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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 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.
Thank You!

- For attending Bikerday
- For stepping up to run for an office
- For helping with fundraisers
- For supporting your chapter
- For supporting other chapters
- For attending meetings
- For attending fundraisers

We need each other to be successful. Teamwork is crucial!

Are you ready for A.B.A.T.E. University? Let’s attend classes so that we can properly communicate with our legislators. Then, we can make good decisions at election time.

Sell - and buy - those raffle tickets. It’s a good way to get some money into your chapter gambling accounts.

See you soon!

— Jane

I want to start by apologizing for not getting my resume in last months Road Noise, like everything, life is short. I just want to say please support Jane & I. I will do all that I can to help and support Jane and the organization. And if I don’t have an answer to your question, I will try to do my best to get an answer for you.

Bikerday has come and gone and I want to thank everyone who attended. And to those of you that couldn’t attend, drop an e-mail or a letter to your senator and/or representative and let them know how we feel about biker rights.

And our next step is A.B.A.T.E. U. Have you ever been? It’s always a good time with good friends! Call the Holiday Inn and book your room and you can make your choice of meal on the A.B.A.T.E. website.

Can you believe it’s already March and winters about done. I decided to get a jump on the riding season and headed to Texas. Should be in San Antonio about the time this comes out. I just had to tell someone where I was going.

— Till next time, Jim
Our last meeting was January 16th. As my luck would have it, I spent much of that day trying to keep my semi-truck running in the 20 below zero and the 40 below wind chill temperatures. So, I ran out of day and missed the meeting. However, thanks to Virgil, Mack, Bill Schafer, and Megan, I have all the information from the meeting. Thanks again to those people that watch out for me, so I can give this report.

The first discussion of the meeting was concerning the Basic Rider Course fees for 2021. Right now, the fees are $195 for this course. Harley Davidson charges $300 for the same course. Our goal is to keep these courses going, and if we don’t raise fees, the courses will end. It was proposed to raise fees to $250, but a motion was made to raise the Basic Rider Course to $245 in 2021 and the Task Force approved it unanimously.

A copy of the 2021 Proposed Motorcycle Safety Budget was handed out. Bill sent us copies of the proposed budget for the last three years and I see little differences in the amounts except more money is proposed for advertising in 2021. I also noted that the number of training classes offered goes down every year. From 818 in 2018, to 500 in 2021.

In conclusion, we all need to take rider courses and encourage other people to take rider courses to keep this program going.

Our next meeting will be March 19th, at 5:00 pm at St. Paul College, room 1115. Guests are welcome to attend.

— Travel safe, Monte
Due to Road Noise deadlines, I am writing this before the 2020 Minnesota legislature convenes.

Since 2020 is the second year of a two-year legislative cycle, the bills we supported and opposed from 2019 (excluding any bills passed and signed into law) are still active. I have shared these bills in previous articles and informed your chapter representatives at the January A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Board of Directors meeting in January.

Recently, an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota member informed me that the sales tax paid while transferring the title of an antique, classic, or vintage motorcycle are by far higher than those paid for an antique, classic, or vintage car. He felt this was wrong and so do I. I did some research and found out that changing this tax will need legislative action. I asked a prominent Minnesota Senator to look into it and by the time you read this we will have a fix in the works. This should be relatively easy, but through 40 years of closely monitoring the Minnesota legislature, I have learned that no legislation is easy to pass. This is as it should be. It should not be easy to pass laws in a representative republic (Note: America is a representative republic – not a democracy).

Watch these pages and the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota web site for legislative info that may come up after the Minnesota legislature convenes.

— Yours in freedom, Mack
Next Meeting: April 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Vote - Your Freedom Depends on IT!

A.B.A.T.E. U is approaching quickly. Do you have your reservations? DEADLINE for room reservations, meals and Road Guard registration is MARCH 20TH!

To sign up for the Road Guard class, contact Jodi at johlogge@hotmail.com. To sign up for Conceal and Carry class, contact Laura at (218) 252-1631, cost is $75.00.

Banquet meals are $32.00 each. Meal options are: Classic Pot Roast, Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Tortellini and Chef Salad. These meals also include coffee, water, dinner roll, dessert, tax and service fee.

Don’t forget to bring sold and unsold A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets, auction items, past event T-shirts for the Holiday Inn staff, and $$$ for auction and games.

Plan to learn something new, share ideas, meet new friends and have fun!

Can’t wait to see everyone there!

— Stephanie

Hello all,

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, I may not have the catalog done in time for A.B.A.T.E. U. I sprained my hand this weekend and have limited use of my right hand. I will get it done as soon as I can and if I must mail it out I will.

Please make sure to fill out forms legibly for the upcoming elections so I don’t have to contact you for verification.

