you have been getting out and anending a few A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Fundraisers. These always seems like a great way to meeting new friends and chances to reconnect with old friends that you haven't seen in a long time.

Plus, it is another way to keep both our organizations going for another year. It's because off your generous giving that we can keep doing what we do.

Our officer elections have been held and our 2020 Officers are: President-John Nelson, Vice President-Duane Tschida, Treasurer-Judy Soder, Secretary-Ron Lischeid. We wish them a good year.

Until next month

— Jodi



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It's too cold to ride, so hop in your car and present a Sharing the Road Class in your area. We all know that education is important. You will soon have the opportunity to educate our Legislators at Bikerday. You also can educate the youth in your area. Make the commitment to do both.

I would like to give a big thank you to those who are presenting classes. 2020 is the year for all Chapters to start educating the youth and adults in your area. Let's start now!

— Ride Safe Ride Free, Paul



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's 2020 Bikerday at the Capitol needs a large attendance. The face-to-face meetings with the Senators and Representatives is obviously the most important part of the day. But a large gathering of like-minded bikers in the Rotunda of the Capitol sends a huge message that we care deeply about our issues and are paying close attention to the process. Please do all you can to register for Bikerday on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website and attend.

Once again, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will be monitoring legislative bills to protect our riding freedoms, such as no changes to the Minnesota motorcycle helmet law and addressing motorcyclist profiling on our streets and highways. And we will carefully monitor any changes to Minnesota motorcycle insurance laws that would price many out of motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will also promote bills that would make the roads safer for everyone, such as legislation to increase the availability of motorcycle safety training and motorcycle awareness programs. The Minnesota Legislature is not in session as of this writing, but we expect additional issues to watch for after they convene on February 11th. We will have talking points on our issues to hand out at Bikerday.

It seems every year gets more challenging than the last at the Minnesota Legislature. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has a long history of protecting the rights of freedom minded motorcyclists and pushing for common sense motorcycle safety issues. We also have a great respect at the Capitol. This comes from decades of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members being involved in the political process. With 2020 being an election year, it is more important than ever to have a strong showing at Bikerday. Tell the boss today that you need February 27th off work. We need you there and you need you there.

Yours in freedom, Mack



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Save the Date! April 17th-19th VOTE - Your Freedom Depends on it!

A.B.A.T.E. University is quickly approaching us. I hope everyone is getting ready to get together for fun, laughs and learning.

We will be offering a Road Guard Class. Anyone interested please contact Jody at johlrogge@hotmail.com

Road Guard training will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U this year.. Please contact me at 763-443-3732 or email: abateu@abatemn.org.

We will be having a dinner banquet with a speaker. The cost will be \$32.00 per meal with the dinner option being *subject to change*: Pork Loin, Pot Roast and Chicken Tortellini. Watch the A.B.A.T.E. website for the meal information and purchasing tickets.

Standard Rooms - \$104.99 plus tax King Rooms & Recreational Area Rooms - \$109.99 plus tax

Can't wait to see you all there!

— Stephanie

GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

February 12th, Frank Ernst's home, Chanhassen, 6:00 pm

March 24th, Dan Matzdorff's home, 6:00 pm April 17th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Thank you,

Katie Gilloffo, Gambling Secretary



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I have been receiving Buddy Bear order forms, so it looks like we are off to a great start for. Now we just have to wait for Mother Nature and the riding season. Last chance to order bears is February 15th. The order goes in on March 1st.

Bikerday at the Capitol is also coming up fast, on February 27th, Thursday this year. See you all there.

Love ya all,

— Sharon Polman (AKA) Ma Bear



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With elections coming up for all of our Chapters, I am reminding everyone that if I can't read it, your Chapter will be contacted for verification. Meaning please write very clearly what you want your name badges and business cards to say. I can't read minds.

Now with that out of the way, I am still working on the catalog, hoping I will have it done in time for A.B.A.T.E. U.

I am also listening to members ideas and suggestions. Please contact me with any thoughts or suggestions at kari.duncan.abatemn@outlook.com, or wolflady39@hotmail.com, or (507) 830-0644. These are my contact phone number and emails. These are the only ones that will get your info to me. If you have sent anything to any other phone number or email, I guarantee I have not received it.

See you down the road,

— Kari



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NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT — FEBRUARY 2020

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In previous reports I mentioned the rapidly changing look of NCOM meetings. Our November meeting typically scheduled to be in person was changed to be a telephone conference. Then, as the time drew closer, it turned out (much to my relief) that another change would be made. The meeting would be held via email. Unfortunately the only agenda item considered was nominations for awards at the convention in May. Shortly after that email exchange I started watching the NCOM web site and am happy to report that the time, date, and location for the 2020 convention is finally published May 8 - May 10 in Indianapolis Indiana.

I have also previously mentioned the AIM/NCOM Executive Director duties are now in the hands of Luther Cooper, He can be reached at Luther Cooper Executive Coordinator, NCOM / AIM, 7334 Topanga Canyon Blvd, 2nd floor suite # 200, Canoga Park, CA. 91303, email: pr@onabike.com 1-800-531-2424. Since Luther assumed these duties I have been watching for expected changes in the NCOM/AIM web site but I am still disappointed. There is very little current content that I am able to find, I hope this changes soon

As you may have detected things are not going as well as I and most others involved with NCOM would like. Much of the trouble may be financial strain. The funding to support NCOM comes from AIM and the competition to represent motorcyclists involved in crashes is growing rapidly. I can remember when most people I knew had not heard of lawyers outside of AIM/NCOM that specialized in motorcycle crashes. Not the case now, there are "motorcycle accident attorneys" on just about every street corner at most rallies and events we go to. Unfortunately most are not putting dollars back into the motorcycle community. That said I encourage you to use Dan Matzdorff our AIM attorney if you have the misfortune to be involved in a crash.

