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

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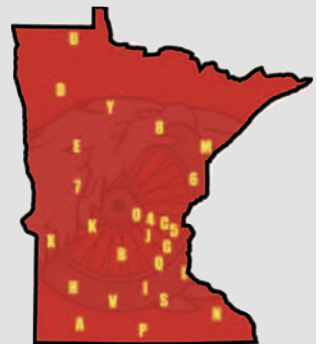
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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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### ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work in 2019. It was a challenging year for a lot of us. Now it's time to get ready for an exciting 2020...

January - Time to think about elections.

Officer nominations begin.

March - Elections!

April - New officers, A.B.A.T.E. University  
& Heartland STEAM

May - Biker's in the Beltway

July - Fourth of July Celebrations (Algona)

August - Sturgis

September - A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally  
& Meeting of the Minds

All year - Chapter meetings and fundraisers

How many miles will you travel this summer?

What events will you attend?

Now is the time to decide what you will do to help us be successful this year. Everyone's help and energy is needed to grow and encourage others to join us in our ongoing fight for motorcycle rights.

Together we are strong!

— Jane



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Jim's to do list for 2020 for A.B.A.T.E. members:

Well, its January, are you bored yet? We have a board meeting coming up, give it a try, you might like it.

Elections are coming up, thinking about running for office? Have someone nominate you or nominate yourself, you can do that.

Did everyone ask just one person to be a member? We could use all the members we can get.

Sold any A.B.A.T.E. U. Raffle tickets yet? Or bought one yourself? Do it early and raise some money for your chapter.

Ask the boss for February 27<sup>th</sup> off for Bikerday at the Capitol? I will guarantee it will not be -30, and if it is, I will show up in shorts to show you its

not that bad out.

Make your reservations for A.B.A.T.E. U yet? It will be here before you know it and I would love to see the Holiday Inn in Alex filled to the hilt with A.B.A.T.E. members.

And last but not least, make it to some fundraisers, there's a lot going on throughout the long winter. May as well get out and enjoy it! Sometimes its hard to get motivated, yes it happens to me sometimes too but once I get going, look out!

I hope everyone has a great start to the New Year! I know Kristie & I are hoping for a better this year than last year. As for now her condition is stable, we just need to keep an eye on her for any change. No change is a good thing. We know she won't get back what she's lost, but I've stepped it up a notch and talk for her now if she gets stuck on her words. I know its hard to believe, but I'm doing the best I can, I'm kind of shy that way 😊 Happy New Year!!

Till next time,

— Jim



## MRF REPORT

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From the DC office,

This week, the MRF D.C. team, hit something of a milestone. We completed our 227<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting this year with House of Representative offices on H. Res 255, the motorcyclist profiling resolution.

There are 435 Members of the House of Representatives, meaning that we have now physically been in the office of over half of the House offices on Capitol Hill (technically we are at 52%). What have we learned during those 200 plus meetings?

First, there is no substitute for an in-person meeting. Sitting across the table from staff talking about motorcycles is just more powerful than sending an email or making a phone call.

Second, to paraphrase Forrest Gump, "You never know what you are going to get." We have walked into meetings confident we will find an ally only to be disappointed. Conversely, we've started a meeting thinking we had no chance for success only to be pleasantly surprised. That's why it's important to show

up and ask because you really never know!

Third, our members make an impression. We can't tell you how many times we've mentioned our relationship with the SMRO's and the Congressional staffer says, "Oh yeah, I remember them. They were here in May." Your work during Bikers Inside the Beltway and at local events back home matters! The staff remembers how passionate and committed you are, and it helps lay a solid foundation for the D.C. team. We will continue to pound the Halls of Congress, but we made sure to ask Santa for more business cards and comfortable shoes so we can maintain the fight in 2020.

We are currently at 120 cosponsors from 42 states and one territory for H. Res 255, the motorcyclist profiling resolution. An additional two new cosponsors from two new states (Connecticut & Kansas) have joined since our last update.

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

— Gary Goracke



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Our last meeting was November 21st. We discussed the rider trainer classes that were given in 2019 and talked about the classes for next year. Course fees will remain the same for next year, but will increase in 2021.

The college at Grand Rapids will not have rider training classes in 2020. Bison Thunder will run classes partnering with Anoka and St. Paul

College. Moon Motorsports will run classes partnering with St Cloud Tech College.

Every few years, or so, the task force has a discussion on a universal helmet law. Most members felt that helmet usage should be left to the choice of the rider and shouldn't be forced on us by passage of a law. After we battered this topic around the room for about a half hour, we took a vote. Only one member voted to support a universal helmet, if one came along.

Our next meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup> at St Paul College at 5:00 pm. Visitors are welcome to attend.

— Travel safe, Monte





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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. 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. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will provide transportation from around the state, but only if you register. Please do all you can to register for Bikerday on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota web site and attend. We need you there and you need you there. While we welcome all Bikerday attendees, the folks who "just show up" and expect the same treatment as those who took the time to register, will not be happy. We are all adults: Make a commitment to protect your motorcycling rights and common-sense motorcycling safety. Be at Bikerday.

If you plan to attend, register at [abatemn.org](http://abatemn.org)  
If you register and cannot attend, call me @  
763-226-9195.

While A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will continue to fight against legislative bills that would restrict our motorcycling freedom, this month I want to focus on a bill that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota introduced last year and is quickly picking up support. SF1565/HF1871 would raise the fee motorcyclists pay when they first receive a motorcycle endorsement from \$18.50 to \$26.50. And would raise subsequent renewals (every four years) of the endorsement from \$13 to \$17. This bill will also benefit motorist awareness of motorcyclist programs and available motorcycle rider training. While these bills were not heard in committee last year, they have support from

high-ranking legislators in both the House and Senate. It is important to remember that motorcycle safety training would not exist in Minnesota if not for the actions of Minnesota motorcyclists. Decades ago, with motorcycling fatalities sky high, motorcyclists asked the Minnesota legislature to create a fund, funded by only motorcyclists, to better train bikers. The results were a great reduction in motorcycle crashes and fatalities. Due to a reduction in the number of new riders and the aging of the motorcycling demographic, training class enrolment in Minnesota is declining. Some training facilities find that rider training classes are not able to operate at a cost-effective level. The result of this could be closing or consolidating some rider training locations, therefore adding additional travel distance for many students.

