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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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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
I want to say THANK YOU - TO EVERYONE who is on the front line and is not able to stay home. From the medical employees, daycare workers, grocery store employees, truck drivers, and anyone else. These are some very unpredictable and turbulent times. We are all struggling in some way, and hoping that life can get back to normal soon.

As you already know, a revised A.B.A.T.E. U is scheduled to take place along with our July board of directors meeting. More details to follow. The A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle will take place at the State Rally, on Saturday September 5th.

We are doing everything possible to keep everyone informed of the seemingly constant changes that we are facing. Thank you for your patience.

Many of our meetings are taking place through ZOOM. What would we do without all of the current technology that is available these days?

Please stay safe! I want to see you at the next event that we are able to organize.

— Jane

I hope everyone is doing well and making the best of COVID-19. I know one thing in these trying times, I’ve learned a few tricks, like Zoom (that was a new one for me) but I’m sure it’s not for some of you.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has been communicating on all of events and fundraisers everyone is missing out on. We all have to hang on get ready for a bumpy ride, help out when/where ever you can. Just keep in mind, some dates are going to be changed and depending how the COVID-19 goes things might change again, so please be patient.

But on the bright side, while the shelter in place is going on, driving for pleasure is allowed, so what their trying to say is get on your bike and ride (but not a big group).

As for me and Kristie, we got back from Texas and enjoyed three weeks of me time and riding. We got back for one-week of work and guess what? They gave me (and the business) 2 weeks off, when we get back to work its going to be hard to work, but I’ll try!

— Till next time, Jim
NCOM like most others are dealing with the impact of the COVID 19 and all the unknowns around this issue, a tough decision has been made, we will not hold the annual convention scheduled for mother’s day week end in Indianapolis on the date scheduled. It is still planned to hold the convention but the date will be moved. I do not have a firm date yet but I expect it will be the middle to late August 2020. It is very difficult to hear of events that have been scheduled and held repeatedly on well-established dates being canceled or postponed but wisdom says it must be done. Even if businesses are opened up and travel about is not being discouraged by the May dates, many people may still be reluctant to take part in large events, not being sure if it is safe to congregate or not. That could result in poor attendance and only a minimum of participation, so I think the decision was reasonable.

The NCOM convention is one of many motorcycling events being postponed, delayed or canceled. These changes will have far reaching effects on the motorcycle community socially and, economically. It may be a long while before we see the lasting effects on our life style but I believe we are survivors and we will keep the rights movement alive.

Wising everyone the best, take care of yourselves, stay healthy, rest up and be ready when the all clear is given we will have some ground to make up.

— fe
May You Live in Interesting Times.

While the origin of this phrase is much debated, one thing is certainly true: Motorcycling freedom fighters are certainly living in interesting times!

Prior to the COVID 19 outbreak, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota’s Bikerday at the Capitol was a huge success. In the last issue of Road Noise, I shared A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota’s legislative issues for 2020. In this issue, I will offer a legislative update and some advice. One of the earliest lessons I learned in over 40 years of being involved in legislation and politics is to show up. And when you do show up, be respectful and polite. A burned bridge takes a long time to be replaced. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is well respected at the Minnesota State Capitol because of decades of relationship building. It really is a relationship marathon, not a relationship sprint. Also, we, as freedom fighters, need to work continuously to educate our members and the general public about why we work so hard on our motorcycling rights and a common sense safety agenda.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota’s legislative motorcycling agenda got off to a great start when the 2020 Minnesota Legislature convened. However, when coronavirus reared its ugly head, our state legislature went into emergency mode. As I write this, the only legislation being introduced or considered is emergency management related. While there is talk about convening a special session of the legislature in the summer or fall of 2020, it is pure speculation at this point. On a related note, all Minnesota motorcycle safety training has been canceled until June 1st.

Rest assured, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is ready to fight hard for our motorcycling rights and common-sense motorcycling safety legislation during this crisis and well into the future.

— Yours in freedom, Mack
May? WTH? I hope everyone survived the "Social Distancing." I am crossing my fingers that by the time this issue is out, we are FREE! Thank goodness for modern technology, I fear some of us may not have survived.

I’ve been looking over the membership report that Liz sends to me, the memberships are slowly crawling up! So here are the current numbers; April is at 3,249, March was 3,202. That’s an increase of 47! 19 singles and 28 couples. Top two chapters this month are Jack Pine Riders with an increase of three singles and 16 couples! Southeast LC had an increase of seven singles and 14 couples! Way to go everyone! Just to let you know that April 2019 we were at 3,485, and our highest membership in April was 10 years ago in 2010, that figure was 4,297! Almost 4,300 A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members! Since then we have decreased 1,048.

