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

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

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

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

The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycling 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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YOU are wonderful and amazing!

As I read the Road Noise, and check A.B.A.T.E. of MN Chapter Facebook pages, I realize that we have a wonderful group of people who are very creative. You take "Social Distance" as "Go for a Ride!" You find ways to communicate when we can't get together. As our government releases stay at home orders, you are getting together and staying safe riding; hit all the fundraisers as you possibly can; attend A.B.A.T.E. U; get ready for the Rally; do a lot of riding!

Let's keep the momentum going! As we start to gather in person, let's continue to support each other, striving to protect our rights.

A.B.A.T.E. U. (attempt #2), A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Meeting of the Minds, A.B.A.T.E. of MN Chapter Rides and Fundraisers... I plan to see you soon!

Thanks for being You!

— Jane

Well, the world is starting to turn a little bit, finally! So, let's get rolling, let's start with A.B.A.T.E. U., I guarantee there will not be any snow on your bike when you wake up in the morning! If we do, we will have bigger worries than covid-19!

We have all been cooped up, so let's try and hit all the A.B.A.T.E. fundraisers we can. A.B.A.T.E. itself is going to need a little boost after all this. The state is allowing us groups of up to 250 outside, so by the time of the Rally we should be good to go for some fun and celebrating. Let's get ready to party!

I knew some Chapters have come up with creative ways to hold their meetings, hats off to you! Like I said all along, if you don't feel comfortable doing it, just wait until you feel safe, join in later; it is fun catching up.

Let's stay safe riding; hit all the fundraisers as you possibly can; attend A.B.A.T.E. U; get ready for the Rally; do a lot of riding!

— Till next time, Jim

Happy 4th of July to all!

It has been a pretty slow few months due to the pandemic, but I hope by the time you are reading this our organization is back to the great fundraisers we are known for.

Even though there have been cancelled fundraisers we have also kept our expenses down. So A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is holding its own during these trying times. If you hear "rumors" to the contrary, please call me to get the true story.

As you are out riding this summer make sure to have tri folds and a pen handy to get new members signed up. We are only as strong as our members. And what great benefits they can get for only $20!

Take care, be safe and have a great summer. I'll see you on the road,

— Michelle "Mitch" Backlund
DANGEROUS THAN TEXTING OR ALCOHOL

IN-CAR INFOTAINMENT SYSTEMS MORE DANGEROUS THAN TEXTING OR ALCOHOL

Among the results, IAM RoadSmart found that motorway stopping distances were increased by between four and five car lengths when the driver was using infotainment systems. The study also found that drivers took their eyes off the road for as long as 16 seconds while driving (equivalent to a distance of nearly 550 yards at 70 mph), while using the touch-controlled systems -- results that are even worse than texting at the wheel.

 Among the key findings from the report:
— Controlling the vehicle’s position in the lane and speed suffered significantly when participants failed to react to stimulus on the road ahead.
— Reaction times were slower when selecting music through Spotify while using Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.
— Drivers would take their eyes off the road for longer than 12 seconds.
— Participants underestimated time spent looking away from the road, by as much as 5 seconds.

“We’re now calling on industry and government to openly test and approve such systems and develop consistent standards that genuinely help minimize driver distraction,” said Neil Greig, policy and research director at IAM RoadSmart. “Anything that distracts a driver’s eyes or mind from the road is bad news for road safety.”

‘NAKED RIDER’ SPURS ATTIRE RULE

A “naked rider” wearing only a helmet and briefs was apprehended by local authorities in metro Manila, Philippines, and for two seconds enjoyed social media fame, which has prompted authorities to revisit an ‘attire rule’ requiring all motorcycle riders to wear heavy/padded jackets and riding pants as it would be safer to ride wearing all the riding gear.

Last year, during a press briefing, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Jojo Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders, including pillion (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles.

The MMDA GM also said that their office met with their counterparts in the LTO (government) to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders; “Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit” added GM Garcia.

Local motorcycle groups do not agree with the proposed rule, citing that with the hot, humid tropical weather in the Philippines, requiring motorcycle riders, especially in congested traffic conditions, to wear heavy jackets and pants may do more harm than good.

So far, the laws of the land concerning proper attire for motorcycle riders require only: a standard helmet and closed-toe shoes, but it’s important to note that sometimes stupid is as stupid does, and inappropriate actions such as motocycling in your skivvies can invite unwanted and unnecessary attention.

NCOM CONVENTION -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 35th annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, originally planned for Mother’s Day weekend at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street), has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic to October 16-17, 2020 at the same location.

— Be vigilant, fe
I hope everyone is getting some riding in, not much to report on. I haven’t seen any membership numbers come through for a while, but I’m sure it isn’t looking good. Please keep those tri-folds close when out riding. Remember, if every member signed up just one new member, we would double the membership. I did receive a new shipment of tri-folds and will bring them to the BOD.

I will be at the sign-up table in Algona, I hope we get a LOT of new members!

I will have the Minnesota State Rally front gate

— Shelly Deutsch

With all of the unique problems facing us this year, it is easy to forget that 2020 is an election year. Every Minnesota Senator, every Minnesota House Representative, and one Minnesota US Senate seat will be on the election ballot. The summer of a campaign season is when you can have a great impact on who will be representing you in the U.S. and state capitols in the near future.

Now is the time to get to know who is running for office to represent your interests in lawmaking that affects everything in your life, especially motorcycling.

July, right now, is the perfect time to volunteer to help get people elected that will support freedom minded motorcyclists and our common sense motorcycle safety agenda. These candidates need help with literature distribution, phone banks, and yard sign placement. Is it hard work? No. Is it rewarding? Absolutely. Some of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota’s best friends in elected office are our friends because A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members took time out of their busy life to help them when they ran for office. I hear it all the time in my interactions with elected officials.

Also, running for office is not cheap. Please consider making a donation to the campaign of motorcycling friendly politicians. An easy way to do this is the Minnesota Political Campaign Refund Program. You simply send your donation to a candidate, $50 maximum per person or $100 per couple. Then you will get a receipt that you can submit to the State of Minnesota for a refund. You will have your money back in under a month (Google MN PCR for details).

And please attend the re-scheduled A.B.A.T.E. University this month at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria. You will learn a lot about protecting your riding freedoms by being active in the political process.

— Yours in freedom, Mack
Rider training courses were open in June, although class size was limited to eight students per class to start with. After June 10th, classes were permitted to have a full class of 12 students.

It seems we will finally have a Task Force meeting in July, after not being to have one since January, because of the shut-down.