The current financial strain will have another negative impact; the only members of the NCOM Legislative Task Force that will be brought in for the convention in Indianapolis are those that also sit on the Board of Directors, Again we will be missing an opportunity to meet with all our Task Force members. We will also be missing an opportunity for the Task Force to increase NCOM's involvement in legislative issues.

Although much of what I am reporting at this time is not as favorable as I would like it is not new for many of us. Those in the motorcycle community have learned to deal with adverse times. I am sure everyone involved will keep doing all they can so NCOM continues to make the positive contributions we have made for over three decades.

As said before stay vigilant

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STATE RALLY REPORT

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Well, winter is half over so riding season is just around the corner, woo hoo. I'm so looking forward to getting back in the saddle and trying out the new bike I got.

I want to thank everyone who submitted a band or two to be considered for the Rally. There were some great choices again, hopefully by March we will be able to let you know who the band line up will be for this year's Rally.

As usual, we have handed out the Rally sponsorship packets at the January B.O.D. and your Chapter Rep has brought them to your meeting. Please look them over and let's get out there and start getting some sponsors in early, starting with the sponsors from last year and getting some new ones. We would like to see ALL the Chapters from across the state step up and sponsor your Rally. Your Chapter can sponsor for as little as \$100. Remember, anyone and any business can sponsor your Rally. Again, I would like to thank Mitch for stepping up to take over the sponsorship program.

If you know of a vendor who would like to be involved in the Rally, please let Lori "Snoopy" St Clair know and maybe we can find a spot for them. We could use someone to do air brushing on bikes and people. A few years ago, we had someone who showed up with a motorcycle dyno and it would be great to get them back. I also get requests for karaoke at the Rally, so if anyone knows someone who would be interested in setting up karaoke that would be lots of fun.

I will have generic save the date cards available for your winter events, please let me know if you need some and I'll get them out to you asap. These are a great way to get the word out about the State Rally and they don't expire, so no wasted money, time, and effort on cards with a date on them. Remember, if they don't know, we can't grow! Let's start talking about your Rally, early, often, and to everyone who rides a motorcycle!

I wish I had the upcoming dates for future Rally meetings at this time, but I don't. Please go to the state website and look for the time and location of future meetings. Come join us and make your voice heard, it is your Rally!

Thanks, Smoker



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We are now well into the winter fundraisers. Hope you are all enjoying them and making some money too. We need to make sure we are a strong organization with members and funds. Contact me if you have any questions on the finances of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

See you at Bikerday!

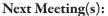
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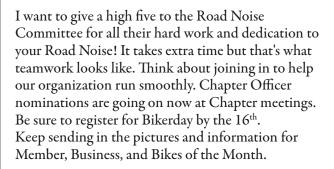
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February 2nd, phone meeting, 12:00 pm March 8th, phone meeting, 1:00 pm



Thanks, Tammy



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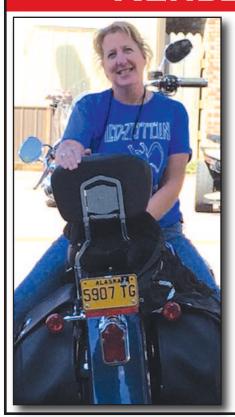
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I would like to remind everyone that February 10th is the cut off date for requesting absentee ballots for the upcoming elections in March. You must submit your request to me in writing either by letter or email. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

— Liz

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



Michelle Peterson

Tri County Chapter

Michelle has been a member of A.B.A.T.E. of MN, Tri-County Chapter, for over 27+ years and is one of the founding members. She has attended most State Rally's dating back to Gopher Camp Grounds in Hutchinson, Minnesota, along with A.B.A.T.E. U and Bikerday at the Capitol. Michelle has held various positions for multiple years with the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Representative. She was a District Director at one time too. In the past she also supported Algona/Humboldt Iowa's Rally with registering attendees and recruiting new members for MN A.B.A.T.E. Chapters. She is one of the driving forces behind our chapter's longevity and utilizes her many connections and recruiting skills to make our fundraising events successful.

BIKE OF THE MONTH

2005 Harley-Davidson Road King

> Owner: Steve Davis of Metro Chapter

Steve painted and detailed the design himself, added red LED lights, 18" ape handlebars, arrowhead air cleaner, and wanna ride tires.







NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

BIKERDAY February 27^{th} ... best day for a Minnesota Biker. You get to meet and communicate with your Legislative people at the Capitol. The more they hear from us the more they seem to help us. Check the website for details. Hope to see ya there!

Chapters in the Northwest are doing a GREAT JOB of keeping up with Motorcycle Rights. Keep Up the Good Work!

April Brings A.B.A.T.E. U. on April 17th-19th in Alexandria at the Holiday Inn.

Spring is in the air, Bikes are rolling, it's a fresh start to Spring.

Officer nominations are going on. I'm looking forward to another year of great people to work with.

— Take care and Ride Free, Edgar

NORTH STAR

Next Meeting(s):

February 16th, Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ, Bemidji, MN 12:00 pm

March 15th, Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ, Bemidji, MN 12:00 pm

We would like to thank all of the North Star Chapter members who have helped in 2019. We will be actively planning our activities over the next meetings. Feel free to come into our meetings and join us. We will be planning for our Buddy Bear deliveries, Bike Show, Monthly rides, A.B.A.T.E. U. activities, among other things.

We have been doing many Sharing the Road presentations through out the area. We have been in Nevis, Sebeka, Park Rapids and Bemidji in the past month and will continue to support these programs. Over the past year we have presented in Fosston, Clearbrook, Blackduck, Walker, Cass Lake and Laporte also. If any A.B.A.T.E. members or area

motorcyclists want to come to help present and discuss motorcycling with a group of drivers education students feel free to contact Darryl at darryl.holman@gmail.com.

Check out the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle. One of the few fundraising activities that gives you a One-in-800 chance to win those great prizes. You won't find those kind of odds on many other raffles. Contact Darryl or Sharon for tickets.

Happy Valentines Day to all A.B.A.T.E. members and looking forward to a great 2020 riding season.