Did anyone get any response to the postcards I gave out at the January B.O.D.? As I mentioned in the April issue, I had mailed out 70 postcards, as of now we had eight members renew! My Chapter, Rolling Prairie, increased one single and 10 couples. I’m not sure if any of the postcard renewals went right to Liz at the State Office or not.

With the Donnie Smith Show, and pretty much anything fun to do in April canceled, we missed out on any new memberships, so we need to get creative and figure out how to play catch-up.

Since the April B.O.D. was canceled, we didn’t get a chance to get the signup sheets out for the membership table at the Algona Freedom Rally or the Minnesota State Rally. Remember, the Algona Rally is our BIGGEST membership drive! I have the sheet all made out and I put a Facebook message out for anyone to contact me to add their name to the schedule. Remember, IF you worked two (2) four hour shifts at the Rally last year, you will be receiving your free pass by mail a few weeks prior to the Rally. In past years it was actual tickets, but last year it was a sheet of paper and some threw it away, thinking it was junk mail! We can’t help you out there. Also, if your address has changed and you haven’t let Liz know at the State Office, you most likely won’t receive your ticket. Again, can’t help you out there.

Shifts that are available in Algona are anytime pre-Rally. I will be there on Sunday, ready to go on Tuesday or Monday if need be. The Front Gate Shift of 8:00 am-noon are all full! So available shifts are noon-4:00 pm, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, and 8:00 pm-midnight. The back gate didn’t see much action last year, but we will have the same shifts back there and see how it goes.

As far as the State Rally, we will need four to six people per shift, same shift hours as Algona.

Keep the tri-folds and tear-offs in the vest pockets, saddlebag, or the car!

Be careful out there! Keep on keepin’ on!

— Shelly Deutsch
Last week, the Idaho House of Representatives joined their Senate colleagues by passing S. 1292, the motorcyclist profiling bill. When the governor signs the bill, Idaho will officially become the 4th state in the nation with a law on the books regarding motorcyclist profiling.

The MRF wants to congratulate not only the riders in Idaho but the tireless advocates who have fought this battle for several years. After a razor-thin defeat in previous legislative years, the folks in Idaho never gave up and were rewarded with this monumental victory. We would like to note that Idaho’s success demonstrates that this is a nonpartisan issue. Two states that are usually thought of as “Blue States” (Washington and Maryland) and two states traditionally thought of as “Red States” (Louisiana and Idaho) are now on the record on the topic.

Congratulations again on a hard-fought and well-deserved victory!

As of today, April 10th, Bikers in the Beltway is still on. Please watch your email and social networks for any updates that may happen. Also, if you are planning on attending, please email me. This helps in my planning of meetings with our elected officials. I may plan a meeting for a different day if there are no constituents in attendance.

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

— Gary Goracke, MRF State Rep.

There are a limited number of rooms available so book now. Consider bunking with a friend to save money and room. The deadline to book a room is June 2nd.

A.B.A.T.E. University Committee will be having a couple meetings to improvise the schedule with the room available.

Keep selling those raffle tickets. You have until August 1st to turn everything into Gambling for chapter credit. The drawing will be held at the State Rally!

— Stephanie

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May 8th, via phone

During this unusual time that we all find ourselves in, the best way to stay connected now would be to check out the A.B.A.T.E. website or Facebook. Some Chapters have a lot of their information on there.

At least we can still get out and ride!

— Tammy

Hello Spring!

We have all been looking forward to a new riding season where we can get out and enjoy the nice weather, new adventures, sunshine and friends. As I write this all the talk is social distancing, stay at home, and the bars are closed, doom and gloom. I hope that in May we can get out and start distributing materials, and start enjoying life again. There is no better way to social distance then to let the wind blow the cobwebs away on a nice country road. When the restrictions are lifted, our supporting establishments are going to need our support more than ever this year.

— Keep safe, Jodi

Happy Spring everyone!

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the state is going to start getting back to normal. As we get out and do more riding, remember to have a tri-fold and pen to sign up new members. Due to COVID 19, there were many fundraisers that did not happen, including A.B.A.T.E. University. We are going to need to find ways to get more money into our organization so we can continue the fight for motorcyclist rights.

Do what you can and let me know if you have any questions about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances.

— Mitch
Hello fellow Bikers!!

Happy Spring to you all. Hopefully everyone is staying safe with this nasty Coronavirus running around. One of the things we can do yet is ride our motorcycles.

With A.B.A.T.E. U being postponed, I have a lot of inventory to move. I am planning on attending some of the Chapter events around the state with products, to get these products from my house to yours. If you or someone you know is interested in something from State Products, let me know. If you are interested in having me come to your event and set up a display, let me know. I will do my best to accommodate.