As always feel free to contact me at (507) 830-0644 or Kari.duncan.abatemn@outlook.com for any ideas, concerns, or suggestions for future products.

— Ride safe, Kari

Gambling Report

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Next Meeting(s):
March 24th, Dan Matzdorff’s home, 6:00 pm
April 17th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Thank you,

— Katie Gilloffo, Gambling Secretary

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Greetings Southeast District,

I have to apologize for not getting a report and resume in the February issue. Procrastination and life kinda got in the way.

As you may or may not know, I’m running to be your Southeast District Director for a third year. Michele and I have been members of A.B.A.T.E. since 2011, with the former Lower Corner, Flatlanders, and South East LC Chapters. Prior to being your SEDD, I’ve held Chapter Offices of Sergeant @ Arms, Chapter Rep, and President. I have enjoyed being your SEDD the last two years and am looking forward to a third year.

As you’re reading this, another Bikerday is in the books. Hopefully Mother Nature and the weather cooperated this year and it was a huge success.

Coming up in April we have A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria. For the new Chapter Officers and members that haven’t attended A.B.A.T.E. U in the past, it’s an excellent opportunity to meet other like-minded people from around the state and network. Also, Stephanie has lined up some very good speakers and seminars along with a Road Guard class and a CCW class. The complete schedule of events is in this issue of the Road Noise.

— Virgil

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I want to thank each and every person that attended our January Thaw Dance. The weather did not cooperate. I would like to give kudos and an “atta girl” to Denise McCarger and her Committee for a job well done. Thank you all for your hard work for this event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I hope we had many hundreds of bikers at the Capitol. This is one of the most important days of the year for motorcyclists’ rights. Thank you all for taking the time out of your lives to attend this event. This event is very critical to the elections this year. We need to let those in government know that we are paying attention.

I would like to thank previous Officers for all your time and effort. Thank you for those Officers that are stepping up to continue our goals as an organization. If you are a new Officer, please make sure you attend A.B.A.T.E. University. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations.

Welcome aboard Dan Matzdorff as our Gambling Manager. Kim Ostlund left some pretty big shoes to fill, but I’m sure he is up for the task at hand.

If you know of a great local band you would like to hear at the Rally, talk to your District Director about it.

We always have our meetings on the second Sunday of every month at the Eagle’s Club on Riverfront Drive at noon in Mankato. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I heard the news last week. They talked about the tickets that have been given out to people because of the hands-free law. The group that got the most tickets were 30 to 39. The group that got the least amount of tickets were the kids in the 15 to 19 range. I was kind of surprised about that.

Until next time, be safe out there.

— Together we ride free. Nita
It was a busy night!

Spanky on the grill.

**Straight River**

Next Meeting(s):
March 14th, American Legion, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
April 11th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
May 9th, American Legion, Morristown, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 31st, Annual Breakfast Fundraiser, Volunteers at 6:00 am, serving 7:00 am-9:00 am. Look for more info on our Facebook page.

Hey Straight Jackets,

It’s March already, and riding season is right around the corner. That means Chapter and State elections and a whole new year of fighting for our rights. I hope all who made it to Bikerday at the Capitol were able to voice your concerns to your Representatives.

On a personal note, it has been an honor to once again serve this chapter as V.P. for the last two years. And, as this may be my last Grapevine, there’s a couple of things I’d like to say. First, I have been a member of this Chapter for most of my 20+ years in A.B.A.T.E. I have been an Officer for almost half, if not more, of these years. And in all those years I have never seen such a lack of “passion” for the cause. Yes, I’m talking to you! Yes, we go to Bikerday and yes, we go the Rally. But this is mere “support,” not “passion.” It’s the difference between “showing up” and “eat, sleep, and breath it.”

Second, I want to do a little math for you. There are 52-53 Saturdays in a year, we have meetings on approximately 12 of those Saturdays, which leaves you with somewhere around 40 Saturdays to get your stuff done. Again, where’s the passion? For me, my “passion,” at this point, may lie elsewhere…I don’t know, perhaps in local politics.

I’d like to thank all our volunteers who helped out with our Pork Chop and Fish Fry Fundraiser in January. We have more pics on our Facebook page.

And remember: “Gray-haired bikers don’t get that way from pure luck.” A Biker’s Guide To Life.

Ride safe, Ride Free.

— Your humble servant, Groucho, V.P.
Southeast LC

Next Meeting(s):
March 8th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am
April TBD due to Easter Sunday

Greetings to the South East LC Chapter.

The February 9th meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Bikerday at the Capitol is in the history books. Our first Chapter fundraiser closed out the month.

March brings to us the Chapter Officer elections and a month closer to Spring. A fellow member posed the question if the Chapter will have any rides this summer. I hope the answer is "Hell ya." A room full of members should equal a room full of ideas.