— Darryl Holman, North Star Chapter





The Head Table at the Freedom First Riders Holiday Party.

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 29th, Mercantile, Garfield, MN, 6:00 pm



FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

March 28th, Knights Pub, Osakis 6:00 pm April 25th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 27th, Bikerday at the Capitol May 16th-17th Bike Show RCC, Alexandria

Bikerday at the State Capitol will be held on February 27th. Hopefully you have signed up online to join us, if not you can still join us. Just show up at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria before 6:00 am and hop on the bus. It will be a great day.

Nominations for chapter officers start at our January and February meetings. Please consider running for one of the spots. It is a great experience to hold an officer position in the chapter. If you want to be nominated, just contact another member or myself and we will make it happen. We are always looking for new officers to step up. Please consider.

We had a great Christmas Party and fun was had by all. Thanks for all that attended, and the food was awesome. Please watch our Facebook page for our annual T-shirt kick-off party.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G



Freedom First dressed up members at the Holiday Party.

HEART OF THE LAKES



Next Meeting(s):

February 14th, Sandbar II, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm March 13th, Playtime, Perham, 7:00 pm April, 10th, The Woodshed, Ottertail, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 27th, Bikerday at the Capitol. Bus at the Holiday Inn, Detroit Lakes 4:30 am March 7th, Pool & Dart Tournament, Sandbar II, Detroit Lakes 2:00 pm

For our December Chapter meeting, we had a Potluck meal, Chapter Party & Membership Drive. We were successful in that we welcomed 5 new couples and one single member. It was really great to see the December and January meetings so well attended.

At our January meeting nominations for officers were made. I am happy to say that all positions had at least one person be nominated:

President: Monte Ohlrogge Vice President: Scott Drewes Secretary: Jodi Ohlrogge Treasurer: Craig Pouti

Chapter Representative: Jodi Ohlrogge Sgt of Arms: Mort, Little Bear, Monte Larsen, John Viada, Todd Murphy,

Rob Thiel

There is one more month for nominations if you would like to be added to the ballot.

Don't forget, March 7th is our annual Pool and Dart Tournament Fundraiser at the Sandbar II in Detroit Lakes. I hope we have a good turnout and see lots of members from other chapters again this year. Good times, good music, good food and good friends.

Your Chapter President, Monte O

Heartland STEAM See Page 26!



Heart of the Lakes President Monte presenting blankets to Representative Mary Franson and Alexandria City Council member Todd Jensen at their 3rd annual Food, Blanket and Coat drive.



Northwest

Next Meeting(s):

February 2nd, Cozy Bar, Brooks, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 8th, Winter Social, Spot Bar, Red Lake Falls, 6:00 pm

February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Winters officially here. February 8nd we will have our Winter Social at the Spot Bar. 6:00 pm social hour, with a Taco bar, band at 9:00 pm.

- Stay warm, Greg





SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

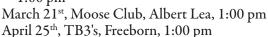
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FLATLANDERSFL

Next Meeting(s):

February 22nd, Buckley's Bar and Grill, Walters, 1:00 pm



Hello Flatlanders and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota,

I hope everyone is enduring winter, the days are getting longer and that means that spring is coming.

The Flatlanders have lost one of our long-standing members, Bonnie Swensen. She passed away of cancer. Bonnie was an active member for a long time early on in the Flatlanders. She will be missed by all but has moved on from this earth to join her husband in heaven. Ride free in the sky, Bonnie. May God bless your soul.

— President, Jeremy Mauseth



STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):
February 8th, American
Legion,
Morristown,
1:00 pm
March 14th, American
Legion, Owatonna,
1:00 pm (tentative,
check Facebook)



Hey Straight Jackets,

I'm writing this prior to our January meeting, so I can't tell you who's running for office at this point. I can only hope you were at the meeting and will be at our February meeting, so you have the opportunity to get involved.

Not much to report this month, being that most of the fundraisers are over now. Hopefully you all came to our fundraiser January 25th and had some great food. There'll be more to report on that next month.

As always, read your Road Noise and get involved.

"Don't argue with an eighteen-wheeler." - A Biker Guide to Life.

Ride Safe, Ride Free, Groucho, V.P.





Next Meeting(s):

February 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm March 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm April 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm



River Valley Toys for Tots

Upcoming Event(s):

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February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Thank you all so very much for attending our January Thaw fundraiser. I'm sure it was a huge success. Thank you to everyone on the dance committee for a job well done. Remember, there are Chapters in your area that are hosting their own fundraiser. Please take the time to attend theirs as well. You might just have a good time.

I hope everyone has signed up for Bikerday at the Capitol. We really need butts in the seats. This is an election year and it's very important to speak directly to our representatives. I am hoping by the time this is published we will already be registered for the day.

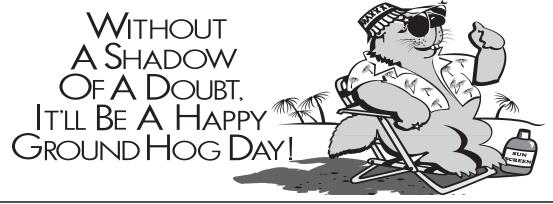
I would like to extend a huge atta girl to Shelley Deutsch for doing a great job with Membership and Retention. Shelley has totally redone everything to do with it. We all need to support her efforts. She is doing all this while simultaneously dealing with her serious health issues. You very seldom hear her complain. God knows she'd have a right to. Again, thank you Shelly for all you've done to turn that entity of our organization around. It's not an easy job.

Happy New Year! I hope this coming year is your best ever. Our Chapter is still doing the Share The Road classes. If your Chapter member is also doing these classes, I'm sure they would appreciate any and all the support they can get from the Chapter.

This time of year is a time when we all have PMS (parked motorcycle syndrome). Spring seems to be so far away. We have many exciting events coming up in the next months to come.

Have you registered for A.B.A.T.E. University? Are you considering running for an office? Try it, you might like it. Good luck to all of the Officers, past and present, for all your hard work.