I hope that we won’t have this issue again since it is severely wrecking my plans.

The catalog is still in process. I will let you know when I have it finished. My hand injury from a fall in February put a stop to a lot of things and the catalog was one of those things. It’s getting better slowly, very slowly.

Please continue to contact me at Kari.duncan.abatemn@outlook.com or (507) 830-0644

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Come one and all out to **Stoneys Bar** in Rockville and help us celebrate our **6th Annual Ride for HEROES**  
**Saturday, June 13th**  
Sign up at 10:00am  
ride leaves at 11:00 am  
$15.00 per person,  
food after,  
silent auction, fun & activities and live band all following  
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To benefit the volunteer fire department of Upsula, MN.

**Stoneys Bar - Rockville**
Well, one more before the "change" happens!! You hear me say it, perhaps you've even read it, but now it begins. Need proof? Look around, chapters are changing, districts are changing, members are changing. Changing what you may ask? ATTITUDES - that's what. If you don't like the way things are, CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE. Challenge the why in why not? Speak up, submit your solution, step outside of your comfort zone.

Each and every committee with in our AWESOME organization needs our help. We all have telephones and this technology gives us the opportunity to be involved from wherever or whatever your safe place is. So be that member who makes a difference. WE will become a better organization because of it, I guarantee it.

Ride safe, smart & sober.

— Just do it, Dale

**East Central**

Next Meeting(s):
May 3rd, hopefully, TBD

Upcoming Event(s):
June 14th, Advanced Motorcycle Safety course,
Hennepin-Tech Brooklyn Park
June 26th - 28th, Buddy Bear Brat Stand, Cub Foods, 12900 Riverdale Dr. NW, Coon Rapids
July 25th, Summer Thunder Annual ride
(details to follow)

Hello!

I hope everyone is practicing their social distancing so we all can get back to our normal lives, right? Keeping everyone healthy and safe is priority!

Make sure you mark you calendars for the upcoming events and the chapter is always looking for volunteers.

Hopefully, we can get one of the three Buddy Bear deliveries starting at the end of May, to kick off Motorcycle Awareness month.

Michelle Scannell will keep the chapter posted through a chapter email and, our chapter’s FB page for details.

In April’s issue, if you’re interested in taking over the Buddy Bears for next year, please contact Michelle Scannell, she would be happy to show you the ropes!

Please contact your President for further details for the chapter and/or look on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota state website for updates.

Just remember, **Tough Times don’t last, Tough people Do!**

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling

— E.C.V.P. Jim LaSpisa
**Sand Dunes**

Next Meeting(s):

*God willing, if the bars are open*

May 9th, Tootsies, Big Lake, 12:30 pm
June 13th, Tootsies, Big Lake, 12:30 pm

Hello everyone,

First off, I would like to thank all of the new officers for stepping up to keep this chapter afloat and growing. I would also like to say thanks to all of the chapters who came to our last meeting. If I’ve forgotten anyone sorry in advance. Central, Metro, Glacial Ridge, and East Central.

This chapter, with these new officers, has some great ideas for the future. Please come to a meeting and help us rebuild this chapter. Watch for upcoming events in the Road Noise from this chapter as we plan on doing a Cancer Run sometime later this year.

Stay safe brothers and sisters.

— Chuckles, Sgt @ Arms

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**North East**

Next Meeting(s):

TBA

Not much to report. The only riding so far is the couch during the stay at home order.

One interesting report, traffic is down 50% but accidents are up. Pretty odd statistic. But it points out that even with a huge reduction in vehicles on the road you still have to keep your eyes open at all times and be aware of your surroundings.

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

Not much else to talk about, everything’s pretty much on hold for the near future. Once we get an idea of when this will level off, we’ll update you all on events and meetings.

That’s it for now.

— Farmer Jay, Pres.

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**Up North**

Next Meeting(s):

May 10th, VFW, Deer River, 4:00 pm
June 14th, Knuckleheads, Hill City, 4:00 pm
July 12th, MJ’s, Pengilly, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

TBD
May 2nd, Roadside Cleanup, 10:00 am

Hello everyone,

Well the riding season is here but with everything going on it just doesn’t feel right. Most events are still postponed and we are in the waiting game. Unfortunately our brat barn fundraiser is canceled. We would like to reschedule with them but at this time it is unknown.

We are going to try do a roadside cleanup on May 2nd. We should be following the social distancing of six feet when we are in the ditch cleaning. I hope to see a group be able to help with this but will understand if you would rather not.

Please stay alert with facebook updates and www.abatemn.org and we are going to try and send out an email update when they come available.