The last information I have received is that 13 motorcyclists were killed in 13 crashes this year. This compares to nine at this time last year. Two of these were crashes with deer. Ten crashes involved only the motorcycle. Eight of these crashes were on a curve on the road.

Checking the State Patrol reports, I see that there have been several accidents with deer and motorcycles and a few other accidents where motorcycles have gone off curves.

I wonder how many riders out there don’t know that above 15 mph, if you push the left handlebar forward, your bike goes left. If you push the right handlebar forward, your bike leans right and goes right. I have ridden motorcycles for over 40 years and just learned this two years ago.

I think every rider should watch the video by Jerry Palladino titled: "NOT KNOWING HOW TO COUNTER STEER YOUR MOTORCYCLE CAN KILL YOU"

Jerry Palladino is a police motorcycle patrol trainer who has hundreds of great videos with riding tips that everyone of us can use.

Even with this knowledge under my hat, after driving an 18-wheeler all week, I need to refresh my skills on two wheels on the weekends. When starting out and getting up to speed, I will push the handle bars to the left and to the right and get my mind reacquainted on how to turn the bike.

Keep your skills sharp. Ride smart. Ride safe.

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

— Monte.
Upcoming Event(s):
September 24th-27th, Meeting of the Minds, Indianapolis, Indiana

From the Hill:

U.S. House of Representatives Introduces Highway Reauthorization Legislation

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released its Highway Reauthorization bill titled, “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act.”

The 864-page bill outlines the priorities of the Democratic majority in the House, focusing on everything from carbon emissions to road safety programs. The draft bill would authorize $319 billion for highways, $105 billion for transit, $5 billion for highway safety, $5 billion for motor carrier safety, and $60 billion for rail.

We, at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), are currently reviewing the text and changes to the current statute that would follow if this bill becomes law. The MRF is committed to protecting the rights of motorcyclists in any federal transportation legislation.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation focuses on a few key areas such as the protection of motorcyclists from law enforcement profiling, ensuring that motorcycle safety funds sent to states remain available, the continuation of a Federal Motorcyclist Advisory Council, protection of motorcycles during the deployment of autonomous vehicles, and a continued ban on lobbying by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. You can read our entire 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities on the MRF website at mrf.org.

A preliminary review of this bill indicates that some of these areas are addressed in the House bill. Where our priorities are not addressed, we will seek inclusion during the mark up of the bill through the amendment process. We will also continue to advocate that our priorities are included in any Senate transportation bill.

Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, President of the MRF, stated: “While I am pleased that Congress is beginning the process of a Highway Reauthorization bill, I am troubled by the fact this bill was written solely by one party. We, as motorcyclists, do not believe that the safety of riders is a partisan issue. We will continue to educate lawmakers about our priorities and will remain vigilant in defense of our freedoms and safety.”

With the lack of motorcycle events happening this summer, we need help in memberships. So, I ask that every member of the MRF to go out and sign up one member. We are really counting on new and renewed memberships to help fund us this coming year. With most SMRO’s fundraisers being cancelled, we are not expecting much income from them. If you can help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

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

— Gary Goracke, MRF State Rep.
Happy 4th of July fellow bikers!

I hope this finds us making our final plans to be at A.B.A.T.E. U Part 2. I have a bunch of products to sell to make room for more.

If your Chapter is having an event and would like me to bring some products to sell, call or email me with the details and I will try to make something work.

If you haven’t received your name badges and or business cards yet, I will have them at A.B.A.T.E. U. I was waiting to receive the rest of the officer pins to mail them out.

— See you at the U, Kari

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Upcoming Event(s):
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Hope everyone is ready to learn, meet new people and have a great time!

Can’t wait to see everyone there!

— Stephanie

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Now that things are starting to open let’s get out and enjoy what is left of the summer and ride responsibly.

Thank you to everyone that has been contacting me with pickups and interventions. Even with all that has been going on in these troubling times our program has been continuing to function like it has been intended to.

Keep up the good work

— Jodi
It is time to get beyond the "lockdown"

If you are riding now, it is because you're as tired of the lockdown as the rest of the country, and riding is a 70 MPH exercise in "social distancing."

Your rights as motorcyclists' are just as important as your safety. While the world was on lockdown and "recommended social distancing," the MRF never lost focus of the reason the organization exists – protecting the rights of all motorcyclists, even while Congress was closed.

Bikers Inside the Beltway was reluctantly canceled because Congress was closed to the public. With that, the MRF turned our focus to the Meeting of the Minds and protecting our rights beyond the lockdown.

With twelve workshops, six major presentations, and a cadre of motorcyclists' rights activists presenting, the 2020 Meeting of the Minds Conference is destined to be one of the most dynamic in recent memory.

And it doesn't stop there...

For the first time ever, event registration includes eight full meals -- not box lunches, eight full meals! The Waterfront Hotel is a class act and, for the past several years, has hosted ABATE of Indiana events. You are going to get more than your money's worth on the 36th Annual Meeting of the Minds!

The lockdown is lifted, and we are moving beyond it. As you have seen or experienced, individual rights beyond the ones the MRF diligently fights for, have been under siege since March. With that, the MRF is expecting a record number of attendees at this year's Meeting of the Minds, September 24-27. Get beyond the lockdown; make your reservations now! Now's the time to use this link and register for Meeting of the Minds 2020. The hotel information is on the same page.

We will endure beyond the lockdown. However, without exaggeration, your rights, your motorcycle, and your lifestyle are under siege. The 2020 Meeting of the Minds provides you with the tools to get beyond the lockdown; see you in Indianapolis!!!
Hi!

Todd Riba and Cindy Hodges here. We're your Member Representatives on the MRF Board of Directors.

Today, we're reaching out to you in a way we've never done. Times are tough and a lot of never-before-seen things are happening.

First off, we want to thank you for being a member of the MRF. Along with our partners in states motorcyclists' rights organizations around the country, the MRF has protected your rights as a biker for many years and will continue to do so. We know you didn't have to join, and we know you did so because you understand how important the MRF is to motorcycling.

Like a lot of non-profits, MRF is facing a very tough financial challenge this year. A large part of our funding comes in the form of donations from state motorcyclists' rights organizations like A.B.A.T.E. Many of those organizations are cancelling their 2020 fundraisers due to COVID-19, and will be making much smaller donations to MRF this year, if they can afford to make a donation at all.

To get through this, MRF is asking each of its current members to sign up at least one new member before the Meeting of the Minds in September. We understand that you might be feeling like you've already done enough by joining the MRF. In normal times, we couldn't agree more. MRF has always operated on a tight budget, and your membership dues have played a huge role in keeping our doors open, thereby protecting your rights in Washington, D.C. We very much appreciated that support, and do not take it for granted.