— As always, together we ride free, Nita



SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

February 9th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am March 8th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

Greetings to the South East LC Chapter.

February puts us at the end of the nomination period for Chapter Officers. Voting will take place in March. If I recall correctly, the organizational meeting for the Chapter occurred in February of 2019. One year is a long time, but 12 months and 12 meetings seem to go by quickly. Nine members stepped up to become Officers of a renewed A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Chapter. Because of their positive attitude and commitment to the cause of bikers' rights, A.B.A.T.E. again has an active presence in southeastern Minnesota. For us to thrive, we need dedicated officers and a membership that supports and enhances that dedication. I believe we have that going in our Chapter.

The EPA just doesn't go away. As reported elsewhere, the Environmental Protection Agency continues to expand the availability of year-round E15, further increasing the risk of misfuelling. With the US Department of Agriculture's blessing, the new EPA rule will mandate 15 billion gallons of ethanol be blended into the country's fuel supply. All hope is not lost. H.R. 2540, the bipartisan Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2019, will cap the volume of ethanol blended into our fuel supplies to 9.7% of the total volume of gasoline. This bill will ensure the availability of E10 and E0 (ethanol free) fuel. A Republican from Texas and a Democrat from Vermont coauthored this legislation. H.R. 2540 needs our support.

Remember, Bikerday at the Capitol is February 27th. Register at www.abatemn.org by February 17th.

Attend the February meeting or check our Facebook page for details on the upcoming Chapter fundraiser.

"If you want to go the fastest, go alone. If you want to go the Ifarthest, go together." —Chopper Gilmore



Tri-County Chapter meeting at Mark's house.

TRI-COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

March 5th, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm April 4th, Gerry and Paul's home (more details to follow). *Note date change to Saturday

Upcoming Chapter meetings are 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.

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Leisa Carston for writing our grapevine for the last few years. She has done a wonderful job. I would also like to give a big Chapter thank you to Mark W. for hosting our January meeting at his home, accompanied by a huge spread of food. That was awesome! He mentioned doing it again when the weather turns nice, I can't wait.

As you know, Chapter and State elections are coming up on us again. Please consider running for a Chapter office. Our volunteer organization is like a motorcycle, it takes a lot of different, well-oiled parts to make the machine run smooth. The more volunteers that step up to take a role in the Chapter or just plain help out, the more enjoyable the ride will be.

I don't know about you, but my favorite kind of snow is the melted kind. I better sign off and go take a Benadryl, because I've got the itch to ride.

Live, Love, and don't forget to Laugh.

— Big Jon (Mohawk)



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Bikerday is coming soon! Have you made plans to go to Bikerday? Like I said last month. If not, Why?? With everything that is going on in this country, you can tell that a majority, of the

politicians don't care about what we think because they never really hear from us. Let's change that. These politicians are on the verge of getting away with doing whatever they want, we must let them know that we will stand up for our rights. We have some great issues to take to them and get passed.

Top issue is our Profiling Bill. We are getting closer on the Federal level to getting it done, let's do it at the state level. Numbers do count, so let's all show up and let them know that we are not going away. So, like I said last month. It's time to make that commitment and go to the Capitol on February 27th. But why wait till then? You can get started today by emailing and calling them letting them know how you feel about the issues and letting them know that you will be there on February 27th. Then show up and show them that you stand behind your words. For Way West, Buffalo Ridge, Glacial Ridge, South Central and Lake Chapters we are looking at getting a bus lined up to run across the state. I need to know how many people want to ride it. So, commit to Bikerday. Donate your time and Chapter funds and make this the biggest and best Bikerday. Bring your friends and family. We need everyone.

Chapter members of the Southwest District your chapters need you, it is election time. Get to your Chapter meetings, nominate or run yourself, all positions are not too demanding, it can be fun. All Chapters can use new ideas to keep them running well.

If any of you have something to say, email me, call or talk to me face to face, I am here to help.

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th, Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm March 6th, Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 27th, Bikerday at the Capitol April 24th - 25th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

I hope you all have a great Valentine's Day. We are chugging slowly, but surely towards spring and riding weather.

I hope there is an awesome turnout for Bikerday at the Capitol. This is a high priority for our organization and a positive interactive way to promote our agenda. Please register on the A.B.A.T.E. state website if you plan on anending.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up in April. Way West is in charge of the games this year. Book your rooms if you haven't done so. This is a great time for new officers to sit in and take a class about their newly elected positions. It is also a great opportunity for everyone in attendance to sit in on some great classes and orientations and to socialize with old and new friends. It is always fun.

Are you working on your bikes, checking them out? It is a good time to do so now.

February and March are also months for nominations to offices within the chapter. If you are so inclined, get yourself a nomination! It is your chapter.

Here is to 2020! I hope the year brings much happiness, love, laughter and riding to all of you.

— Dreaming of warm riding weather, LeAnn



Rolling Prairie Christmas Party

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

February 1st, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm March 7th, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Hello all.

Not much going on these days, except we are going to have a mid-winter date night, with a band at Rooney's Bar sometime late March or early April. I can't tell you more at this time, because I haven't heard the schedule from the band. More to come next month.

Keep your knees in the breeze, be safe.

— Hives

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm March 6th, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm

Hope you all made it to the Soup and Chili Feed on the 25th of January! This winter has taken its toll on this lady. Too cold, too windy, too dreary. But better days ahead.

Please keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers. They need us now, more than ever!

— BAM



ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Ormsby Clubhouse, Ormsby, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 27^{th} , Bikerday at the Capitol March 21^{st} , Chili Feed, VFW, St. James 5:00-8:00 pm April $3^{rd}-4^{th}$, Heartland STEAM, Springfield, IL April $17^{th}-18^{th}$ A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello Fellow Bikers,

Elections are in full swing. Remember to request absentee ballots by February 10th. You must do this in writing via mail or email to Liz Herzog at the State Office. Please consider stepping out of your comfort zone if you are interested in helping this organization grow. You meet some amazing people that are fighting for our rights as motorcyclists.