Stay safe riding and in general, remember that May is Motorcycle awareness month.

Hope to see you at the next meeting when ever that is. LOL keep up the freedom fighting.

— Farmer Jay, Pres.
Social Distancing!

Central

Next Meeting(s):
April, canceled
May, TBD, watch Facebook for update

Upcoming Event(s):
June 13th, 6th Annual Ride for Heroes, to benefit
Upsala Fire Dept.
July 2nd-4th, Algona Freedom Rally
August 28th-29th, 2nd Annual BIKER BASH,
The MannCave, Hillman

Well, not much going on with the you know what
going everything shut down. So I hope everyone
has been able to stay safe, healthy and sane during
these trying times.

It looks like we will be able to resume normal living
on May 4th (hoping that doesn’t change AGAIN)!
On that note, it’s time to check out the live bands at
Stoney’s. There will be a band on May 8th and
Crimson Edge on the 9th at Stoney’s!! Still planning
our events this summer and The Ride for Heroes
will be here before we know it!

Social distancing! 6 feet apart on bikes, just sayin’.

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

— Stay safe my friends! Shweeila

Thomas social distancing!

Saying “Hi” from a distance.
Jack Pine Riders A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Officers 2020

Jack Pine Riders

Next Meeting(s):
May 17th, Docs on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm
June 21st, Rich's Bar, Sandstone, 2:00 pm
July 12th, Shakedown site, 10:00 am
August 16th, Horseshoe Lake Inn,
   Near McGregor, 10:00 am
September 20th, Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm
October 18th, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm
November 15th, Squirrel Cage, Willow River,
   2:00 pm
December 20th, Cricket, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
Due to COVID-19 regulations, all the following events are subject to change. Updates will be posted on Jack Pine Riders website and facebook page.

May 30th, Jack Pine Riders road side clean up,
   10:00 am, Off The Road Bar, Brook Park
   Pizza will be provided for those that help. BYOB.
   Weather permitting.
June 18th–20th, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Summer
   Hummer, Greenwood, WI
   July 2nd–4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally,
      Algona, IA
   July 10th–12th, Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle River
      Shakedown, Finlayson

Congratulations to all newly elected and returning officers. We are planning our 15th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Now is the time to bring your thoughts and ideas to a chapter meeting and discuss what you would like to see at this year's event. Bands for the 2020 event are Renna Starr, My Famous Friends, Bad Jack, Bjerke and the Ripsters, and Chain Lightning. For more information Call Duane 320-515-0232.

It's riding season. Get out there and ride. Be safe.

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

— Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus

Metro
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River Riders
No Report Received

to all the Nurses, Doctors, Clerks, Truckers, Teachers, Police/Fire Departments and Everyone Else that’s out there holding us together as we make it through this difficult time!
Howdy Folks,

I want to say THANK YOU for believing I can do a good job as director for another year. I would also like to say THANK YOU to ALL Officers past and present. THANK YOU for what YOU Do. Without dedicated people like YOU this program would fold up like a newspaper in the corner.

Many things are getting postponed and canceled during this crazy virus we have going around. Please be patient as this unfolds. I Pray we ALL stay healthy and safe from the virus. I believe when this settles down WE can remain strong in the fight for Freedom. BUY AMERICAN!!

Hoping this year is a great adventure on new roads less traveled.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

Can you share a couple of nice rear ends in the newsletter?

Borderland

Next Meeting(s):
May 17th, Spring-Steel Island Resort, Warroad, 3:00 pm

Hello Borderland!

First of all we hope and pray that your family and friends have been safe and healthy during the Wuhan virus outbreak In our country. We had to cancel our April 14th meeting and May 2nd meeting, Membership Drive and fundraiser. Our active members have been working to keep the membership drive part up in April and May. Most of our members expire on May 30th so for now; Please re-up your membership and sign up new riders!

I know that we have lost some liberty and freedom due to this virus thing so let’s keep A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota strong for our motorcycle rights! We will plan a fundraiser at some point after this thing passes.

By the time you read this I hope the country is back to work and the economy is roaring back. Our May 17th meeting has outdoor options and our backup location will be at Lee Heatons.

The A.B.A.T.E. U. Raffle will happen at our Great A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally and Chapter credit deadline is August 1st so keep selling but I need those sold tickets back to me ASAP.

Well there are positives that come out of the pandemic.... Like, easy to self distance on your bike, if you are under 6 feet it might be really unsafe; You got closer to your family and now know that you passed the divorce test, and there are less folks in airport terminals being forced to watch CNN just to mention a few.

Ride safe, Bikes with windshields in the back!
God bless you, and God bless America!