That's why-unlike many organizations-MRF has never made a habit of constantly going to its membership asking for more.

But these aren't normal times.

We're pretty sure that each of you has riding friends who are not MRF members. We are asking you to talk to those friends, and explain just how important MRF is to the future of motorcycling. Let them know how MRF has been working to protect the rights of bikers for more that 30 years, and that we need them now.

We are so fortunate to live in a country where we can take an active role in who gets elected and which laws are passed, and where we can make a real difference in protecting the freedom we cherish. Maybe that sounds like a commercial, but we both believe it with all our hearts.

Please let your riding friends know that the MRF needs their support now. Please ask them to click on the link below and join up. It's only $35 a year, or $95 for three years. I'm sure we all know that would be money well spent.

https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/

Yours in Freedom,

Todd & Cindy

Your MRF Member Reps
Greetings Southeast District,

With all the cancelations the last few months it's been hard for us all to get together and socialize, but the orders seem to be relaxing and letting us start being ourselves again. Halleluiah!!!

The major impact of the Governor’s orders to our organization has left us with minimal income at both the State and Chapter levels. Statewide, we need to get creative in raising funds this summer to try and make up our shortfall. Even though we're still having A.B.A.T.E. U. this month and a membership table in Algona, the lack of Chapter fundraisers (due to them having to be canceled) has been very detrimental to the account balances.

As I’m writing this on June 10th, we have had 13 motorcycle fatalities so far in 2020, so I implore you all to be careful and safe out there.

— Virgil

Southeast LC

Next Meeting(s):
July 12th, Bear Cave Park or Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am
August 9th, Bear Cave Park or Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

Happy Independence Day Southeast LC!

I apologize for the confusing meeting locations, but not knowing what the hell is going on when or where seems to be the current condition for most everything. We'll just wing it. Bear Cave Park is west of Strikers a little bit. If we’re not at one place, go to the other. Look for the bikes and people standing around looking confused.

I’m writing this Grapevine on June 10th. Today, bars, restaurants, and other service businesses reopened with limitations. The last time we had a meeting was March 8th. That’s four months ago! You’re reading this article in July sometime. Hopefully things have improved.

Is Sturgis cancelled? The City Council made the decision on June 15th. Another action of the Sturgis City Council was to annex into the city the land owned by the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club. The estimated $2,500 per year increase in property taxes may cause the 82-year-old club to fold.

Curbside delivery has become very popular, because of the virus. COVID 19 may benefit this company, but at whose expense? NURO has been granted an exemption by the U.S. government to test its electric, driverless delivery vehicles. The R2s are exempt from needing mirrors or a windshield. No drivers…no mirrors, no windshield, no problem. NURO is permitted to deploy no more than 5,000 R2s for restaurant, grocery, and other deliveries. Bikers beware and watch your mirrors.

Thank you Brandon A, Gary H, and Lynn W for renewing in April.

Mississippi Valley

No Report Received
**Flatlanders**

Next Meeting(s):
July 25th, Virgil and Michele Legried’s home (23044 855th Avenue, Oakland, 56007), 2:00 pm. Ride to follow.

Greetings, Flatlanders,

Deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Jesse Larish. Jesse was a kind, generous, brilliant man. He was a longtime dedicated member of A.B.A.T.E. He looked forward to the State Rally every year, where he enjoyed driving the tractor for the hayride. Ride free, Jesse. Semper fi. You are missed.

Check out the Flatlanders Facebook page for the latest news.

These are trying times. Be nice to each other.

— Lind

**Tri County**

No Report Received

**Straight River**

Next Meeting(s):
July 11th, 1:00 pm, location TBD. Please follow us on the Straight River Chapter Facebook page for more info.

Hopefully everyone is ok, and we can get back to some "normal" life. It's been a good time to be out riding, hope you have been out.

Congratulations to our new Officers and thanks to our old ones. Sorry to be so short, but I will have more next month. Please check out our Facebook page for updates as they become available.

Thanks for your commitment.

— Your President, Spanky

**River Valley**

It is again with a heavy heart that I write this article. We lost a longtime member of A.B.A.T.E. Jesse Larish will always be remembered for driving the tractor at the State Rally. He loved it. The memory that will stick with me is at last year’s Rally. His granddaughter was finally old enough to attend. You couldn’t wipe that smile off his face for any thing. He was such a proud grandpa. Jasmine you will always have those precious memories you shared with him.

Our Chapter sends their condolences to you and your family. He passed away on June 2nd. Tomorrow, many Rolling Prairie members intend to ride to his wake to honor him and his life. Gone from the earth never from the heart.

On July 11th we are planning a memorial ride for Mike Berg. Stay tuned to our Facebook feed for specifics on the ride.

We still need help from volunteers at our State Rally. We need help on the front gate, first aid, and security. Sergeant at arms, it is in your job description that if you attend the Rally it is mandatory that you volunteer for security at the Rally.

We can start asking for donations for our January Thaw Fundraiser. The sooner the better.

My classes are starting up again. I did one class by virtual classroom. It was ok, but I prefer being in the room with the kids. If anyone us interested in attending a class with me feel free to contact me. The more the better.

I have the tickets for the Rally. They are $30 each. You can purchase them on the A.B.A.T.E. website. Or you can send me a check in the mail made out to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. I will send out your tickets in the mail. As far as I’ve been told the Rally will go on. It’s always a great time. If anyone has questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. If I don’t have the answer, I’ll find someone that does.

As always, our meetings are always the second Sunday of the month at the Eagles Aerie on Riverfront Drive in Mankato. The meetings are open to the public. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting. This month we will be having A.B.A.T.E. University in Alexandria, along with our B.O.D. meeting. If you have never attended one, it’s worth your time. You will see firsthand how everything is done from the top down.

As always, together we ride free. Until next time,

— Respectfully submitted by Nita Baker

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
By the time you read this the year will be already half over and because of the BS that has happened this year. We have been missing out on a lot of chapter events that had to be canceled thanks to our Governor.

But things are starting to look up. There are a lot of places starting to open. I have been getting more chapters interested in the Passport booklets. Let’s get out there and ride. 104 is a lot of stops, I challenge all of you to get out there and stop at them. Make sure you plan and call to make sure there are OPEN.

If anyone has any questions for me just contact me.

— Jon Trashy Smith

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Rolling Prairie

Next Meeting(s):
July 24th, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 7:00 pm
August 1st, Prochazka’s Farm, Committees
10:00 am, Meeting 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
July 25th, Passport Mystery Run, Registration 11:00 am – Noon, Kickstands up at Noon
September 4th – 7th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Litchfield
September 12th, Fallen Friends Memorial Run, Registration 11:00 am – Noon, Kickstands up at Noon

Happy 4th of July Biker Friends. Hopefully, everyone is enjoying the weather and seeing some different scenery.