I encourage you all to attend a different chapter event or meeting. You may have new ideas to help them grow and you can always take back ideas to your chapter.

Make plans to att0end Bikerday at the Capitol. With this year being an election year, we need to let them know that we are here, and we don't want money from them, we just want our rights protected. If you are unable to attend, send them a letter or email to let them know that you want your rights protected.

As always, keep trying to sign up new members and getting them involved at the chapter level. Remember no idea is a bad idea to get more people to join our fight. You may even make new friends and riding partners.

— See you down the road, Giggles

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

February 1st, Hide Out Restaurant and Bar, Big Lake, 3:00 pm

March 7th, Hollywood Road House, New Germany, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 8th, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall

February 27^{th} , Bikerday at the State Capitol May $16^{\text{th}} - 17^{\text{th}}$, Motorcycle training, contact a chapter officer for more details

Thanks to the Sons of Silence for hosting our January meeting. They are always great hosts. We did get some past members to renew from our letter writing, so thank you Todd and Dawn for getting that set up.

Our Grounded Hogs fundraiser is this month. Not sure how that time went by so fast. If you can, please come and help by working a shift and bring some nice auction items so we can build up our funds for the upcoming year. Everett Smithson will be playing, so I know I will be there!

Scott Bitzer was named the Lake Chapter Member of the Year. Thanks for all you do and make sure to keep up the good work!

Officer nominations started at the January meeting. So far no one has accepted the nomination for President or

Treasurer. Please consider helping with one of these positions. The other nominations are as follows: Vice President – Scott Bitzer, Secretary – Maureen O'Hern, Chapter Rep. – Todd Riba, Sgt at Arms – Dan Arne and Jim Bengston. Nominations will be taken again in February with voting in March.

Hope you have made plans to attend Bikerday at the Capitol. This is the most important day for motorcyclists, and we need everyone to show up. I know I will be there. Hope to see you there too!

— Later, Mitch'n



SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):
February 5th, Sons of Silence
Clubhouse, Cokato, 7:00 pm
March 4th, Bonfire Bar &
Grille, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
April 1st, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
May 6th – Mugshots, Cosmos, 7:00 pm

The importance of recruiting new members is nothing new. What is new to me is the importance of recruiting younger members. I have observed firsthand the positive effects of this with Central Chapter.

When a family has an older dog and you bring home a new puppy, the older dog eagerly accepts and instinctively begins to educate the new puppy. The older dog now has regained a sense of worth and a huge renewed amount of energy. This in turn brings new life and excitement for the family and the entire home!!! This metaphor is how I relate the benefit of bringing in younger members to our chapters, veteran members are excited to share their experiences and educate the new members resulting in their own regained sense of worth. The younger members bring new ideas and desire for involvement that increases the energy within the Chapter (Our A.B.A.T.E. Family and Home).

Here are a few ideas to help attract these future younger members. We need to educate them on why A.B.A.T.E. exists and what we fight for: This group more than anyone does not want to be forced to wear a helmet, that they are even more likely to be victims of profiling, they need to be aware that it doesn't matter what they ride. (I saw for my first time this summer; a crotch rocket do a sled pull). They need to be informed that 18-year olds are now welcome at our State Rally with a current A.B.A.T.E. membership. They also must know that that we are excited for their input and involvement. We need to express the possibilities of becoming a Chapter Officer and encourage them to do so. Like most of us, they like to party. The Dial-A-Ride program is a great benefit to make them aware of. This age group tends to spread the word to their friends resulting in a faster growth in membership. So, let's get out there and bring some puppies home to us old dogs!!!

Nobody can go back and start a new beginning . . . but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

— Dougie Cohen, Vice President



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Well, we are into February now so ... Have you? Did you? Are you? Bikerday is right around the corner and it's time to reaffirm your rights with our states elected representatives. And we

provide most of the transportation. (Hope your chapter made a donation for this event.) Nominations for chapter officers are happening and hopefully it's your time to help the chapter.

— Dale

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 16th, Bear's Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm March 15th, Banning Junction, Finlayson, 2:00 pm April 19th, Ryders, Henriette, 2:00 pm May 17th, Docs on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm June 21st, Rich's Bar, Sandstone, 2:00 pm July 12th, the Shakedown site, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will still be accepted at the February meeting. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

We also have begun planning our 15th Annual "Upper Kettle River Shakedown". Now is the time to bring your thoughts and ideas to the chapter meeting and discuss what you would like to see at this year's event.

I have A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets for sale. Only 800 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held April 18th. 1st prize, Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard + \$300 Gas Card. 2nd prize, 2020 Indian Scout + \$200 Gas Card. 3rd prize, \$10,000. And 4th prize is \$5,000. For tickets or more information call Bill at (651) 587-7625. Win a new motorcycle (or cash) by purchasing an A.B.A.T.E. U raffle ticket.

Next cleanup scheduled for May. For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website: www.jackpineriders.org. Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

— Respectfully, Grapevine jesus

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

February 5th, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm March 4th, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 15th, Up North Winter Fever Reliever February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol March 21st, The Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

Not much to report, the holidays have come and gone way too fast for my liking and we've all been wrapped up in family and festivities.

Many chapter members attended the annual Thunderbirds MC Christmas party at The Other Place and had a great time. We also had a chance to preview the band we've booked for our fundraiser, The Bunwarmer. Aftershock did a great job at the party and will play for us at The River Inn on March 21st. Watch for the posters online and at the next couple of meetings.

Officer nominations will take place at the February meetings. If you've ever considered running, throw your hat in the ring. Elections will be in March.

It's time to start thinking about Bikerday in the Capitol. On February 27th, reserve the day off and join us for a day of promoting motorcycle rights.

That's it for now.