In an attempt to reduce the risk of a diminished rider training product, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has proposed small fee increases in motorcycle permit applications and license renewals. The permit fee will rise a few dollars and the license renewal fee (every four years) to keep your motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license will rise from \$13 per renewal to \$17 per renewal, a one dollar per year increase. While a dollar does not sound like much, multiplied by the 420,000 or so people who have this endorsement will mean that motorcycle training will continue to be a local option. It will also increase motorist awareness of motorcyclist programs and available motorcycle rider training.

Be at Bikerday

— Yours in freedom, Mack

# HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

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Save the Date! April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>  
VOTE - Your Freedom Depends on it!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and is staying warm!

We will be having a dinner banquet with a guest speaker Saturday night. Dinner tickets are \$32 each and there are 3 different meal options. Tickets will be for sale on the website. A couple of classes we will be offering are a Road Guard class and a Facebook Do's and Don'ts class.

— Stephanie



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Here we are at the start of the new year. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish you all a joyous new year.

Don't forget those Buddy Bear forms that were handed out at the October B.O.D. I would like to have those back at January B.O.D. in North Branch.

Hope everyone stays warm and dreams of those wonderful riding days for the summer coming up.

Don't forget if you have Buddy Bears, we need that inventory reported. Thank you.

— Sharon Polman (AKA) Ma Bear

## GAMBLING REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

January 17<sup>th</sup>, North Branch AmericInn, 6:00 pm  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, Frank Ernst's home, 6:00 pm  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, TBD, 6:00 pm

Thank you,

— Katie Gilloffo, Gambling Secretary



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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I hope everyone had a Joyous and Blessed Christmas season!

Did any of you receive a NEW bike from Santa?

Did anyone give an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota membership for a gift?

Memberships went down; last I saw, we are at 3,159, that is down 21 from last month! So, I hope the new trifolds I handed out at the October B.O.D. are being put to use and not sitting in the Chapter Reps bag! I have lots of tear offs available yet and a limited supply of trifolds.

Still dealing with my back issues and losing track of time. By the time you read this I should be healing from my next procedure, by the January B.O.D. I should know if I get relief! Fingers crossed!

Remember to keep those trifold and tear offs handy, and please attend other Chapter Benefits! We all could use some help!

Keep on Keeping On!

— Shelly Deutsch



## EDUCATION

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It's winter, so most of us have put the bike away for a while. This is the time of the year to get out to present Share the Road classes. The message we deliver is awareness. That message will be fresh in the minds of students when spring comes and we start riding again. If you are aware of something you will look for it, so let's make everyone aware of motorcycles. You can make a difference, become a teacher, make our rides safer, teach awareness. Together we can make our rides safe.

Hope all were good in the eyes of Santa and you got all the new chrome you wanted. Happy New Year and safe riding in 2020.

— Ride Safe Ride Free, Paul



# Mack Backlund, Gary Goracke receive MRF awards!

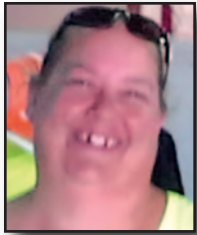


Mack Backlund received the Life Member  
Outstanding Achievement Award.



Gary Goracke received the MRF  
State Rep of the Year Award.





## PRODUCTS REPORT

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I have been busy getting the catalog organized with all the products that are currently available for purchase. My goal is to hand those out at A.B.A.T.E. U.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or complaints please send me an email or call me so we can figure out how we can make it better.

Hope to see you at the B.O.D. in North Branch.

— Kari



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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Here is to 2020, let's hope it is a safer year than 2019 was on Minnesota roads for all motorcyclists. May we travel safely to and from where we want to go. We need to remember to use the principals of Dial a Ride--interventions first. Find them a ride, and if you can't, then make the call for a pick up. Truthfully it is never too early in the season to give interventions to our friends. I personally have room in my car for someone to ride rather than see them drive when they shouldn't.

Also, John wanted me to let everyone know that he has decided to hand out bar materials to those chapters that would like them after the January B.O.D. meeting, so be prepared Chapter Reps.

Until next month,

— Your Dial A Ride Lady, Jodi



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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**Next Meeting(s):**  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm



## STATE TREASURER

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Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a fun holiday and are ready to attend all the great fundraisers coming up. There are a lot to choose from, so get to the ones you can and enjoy! And sign up a new member while you are at it!

— Mitch

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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**Next Meeting(s):**  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:45 pm  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, phone meeting, 12:00 pm

Happy New Year!

And the New Year comes with elections for State and Chapter Officers, Bikerday, and many Chapter fundraisers. Keep track of all these with our events calendar.

Keep sending in Member, Business and Bikes of the Month articles.

— Thanks, Your Road Noise Committee



## STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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Happy New Year!

I would like to remind everyone that February 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### *Joe (JJ) Jones & Lori (Spunky) Jones*



#### Metro Chapter

JJ has been President, Vice President, Master Sergeant of Arms, Products and organized the fundraiser events. Lori has been Sergeant of Arms for three years.

They both have helped organize and run the State Rally Bike Show and Tattoo contest. They recently got married in June of 2019.

They are a great couple that support and volunteer their time to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

## BIKE OF THE MONTH

### *2016 Heritage Softail Touring 103*

Only changes  
made were  
the exhaust...  
she used to purr  
'n she  
growls now!