— Twistin’ da Wick, Tim.
Next Meeting(s):
May 30th, TBD – Check Facebook page for updates

Upcoming Event(s):
May 16th-17th Bike Show RCC, Alexandria

Thank you for all that showed up for our drive-up elections. We had a great turn out under the circumstance. Your new officers are,
President .......................... Derek Nelson
V.P. ................................. Jeff Saiko
Tres. ................................. Bob Jespersen
Sec. ................................. Anita Allison
Chapter Rep. ...................... Mike Jeppesen
Sgt. At Arms ............. Jim Allison, Bill Cameron, Gary Goracke, Kandy Ahlers, Ted Warren, and Jeff Beattie. Thank you all that stepped up.

With the Covid-19 going on please watch our chapter facebook page for updates on everything from chapter meetings to the Bike Show. If you don’t have facebook feel free to contact Derek for updates.

Now that spring is here please check over your motorcycle before taking it out. If you don’t know how, contact one of our local cycle shops and they will help. Remember they are all supporters of FFR and most are A.B.A.T.E. members. So it’s always good to check them out. Most importantly check your tires and be safe out there.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month!
Heart of the Lakes

Next Meeting(s):
May 8th, Matt & Lindsey’s, 46166 525th Ave, Perham, 7:00 pm
June 14th, Monte & Jodi’s, 32901 Long Lake Rd, Richville, 5:00 pm

Hello fellow Bikers!

I’m sure at this time many of you are holed up at home trying to fill your days with something useful while you are sheltering in place. Or maybe you are considered “essential” and are trying to work as best you can with "social distancing". I, for one, am out working still, and trying to do my part to keep distance, wash hands, not touch your face. But until something like this comes up you never realize how many things we all touch, and how hard it is to stay back from people, especially when you are used to being social. I know we all look forward to this thing being over so we can hang together and have fun as a whole again. Until then friends, be safe. Wash your hands and maybe clean out that shed that you've been meaning to get to.

Really looking forward to the day we can all get together again.....

Til then....Hang in there!

— Littlebear

Northwest

Next Meeting(s):
No meetings have been scheduled at this time.

Upcoming Events(s):
Do to the COVID 19, we are staying home and staying safe. One big change is we have postponed our Spring Ride-In till further notice. Hopefully this pandemic will pass and we can go back to a normal life.

— Stay home and stay safe, Greg

North Star

No Report Received

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH!

to all the Nurses, Doctors, Clerks, Truckers, Teachers, Police/Fire Departments and Everyone Else that’s out there holding us together as we make it through this difficult time!
River Valley

I'm writing this month’s article with a very heavy heart. On March 31st we lost a near and dear member of our Chapter. Mike Berg was killed in a motorcycle accident. He was the historian for our Chapter. He was so happy being in our Chapter. He really took the job of historian very seriously. I remember him doing ditch pick up with us last fall. Great guy. He was always willing to learn as much as he could about his new A.B.A.T.E family. We welcomed him with open arms. He was gone all too soon. This is a reminder that you never know when the last time will be that you see someone. I implore all my A.B.A.T.E family to tell your loved ones you love them and, as Jazz would always say, "hug your kids" just a little harder. I plan on making sure there is a cross made in his memory in Rolling Prairie Chapter for the Fallen Friends run. If someone could get me his birth date, I would appreciate it. Some have talked about doing a memorial run for Mike, too. Stay tuned for future updates. May you forever ride free with the Angels, Mike, gone from the earth, never from the heart.

I know we are all going through a tough time these days with this COVID 19 pandemic, but together we will all come through this stronger. Many years ago, a neighbor of mine reminded me, "Every day we can wake up and see the sunrise, it’s a good day." That statement has always stuck with me.

We have canceled our May Awareness Parade.

— Together we ride free, Nita

Flatlanders

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

I will ask you to keep looking at our Facebook page for news and meeting dates.

We did hold elections in the Geneva Bar parking lot. SEDD Virgil and I took the votes and election judges tallied the votes.

Once we have a meeting, I will get a picture of all the new officers.

Thank you. I hope all who reads this is safe and healthy, and by the time this comes out you all are on your bikes.

— Jeremy

Mississippi Valley

No Report Received

Straight River

No Report Received
Next Meeting(s):
May 7th, Cy’s Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
June 4th, location TBD

Upcoming Event(s):
May 17th, Highway clean-up, Highway 21 south of Jordan (meet at the train cars), 10:00 am
June 13th, Rider Training Course, Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie; 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Upcoming Chapter meetings are at Cy’s Bar and Grill, 500 Pine Street, Chaska. Fundraiser Committee meetings will start at 6:30 pm. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Come out early and have some dinner. We meet in the back room by the pool tables.