This should not happen in the USA. Mesa, AZ Gang Enforcement pulled over some club members, in an Uber, after leaving a Halloween party held in a public bar hosted by the Hells Angels. They were detained for two hours. They were searched, questioned, and photographed, but not charged. The five LE officers, dressed in black, were heavily armed and wore no badges or name tags. When asked for identification, the officers would not disclose their identity. The club members were not 1%rs. Their club consists of first responders, firefighters, EMTs, and search and rescue personnel. Abuse of such power cannot be tolerated. Our police and politicians are there to serve us and the public good.

East Central

Next Meeting(s):
March 1st, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Hello, March is here, we’re getting close to Riding Season!

My last Rally Committee meeting brought great news. Field events area will be regroomed by county workers, the old derby race grounds will give us more this year for our field games. Way West and Glacial Ridge will be in charge of events and they always do a great job. Bike show and tattoo contest will have J.J. and Lori. Tim Jensen will have a change to plaques instead of trophies for this year’s sled pull awards. Also, Tim updated the sled with a braking system to make the sled pull safer for everyone. Smoker has a list of 12 bands to make his final choices for this year’s band line-up. The Outlaws are a good possibility, maybe Blackfoot as another backup choice. More to follow in next month’s report. Smoker is open for ideas of any other local bands. Please contact him. Bag Lady Sue Saturday night, also Texas Moonshine Bandits should sell a lot of day passes. Each band will have two hours to play.

We have more food and merchandise vendors in place for our Rally, but we need sponsors. We are also in need of electric license for the fairgrounds. The next Rally Committee meeting is March 14th, 10:00 am at the Eagles in Litchfield, all are welcome to attend. Try to sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling.

— East Central VP, Jim

Tri-County

Next Meeting(s):
April 4th, Gerry and Paul’s home, Montgomery, 12:00 pm. Note date change to Saturday
May 7th, Cy’s Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Meeting(s):
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.

Well, I just got done digging out from the latest snowstorm. I can’t wait for this weather to go away!

Just a reminder, the April meeting will be at Gerry and Paul’s house on Saturday, April 4th. The meeting is at noon with a hayride to follow. Bring a dish to share if you like. The address is 32144 141st Avenue, Montgomery, MN 56069. Hope to see you there!

I would also like to thank Representative Greg Boe for joining us at our February meeting. It is always nice to have an open door of communication with our elected officials.

Speaking of elected officials, I hope we had a good turnout for Bikerday. By the time you read this grapevine, Bikerday 2020 should already be in the books.

In the meantime, stay warm, drive safe, and pray for an early spring.

— Big Jon

"Modest beginnings start with the single blow of a horn man!"
Scott Bitzer was named the
Lake Chapter
“Member of the Year!”

Thanks Scott for all you do and make sure to keep up the good work!
Well another Bikerday has come and gone. I hope all of you were able to make it to Bikerday! If not, why? I always enjoy going to the Capitol. It is always good to let our Representatives know that we are keeping an eye on them. Our numbers are low, and I am sure by the showing that we show at the Capitol the Representatives know this by the numbers that show up. But because the dedicated few take the time out of their schedule to show up, they know that we are still out there. This is something that must never change. Because if we rely on them to do things in our best interest, we will all be SOL.

As A.B.A.T.E. members - it is up to all of us to look for new members and to remind our old members to renew their membership. Every chapter is given a list of current and expired memberships, look at it. And if there’s someone that you know that is on it, contact them and ask him why they let their membership expire. If it is just an oversight get him to sign up again, if they have a reason let me know or have them contact me. The chapters belong to their chapter members, they are the controlling entity of A.B.A.T.E. It is up to them to decide which way the chapter goes, everybody has a voice in A.B.A.T.E. If everyone with a motorcycle was an A.B.A.T.E. member we would be over 100,000 strong. Think of the good we could do with a membership like that.

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

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Greetings all, I hope the winter cold isn’t getting you down, spring is nearby.

On March 14th, a Saturday, Glacial Ridge will be hosting a band (Menace) at Rooney’s bar in Sedan. There is no cover charge for this, however you must be 21 or older, bar rules, and the band will play 8:00 pm till midnight. So, come on out and have a good time, listen to some good music, dance, eat, and have a few drinks, while enjoying the comradery of others doing the same.

March is election month for your chapters, and I would like to thank all who have stepped up to hold offices and other positions and to those who have accepted nominations to fill or continue to hold the various positions.

Bikerday at the Capitol has come and gone, hopefully with a great turn out and remember A.B.A.T.E. U is coming soon.

Keep your knees in the breeze, be safe.