Tammy Bailey, North Star Chapter



## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Welcome to 2020. It brings with it a chance to do more in the way of supporting YOUR chapter, your neighboring chapter, and above all else, OUR organization. Now please have your chapter representative bring to the January B.O.D a suggestion for a band to play at our State Rally or submit one to me via whatever social media you use. But do so by January 17<sup>th</sup>.



Have you put in to be available for Bikerday on February 27<sup>th</sup> yet? I hope so, because this is what we do and we need your help spreading the message to our elected officials in our capitol city. Transportation is available for our comfort and convenience which allows us to share our camaraderie

— Dale



**River Riders Chapter Officers**





**Metro Chapter Alexander House donations.**

## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

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

February 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 19<sup>th</sup>, Breakfast Buffet, Route 47 Pub & Grub

February 8<sup>th</sup>, Metro Chapter Winter Bash, Route 47 Pub & Grub

February 10<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Tonight I drove home from our chapter meeting, steering my truck with only my thumb on the steering wheel. I did this because the steering wheel was too damn cold to grip. Who ordered this below zero stuff anyway? Ahhhhhh the days of summer. I miss summer. But over the next few months there are going to be a lot of things happening that will let us hang out with our fellow two wheeled brothers and sisters. Just take a quick peek up above and you can get a glimpse of what is going on with Metro Chapter.

February 8<sup>th</sup>, save the date!! Metro Chapter is having their annual Winter Bash at Route 47 Pub & Grub in Fridley. This is a great time! We've got food, beer and some kick ass southern rock to finish up the night. You can contact me via text (763) 614-7277 or President Nick for pre-sale tickets!

The most important day for motorcycle rights in Minnesota is right around the corner. Bikerday at the Capitol is February 27<sup>th</sup>.

This is the day, the one day, that we can show Minnesota lawmakers what we care about and will fight for our rights to not only keep our hobby, but our lifestyle just the way it is. It's about freedom. Please encourage all of your two wheeled friends to come down! Numbers are important. If we don't show up for this my fear is that these politicians will destroy our lifestyle. Once the government takes something away, it is insanely hard to get those rights back. Show your support at the Capital February 27<sup>th</sup>. This is my.....well I'm not sure how many Bikerday's I've been to now. If you're nervous, don't know the routine, reach out! I would gladly show you around the Capitol. You can come and hang with me and Senator Hoffman among many.

I hope you all have a Happy New Year! Let's make 2020 a great one!

— Dirt



**Metro Chapter Alexander House delivery of donations 2019.**



**Metro Chapter ringing the Kettle for the Salvation Army.**



## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

January 5<sup>th</sup>, Legion, St.

Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Heart On Fundraiser, Legion,

St. Francis, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol



Hello All,

Happy New Year. Best wishes to everyone and good health for the coming year.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. Bikerday at the State Capitol is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make time available with your employer to attend. Our rights as motorcyclist are not a given by any means. Freedom of the road is NOT FREE! We, as an organization, must pay a visit to our Rep's & Senator's to talk about issues in the coming session related to motorcyclists. We need to hear their stance on the issues for the coming

session. Please register on line before Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. This helps with the flow of checking in for your appointments. You will make Todd Riba very happy, "YOU WILL GO AHEAD AND MAKE HIS DAY!" This has always been an issue; I call it gridlock in the basement of the State Capitol!

East Central's Heart On Fundraiser is fast approaching. Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm-6:00 pm. Help is needed at this event for the games, the silent auction and the bake sale. Please make every effort to attend and support our chapter.

Speaking of support; our host, the St. Francis Legion, has been a great host for meetings and events. Please make an effort to support them any chance you can and tell them you're with A.B.A.T.E.! Also make every effort to support other chapter functions.

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling

— ECVP Jim



Tim Jensen, Jim LaSpisa and Michelle Schannell, membership table at the Nordeast Swap Meet.







Northeast Chapter white elephant giveaway.

## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

January 8<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

February 5<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

March 4<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello all,

We had our annual white elephant giveaway at our December meeting. Tradition is to bring a gag gift with a random drawing for the gifts to be held after the meeting. We had a good turn out and presents for everyone including Chalet staff. Lots of fun and laughs, great way to spend an evening with friends.

We, as a chapter, have been following a local hit and run case which resulted in the death of a rider. The person charged in the crime has an extensive criminal record and was under the influence of drugs at the time. Sentencing took place on December 5<sup>th</sup> with Chapter Rep Kent Verner attending. The sentence was not as long as we hoped for, 78 months in exchange for a guilty plea. The same individual is facing charges and failure to appear in court in Illinois so hopefully this is just the first go around for him. Kent has been following the case in person from start-to-finish and was interviewed by a local news crew after the sentencing hearing. He did a great job and put the name of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota out to a lot of new people. If you

want to read about the case and see the news story and Kent's interview check out the link on our chapter Facebook page.



Happy Holidays to everyone.

— Thanks, Ed





## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

January 19<sup>th</sup>, Outback Saloon and Grill,  
Stanchfield, 2:00 pm  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bear's Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, Banning Junction, Finlayson, 2:00 pm  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, Ryders, Henriette, 2:00 pm  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, Docs on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, Rich's Bar, Sandstone, 2:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the January and February meetings. Elections will be held at the March meeting. We also have begun planning our 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 1st prize, Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard + \$300 Gas Card. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 2020 Indian Scout + \$200 Gas Card. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, \$10,000. And 4<sup>th</sup> prize is \$5,000. For tickets or more information call Bill at (651) 587-7625. Make your New Year's resolution to win a new motorcycle (or cash) by purchasing an A.B.A.T.E. U raffle ticket.