First, I would like to apologize for missing the Road Noise deadline for the April issue. I am new to this role.

Congratulations and thank you to all who have stepped up and been elected to Chapter positions: President, Jon Fernholz, Vice President/Chapter Rep, Scott Steinhoff, Secretary, Katie Gilloffo, Treasurer, Pete “Pops” Fernholz, Sergeant@ Arms, Mike Pharr, Monte Thue, Steve Stemig, and John Pabst. Also, a big thank you to those who served in Chapter positions last year!

On to current events. As we are all aware, everybody’s lives have changed dramatically due to the COVID pandemic. And as you probably already know, we were unable to host the 4th annual Tri-County Carver Motorcycle run. It sucks, but we all have to do our part to get through this together...but not too physically close to one another. It is truly a struggle when you see a brother or sister and refrain from embracing them as one normally would. Hopefully we can get over this sooner than later.

Remember, just because your life is disrupted, doesn’t mean your freedom to ride is. Stay safe, healthy, and don’t forget to practice social distancing. Preferably six feet apart, staggered, and ridin’ 65 mph.

— Until next time, Big Jon

Tri County and Lake Chapters with Rep. Jim Nash (above) and Rep. Greg Boe (below)

Scott and Jim on a crisp, clear morning at the State Capitol on BIKERDAY February 27, 2020.
Southeast LC

Next Meeting(s):
May 10th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

Greetings to the South East LC Chapter.

Whatcha all been up to? Social distancing? Sheltering at home? Seeing how you look with a mask on your face? Stopping at store after store looking for toilet paper?

Like most events, the April meeting was canceled. A.B.A.T.E. U and the raffle are postponed. The current plan is to hold the raffle at the July Board of Directors meeting. The Southeast District is hosting the B.O.D. and the Southeast LC Chapter is the sponsor. We were asked for input on campgrounds and nearby motels in the Preston or Lanesboro areas that can accommodate approximately 50 people. If you have any suggestions, contact President Rob or Southeast District Director Virgil. With the current conditions, it’s difficult to plan anything.

In case you missed it: Truck platooning legislation has been reintroduced at the Minnesota Statehouse. HF 1995 and SF 2177 would allow platooning of up to three vehicles. Truck platooning is several semi tractors with trailers driving close together in a convoy. The trucks are electronically connected. Whatever the lead truck does or doesn’t do, the rest will follow. Currently there are certified drivers in each rig, but in the future, only the lead truck will have a human behind the wheel. These bills were introduced on March 7, and there has been no action since.

We appreciate the continued support of our renewing members: Donna Aarsvold, Steve Amdahl, Rob and Sara Tear, and Henry and Sandi Vrieze.

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Member Of The Month

Tony Corporon
Straight River Chapter

Pictured is Tony Corporon and his daughter Ivy at BIKERDAY 2020. They have both been to many BIKERDAYS.

Tony has held various chapter officer positions over the years he has been in A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. He also served as a District Director in the past.

We all would like to get more younger members involved, like Ivy. Maybe more of us can bring our children or grandchildren to the next BIKERDAY. It could start a movement!!
Hello everyone,

Here it is May. I hope everybody is safe, healthy and by now (hopefully) out riding. I know the last few months have been very different. With everything that is going on, many changes have been made to our life and not by our choice. I guess you could say that we just got a little taste of dictatorship from the Government, being told what to do, when to do it, and how to do it (not a pretty picture).

Well back to A.B.A.T.E. stuff, now is the time for us to come together as a group. We have a lot of work to do so we can grow and keep our freedoms intact. We need to call our politicians, email or see them face-to-face, whatever means work for you to keep in touch with them. Because now they also have a taste of what it is like to control our everyday situations. We need to be vigilant in letting him know that they work for us and we know what is in best interest of how to run our lives.

Chapters if you have fundraisers planned or that were in the works before this came about. Do you have backup plans, alternate dates just in case this virus is still going on when you read this? Hopefully we are getting back to a normal but when I wrote this, it was April. If you have new officers, I will be getting a hold of you as soon as possible. Old officers should help them have an idea of what they need to do. If they have, any questions have them get in touch with me.

Chapters that still have Buddy Bears or got new ones; make sure you are doing your reports, as you need to.

Stay safe, healthy, and keep your motorcycle rubber side down.