— Hives
**South Central**

Next Meeting(s):
- March 4th, Bonfire Bar & Grille, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
- April 1st, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
- May 6th – Mugs, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
- June 3rd, Handlebar, Atwater, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
- April 17th – 18th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Woo Hoo... It’s almost Spring!!! According to the calendar the first day of spring is March 19th. We all know that doesn’t always hold true weather wise for us Minnesotans. We are all praying for the day we can take our Chariots out of hibernation and break our cabin fever.

Here are some safety reminders before going out for this season’s first session of wind therapy.

Take the time to inspect your ride. Your Life Depends on It!!! Check your tires, not just the tread but the air pressure. The extreme cold causes a loss in air pressure. Start her up slow... don’t just hit the throttle hard to hear that long-missed sound of the loud heartbeat coming from her exhaust!!! The lubricants have all settled during her nap and she needs time to warm up and get the juices flowing throughout her body.

Take her out slow and easy...lightly braking to give the calipers a chance to loosen up and the pads to remove any glaze from build up from temperature changes during storage.

Top her off with some fresh high-octane fuel to mix with any remaining old fuel... she will love you for that.

Check your lights, and for any loose parts. We saw a few shifter foot pegs fall off last year.

Lastly once you hit the road, take your time. Refresh yourself with the fundamentals. Remember there will still be salt and loose gravel on the roads. Be extra careful of other drivers as they will not be used to us being on the road!!!

“Life is Short... Forgive Quickly, Love Honestly, Laugh Easy, Keep it Simple, RIDE OFTEN, RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE and Never Regret Anything That Makes You Smile.”

— Dougie Cohen, Vice President

**Rolling Prairie**

Next Meeting(s):
- March 7th, Chili Feed Committee, Ormsby Clubhouse, Ormsby, 2:00 pm
- March 7th, Regular Meeting Ormsby Clubhouse, Ormsby, 3:00 pm
- April 4th, Committee Meeting, Buckshot’s, Butterfield, 2:00 pm
- April 4th, Buckshot’s, Butterfield, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
- March 21st, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- April 3rd – 4th, Heartland STEAM, Indianapolis, IN
- April 17th – 18th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Greetings Biker Friends,

We are busy getting ready for our 27th Annual Chili Feed. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come on out to try some of our tried but true Chili’s as well as some newer ones and Loaded Baked Potato Soup. Advanced tickets are $8.00 available by calling (507) 830-0644 or stopping at the VFW or Steve’s Corner in St. James. We look forward to seeing you.

Good luck to all the nominees in the upcoming elections.
— Ride safe until next time, Giggles

**Buffalo Ridge**

Next Meeting(s):
- March 1st, Bitton’s Roadhouse, Garvin, 5:30 pm
- April 5th, Bitton’s Roadhouse, Garvin, 5:30 pm

Hello Friends,

It is hard to believe that it is already March. Riding season will start soon! As we finish out these weeks of winter weather, it is important that you come out and join us at our meetings. We would like to keep this chapter going, but if nobody wants to have anything to do with it or doesn’t want to come the meetings, there will no longer be a chapter. Please come take part and give your opinions.

Thank you.

— Marie Trierweiler, Secretary
Southwest

Next Meeting(s):
March 6th, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
April 3rd, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
February 29th, Gastro Event – Chili/Soup Meal,
Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore 6:00 pm

We will be hosting a chili/soup meal on Saturday,
February 29th with a 6:00 pm start time! The
winner with most votes for tastiest soup will be
awarded the golden ladle! Come on out, be
hungry, fill up and have a memorable gastronomic
experience with good people!

All the meetings and the gastro event will be held
at the Rushmore Tavern in the pretty little berg of
Rushmore.

It did my heart so much good to make a note
about something happening in April. That is a
Spring time month! In my head I hear birds
singing, motorcycles revving, laughter of people
gathering outdoors...and that’s enough of what is
making noise in my head!!! Some folks won’t
understand!

Come to Rushmore, we’d love to see you!

Now, more than ever, please keep our military and
their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.
They are putting their lives on the line, so we can
enjoy the freedoms, it would be easy to take for
granted.

— Never Forget, BAM

Lake

Next Meeting(s):
March 7th, Hollywood Road House, New Germany,
3:00 pm
April 4th, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria
May 16th – 17th, Motorcycle training

Thanks to the Hide Out for hosting our February meeting.
Felt like I was at a wedding with all the decorated tables. It
was a nice touch!

Our Grounded Hogs fundraiser was a huge success.
Attendance was the best I’ve seen for a few years. Everett
Smithson got lots of people dancing and the food and
beverages were plentiful. It was a great night. A special
thanks to Dan Arne for getting Everett scheduled and all the
great auction items. I want to thank Rosa for the great
quilting she has been donating to our events. And one last
thanks to everyone who helped by working a shift and/or
bringing auction items. I think we made some money so we
can continue fighting for motorcyclists’ rights.