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

— Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

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## UP NORTH

### Next Meeting(s):

January 12<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Gilbert, 4:00 pm  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, Eagles, Grand Rapids, 4:00 pm  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, Snowmobile Club, Calumet, 4:00 pm  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Deer River, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Winter Fever Reliever, Eagles,  
Grand Rapids  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol, St. Paul

Hello everyone,

Welcome 2020! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. A lot of great things happened in 2019. We made it down to the State Capitol on the coldest day of the year. We had a successful Winter Fever Reliever. We have a new State Coordinator. We had a great time at A.B.A.T.E. U. We had success at Bikers inside the Beltway. We had a great turn out for our membership ride. We had a successful weekend at the brat stand. We had an awesome time at the State Rally. We helped get the hands-free bill passed. We learned lots at Meeting of the Minds and the many other chapter events we attended throughout the year.

Now on to 2020. What does that mean for us as a chapter? I have asked this a lot over the last two months. What can we do to make 2020 even better? How can we get our members to attend meetings? How can we encourage our members to be on a committee for the Winter Fever Reliever or other events? How can we promote A.B.A.T.E. in the community? I have asked these same questions to

some of the "old timers" that have been in the organization for a lot longer than I have and they tell me to be patient, have faith, and you are doing the best that you can. So, with that, I challenge our chapter members to take that next step. Make an effort to attend a chapter meeting and let's make 2020 an amazing year.

The Winter Fever Reliever is coming next month. The committee is hard at work getting things ready. The band is in place and the silent and live auction items are coming in. If you haven't reserved your hotel room yet, remember the deadline on the block of rooms at the AmericInn, Super 8, Timberlake, Hotel Rapids, and Country Inn and Suites ends on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Have you thought about being an officer for the chapter? Nominations begin at the January meeting and are taken again at the February meeting, with voting in March. It's always nice to see some different ideas come about with new officers in place.

Don't forget to ask your employer for February 27<sup>th</sup> off of work. Bikerday is the most important day as a motorcyclist. Being able to meet personally with our elected officials and discuss motorcycle related issues is huge. I encourage you to get online and register for Bikerday at [abatemn.org](http://abatemn.org). That way we will be guaranteed a meeting with them.

Again, let's make 2020 a great year for the Up North Chapter. Riding season is just a few months away. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

— Farmer Jay, Pres.



## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Howdy Folks,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

January brings on State and Chapter officer nominations! There's a lot of good talent out there. It is always good to see new faces and new ideas. Maybe this is the time to bring YOUR ideas to the table.

Next we have many great fundraisers going on, take time to support the surrounding chapters.

Winter sees bikes in the back of the garage but don't think motorcycle rights and freedoms are in the back of the garage. They are still front and center. Bikerday is the time to see that the ones in office see it the way we do. Take time to make the trip to the Capitol and visit with YOUR Legislators.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

## **HEART OF THE LAKES**



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

January 10<sup>th</sup>, Silvermoon, Perham, 7:00 pm  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, Sandbar II, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm

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

January 18<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Americinn, North Branch  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, Pool and Dart Fundraiser, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes

Happy New Years from all of us here at Heart of the Lakes Chapter!



## **BORDERLAND**

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

January 14<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, VFW, Roseau, 5:30 pm

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

January 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D., North Branch Americinn, 9:00 am  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, VFW, Roseau, Borderland Chapter Ground Hogs Party, 6:30 pm  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Happy New Year Borderland!

The days are getting longer and the winter is getting shorter! At our last meeting we renewed our annual sustaining MRF membership, voted to buy Buddy Bears, and planned the Ground Hogs Party. We hope to see you there! Good food, fellowship, and fun games to raise \$\$\$ for Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota.

If you are going to Bikerday at the Capitol, make sure you register early and please bring your sold A.B.A.T.E. U. tickets to our January 14<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. Have a great new year!

— Twistin' da wick, Tim





EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

January 25<sup>th</sup>, Knights Pub,

Osakis 6:00 PM

February 29<sup>th</sup>, Mercantile,

Leaf Valley, 6:00 PM

March 28<sup>th</sup>, Knights Pub,

Osakis 6:00 PM

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

Alexandria, 6:00 PM

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Biker day at the Capitol

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

Happy New Year! First thing on the agenda this year is Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol. This will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Years back we filled the whole bus, and it would be nice to do so again. This is a big deal and the most important event that A.B.A.T.E. puts on, so I hope to see you all there.

Nominations for chapter officers start at our January meeting. 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.

Last thing on this month's agenda is our bike show committee. If you have any great input on bringing something new to this year's show or ideas on how to improve (that means having a solution to a problem), please contact one of the chairpersons: Patty, Derek, Bob J. We will be having a T-shirt Launch party again this year, dates will be posted soon.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G

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## NORTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

January 5<sup>th</sup>, Mentor Muni, Mentor, 2:00 pm

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cozy Bar, Brooks, 2:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 8<sup>th</sup>, Winter Social, Spot Bar, Red Lake Falls,  
6:00 PM

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol



Eagles Healing Nest



Winter's officially here.

February 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our Winter Social at the Spot Bar. 6:00 pm social hour, with at Taco bar, band at 9:00 pm.

— Stay warm, Greg





## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Greeting Southeast District,

Only two things this month. Remember, Bikerday is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Get registered if you're considering or planning to attend. If you know of a local or regional band you would like to hear at our State Rally, please let me know by the January B.O.D. so I can submit the names to the Rally Committee.

— Virgil

## **RIVER VALLEY**

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

January 12<sup>th</sup>, Eagles

Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

February 9<sup>th</sup>, Eagles

Club, Mankato,

12:00 pm

March 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club,

Mankato, 12:00 pm

April 12<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club,

Mankato, 12:00 pm



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

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Happy New Year everyone! I'm sure everyone has their bikes put away for their winter sleep.

I read through the Road Noise each month as I'm sure many of you do as well. I also pay attention to the things that are not said. We have a fantastic organization. If we don't take time to recruit new members, our organization will fall. I would hate to see all of the hard work of those that have come before us go down the drain.

How many of you have taken the initiative to make sure your butt is on that bus for Bikerday at the Capitol on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>? Each Chapter should be willing to support this event with their Chapter funds. This is why we work so hard at our fundraisers, so that we can have funds to support and

defend our motorcyclist rights.