Thank you to all those that came out and rode with us on our Kickstart Run. We had beautiful weather and a nice time riding together. We have decided to not do the Summer Sizzler Food Fundraiser because of the uncertainty due to COVID-19 and our Governor.

Our 2nd Annual Passport Mystery run is being finalized and we hope that you can join us. All the stops are in the Passport Book and Buckshots will have food available before and after the ride.

Our Fallen Friends Memorial Ride will be a little different this year, but I’m not giving away the changes we are making. You’ll just have to join us on the ride to see what we’ve dreamt up.

See you at the B.O.D./ A.B.A.T.E. U,

— Giggles
Buffalo Ridge

Next Meeting(s):
July 18th, Dave’s Muscle Cars, Lynd 1:00 pm
August 1st, Dave’s Muscle Cars, Lynd, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Greetings Freedom Fighters!

Our numbers and participation may be small, but we are working to make an impact! Motorcycle awareness is at the forefront, but with the Share the Road classes going virtual, our role in the classroom has been all but eliminated, for the most part. The Buffalo Ridge Chapter does have three, two-sided signs placed on State and Federal highways in our region. The signs don’t last forever, as the elements have faded them beyond recognition. We hope to have those replaced soon!

We hope you are getting out for many rides, meeting great people and future members along the way. Many in our chapter have had to give up their rides for health reasons but are insisting on keeping the chapter going. Hats off to them for sticking with us!

— Until we meet again
Kris Gruhot

South Central

Next Meeting(s):
July 8th, Mugshots, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
August 5th, Red Goat, Watkins, 7:00 pm
September 2nd, Rally Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

I hope this article finds all of us moving towards some sort of normality in our lives. This Pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. The economic impact has been severe for so many, including A.B.A.T.E. of MN and all the chapters. It is more important than ever to get out... Promote and Attend as many State and Chapter events as you can. When you are at these events keep in mind that the auctions, raffles, food sales and donations are how we get funds that keep us going!!! So, don't just attend events but... Bid High, Buy Chances, go with an Appetite and Help Fill the Jars. Don't just do it for them... Do it for Our Family. Don't forget to also get out and patronize all the businesses that support us. We are indebted to them and they need us now more than ever. The Passport is a fantastic aid in doing this. Not to mention that the Passport is an A.B.A.T.E. fundraiser in itself.

If you follow any of the numerous motorcycle groups on Facebook I am sure you have seen a lot of posts from the group’s members reporting motorcycles down and doing check in’s. There have been several fatalities this season and some have been the result of the biker losing control. Please Check Your RIDE and YOURSELF before hitting the road. So get out there and enjoy doing what you love and all the Freedom that it brings.

"It's Your Road, Others Can Ride It With You... But No One Can Ride It For You"

Dougie Cohen, Vice President

— Thank you,
Ingrid Cohen, Secretary
Next Meeting(s):
July 11th, Smoker’s compound, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm
August 11th, VFW, Monticello, 3:00 pm
September, no meeting
October 3rd, Chris Kalway’s house, Howard Lake, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
July 26th, Motorcycle Training, Brooklyn Park
August 11th, Minnesota Day, Central City, SD
February 13th – Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall

We finally got together, in person, for our June meeting. Thirteen people showed up to clean our stretch of Hwy. 7 and over 30 were at the meeting. Thanks to everyone who helped, guess people were ready to get out of the house!

A.B.A.T.E. University was rescheduled for this month. It should be lots of fun, so make plans to be there. And bring a friend with!

You can also bring friends to Sturgis, SD and come to Minnesota Day in Central City. There will be good friends and good food. I know I will be there!

Advanced motorcycle training will be held later this month. If you are interested in participating, contact a chapter officer.

Unfortunately, Camp Courage and Camp Friendship are not having any summer sessions this year, so there will be no bike shows this year.

Take care and be safe. And have a great 4th of July!

— Later, Mitch’n

Glacial Ridge
Upcoming Events:
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Southwest
No Report Received

Lake Chapter patches/decals available for purchase.
Greetings everyone!

I hope you all are finally getting some riding in. THESE WINDS THOUGH...UGH. We held our last meeting at the city park in Marietta. Thanks everyone for coming with short notice.

Our next meeting will be July 11th at another city park, stay tuned for details...we are hoping in the Montevideo area. We all came to a consensus, that for this summer riding season anyways, that we are going to mix it up a bit and travel around to different areas. This way we can accommodate all members from different areas, ride and hopefully, gain new members in the meantime doing that.

Having lost our home base to meet is challenging for us in this area, but this will give us some time for our members to figure it out.

The Algona Freedom Rally is coming quickly, the lineup is great, and I can't wait to get away and celebrate these freedoms that we have. Sounds like we might have a campground full of our members.

The A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming up July 17th and 18th and Way West is in charge of games on Friday night. Come and enjoy some fellowship, meetings, and classes.

The State Rally is Labor Day Weekend. THIS IS OUR A.B.A.T.E. OF MN RALLY, our biggest fundraiser. Way West is in charge of the games at the rally, always a lot of fun! I would like to see the largest number of Way West members that we have ever had to attend our event. A lot of time and effort is put into this rally and we need to support it.

State Rally......this is where I met Jesse Larrish. He spent countless hours every year parading us through the campgrounds by tractor. We will miss you Jesse....rest in peace Brother.

This past Sunday, at short notice, we heard that the National Guard unit from Madison was making their way home from deployment from Minneapolis during the riots. We had a great turnout and privilege to help escort the troops from Dawson to Madison. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

— Keep your knees in the breeze, LeAnn
Northeast District Director

Michelle “Mickey” Scannell
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It’s nice going to chapter meetings again, having the social distancing interaction with one another.

Things might be changing, hopefully we all can enjoy the summer activities.

I will be having my first NE District Director’s meeting this month in Finlayson on July 11th, more details will follow to the chapters.

If your chapter had a fundraiser event cancelled earlier this year, it’s not too late to come up with a backup plan, right? Also, please go out and support other chapters upcoming events!

There’s been a raise in accidents this year due to the pandemic, keep your head on a swivel everyone.

FYI: “Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.”
— Mickey

Sand Dunes

Next Meeting(s):
July 11th, Tootsies Bar, Big Lake, 12:30 pm
August 8th, Tootsies Bar, Big Lake, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
July 25th, Jennie’s Graduation Ride by, kickstand up at 12:30 pm

Hello everyone,

Was glad to see a lot of members at our first official meeting at a bar this year. There are a lot of upcoming events around our wonderful state. I hope to see as many of you as possible. If you see me out and about say hi, introduce yourself and let's have some good wind therapy this year. God knows we all need it.