We will be voting for officers at the March meeting. Officer
nominations are as follows; President – Keith “Smoker”
Efron, Vice President – Scott Bitzer, Secretary – Maureen
O’Hern, Treasurer – Christina Lincoln, Chapter Rep. –
Todd Riba, Sgt at Arms – Dan Arne, Nikki Arne, Scott
Trout, Gaida Olrick, Blythe Bucher and Jim Bengston.

Now I better get ready for Bikerday. It will have happened by
the time you are reading this. I hope you were there, and we
were successful in our efforts. I will have more to report on
that next month.

— Later, Mitch’n

Lake Chapter “Grounded Hogs” Fundraiser

Some of the people at the “Grounded Hogs” Fundraiser.
Rosa’s awesome quilted picture donation (right).
Way West

Next Meeting(s):
March 6th, Checkered Flag, Bellingham,
   Election meeting, 7:00 pm
April 3rd, Checkered Flag, Bellingham, 7:00 pm

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

Greetings to everyone!

We had a Chili Feed in February. First place winner was Greg Keimig and second place was Noah Stone. Congrats! Thanks to everyone who made and participated in the Chili Feed and to all who supported it.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up April 17th – 19th at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. A.B.A.T.E. has reserved a block of rooms, get yours! Way West is putting on the games Friday night, so all the members we can get there to help make this a success are needed. This is a great opportunity for members throughout the state to participate in various classes and sessions throughout the day on Saturday and to sit in on a Board Meeting to see firsthand what we do at the State level. It is such a fun time. You will meet many new and old friends.

Joe and I would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has reached out to us during our fire. As much as it is devastating to lose his shop and our bikes, it is overwhelming to have such great friends. No one was hurt, that is the main thing.

Our March meeting is an election meeting. You can still be nominated for any office. Come and voice your opinion of who you want in office… it is YOUR chapter.

It is getting closer to riding season and that is pretty exciting! Get your bikes checked and road ready!

Do you have some ideas for fundraisers? WE NEED YOU! Get out and recruit new members! Let them know that each and every day we fight for their riding rights!

Spring is close!

— LeAnn

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Hello all,

Not much to report, still too cold to ride (at least for me).

Our annual fundraiser, The Bunwarmer, is at The River Inn in Scanlon on March 21st. Lots of auction items, giveaways, games, and live music by Aftershock. Watch for the posters online. The Super 8 in Cloquet is close by and has very reasonable room rates. We are working on a block of rooms, but that hasn’t been finalized yet. We’ll put the word out soon. Super 8 phone number is (218) 879-1250.

Chapter and State officer voting will take place at the March meeting. Please attend and make your voice heard.

There is a write-in candidate for the Northeast District director, Michelle Scannell has stepped up and offered to fill the position which would otherwise have been vacant. Thanks Michelle, for your dedication!

By the time you read this, Bikerday at the Capitol will have come and gone. All indications at this point are that turnout should be good and the temperature should be much warmer than last year.

Last but not least, thank you to Jane Doyle, our State Coordinator, for coming to our February meeting. It’s a long drive and the effort was much appreciated by our members!

That’s it for now. Thanks, Ed

Awesome and Thank you. That's all I can say when I reflect on what I saw on Bikerday, and hopefully this momentum carries over into our elections. Speaking of the elections, there will be a write in candidate for our District director!! (TY MKS) Not to mention the fact that many members have decided to step in/step up and set a course of action for the Sand Dunes chapter. So, stop in at McPete's on Saturday March 14th at 12:30 pm to support these awesome members as they have elections and move forward.

With respect to the past, while learning to ignore the excuses and figure out a solution. Always support your chapter but supporting a few of the sister chapter’s (much needed) fundraiser’s will help all of us feel good about why we do what we do.

— Dale
**UP NORTH**

Next Meeting(s):
March 8<sup>th</sup>, Calumet Snowmobile Club, Calumet 4:00 pm
April 5<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Deer River 4:00 pm
May 10<sup>th</sup>, Knuckleheads, Hill City 4:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):
March 21<sup>st</sup>, Northeast Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon
April 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Springfield IL
April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

Hello everyone,

Well, we made it through February. I want to thank everyone who came out to the Winter Fever Reliever. The committee did an awesome job again and I can't wait to see what they come up with next year. It's always nice to see members from other chapters come and support our event and looking forward to attending some other chapter events and bring back ideas for our party next year.

Did you attend Bikerday at the State Capitol? If you were able to or not, please write your senator and representative and thank them for their time and remind them to sign onto our talking points. This is an easy way to earn your write to ride patch. This is just one of many days that we need them to be on our side when it comes to common sense motorcycle legislation. We always talk that it would be nice to see every motorcyclist be as passionate as the A.B.A.T.E. people are when it comes to our rights and freedoms on the road. A small group does the work for many.