— Thanks, Ed

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s): February 2nd, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am



Upcoming Event(s):

February 15th, Valentines Heart On, American Legion, St. Francis, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

Our Annual Valentines Heart On is February 15th at the St. Francis American Legion. Jim Pierson has taken on the fundraiser committee chairman. Both he and wife Kelly have stepped up to be our products officers. Well Done! What happened to Issac? We are in need of Auction item's; Booze or beverage bottles for the Toss Game. We will have a chili cook-off contest, so bring out your best home made for our contest or just bring in a crock pot and we'll have all the fixins for chili testing. There will also be an Apple Pie Contest. Bring out your best brew. Sgt @ Arms Mike Wright has a great trophy project in the works for this award. There will be a Tattoo contest and Hammerslogin as well. 7 vendors and of course I will take care of membership renewals and new sign up's too. I will also have the course schedule for motorcycle rider courses. Make time to attend and support your chapter and please bring a friend. Best

of all it's FREE to attend.

Bikerday, February 27th, is at the State Capitol. Make sure you register on the state website. This is VERY IMPORTANT to save time in the morning in the Capitol basement. As far as I'm concerned this is a must do event held only once a year. We need to make a strong showing to our Rep.'s and Senator's.

Our Buddy Bear order has been placed again by Michelle Scannell for 150 bears for May and June delivery's. Michelle has been doing a great job as our Buddy Bear Officer.

Request for Brat Stand has been made for June 26th & 27th at the same Cub location, more details to follow in next month report.

Motorcycle Safety Course's start in April and go thru October. Registration started in January. Contact the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center at (800) 407-6677.

We have been invited to Northeast Custom Cycle Motorcycle Swap Meet at the National Sports Center on February 16th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. We have a membership table at this event each year. Please stop by and say Hi to our volunteers.

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

— E.C. VP, Jim

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

February 11th, VFW, Coon Rapids 7:00 pm March 9th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 8th, Metro Chapter Winter Bash, Route 47 Pub & Grub February 10th, Taco Night, Casa Rio February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Have you got a date for the Winter Bash?? I hope you all can make it. We have a silent auction planned.

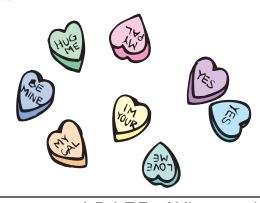
We have some great music courtesy of the Southern Express Band. Not to mention the food, beer and pop!! Come one, come all!! It is guaranteed to be an excellent night of food, fun and frolicking!!!

If you haven't already put in for your vacation day on

February 27th, there is still time. Come on out to Bikerday at the Capitol. This is the single most important day for bikers to express their views to our Minnesota law makers. We have busses that are coming from all over the state! Come on down and make your voice heard!!

Keeping it short and sweet this month!

— Dirt



CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 2nd, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm (final officer nominations) March 1st, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm (voting for chapter and state officers)

Upcoming Event(s):

February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol April 17th -18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

June 13th - 16th, Annual Ride for Heroes, to benefit Upsala Fire Dept.

July 4th, Algona Freedom Rally

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

Thanks to everyone who came and participated in our Christmas Party! I hope everyone had fun and will be looking forward to next year's party. Congrats to the chili and soup winners, water pong champions and of course the Ugliest Sweater winners! We appreciate the prize donations received from Doochie's and

Stoney's as well as Stoney's staff for hosting us! Thanks to the Christmas Party Committee; Cody, Jamie and Chad for putting all of this fun together!

Bikerday is coming early this year. Please brush up on the talking points and plan to attend the next Bikerday at the State Capitol, February 27th. It's a perfect time to support our causes and have our voices heard!!

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

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

— Happy New Year!! Shweeeila

Central Chapter Christmas Party



UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

February 9th, Eagles, Grand Rapids, 4:00 pm March 8th, Calumet Snowmobile Club, Calumet, 4:00 pm April 12th, VFW, Deer River, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 15th, Winter Fever Reliever, Eagles, Grand Rapids, 7:00 pm February 27th, Bikerday at the State Capitol, St. Paul

Hello everyone,

We are one month closer to the riding season. There are a lot of things going on this month. First, we have our monthly meeting at the Eagles in Grand Rapids. This is the final meeting to be nominated for chapter officers. If one of your new year's resolutions is to be more active as an A.B.A.T.E. member here is the perfect opportunity.

We will also be finalizing the plans for the Winter Fever Reliever. Second is the Winter Fever Reliever. The committee has done a great job so far getting things ready for the big event. I can't wait to see everyone. There will be a great number of silent and live auction items. The band is going to be great. And as always, the Eagles are a great host.

Third on the list for February is the most important day as a motorcyclist. Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol. Registration is open at abatemn.org. The bus will leave the Hibbing Walmart parking lot at 4:30 am. It will also stop at the Cloquet Walmart at 5:55 am. Please make sure to register so that we can get our appointments set. It also helps to have a headcount when making that appointment. If we have a large group, they may schedule a conference room rather than cramming us all in an office.

Do you have any motorcycle trips planned? In the coming months there are a lot of other events. In April there is Heartland S.T.E.A.M. in Springfield, Illinois. Also A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria. In May there is Bikers inside the Beltway in Washington DC. In June there are chapter rides and camp outs. In July more chapter rides and camp outs. August is the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally. Make plans now to try and attend one or more of these events. You meet great people and get new ideas to bring back to the chapter.

Can't wait to see you at the next event.

— Farmer Jay, Pres.