To join in for Jennie’s graduation ride by; meet at the Holiday gas station in Big Lake. We will ride to Buffalo go by Jennie’s home. Second time around we park, enjoy cake and refreshments and chitchat with Jennie.

— Chuckles, Sgt @ Arms

River Riders

No Report Received
Hello all,

We’re finally into decent riding weather and had our spring road cleanup and first meeting since the COVID-19 stay at home order began. We had great turnouts for both and I can’t tell you how much I appreciate the support of our chapter members during these difficult times.

This is a repeat but it’s important, I think. Like many chapters, our fundraiser was postponed this year. But we’ve been making an effort to support the businesses who have supported us with donations over the years. Many of the restaurants and bars are serving takeout food and drinks in an effort to stay open and keep their employees working. We’ve made it a point to order food and let them know at that time that we appreciate the support they’ve given us in the past.

As I’m writing this I’m reflecting on the recent loss of a good friend and chapter member. Many of you will know by now, that John ‘Chic’ Ciocarelli passed away unexpectedly on May 31st. Anyone who has seen him working so that everyone could have a good time. He was the driving force behind our annual Northeast Chapter/Wisconsin Region 6B billboard party and could always be counted on to lend a hand and a positive attitude. Chic was a good friend, true wind brother, and great A.B.A.T.E. supporter. He will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

— Ride safe. Thanks, Ed

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**North East**

Next Meeting(s):
July 1st, time and place TBA
August 5th, time and place TBA

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

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**Metro**

Next Meeting(s):
July 14th, Elm Creek Park Reserve, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
??TBD, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka, 4:30-8:00 pm
??TBD, Breakfast Buffet, Route 47, Fridley, 8:00 am-12:00 pm

It still saddens me to put all of those question marks in the upcoming events. I can’t wait to have multiple tacos again!! If you are out and about, I know that both Casa Rio and Route 47 are open on a limited scale so please stop in and support them. They do a lot to support us.

Keep an eye on our facebook page. Things are changing and that is the best spot to get the low down on what’s happening in these tyrannical times.

Short and sweet this month Keep on keeping on!

—Dirt
Hello,

I hope everyone is doing well. We are starting to see things get back to a new normal. I want to thank everyone that came out on our membership ride. It was nice to see everyone and I know the businesses we stopped at really appreciate the support that we gave them.

It has been a tough couple of weeks here in the A.B.A.T.E. community. Chic, a Northeast chapter member passed away unexpectedly. He was a great member as he was the chair for their Billboard Party. He was also a supporter of our Winter Fever Reliever. Jesse, a member of the Flatlanders chapter, lost his battle with cancer. He was always the guy driving the tractor at the State Rally. Both will be truly missed by the organization.

The Northeast District is having their district meeting on Saturday, July 11\textsuperscript{th} at the Jack Pine Riders Kettle River Shakedown location. We are invited down already on Thursday to camp and do some riding on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the meeting Saturday at 5:00 pm. I encourage you to attend and see what other chapters are doing in our district. There will be food vendors and some sort of entertainment in the evenings.

A.B.A.T.E. U is finally going to happen, July 17\textsuperscript{th} - 19\textsuperscript{th}. There will be the usual officer training in the morning and other seminars in the afternoon. Also, during the day is the B.O.D. There will be games Friday night, an auction, 50/50 raffle, and trike races Saturday evening.

If you haven’t made plans yet for Labor Day weekend, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota’s State Rally is something you should attend. It is always a great time, meeting motorcyclists from around the state. The bands for the weekend are ones that the chapters have suggested, so maybe one of our favorites will be there. As always, there will be entertainment all weekend. If you know of a person or business that would like to sponsor the State Rally please have them fill out the sponsorship information in the back portion of the Road Noise and mail it in.

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

— Farmer Jay Pres.

Central

Next Meeting(s):
July 12\textsuperscript{th}, Stoney’s, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
July 4\textsuperscript{th}, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona
July 17\textsuperscript{th}-18\textsuperscript{th}, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
August 28\textsuperscript{th}-29\textsuperscript{th}, Central Chapter’s 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual BIKER BASH, The MannCave, Hillman

So nice to see things opening up! I hope everyone has stayed safe and healthy during these times. Thanks to everyone for supporting our local establishments. It’s nice to see that we can give back the support to those that have supported us so much! Shout out to Stoney’s in Rockville for being a huge supporter of Central Chapter!

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

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

— Stay safe my friends! Shweecila
**East Central**

Next Meeting(s):
July, no meeting

Upcoming Event(s):
July 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
July 25th, Summer Thunder Run, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Hello to Brothers and Sisters.

July has arrived with a riding season with limited indoor bar and grill service nor any restaurants. Planned rides to outside table service are the normal. Strange days indeed. Algona Freedom Rally is a go, our membership drive will be a much-needed event, for it is our main one for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Membership is crucial to our survival as an MRO! If you can afford a donation to A.B.A.T.E. in the name of COVID-19 Relief, please send in a check to our state treasurer Michelle Backlund. Her contact info is in the Road Noise.

Summer Thunder Run is set for July 25th. Our wristbands are now on sale for $10. Free wristband with a new $20 single membership or a new $30 couple membership. Everyone going on the ride MUST be an A.B.A.T.E. member. The ride is mapped out for 111 miles with one scheduled stop starting and finishing at St. Francis American Legion. Kickstands up at 11:00 am. We are in need of road guards, call out to Central and Jack Pine Rider Chapter qualified members and also a support vehicle and driver. Door prizes at stop in Rock Creek or Rush City depending on bar openings. Planned box lunch included after the ride at St. Francis American Legion. We’ll have a talk with Jenny at the Legion to be ready for anywhere from 60 - 100 riders.

Jim and Kelly Pierson are doing a great job with our products. Clothing has been ordered with MadKat Design for Tees, Hoodies and other items. Products should be ready before the Summer Thunder Ride. Plastic Kick Stand Pads are in stock for $3. They’re taking orders for the metal East Central Logo pad’s. Unfinished for $6 each.

Tim Jensen has tickets available for A.B.A.T.E. " U " Raffle, this will be drawn at our State Rally held in Litchfield, due to cancellation of A.B.A.T.E. " U " in April.