We have had 12 less deaths this year than last year. That is a great trend. I hope that some of those numbers come from all of the Share The Road program instructors in our state. If we even save one person's life, it's worth all of our time, energy, and funds. Last year we had 58 motorcyclists killed in 56 crashes. This year we had 44 killed in 43 crashes. I hope everyone read Monte's article last month. The statistics are eye opening for sure. I would like to say thank you to Monte Ohlrogge for all you do.

We have a lot of events coming up this winter and spring. I hope you can make it to at least one event. River Valley has their January Thaw fundraiser on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter has been working very hard on this event. We look forward to seeing you all there. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Have you made a reservation for a room at A.B.A.T.E. University? I know they always look forward to us visiting. We will be having Chapter nominations coming up. Have you thought about running for an office? If you are thinking about it feel free to ask questions from anyone in your Chapter. If you are interested in attending a meeting, they are always held the second Sunday of the month, always at noon at the Eagle's Club on Riverfront Drive in Mankato.

As always, together we ride free.

— Be safe, Nita

## TRI-COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

February 6<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska,  
7:00 pm

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska,  
7:00 pm

April 4<sup>th</sup>, Gerry and Paul's home (more  
details to follow).

\*Note date change to Saturday.

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State  
Capitol

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.

The Chapter still needs volunteers for the State  
Representative and Products person. Thank you,  
Ronnie Ernst, for covering the January B.O.D.

Intermediate Riders Training is scheduled for June  
13<sup>th</sup>, at the Eden Prairie Hennepin Technical College.  
Please let Jon know if you are interested in  
participating. He can be reached at (952) 649-0581.

Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for Thursday,



**Tri-County December Meeting Holiday Party at Cy's Bar and Grill.**

February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please register online and let them know  
if you plan to ride the bus as they do fill up fast.

A.B.A.T.E. U is April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, in  
Alexandria. This year's theme is about elections, voting,  
and lobbying. Get out and support your candidates! If  
you want to secure a room next to other Chapter  
members, please connect with Katie at  
(katiegilloffo@gmail.com).

Thank you, Jon, for the pizzas at the December  
Meeting!

Hope you had a nice holiday with friends and family!

— Leisa

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## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

January 12<sup>th</sup>, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

February 9<sup>th</sup>, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Happy New Year, Southeast LC!

Meeting attendance is improving every month, with  
new members wanting to know what the Chapter can  
do, and veteran members returning to see how the  
Chapter is changing. The monthly meetings start on  
time, stay on schedule, and stick to the business at  
hand. No drama, attitudes, or BS. Whether it is your  
first time or a first time in a long time, you're invited to  
our Southeast LC meetings.

We are planning a chapter fundraiser for February or

March. It will be a potluck and silent auction. Feel free  
to donate. The location has yet to be determined, since  
some establishments will not allow us to bring our  
own food. Share your ideas at the January meeting.

Bikerday at the Capitol is February 27<sup>th</sup>. This event  
allows us, the voters, face to face time with our elected  
officials. We will have A.B.A.T.E.'s legislative issues in  
hand. No memorization required. Our appointments  
will already be scheduled. Easy, just be on time. Meet  
with your Minnesota State Representative and Senator  
and talk about the A.B.A.T.E. issues. We know what's  
important to us. This is our chance to let them know  
what is important to us, in a polite and respectful  
manner of course. Make Mom proud. As a bonus, skip  
the hassle of driving to St. Paul. Take the bus. Enjoy a  
free ride on a luxury coach with other Southeast  
District Chapter members. Be at the Owatonna  
Walmart parking lot before 7:00 am. Register at the  
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org),  
by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Who knew it could be so easy to be a  
biker rights activist?



## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

December 14<sup>th</sup>,

Medford Muni,

Medford, 1:00 pm

January 11<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's

Brewhouse,

Owatonna, 1:00 pm

February 8<sup>th</sup>,

American Legion, Morristown, 1:00 pm

March 14<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

(Tentative)



### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hey Straight Jackets,

Well, here it is January and it already seems like it's been a long winter. I hope Santa was good to all biker boys and biker chicks! And my wish to you all is a safe and prosperous new year.

And now down to business. A.B.A.T.E. needs each and every one of us to eat, sleep, and breathe A.B.A.T.E. this year. Come to a meeting and pick up some tri-folds and hand them out. If you hand out 50 and we get 10 members that's doing pretty good. But if 30 members ALL did this, that's 300 new members. And out of that 300 we get 25 active

members, we're doing great, think about it.

Nominations for new officers are coming up in January and we have a core group that's wearing thin. We need YOU, YOU, YOU to step up. If this seems repetitive, it's because it is. I can't say this enough: "If you love your freedoms, no matter what they are, then you must get involved!" Otherwise, you risk living in a bubble and letting the rest of the world determine the outcome of your life. Is that what you really want? Don't sit back on your laurels and think "Well, somebody else will do it", there is nobody else but you!

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are now available and may be purchased at our meetings, and reservations are now open. Don't miss your chance to come be a part of A.B.A.T.E. U.

And remember:

*"Success is achieved and maintained by those who try and keep trying"*

William C. Stone, founder, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of SS&C Technologies (NASDAQ: SSNC), a provider of services and software for the financial services and healthcare industries.

— Ride Safe, Ride Free, Groucho, V.P.