2020 A.B.A.T.E UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY		
(prelim	inary schedule)	
FRIDAY, APRIL	17	
6:00-7:00 pm	Gambling Meeting	
1	Courtroom 3	
7:00-8:00 pm	State Rally Meeting	
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8:00-9:00 pm	Pre-Board Meeting	
_	Courtroom 3	
7:00-8:00 pm	BINGO	
_	Courtyard	
8:00-10:30 pm	Conceal & Carry	
	Permit – Classroom	
	Boardroom	
9:00-11:30 pm	Games by Way West	
	Courtyard	
Saturday, Api	RIL 18	
8:00-8:45 am	Officer Training	
	See signs	
8:00-11:30 am	Conceal & Carry Permit	
	– Classroom <i>-</i> Boardroom	
9:00-1:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	
	Courtroom 1 -2	
9:00-12:00 pm	Road Guard	
	Courtroom 4	
12 pm	Conceal & Carry – Range	
	Meet in Boardroom	
2:00-3:00 pm	COC Meeting	
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3:00-3:25 pm	Citizen Lobbying	
	Courtroom 3	
	How to approach your	
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3:30-3:55 pm	Electing Officials Where do they stand on our issues	
	Courtroom 3	
4:00-4:25 pm	Courtroom 3	
4:30-5:00 pm	Letter Writing	
1.50-5.00 bm	Personalizing form letters	
	Courtroom 3	
3:00-3:50 pm	Training Course	
	Encouragement	
	Courtroom 4	
	Facebook Do's and Don'ts	
4:00-5:00 pm	MC/MRO Discussion	
1	Courtroom 4	
5:30-6:30 pm	Banquet with speaker	
•	Courtroom 1-2	
7:00-9:00 pm	LIVE Auction	
<u> </u>	Courtyard	
9:00 pm	Bike Kaffle Drawing	
	Courtyard Deck	
9:15 pm - ?	Trike Races Courtrooms 1-3	

STATE OFFICER/EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINEE RESUMES

STATE COORDINATOR JANE DOYLE

I look forward to another year serving A.B.A.T.E of MN. This is not an easy job to step into, but there is so much support! I have learned so much, but have a long way to go. We have such a wonderful group of active members! Any time I have needed help - someone is right there to guide me. With your help and support, WE can help A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota grow. Thank you - to all the officers who have stepped up to run for an office. And, thanks to all those who have held an office in the past. You are all valuable! Thanks for your support!

— Jane Doyle

SW DISTRICT DIRECTOR JON W. SMITH

My name is Jon W Smith and I am a member of Rolling Prairie chapter and I am your current Southwest District Director. I am running for SW District Director position again. With elections coming up, I have been an A.B.A.T.E member since '91. I am a charter member of RP. I have been a VP, President, and Chapter Rep. I know I can do a good job as SWDD and I am looking for your support. I will represent all of the SW District chapters to the best of my ability.

I will stay in contact with all Chapter Reps to stay current on what is going on in the chapters. I will also be available for all SW District members. If you have any questions just get in touch with me and I will get you the answers you seek if I don't know I will find out and get back to you ASAP.

This last year has been fun and a learning experience. I look forward to serving as your Southwest District Director.

Thank you for your time and think spring. See you on the road.

Sincerely yours,

— Trashy

STATE TREASURER MICHELLE "MITCH' BACKLUND

Thank you for nominating me for another year as your State Treasurer. Your trust and faith in me are appreciated. And I guess no one else wants to do this job! It is my pleasure to do what I can to help this \organization.

— Michelle "Mitch" Backlund



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Contact Person is A.B.A.T.E. U Chair Stephanie!





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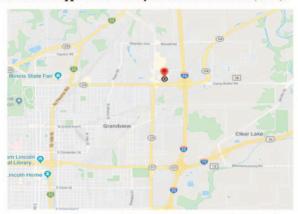
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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2020 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

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.

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- 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

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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

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The Silver Sponsorship is \$500

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
- Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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- Two free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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- Signage in the bar and band hub location
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- One free weekend pass to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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

Partnering with us will make the 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY	
	Lake Chapter Meeting, Hide Out, Big Lake, 3:00 pm
	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting, Rooneys Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting, La Fiesta Plaza in Madelia 2pm Chili meeting, 3pm
	regular meeting
	Borderland Chapter Meeting and Grounded Hogs party, Roseau 5:30 & 6: 30 pm
2	Publication Meeting, Via Phone Conference, 12:00 pm
	Northwest Chapter Meeting, Cozy Bar, Brooks, 2:00 pm
	Central Chapter Meeting, Stoney's in Rockville, 12:00 pm
5	South Central Chapter Meeting, Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 7:00 pm
	Northeast Chapter Meeting, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
6	Tri County Chapter Meeting, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
7	Southwest Chapter Meeting, TBD, 7:00 pm
	Way West Chapter Meeting, The Checkered Flag, 71;00 pm
8	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, 6:00 pm
	Straight River Chapter Meeting, American Legion, Morristown. 1:00 pm
	Northwest Chapter, Winter Social, Spot Bar, Red Lake Falls, 6:00 pm
9	Up North Chapter Meeting, Grand Rapids Eagles, Grand Rapids, 4:00 pm
	River Riders Chapter Meeting, Forest Lake VFW, Forest Lake, 11:00 am
	Southeast Chapter Meeting, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am
11	Metro Chapter Meeting, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
12	Gambling Meeting, Frank Ernst's home, 6:00 pm
14	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting, Sandbar II, Detroit Lakes 7:00 pm
15	Up North Chapter Winter Fever Reliever, Grand Rapids, 7:00 pm
	Northeast Up North Winter Fever Reliever,, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
	East Central Chapter Heart On fundraiser, American Legion, St. Francis, 1-5:00 pm
16	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting, Bears Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm
	Northstar Chapter Meeting, Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ, Bemidji, 12:00 pm
22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting, Buckley's in Walters, 1:00 pm
27	Bikerday at the State Capitol
29	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting, Mercantile, Leaf Valley, 6:00 pm
	Northwest Chapter Meeting, The Station, St. Hilaire, 3:00 pm
	South East Chapter Fund Raiser, American Legion, Stewartville, time TBD
MARCH	
I	Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Road House, 3:00 pm
	Central Chapter Meeting, Stoney's in Rockville, 12:00 pm
4	South Central Chapter Meeting, Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
	Northeast Chapter Meeting, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
5	Tri-County Chapter Meeting, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
6	Way West Chapter Meeting, The Checkered Flag, 7:00 pm
	Southwest Chapter Meeting, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
7	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
	Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart Fundraiser, Sandbar, 7:00 pm
	Lake Chapter Meeting, Hollywood Road House, New Germany, 3:00 pm
	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting, Ormsby Clubhouse, Ormsby, 2:00 pm
8	Up North Chapter Meeting, Calumet Snowmobile Club, Calumet, 4:00 pm
	South East LC Chapter, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am
	Publication Committee Meeting, Phone Meeting, I:00 pm
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH c	ontinued		
9	Metro Chapter Meeting, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm		
13	13 Heart of Lakes Chapter Meeting, Playtime, Perham, 7:00 pm		
14	Straight River Chapter Meeting, American Legion, Owatonna, MN. 1:00 pm (Tentative)		
15	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting, Banning Junction, Finlayson, 2:00 pm		
	North Star Chapter Meeting, Fozzie's Smokin Bar BQ, Bemidji 12:00 pm		
21	Northeast 'The Bunwarmer', The River Inn, Scanlon		
	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting, Moose Club, Albert Lea, 1:00 pm		
	Rolling Prairie 2020 Chili Feed, VFW, St. James, 5:00 pm		
24	Gambling Meeting, Dan Matzdorff's House, 6;00 pm		
28	28 Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting, Knights Pub, Osakis, 6:00 pm		
APRIL	APRIL		
I	South Central Chapter Meeting, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm		
4	Tri-County Chapter Meeting, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 6:30 pm		
10	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting, The Woodshed, Ottertail, 7:00 pm		
12	North Chapter Meeting, VFW, Deer River, 4:00 pm		
17	A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria		
	Gambling Committee Meeting, @ ABATE U, 6:00 pm		
19	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting, Ryders, Henriette, 2:00 pm		
25	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting, VFW Alexandria, 6:00 pm		
	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting, TB3's, Freeborn, 1:00 pm		