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

— ECVP Jim
**Jack Pine Riders**

**Next Meeting(s):**
- July 12th, Ryder’s Bar, Henriette, 2:00 pm  
  (NOTE THE NEW LOCATION AND TIME)
- August 16th, Horseshoe Lake Inn, Near McGregor, 10:00 am
- September 20th, Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm
- October 18th, Doc’s, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm
- November 15th, Squirrel Cage, Willow River, 2:00 pm
- December 20th, Cricket, Rock creek, 2:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
- July 2nd–4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona, IA
- July 11th, Ride with your friends, Rich’s Bar, Sandstone, 10:00 am, kickstands up at 11:00 am
- July 11th, NE District meeting, Upper Kettle River Shakedown site, Finlayson
- July 17th–19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

I regret to inform you that our 15th Annual "Upper Kettle River Shakedown" has been canceled due to members concerns about COVID-19.

There is ride scheduled for Saturday July 11. Meet at Rich’s Bar in Sandstone at 10:00 am, kick stands up at 11:00 am. Rena Starr will entertain the group at the Shakedown site following the ride.

The NE District meeting will also follow the July 11th ride and will be held at the Shakedown site. A food vendor will be there and free camping is available for those who want to stay and party with Rena Starr. For more information call Duane at (320) 515-0232

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

Thank you to all those that pitched in to help with the J.P.R. roadside cleanup. There was a large turnout, and I will post pictures soon. Thanks again!

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

— Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus
Howdy Folks,

BE KIND.....
BE RESPECTFUL.....

Two things to live by in this crazy world we are in right now. If everyone went by these two statements this world would be at peace. That’s something that I try to use daily as I ride down the road. It’s hard to be at peace if you can’t be Kind and Respectful.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming in July this year. I’m thinking It will be sunny and 75 in Alexandria that weekend with a slight chance of amazing!

We must use caution as we go about our day. We also must be Kind and Respectful.

Looking forward to the State Rally and seeing some great people again this year. Bring a friend. Bring a Brother or Sister. Hell bring your mother. WE can ALL have fun there. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

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Heart of the Lakes

Well folks, just when we were hoping to get back to things as we knew them, we get another big heaping load of BS dumped on us all. I hope some of you are getting out to ride and staying safe from all the crazy rioting and looting. Hopefully our businesses in the outer part of the state will keep getting more and more accessible so we can try to act normal anyway.

My prayers are with those who are in the areas where all this craziness is taking place. I think even most of us that ride can see what an awful idea getting rid of police could be. I am currently looking for something simple.... the day that I can go somewhere and enjoy a steak and a cold drink...indoors at another small businessman’s place. May the Lord guide us all.

— Littlebear

Borderland

No Report Received

Northwest

No Report Received
Thank you for all that showed up for our May meeting at Bob and Brenda's house. It was nice to see some familiar faces again. Thanks Bob and Brenda for having us and thanks to Dave Crane for cooking us lunch. I would also like to thank all that were involved in the Memorial Day celebration at the Eagles Healing Nest. FFR members really stepped up to help the vets on that day.

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

— See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected, Double G

North Star Chapter Meeting and Blessing of the Bikes.

we will be ending each of this summer’s meetings with a ride. July brings us to a celebration of America’s independence. Because of the uncertainties of our situation and our inability to meet and properly plan our July Bike Show, our chapter made the decision to postpone the show until next year. We will start preparations for 2021 bike show.

We look forward to A.B.A.T.E. U in July. More information will be posted online. Just a reminder that the Raffle tickets sold for the drawing at A.B.A.T.E. U. will be drawn at the State Rally.

— Darryl
**Tentative Schedule for 2020 A.B.A.T.E. U**

**Theme for A.B.A.T.E. U 2020 — VOTE: Your Freedom Depends on It**

July 17th-19th Holiday Inn, Alexandria - 320-763-6577

Ask for the ABATE U block of rooms. Deadline for reservations is June 20th

**FRIDAY NIGHT:**
6 pm .......................... Gambling Meeting
7 pm .......................... State Rally Meeting
8 pm .......................... Pre-Board Meeting
7 pm .......................... Non-Gambling BINGO
8 pm .......................... Games

**SUNDAY:**
8 am .......................... Officer Training
9 am .......................... Board of Directors Meeting
2 pm .......................... Know Your Candidate/Citizen Lobbying
3 pm .......................... MC/MRO Open Forum
4 pm .......................... Facebook Do's and Don'ts
7 pm .......................... Live Auction
9 pm .......................... 50-50 Raffle
9:15 pm .......................... Trike Races

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**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.**

**Tentative Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

**Saturday, July 18, 2020, 9:00 AM • Holiday Inn, Alexandria**

**CALL TO ORDER**
Call to order .......................... Jane Doyle
Secretary Report- January, 2020 ........... Michele Legried
Treasurer’s Report .......................... Michelle Backlund

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**
(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)
ABATE University ......................... Stephanie Christensen
Education .............................. Paul Tjepkes
Gambling .............................. Dan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear Program ..................... Sharon Polman
Membership and Member Retention .......... Shelly Deutsch
Products .............................. Kari Duncan
Publications .......................... Tammy Winkels
Rally .................................. Randy Prochazka
Ways and Means .......................... Kristie Orn

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

**OLD BUSINESS**
Sand Dunes Update
Legislative Director Update
Southeast LC Fundraiser

**NEW BUSINESS**
Officers Awards
First Class Mailing of Road Noise
AIL Insurance Mailing

**OFFICER REPORTS**
Treasurer .............................. Michelle Backlund
Secretary .............................. Michele Legried
Southeast District Director ............... Virgil Legried
Southwest District Director .............. Jon Smith
Northwest District Director .............. Edgar Burke
Northeast District Director .............. Michelle Scannell
Assistant State Coordinator ............. Jim Orn
Trustee .............................. Mack Backlund
State Coordinator ........................ Jane Doyle

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New & Renewals for May 2020

BORDERLAND
Richard Anderson/Christy Wheeler .................. R
Becky Bieber ........................................ R
Jim Carriere ......................................... R
Adam Cwicka ......................................... N
Matt Dorcy ........................................... N
Tony Fichter ......................................... N
Chris Hamness ...................................... N
Lee / Jody Heaton .................................. R
Roger Hoffman ....................................... R
Marly Howes ........................................ N
Cody Lindland ....................................... N
Justin /Donna Loewe ................................. R
Jarod Magnusson .................................... R
Kevin / Nicky McCourt ............................... R
Tom Morrissey ....................................... R
Richard Mosher ..................................... N
Marlin Nelson ....................................... N
Jeff Newton ......................................... N
Shannon / Denise Osby .............................. R
Janelle Rogers ....................................... N
Tim Sandland ....................................... R
Mike Solsten ........................................ R
Travis Sproul ........................................ R
Matt Stotts ........................................... R