**HERE'S TO A NEW YEAR  
FULL OF FAMILY, FRIENDS,  
AND PLENTY OF RIDING!**







## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**JON "TRASHY" SMITH**

**(612) 708-9328**

**SOUTHWESTDIR@ABATEMN.ORG**

Happy New Year everyone. The older I get, the faster the years go by. I wish I could turn back the hands of time a decade or two.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a good New Year. Did you make a resolution? Are you going to be able to keep it? How long?? LOL

Now on to A.B.A.T.E. Have you made plans to go to Bikerday? If not, Why not?! This is an election year and a big one. These politicians are on the verge of getting away with doing whatever they want. We have to let them know that we will stand up for our rights. We have some great issues to take to them and get passed. Top is our profiling one. We are getting closer on the federal level to getting it done. Let's do it on the state level. Numbers do count so let's all show up and let them know that we are not going away. I am sorry if you think I am beating a dead horse, but my rights and the rights of my fellow bikers matter. So, make that commitment and take the time to go to the capitol on February 27<sup>th</sup>. But 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Then show up and show them that you stand behind your words. For Way West, Buffalo Ridge, Glacial Ridge, South Central and Lake Chapter; 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, chapters commit to Bikerday, donate your time and chapter funds and make this the biggest and best Bikerday.

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

— Jon Trashy Smith



## **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

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

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 3:00 pm

Christmas party to follow

February 1<sup>st</sup>, La Fiesta Plaza, Madelia, Chili

meeting 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm regular meeting

### **Upcoming event(s):**

January 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., North Branch

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chili Feed

April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that Santa brought you what you wished for.

We are busy making plans for our 27<sup>th</sup> annual Chili feed in March. Make plans to attend and if you find yourself in need of advanced tickets please call and leave a message at (507) 830-0644 and you will have tickets waiting for you at the door.

I am anxiously waiting for warmer weather so I can start riding around and getting my dosage of Vitamin D the natural way.

Support our brothers and sisters in A.B.A.T.E. during the winter months by attending other chapter events.

— See you down the road, Giggles



## **SOUTH CENTRAL**

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

January 8<sup>th</sup>, Bonfire,  
Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, Sons of  
Silence Clubhouse,  
Cokato, 7:00 pm  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, Bonfire,  
Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, Eagles Club,  
Litchfield, 7:00 pm

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

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Happy New Year!! Hope everyone had a great Christmas! If there wasn't a new motorcycle for you under the tree, be happy anyway. It would be like giving a kid a bicycle that they can't ride until Spring. Pure Torture!!

A huge thank you to all who helped out and attended our Toy's for Kids fundraiser. Despite the crappy weather we had a good turn out and are sure to have put a lot of big smiles on the less fortunate kids in our area.

Bikerday at the Capitol is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please try to attend. Remember there is strength in numbers. This is a great opportunity to meet your representatives and remind them of our passion to keep Minnesota a safe motorcycle riding state while protecting and preserving our rights. It is very important that you register prior to February 17<sup>th</sup>. This can be done by going to [abatemn.org](http://abatemn.org). Registering will help get a count for how many buses are needed and ensure that you have the opportunity to meet your representatives while you are there.



**South Central 2019 Active Member Patch Recipients**

*Not Pictured: Marvella Miner, Dustin Suchy, Dennis "Wingnut" Burnette, Charlie Ardolf, Jennifer Sommerfeld, John Dietel, Myah Zwart)*

*"We do not have Government  
by the Majority . . . We have  
Government by the Majority  
Who Participate. "*

— Dougie Cohen, Vice President

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## **SOUTHWEST**

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

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm

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

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Our Christmas Party was a mingling of most of our regular worker bees, and a few more. If you were not there, we missed you. The more the merrier, you know! Wish we had pictures, but was so busy chatting with other members, that pics were not taken.

Have a fabulous New Year. Spend all of the time you can with loved ones, and laugh as much as possible. Laughter memories get us through the difficult days, that we all experience from time to time.

Pray for our brave military and their families.

— BAM



## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Good day people. Yesterday our chapter had our Santa day, all went quite well. We had a smaller turn out than the year before, but it's still nice to see the kids. It was great to see people from Central and South Central Chapters come to help us make a really great day of it.

I would like to plan a ride in the southwest part of Minnesota for mid-May. It would be an overnight ride with the entire ride being around 400 miles. Probably stay in a campground. If you're interested in this contact me at (320) 342- 3999.

Ok, on to current time. There is snow on the ground and the weather is calling for below zero temps. But keep up the hope people, spring will be here soon. I was going to say Merry Christmas all, but it's past and so is New Years. Wishing you all a very safe new year with many smiles and many miles. Keep your knees in the breeze.

— Hives



A big thanks to Glacial Ridge Chapter for yet another wonderful event with the kids getting photos with Santa. Thanks to Central Chapter and South Central Chapters for showing up to support our event it means a lot to us. To all the families in the Sedan Minnesota our thanks for attending we look forward to seeing you again next year.



## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting(s):

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, The Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, The Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., AmericInn, North Branch  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol  
April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope 2020 brings you all a healthy and blessed year. With a new year comes election time again in March. If you are interested in ANY chapter office, please get your name nominated and on the ballot. Nominations will begin at the January meeting. This chapter and organization belong to you...the members and it takes all members to make it successful.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Board of Directors meeting in North Branch at the end of this

month and eager to bring back the info to share with you.

February 27<sup>th</sup> is BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL. This is one of the most important things we can do. By signing up, we are securing a time to meet with our elected officials. Bus arrangements are currently being worked on to bring us there.

We had a good turnout for our December/Christmas potluck. It is always fun and the food delicious. At this time, I do not know exact numbers taken in for our Toys for Kids. But confident we have succeeded to bring many smiles to our area children. (See picture on page 25.)

As I write this, my trike is up on the lift getting its necessary work done to be ready for spring. CAN'T WAIT!! It is miserably frigid today and I long for riding weather again.

Again with the new year . . . I say a silent prayer for all of our fallen riders and to their family and friends. We're all in this together.



Way West Christmas Party.

## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

January 4<sup>th</sup>, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Hide Out Restaurant and Bar,

Big Lake, 3:00 pm

March 7<sup>th</sup>, Hollywood Road House, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 8<sup>th</sup>, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser,  
Rockford Township Hall

February 27<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

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

Thanks to Maddigan's in Maple Lake for the space for our December meeting. They are always great hosts and appreciate us coming to their establishment.