— Jon Trashy Smith

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**Rolling Prairie**

**Next Meeting(s):**
May 3rd, Prochazka’s farm, Butterfield, 1:00 pm  
June 7th, Thunder Bar, Good Thunder, 1:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
May 9th, Washout, St. James Rest Area, 8:00 am  
May 30th, Summer Kickstart, Buckshot’s,  
  Registration 11:00 am -12:00 pm,  
  Ride leaves at Noon

Greetings Fellow Bikers

Since A.B.A.T.E. U was postponed due to the Coronavirus, I did not get to see a lot of you. I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy and getting plenty of riding in.

It has come to my attention that not everyone has our correct Facebook page. Here it is Rolling Prairie. We were locked out of our previous page, so a previous officer who had access changed it. We are working on getting our previous page deactivated to eliminate confusion. Please watch for announcements regarding all meetings and events on this page.

Due to the closing of bars and restaurants, we had to reschedule our Chili Feed. The new date is November 7th. All tickets with the March 21st date will be honored on November 7th. Come one come all.

— Ride safe, Giggles
Lake

Next Meeting(s):
May 3rd, Zoom virtual meeting, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 3rd – Ditch pick up, St. Bonifaciou, 12:00 pm
May 16th – 17th, Motorcycle training – CANCELED
February 13th – Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall

We had a Zoom meeting on April 4th and it went surprisingly well. Thanks to everyone who made that possible. These are strange times indeed! At least I still have toilet paper!! With the extended stay at home order, the May meeting will also be a virtual meeting through Zoom.

We talked about possible 2020 events, but with the uncertainty of when everything will be open and running again, these will need to be revisited.

Even with social distancing, we decided to go ahead with the Ditch Pick Up on May 3rd. Thought everyone could keep their distance and still get the road picked up. The Washout is still up in the air though. I hope that we can still do something later in the month. Watch for updates on this. We will also check on the bike shows we have in the summer to make sure they will still go on.

That is all I have for now. Hope to see everyone soon!
— Later, Mitch’n
Southwest

Next Meeting(s):
May 1st, Group Facetime virtual meeting
June 5th, via phones, laptops or other electronic medium

The Corona virus is taxing many of us, socially, mentally, physically and every which way but loose. People who cannot work are worrying about finances, and going crazy within the confines of their home. People who are working are being run ragged, being out there in the germ-infested world, looking at others as if they are under a microscope.

We CAN get out and ride. Pick a destination, fill up and go! The socialization, we enjoy as part of the bike-riding folks, we are, is a no-no. However, the wind on our face is therapeutic for sure.

Just be sure you have enough gas to get home on! If Peter and Pam Public think we are ass hats on a good day, you know they will not help us now!

As you can see, some of our members went to BIKERDAY at the Capitol. Thanks for representing us!

Keep our Military in your thoughts and prayers.

Pray that the damn COVID 19 is history very soon, and we are all spared its ugliness.

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Glacial Ridge
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Buffalo Ridge
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Way West
No Report Received

Southwest Chapter at BIKERDAY 2020.
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NEW & RENEWALS FOR MARCH 2020

BORDERLAND
Bruce Berg .......................... R

BUFFALO RIDGE
Tom Bahn .............................. R
Eva Bruns / Rick Johnson .... R
Kurt Enderson ........................ R
Ricky "Poo Bear" / ... R
Cathy Gagnon ........................ N
Mike Haney ........................... N
Levi Knobloch / Dana Schmidt .... R
Richard / Kim Louwagie .... R
Irek Marcinkowski ..................... R
Chuck / Rolly Muller .................. R
Jay O'Connor .......................... R
Doug / Jan Loft Pilgrim .............. R
Jesse / Amanda Warnke ............. R

CENTRAL
Nathan / Kim Brock ..................... R
Patti Epsky / Tim Hannahs ........ R
Mike Fullerton ......................... N
Mark Gargus / Trish Theis .... N
Eric Jacobson .......................... R
Michael Terwey ........................ R
Troy / Tracey Voigt ........................ R
Douglas / Brenda Widmer ............ N

EAST CENTRAL
John / Laura Alberg ..................... R
Mark Schneppmuejler / Laurie  ...... R

FLATLANDERS
Meghan / Ben Baumann .............. R
Tom Buffington ......................... R
Jerry Collins ........................... R
Angela Obermeyer ..................... R
Kipp / Christine Fuller ................ R
Steve / Susan Hondl .................... R
John Krell ............................... R
Brad / Tonia Newman ................. R
Victor Price / Joyce Lawson ....... R
Brad Rauen ................................ R
Colton Ryg / Jackie Bruen ............ N
Charlie / Linda Schmidt ............. R
Daniel Sparks ........................... R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS
Jeff Beattie ............................. R
Bill Cameron ............................ R
Joe Chisholm ............................ R
Charlie / Tammy Clyne .............. R
Dennis Gang .............................. R
Gary Goracke ............................ R
LeAnne Chisholm ....................... R
Tyler Hanson ............................. N
Ricky / Jill Hart .......................... R
Larry / Pamela Hubbard .............. R
Jesse / Cathy Jepessen .............. R
Bob / Brenda Jespersen ............. R
Mark Kluver ............................. R
Shane Matchinsky ........................ R
Mike Miller Kathy Moreno ........ R
Robert Noyes ........................... R
Dave / Amy Roth ........................ R
Luke / Molly Ruegemer ............. N
Scott Teaser / Heather Richels .... N
Tharon / Julie Young ................... R