BUFFALO RIDGE
Grant / Melinda Bose ................................. N
Bob / Diane Buyse ...................................... R
Jody / Shelly Onken ................................ R
Kevin Vortherms .................................... R

CENTRAL
Dan / Kelli Bjelland ................................. R
David Boese .......................................... R
John / Kimberly Chance ............................. R
Jackie Clark ........................................... R
Kenny / Penny Fischer ............................... R
Todd / Rachel Karolus ............................... R
Joey Lang ............................................. N
Timothy Radke ...................................... R
Dan Rehovsky/Janine Schlegel ................ N
Bryan Smith .......................................... N
Jonathan Stromwall ................................. N
Brian / Billie Jo Sundsvold ....................... N
Bud Wiser /Julie Hoffarth ......................... N

EAST CENTRAL
Roger / Linda Ball ................................. N
Jeff / Tina Halvorson ............................... R
Steve / Kathy Jensen ............................... R
Michael Morgan/Lori Bostic ..................... R
Karen Semmler ...................................... R
Joseph Sundberg .................................... N
Renée Voltin ........................................ N
John Ward ........................................... R
Guy Whitesell ....................................... R
Wes Zastoupil / Tara Becker .................... N

FLATLANDERS
Brent Adams ......................................... R
Tanya Anderson ..................................... R
Fernando / Brenda Gonzales ..................... R
Jonathan Jansen .................................... N
Jonathan Jansen ................................. R
Zach Romer / Carl Pederson .................... R
Bob / Sue Summer ................................ N
Jay / Sue Waalkens ................................ R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS
Steve / Chastity Arnold ............................. N
Rod Breitenfeldt .................................. R
Steven / Mary Sampson ......................... R
Bill “Chaos” T / Sonja Thatcher ............... R
Ray / Wendy Watts ................................ R

GLACIAL RIDGE
David John / Sandra Fahje ....................... R
John Swanson ....................................... R

HEART OF THE LAKES
Michael Bonaima ................................ N
Howard / Beverly Elijah .......................... R
Ed Griffin / Lorrie Turchin ....................... R

JACK PINE RIDERS
Bill / Rochelle Gruhlke ............................. R
George / Julie Woodhull ......................... R

LAKE
Damian Amberg ..................................... N
Mark / Michelle Backlund ....................... R
Mike / Mary Berger ............................... R
Dan / Carol Bitzer ................................ R
Cyndi Buttweiler ................................ R
Jim Floring .......................................... R
Don Fox ............................................. R
Mike / Pam Mensinger ......................... R
Jeff / Theresa Nelson ............................. R
Richard Oglesby .................................. R
Rick / Joy Thedens ................................ N
Lee / Kriszy Zarnke ............................... R

METRO
Kenneth Carlson ..................................... R
Matt Collins / Laurie Johnson .................. R
Thomas Costanzo ................................ R
Lauren Graves ...................................... R
Jeffrey / Sherri Henneman ...................... R
Tyler Holcombe / Margaret Jerde ........... N
Bryan Roen .......................................... N
Cheryl Schwartz .................................. R

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
Joel Hempel ......................................... R
Mike / Jack Mitchell ............................... R
Randy / Nancy Taylor ............................ R

NORTHEAST
Stacey Gibson ...................................... N
Dean / Susan Holm ................................. R
Christine Iverson ................................. R
Mark / Brigid LaPlante ......................... R

NORTH STAR
Madison Estey ...................................... N

NORTHWEST
Wayne (Rat) Sirjord ............................... R
Steve Tischman ..................................... R
Don / Tracy Winand .............................. R

RIVER RIDERS
Don Skulan / Sandy Putnam ................... R

RIVER VALLEY
Dale / Nikki Asleson ............................. N
David Asleson ..................................... N

Walter Baker IV ..................................... N
Jeremy Blackwell ................................ N
Valerie Goodrich ................................ N
James Matthews / Tanya Hanson .......... N
James “Jazz” Matthys / Susan Joramo .... R
DeLayne / Julie Nelson ......................... R
Michael Reich ..................................... R
Robert / Juliari Reck .................. R
Paul Riewe ......................................... R
David Rohlfing .................................. R
Dave Schroeder ..................................... N
Dave “Heimy” Solheim ......................... R
Scott Tischer ...................................... N
Darren Trickle ..................................... N
Andrew / Janet Walechka ..................... R

ROLLING PRAIRIE
Drew / Tabby Bock ................................. N
Andrew Howk / Nikina Smith-Howk ....... R
Dan Jose ............................................. R
Don / Dawn Zollars .............................. R

SAND DUNES
Karen Dahlquist ................................... R
William Forrest .................................... N
Dean Lewandowski ............................... R
Lori Sifers .......................................... N

SOUTHEAST LC
Nicholas Gleason / Kelsey Morris ............. R
Chris / Karolyn Kindschy ....................... R
Gary / Barb Kyllo ................................ R
Jeff Moucha ........................................ R
Rick Newell / Elizabeth McHan ............. N
Ken / Carla Wilde ................................ R

SOUTHWEST
Wayne / Ruth Bents ......................... R
Michael Harberts ................................ R
David Mackie ....................................... N

STRAIGHT RIVER
Patrick Schroeder ................................. N
Jason / Jodi Schroeder ......................... N
John Underwood ................................ R

TRI-COUNTY
Dave / Pam Carr ................................. R
Char Darling ........................................ R
Mike Kahler / Lori Edberg ..................... N
Jerome Landowsky ............................... R
Tom Pendroy ....................................... R
Alan / Joyce Steinhoff ......................... R

UP NORTH
Mike Damyanovich / Denise Velser ......... R
Jerry / Diana Gibson ............................. R
Richard / Wanda Karpik ....................... R
Bob / Donna Maxie ............................... R
Stan Nordahl Angie Morberg ................ R
Joe Savage ......................................... R

WAY WEST
Lonny Heller / Marie Wilson .................... R
Dave Milvert ....................................... R
Jerry Treculer ..................................... R
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
2020 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2020 State Rally, to be held September 4th-September 7th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

**Diamond Sponsorship**

The Diamond sponsorship is just $3,000

It includes:

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

**Gold Sponsorship**

The Gold Level Sponsorship is $1,000

It includes:

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

**Silver Sponsorship**

The Silver Sponsorship is $500

It includes:

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

**Chrome Sponsorship**

The Chrome Sponsorship is $250

It includes:

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

**Copper Sponsorship**

The Copper Sponsorship is $100

It includes:

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

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

Partnering with us will make the 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!
A.B.A.T.E. OF Minnesota 2020 State Rally Sponsorship

Sponsor Information

Business Name:

______________________________________________________________

Business Address:

______________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip:

______________________________________________________________

Business Telephone:

______________________________________________________________

Business Contact Name:

______________________________________________________________

Sponsorship Level:

💎 DIAMOND    💛 GOLD    💍 SILVER

💎 CHROME    💛 COPPER

Check Number:

______________________________________________________________

Program Ad/Business Card:

Enclosed    Business will mail/email

Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your ad/business card

Recruiting Member

Name:

______________________________________________________________

Chapter:

______________________________________________________________

Telephone:

______________________________________________________________

Date:

______________________________________________________________

Promotional Tickets

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

Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

Contact Name: _____________________________________________

* Identification will be required

Quantity given: _____________________________________________

Ticket #’s: _____________________________________________

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

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

Date: ____________________________

Business Name: ____________________________

Sponsorship Level: ____________________________

Recruiting Member Signature: ____________________________

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Inc. thanks you for your support!