As I say that, "a small group does the work for many," how many of you have friends that ride that are not A.B.A.T.E. members? I encourage you to get out there and help promote A.B.A.T.E. and get those people who ride to sign up and become members. Even if they don't ride but support what our organization does, get them to sign up. You don't have to own a motorcycle in order to be an A.B.A.T.E. member. Just believe and support the cause.

Are you ready for the chapter and state elections? If you forgot to request your absentee ballot make sure to make it to the March meeting. We will have a pot luck during the meeting so bring your favorite dish to share.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up next month. The chapter has rooms booked so if you are interested in attending let me know. This year sure looks to be a great weekend to learn new things. They are looking for silent and live auction items, so if you have an idea of something please bring it to the April meeting so we can bring it down with us. As always, they have great evening entertainment both Friday and Saturday so you don't want to miss that either.

In a few short months it will be riding season and if you haven't made plans for a scenic ride, have I got the ride for you. Bikers inside the Beltway in Washington DC. If you have attended Bikerday at the State Capitol and want to see what it is like at the federal level this is the trip for you. If you are interested and want more details on the trip please feel free to come to a meeting and ask.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,

— Farmer Jay Pres.

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**SAND DUNES**

Next Meeting(s):
March 14<sup>th</sup>, McPete's, Big Lake, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hi Everyone.

All chapter's struggle from time to time and it's easy to want to give in and join the next chapter down the street. But if you have a forward thinking positive attitude and are willing to step in and step up, and not allow this to happen. Our next meeting will be held at McPete's in Big Lake on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm.

Freedom is worth fighting for!

Together we can make a difference.

— Dale
Metro Winter Bash

We had Senator John Hoffman and some River Riders members attend the Metro Winter Bash event.

Some River Rider members attending the Winter Bash Event.

Metro

Next Meeting(s):
March 9th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
April 14th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
May 12th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
March 15th, Breakfast with Metro, Route 47 Pub & Grub, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
April 14th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka
4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
April 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

I have a bad habit of writing this at the last minute. I’m sure the wonderful folks who put this amazing informational newsletter together just love me. Anyhow, tonight is no different. This is due on the 10th of every month. Guess what day it is? Well, three days ago I did not have anything to write about. That is very different today.

If you didn’t come to the Metro Winter Bash you missed out!! The food, the people, the band, the whole night was just awesome. First and foremost, a huge THANK YOU to everyone that came out to support Metro Chapter!! Without the support of fellow riders, there is nothing. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and you made it a huge success. I would also like to thank the volunteers who put this shindig together and worked their tails off. Your work and your time are very much appreciated.

We also had State Senator John Hoffman stop by. He hung out and had some food, chatted it up with a lot of people. I sat with him and filled him in on A.B.A.T.E., Buddy Bears and Dial-A-Ride. We also talked about Bikerday, motorcycles and bar-b-que joints. It was a good time had by all.

Tonight (February 10th) was Taco Night at Casa Rio in Anoka. Delicious. The frickin queso is amazing. You can almost tell spring is in the air. People seemed to have a little extra pep in their step. But how sad can you be with a taco in your face? Thank you all again, for the support.

Next month I will be writing about Bikerday. I hope you all made it down! It is the one day where we can be face to face with the people that can mess with our lifestyle, why would you not go? Stay tuned for next month!! Hell, I may even write that one a bit early.

Please go out and support your local A.B.A.T.E. chapter functions! While you’re at it go out and support your local MC chapter functions.

Life’s a garden, dig it.

— Dirt
Central
Next Meeting(s):
March 1st, Stoney’s, Rockville, 12:00 pm
April – TBD

Upcoming Event(s):
April 17th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
June 13th, 6th Annual Ride for Heroes, to benefit Upsala Fire Department
July 4th, Algona Freedom Rally
August 28th – 29th Central Chapter’s 2nd Annual BIKER BASH, The MannCave, Hillman

I hope everyone had a great time and were able to make an impression at Bikerday! What an awesome experience! If you were not able to attend, write a letter or send an email to your Senator. Congrats to the new officers! See you at A.B.A.T.E. U for training and looking forward to another awesome year!!

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

Super excited for our events this year. Let’s share the news and make them bigger than ever!

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!
— Hurry up summer!! Shweecila

River Riders
Next Meeting(s):
March 8th, American Legion, Hugo, 11:00 am
** Officer Elections **
April 12th, American Legion, Hugo, 11:00 am
May 10th, American Legion, Hugo, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
March 4th, Taco Feed/Bike Night, Hoggsbreath Bar, Roseville, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
April 1st, Taco Feed/Bike Night, Hoggsbreath Bar, Roseville, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
April 17th – 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 6th, Taco Feed/Bike Night, Hoggsbreath Bar, Roseville, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Elections for our Chapter Officers are coming up on Sunday, March 8th at the Hugo American Legion (Gay Bar South). We are all excited about our upcoming candidates! The next three months meetings will also be held at the Hugo American Legion. If you did not participate in Bikerday at the Capitol, the River Riders are asking that you contact our state legislative offices. If the California Clean Air Act that is being proposed is brought to Minnesota there is a potential that every motorcycle may have to go back to stock exhausts. Who in the heck would want that?!