We made our Toys for Tots donation of \$1,200 on the KARE 11 news. Unfortunately, they don't allow people to talk about their organizations anymore. So, we got some face time, but that's all.

We had a group writing to expired members at the meeting and hope to get some of these people back into the chapter. We really need to get more members, so make sure to have a tri fold handy and sign up some new members.

Grounded Hog t-shirts, Lake Chapter calendars and Ken Kalway memorial patches are available. Make sure to get yours before they are gone.

The member of the year award will be presented at the



### Oh to be in Daytona, Florida!

next meeting. And we are looking for volunteers and auction items for the Grounded Hogs fundraiser.

Officer nominations will start at the January meeting and many at the front table are not going to accept nomination again. Please think about helping out the chapter and volunteer for a position.

Make plans now 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



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

## Tentative Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Saturday January 18, 2020, 9:00 AM • AmericInn, North Branch, MN

### CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to Order ..... Jane Doyle  
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome ..... Dale Peterson  
Invocation ..... Edgar Burke  
Roll Call ..... Michele Legried  
Agenda approval /changes ..... Jane Doyle  
Secretary Report- October, 2019 ..... 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 Minnesota ..... Jane Doyle and Frank Ernst

## Board Of Directors Meeting January 17th—18th



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Location: North Branch AmericInn

State Rally, Gambling, and Pre-  
Board meetings starting at 6:00 PM  
Jan. 17th

Board Of Directors Meeting Starts  
at 9:00 AM Jan.18th

Hospitality room Friday hosted  
by East Central Chapter



### OLD BUSINESS

2019 Meeting of the Minds Review  
Bikerday 2020 Discussion  
Sand Dunes Update  
Legislative Director Update

### NEW BUSINESS

Chapter Product Inventory Request  
from State Treasurer

2020 Proposed Budget  
(April 2020 through March 2021)

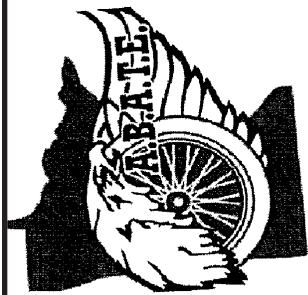
By-law Proposals

State Officer Nominations

### OFFICER REPORTS

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT



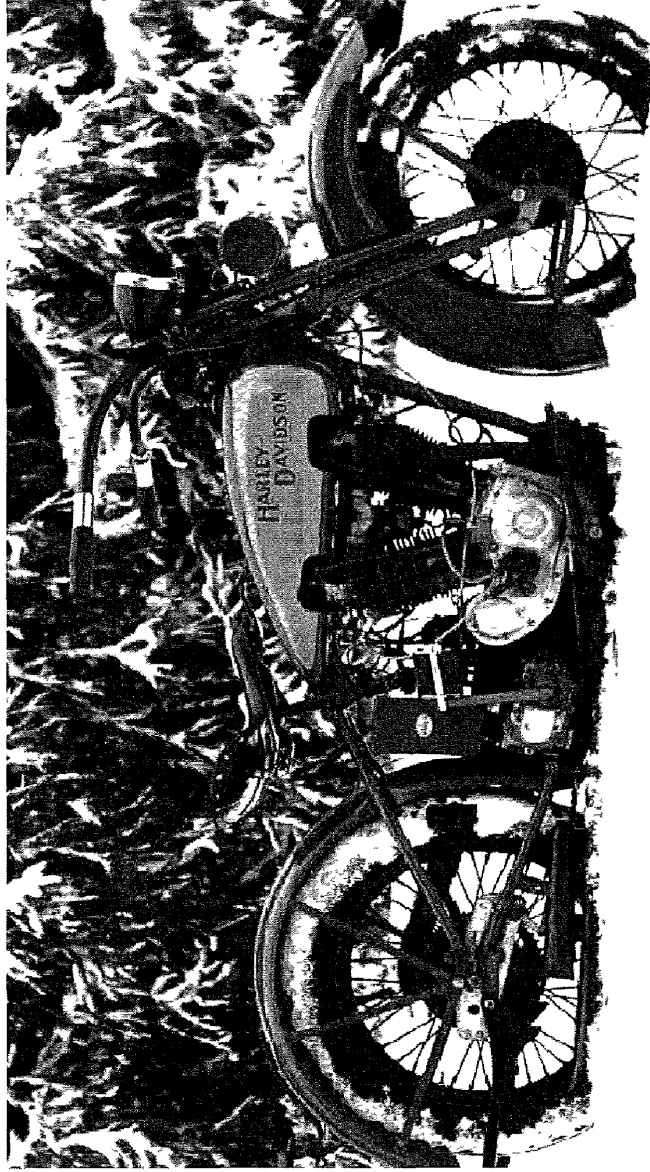
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# NEW & RENEWALS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

## BORDERLAND

Troy / Tammy Gjovik ..... R

## BUFFALO RIDGE

Butch Hildebrandt ..... R  
 Andy Kelly ..... N  
 Dennis Lorenzen/  
 Deb Hinrichs ..... R  
 Bob McLean ..... R  
 Lee Seiler ..... R

## CENTRAL

Kenny Huckenpoepler  
 / Shannon Pooler ..... R  
 Patrick Kraker N  
 Larry / Debora Pozorski ..... N  
 Ronald / Sherry Rolfes ..... R

## EAST CENTRAL

Dustin Klempe ..... N  
 Bob McChesney ..... R  
 Michelle Scannell/ Rod Gaynor R  
 Paul Slettehaug ..... R

## FLATLANDERS

Bill Anderson / Shelly Martin .. R  
 Dan / Arvilla Bye ..... R  
 Edward/ Linda Peak ..... R  
 Kevin / Diane Thompson ..... R