If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund
(763) 263-1532 or email statetreasurer@abatemn.org
Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2020
If you don’t receive your tickets by July 31st, 2020 contact Michelle Backlund

Visit our website at: www.abatemn.org

Contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.
2020 State Rally Sponsorships

**DIAMOND**

- South Central Chapter

**GOLD**

- CJ Industries
- Lake Chapter
- Metro Chapter

**SILVER**

- Bitzer Garage Door
- Buffalo Ridge Chapter
- Heart of the Lakes Chapter
- Way West Chapter

**CHROME**

- Sons of Silence

www.abatemn.org
Sam Arne is 19. He has been a Lake Chapter member since the age of 18. He has logged tens of thousands of miles on the back of his dad's bike since he was seven and been riding his own motorcycle since he was 16.

He's been to the Dakotas, Iowa, and Wisconsin on his bike.

Sam is a full-time student at SCSU. He is an accomplished blacksmith, welder, and inventor. At the age of 14 he built a steam powered lawn mower for the Gearhead get-together.

He plans to continue his education and has his sights set on becoming a aerospace engineer.

Sam was Born to Ride!
Summer Thunder Run
Membership Drive

Saturday, July 25th, 2020

Kickstands Up at 11:00am
for an approximate 125 mile cruise!

Box Lunch Included
Start and End of ride to be in the parking lot
of the St. Francis American Legion

MUST BE AN A.B.A.T.E. MEMBER TO RIDE!

COVID-19
PRECAUTIONS A MUST!

$50 PRIZE FOR THE BEST MASK

Wrist Bands $10.00 per A.B.A.T.E. member or
New Members Ride FREE with paid membership.

$20 for a single membership/$30 for a couple

Get out of the house and ride!

Bring a Friend!

Wrist Bands On Sale Now
5/20 FOR SALE:  
2001 Road King HD  
It is in great shape. New rear tire, the motor has new cam lifters and oil pump. Starter and primary were checked out good last fall. The bike is my personal ride. It has been a good bike for me. The bike has 118,000 miles. Dick York 320-434-0424

5/20 FOR SALE:  
2009 Kawasaki 900 Vulcan, Candy Plasma Blue Classic Cruiser, $4,900 or BO. 8,547 miles, single owner. Safety light bar, engine guard, saddlebag, bag support, sissy bar, luggage rack, handle grips, gauges. 218-999-7615 or text 218-256-1800

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

6/20 FOR SALE:  
1993 883 Sportster 33k miles. 763-360-6437

6/20 FOR SALE:  
1996 Softail Heritage 30k miles. 763-360-6437

6/20 FOR SALE:  
2003 Anniversary, Ultra Classic 11k miles. 763-360-6437

5/20 FOR SALE:  
2001 For Sale

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

7/20 FOR SALE:  
2004 Harley Davidson Electra Glide, $5,800, 57,800 miles, fuel injected, well maintained. Looking for a trike or classic car or pickup. 507-360-8798.

7/20 FOR SALE:  
2005 Keys Tailgater Toy Hauler, sleeps 4 with Kitchen and Bath and holds 2 bikes. Excellent condition. $8,000. 320-693-3070.

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

7/20 FOR SALE:  
2015 Harley Davidson Freewheeler $18,500 Loaded with extras and upgrades 6,800 miles 612-810-5896

THE CLASSIFIED SECTION is open to all members of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. The ads are free of charge and run for a three month period.

*Photos are acceptable as room permits.*

*No business ads will be accepted.*

Send Your Classified Ads to: roadnoise@abatemn.org or mail to: Road Noise 16550 226th Ave. NW Elk River, MN 55330
Passport Mystery Run

July 25, 2020
Buckshot’s in Butterfield, MN
Registration 11-12
Kickstands up at 12 Noon
$10.00 per person
All stops are in the passport book on sale for
$10.00 each. Money goes to
Rolling Prairie and ABATE of MN.

Donations to ABATE of MN are not tax deductible.
Airport Marine and Storage

Airport Marine and Storage has been run by Smoker for 19 years and is located at 8436 County Road 11, Breezy Point, Minnesota. Airport Marine and Storage offers boat and household storage as well as marine repair and pontoon restoration services. In 2019 Smoker purchased the business from his family who owned it since 1978. We are happy to offer a 10% discount on storage for A.B.A.T.E. members.

Bike Of The Month

2000 Harley Davidson XL 1200

Welcome one of our newest members to the SAND DUNES Chapter he is also a SGT@ Arms in the chapter. Jacob has been riding for 6 years now. He started out on a CBR when he was 17 years. He totaled it when he was 19. After his crash he got on a Harley Davidson and he was hooked. He said it’s a different world than riding a rocket bike. Right now Jacob rides a 2000 Harley Davidson XL 1200. He also owns and rides a 2012 Kawasaki Ninja zx6r and a 2003 Yamaha r6. Welcome brother looking forward to more rides to come.

— Chuckles, SGT@Arms
Sand Dunes Chapter

Jacob Ashton — Sand Dunes Chapter
51 years of riding and 30 years representing bikers who are hurt or in trouble in Minnesota.

CALL
1-800-770-7008
St. Cloud (320) 259-5414
“Ask your friends about us.”

If you have any legal problem and you wonder what to do

CALL US
and we will find someone to Help!

www.minnesotapersonalinjury.com

Offices in St. Cloud and the Twin Cities

“Justice For the Injured”
Check your expiration date. Please use the form below to re-new your membership with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, so that you may continue to receive the Road Noise and be informed!

### MINNESOTA GOVERNOR

**Governor Tim Walz**  
130 State Capitol 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155  
(800) 627-3717

### U.S. SENATORS

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