We are looking forward to supporting the Chapter Challenge at A.B.A.T.E. U in April. Weather permitting, we will be having awesome rides after our chapter meetings each month. Come join us for brotherhood and sisterhood. All are welcome!

Jack Pine Riders
Next Meeting(s):
March 15th, Banning Junction, Finlayson, 2:00 pm
April 19th, Ryders, Henriette, 2:00 pm
May 17th, Docs on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm
June 21st, Rich’s Bar, Sandstone, 2:00 pm
July 12th At Shakedown site, 11:00 am

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

Elections will be held at the March meeting. You must be a current chapter member to vote. If you need to renew your membership, you can do so at the March meeting. We also have begun planning our 15th Annual “Upper Kettle River Shakedown.” Now is the time to bring your thoughts and ideas to the chapter meeting and discuss what you would like to see at this year’s event.

I have A.B.A.T.E. “U” raffle tickets for sale. Only 800 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held April 18th.
• 1st prize, Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard + $300 Gas Card,
• 2nd prize, 2020 Indian Scout + $200 Gas Card,
• 3rd prize, $10,000, and
• 4th prize is $5,000.

For tickets or more information call Bill at 651-587-7625 Win a new motorcycle (or cash) by purchasing an A.B.A.T.E. U raffle ticket.

Next cleanup scheduled for May.

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

— Respectfully, Grapevine jesus
Howdy Folks,

First off I Would Like to THANK EVERYONE that has stepped up and ran for an officer position in YOUR chapter. Without YOU this bike would loose it’s wheels of Freedom of the road and Crash. Again, THANK YOU!!

Also would like to thank everyone that took time out of they’re busy schedule and made the journey to the Capitol. This is the most important day of the year for freedom minded bikers. Also I would like to ask ALL of you that went to send a Thank You letter to your elected officials for taking time out of their day to visit about motorcycle issues.

There are many good fundraisers out there. Take time to visit other chapters events and they will in turn come to support you. Next Big Time is A.B.A.T.E. U. Hope to see all the rooms full of bikers. See Ya There.

I have decided to make the journey to DC for Bikers in the Beltway. I’m looking forward to the ride and to see the nation’s capitol. Never been there so I think it will be a blast. Also Collin Peterson will be receiving a Legislative Champion Award. That’s a pretty big deal. Collin has been very good to the bikers over the past years.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

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Howdy Folks,

Jack Pine Riders

Next Meeting(s):
March 10th, VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm  
April 14th, VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm  
May 2nd, VFW, Roseau, 5:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
A.B.A.T.E. University, April 17th-19th, Alexandria  
Holiday Inn.  
A.B.A.T.E B.O.D, April 18th, 9:00 am, Alexandria.  
Borderland Chapter 21st Annual Membership Drive, 
May 2nd, VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm

Hello Borderland!

By the time you read this, Bikerday at the Capitol will be history. We thank all Borderland members that attended this year. It is always so good to be down there on that day, being with fellow freedom fighters and talking with our state house and senate folks about our motorcycle rights issues. Now, We want to thank the very active members of our chapter by first name: Amy, Christy, Cody, Jarod, Justin, Lee, Nick, and others. We also thank members for their Motorcycle PAC of MN donations! Next we have our March election meeting and again, thank those that step up every year and new officer nominations this year as well!

We are now looking forward to A.B.A.T.E. U. and our very great and successful Borderland Membership Drive. We have new members and old members attending A.B.A.T.E U. and it will be very fun and informative for all that attend, and let’s make our chapters membership drive the best ever! The big incentive is to pre-sign old or new members even if they can’t attend for the free membership drawings.... But let them know how much fun it is with the the games, Awesome food and fellowship! This is also our chapter fundraiser as well so we are looking for those silent auction items open to public bidding. $10 to have fun, new members eat free!

We are selling the great A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets well again this year, please get them back to me asap so I can get more! Last but not least; a big thumbs up to 6th district US Rep Tom Emmer and 7th district Collin Peterson .... Maybe not for 5th district Omar. Ride for freedom boys and girls!

— Twistin’ da wick, Tim.
Northstar

It is that time of the year where we elect our officers. Current memberships are required to vote so please look at the expiration date on your membership card and verify it is up to date. If not you can renew at the link on the A.B.A.T.E. state webpage. If your membership is current through April of 2020 then you can vote for Chapter Officers and State Officers at the March Chapter meeting March 15, 2020. Noon at Fozzies in Bemidji. Please be aware that absentee ballots were due in to the state office by Friday February 10th.