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Kandy Ahlers ..... R  
 Larry / Sherri Floan ..... R  
 Dan Nelson / Sue Arnold ..... R  
 Adam / Jennifer Rinicker ..... R  
 Dawn Rohr / Steven Arends ... R  
 Ernie / Joni Schmitt ..... R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Rooney's Bar  
 c/o Anthony & Sandra Rooney R

## JACK PINE RIDERS

Leslie Bjerke ..... R  
 Nancy Roberts ..... R  
 Ken Stern ..... R

## LAKE

Dan / Nikki Arne ..... R  
 Gene / Charm Bolgrean ..... R  
 Chris / Deb Brihgs ..... N  
 Dave Gunderson ..... R  
 Neil / Patricia Herzberg ..... R  
 Steven Horsch ..... R  
 Daryl / Darlene Kiefer ..... N  
 Don / Theresa Mages ..... N  
 Steve / Connie Olson ..... R  
 Keith / Lisa Quady ..... R  
 Dawn / Todd Riba ..... R  
 Tim / Annie Skillings ..... N  
 Angela Smith ..... R

## METRO

Nick / Marcia Capra ..... R  
 Bob Dooley ..... R  
 James French ..... R

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Chris "Keys" Nagy ..... N

## NORTH STAR

Jim French ..... R

## RIVER VALLEY

Harry Hale ..... R  
 John Lynch ..... R

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

Cory Lorenz / Amy Pederson ... R

## SAND DUNES

Don Close ..... R  
 Bret Collier ..... R

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Charlie / Mary Ardolf ..... R  
 Bill / Kristy LaPlante ..... R  
 Doug Louris /  
 Jennifer Sommerfeld ..... R  
 Scott Rustin ..... R  
 David / Judith Wiehr ..... R

## SOUTHWEST

Scott Benson ..... R

## STRAIGHT RIVER

Steven / Kari Casper ..... N  
 Jeremy Engel / Victoria Lee .... R

## TRI-COUNTY

Richard Gerth ..... R  
 Peter S / Joely Karaschin ..... R  
 Steve Stemig ..... R  
 Lynn Weidling ..... R

## UP NORTH

Roger Hoshal / Paula Marie.... R  
 Stanley "Caveman" Jewett ..... R  
 Sean Walsh ..... N



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | Dial-a-ride meeting, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 1:00 pm<br>Northeast Chapter meeting, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm   |
| 2  | Tri County Chapter meeting, Mark Warners Home, Belle Plain, 7:00 pm   |
| 3  | Way West Chapter meeting, The Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm<br>Southwest Chapter meeting, Rushmore Tavern, 7:30 pm  |
| 4  | Lake Chapter meeting, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm<br>Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooneys Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm<br>Rolling Prairie Chapter meeting, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 3:00 pm, Xmas Party, 4:00 pm<br>Central Chapter meeting and Xmas Party; Stoney's, Rockville, 5:00 pm  |
| 5  | Northwest Chapter meeting, Mentor Muni, Mentor, 2:00 pm   |
| 8  | East Central Chapter Meeting, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am<br>South Central Chapter meeting, Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm   |
| 10 | Northeast Chapter Meeting, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm<br>Heart of the Lakes Chapter meeting, Silvermoon, Perham, 7:00 pm   |
| 11 | Straight River Chapter meeting, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm   |
| 12 | Ways and Means meeting, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm<br>Up North Chapter meeting, Gilbert VFW, Gilbert, 4:00 pm<br>Southeast LC Chapter Meeting, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am<br>River Riders Chapter Meeting, Forest Lake VFW, Forest Lake 11:00 am<br>Publications meeting, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:45 pm<br>River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm |
| 14 | Metro Chapter meeting, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm<br>Borderland Chapter Meeting, Roseau VFW, Roseau 6:30 pm  |
| 17 | State Gambling, Rally & Pre-Board Meetings, Americinn, North Branch, 6:00 pm  |
| 18 | River Valley Chapter 'January Thaw', Mankato Eagles Club 708, Mankato, 7:00 pm<br>January B.O.D. Meetings, Americinn, North Branch, 9:00 am   |
| 19 | Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Outback Saloon & Grill, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm  |
| 25 | Flatlanders Chapter meeting, Georges of Geneva, Geneva 1:00 pm<br>Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting, Knights Pub, Osakis, 6:00 pm  |

## FEBRUARY

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| 1 | Lake Chapter Meeting, Hide Out, Big Lake, 3:00 pm<br>Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting, Rooneys Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm<br>Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting, La Fiesta Plaza in Madelia 2pm Chili meeting, 3pm regular meeting<br>Borderland Chapter Meeting and Ground Hogs party, Roseau 5:30 & 6:30 pm |
| 2 | Publication Meeting, Via Phone Conference, 12:00 pm<br>Northwest Chapter Meeting, Cozy Bar, Brooks, 2:00 pm  |
| 5 | South Central Chapter meeting, Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 7:00 pm<br>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, Rushmore Tavern, 7:00 pm<br>Way West Chapter Meeting, The Checkered Flag, 7:00 pm   |
| 8 | Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, 6:00 pm<br>Straight River Chapter Meeting, American Legion, Morristown, 1:00 pm<br>Northwest Chapter, Winter Social, Spot Bar, Red Lake Falls, 6:00 pm<br>Metro Chapter Winter Bash, Route 47 Pub & Grub                          |

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY continued

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 LC Chapter meeting, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
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, TBD 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
27	Bikerday at the State Capitol
29	Freedom First Riders Chapter meeting, Mercantile, Leaf Valley, 6:00 pm

## MARCH

1	Lake Chapter meeting, Hollywood Road House, 3:00 pm
2	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed
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
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, 3:00 pm
8	Up North Chapter meeting, Calumet Snowmobile Club, Calumet, 4:00 pm River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 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
24	Gambling Meeting, TBD, 6:00 pm
28	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting, Knights Pub, Osakis, 6:00 pm

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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
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Partnering with us will make the 2020 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2020 Rally is 1,500+.

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

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