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FLATLANDERS Christopher Tietema / Gerry Leet-Tietema	Glynnie Winand	Stanley "Caveman" Jewett R Dave Marolt R WAY WEST Andrew Lagred / Jeannie Buchmann R
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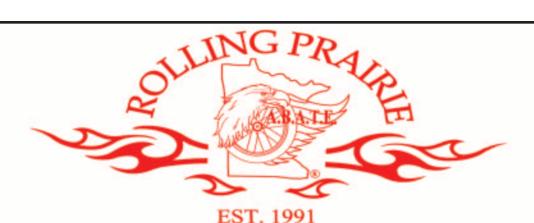
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Hot Dog Meals for the kids

27th Annual Chili Feed

March 21, 2020 5pm-8pm



St. James VFW

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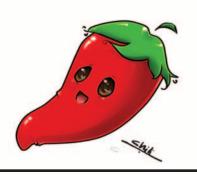
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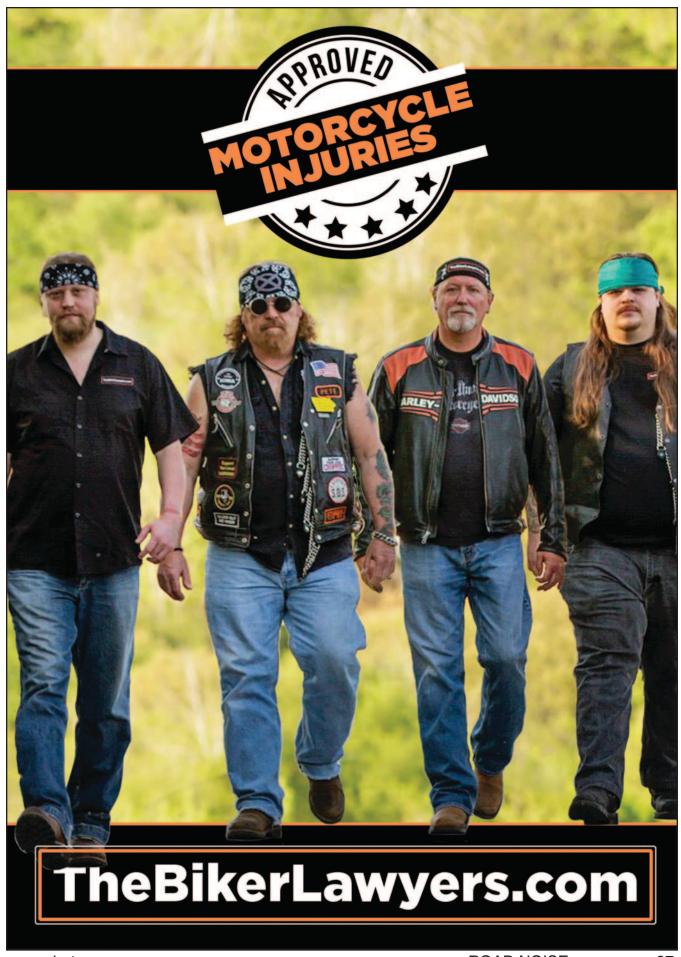


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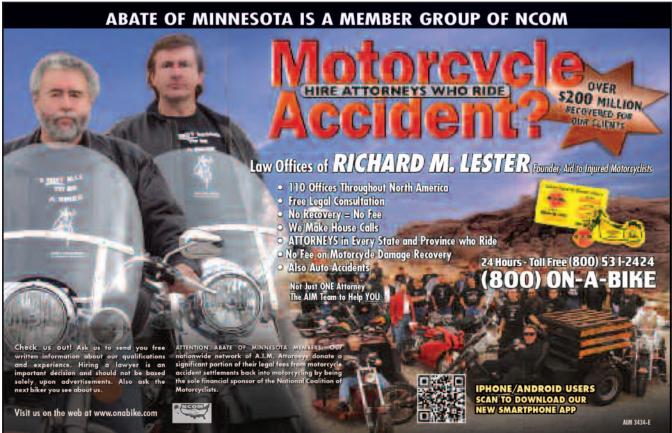
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