Nominees for the State Officers are:
State Coordinator - Jane Doyle
Assistant State Coordinator - Jim Orn
State Treasurer - "Mitch" Michelle Backlund
State Secretary - Michele Legried
Northwest District Director - Edgar Burke

Nominees for the Local Officers are:
President – Allen Foster
Vice President – Fran Eskridge
 Treasurer – Jackie Miller
Secretary – Sharon Polman
State Representative – Darryl Holman

Sergeant at Arms
1 - Dane Schroeder
2 - Joseph Coller
3 - John Coller
4 - Holly Reitan
5 - June Coller

If you're interested in expressing your interest in running for a position feel free to come to the March meeting and let it be known so you can be a write-in for any of these positions also.

Thanks for your time.

— Darryl A Holman

Are you a new member of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota?
Is your name spelled right?
Are you in the correct chapter?
Be Proactive . . .
Call the State Office and let her know NOW if you notice an error.

Heart of the Lakes

Next Meeting(s):
March 13th, Playtime, Perham, 7:00 PM
April 10th, Woodshed, Ottertail, 7:00 PM

Hello friends,

I've been away for a few months on these pages. Things have been very hectic this winter. But... now our bike events are getting ready to roll out so I guess its time to get back with it.

Bikerday is almost upon us. If you have never gone, now is the time. Its a great experience and educational too. It is a good time to get to know the people who handle our laws.

If you are a person who keeps on saying...Someday, well someday is here. I saw a couple more folks I know this year who will never get their "someday." Do it now! Live that life!

— Til next time...Littlebear

Road Guard Classes at A.B.A.T.E. U

Contact person is Jodi
jo.hlrogge@hotmail.com
CALL TO ORDER
9:00 am — Call to order ...................... Jane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome .......... Edgar Burke
Invocation .................................. Edgar Burke
Roll Call .................................... Michele Legried
Agenda approval / changes ................. 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
A.B.A.T.E. University ............... Stephanie Christensen
Education ................................. Paul Tjepkes
Gambling ................................. Dan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear Program ............... Sharon Polman
Membership & 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 & Frank Ernst

OLD BUSINESS
2020 Budget
Bikerday 2020 Recap
Sand Dunes Update
Legislative Director Update

NEW BUSINESS
State Officer Election Results
Announce Chapter Officers & Presentation of Awards

OFFICER REPORTS
Treasurer ................................. Michelle Backlund
Secretary ................................. Michele Legried
Northwest District Director .......... Edgar Burk
Northeast District Director ......... Open
Southeast District Director ......... Virgil Legried
Southwest District Director .......... Jon Smith
Assistant State Coordinator .......... Jim Orn

Bike Of The Month

2006
Street Bob

Owner: Travis Rolfs

I am with Central chapter. This is my 06 Street Bob. It has lots of customization from the paint, to the handlebars, to the engine. It's my daily rider but also a workhorse. This last season it helped me take home the 1st place trophy for over all motorcycle sled pull, pulling a total of 6833.6 feet.
Welcome to ABATE U 2020
Vote! Your Freedom Depends on It

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Invites you to attend the
31st Annual Heartland S.T.E.A.M

April 3 - 4, 2020

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska as we unite to keep our freedoms. The Heartland STEAM conference will feature seminars to assist motorcyclists in defending, building and strengthening our grassroots organizations. All profits from Heartland STEAM support the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF).

Hotel Information:
Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center
3280 Northfield Dr
Springfield, IL 62702
www.northfieldinn.com
217-823-7900 or 888-877-7900
Across the street - Ramada Inn
3281 Northfield Dr
Springfield, IL 62702
217-823-0000 or 800-864-9917

Single or Double rooms are $100.00/night + tax
Guest rooms include complimentary breakfast per room. Be sure to mention Heartland STEAM

Room Discount Expires March 20, 2020

Name: ________________________________
Organization: ________________________________
Address __________________________________________
City______________________ State ____ Zip____

Registration Costs:
$50 per person before March 20, 2020 - $65 after March 20, 2020
Option to pre-order t-shirt. $20.00 per t-shirt Size:_____

Registration Options:
Major credit cards will be accepted starting December 27, 2019 at www.abate-il.org or mail this registration form with a check or money order to:
ABATE of Illinois Inc - Heartland STEAM Seminar
311 E Main St, Ste 418
Galesburg, IL 61401

Questions?? Email: mouse91151@yahoo.com or cbrush1@outlook.com or Call: 815-674-5944

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

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

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

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| **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

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## Program Ad/Business Card:

- Enclosed
- Business will mail/email

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## 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

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### Sponsor Receipt

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*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](http://www.abatemn.org)**

**Contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.**
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