GLACIAL RIDGE
Dan "Hives" Bursaw ........................ R
Jim Halvorson / Julie Hemen .... R
Cory Sturges ............................ N
Ted Warren ............................. N
Rebecca Westrum ................. N

HEART OF THE LAKES
Trent Bartells ......................... R
Eric Cully .............................. R
Kathie Daak ............................. R
Rick Graven ............................. R
Thomas "Doc" Johansson / ... N
Donna "Alpine" ............. R
Gary Kowalski .......................... R
Kevin / Cindy Maloney .............. R
Daniel McGlynn ....................... N
Gordy / Karen Mitchell ............. R
John Nelson / Bonnette Heath ... R
Rory / Jessica Olson ................. R
Pat Pfeifer .............................. R
Craig Pouri / Rosie Schindler ....... R
Mike / Ruth Ramsay ................. R
Lacy Schmidl ......................... R
John Vaida / Bonnie Blatchford .... R
Tod (Trey) Williams III ............. R

JACK PINE RIDERS
LeAnn Anderson ....................... R
Larry Britton / Gail Lundberg .... R
Jerry / Vallerie Effertz ............. N
Mike Elsbary / Kathy Forslund ... R
Chris Hocking .......................... R
Milner Hystad / Nancy Moncrief .... R
Adam / Sarah Jensen ................. R
Kim Lundahl .................. R
Richard / Linda Nelson .............. R
Dave Noren ............................. R
Liz Ovick .............................. N
Charlie Rich ............................ N
Aaron Scheuermann / Amanda Nelson .... R
Donald / Becky Schroeder .... R
Larry Showers / Pennie Johnson ... N
Ed / Sharon Sokol ................. R
Steve / Dee Sweeney ................. R
Aaron Weber / Alicia Brown ........ R

LAKE
Sam Arne ............................... R
Danny Caspers ......................... R
Charlie / Jenny Cassell ............. R
Dave Clifton / Becky Hasslein .... R
Tony / Nicole Eldridge .............. R
Gina Eshelman ......................... R
Donald Godale / Suz Bedell ...... R
David / Paula Grommersch .... R
Bill / Cathie Jensen ................. R
George / Sherry Kappas ............ N
Audra Koel ............................. R
Paul Lauer .............................. R
Dan Matzdorff ......................... R
Kimmer Robertson / Joe Dawson ... R
Alicia Schablin ........................ R
Jerry / Amy Smith ...................... R
Loval Staskivige ....................... R
Todd Stenberg ........................ N
Steve Wong ............................. N

METRO
Alano / Theresa Almeida ....... R
Pat Burke .............................. R
David / Patricia Finseth .......... R
Sheri Fuller ............................. N
Jim Horjesi ............................. R
Donald Larson ......................... R
Dennis Larson ........................ N
Gigi Nielsen ............................ N
John / Holly Podvin ................. R
Jim Ring ............................... N
Chuck Wachter ........................ N

NORTHEAST
Don / Pamela Belange ............. R
James Hill .............................. N
Caroline Kresal ......................... N
Brian Riordnan ........................ N
Sandy Towle ........................... R

NORTH STAR
Tessa Reed ............................... R

NORTHWEST
Shawn "Oggy" Carlson / ... R
Tiffany Jones ........................... R
Lonnie Greenlee / ... R
Melissa Westlake ...................... R
Mariab McGlynn ...................... R
Greg McGlynn .......................... R
Paul McGlynn .......................... R
Nick Spiering .......................... R
Wayne Violette ........................ R

RIVER RIDERS
Elroy Baierl .............................. N
John Joz / Rosell Dinzeo ............. N
Joel Manes .............................. R
Mike Mastel ............................. R
Steve McKenzie ........................ R

RIVER VALLEY
Dennis / Janice Arens ............. R
Greg / Kara Bouhey ..................... R
Richard / Janice Bruels ............. R
Josh Burdick / Leah Maxfield .... R
Lanny / Kathleen Cox ............... R
Gloria DeSantiago ..................... R
Russell / Judy Gebhardt ............ R
Richard "Koze" Kosek ............... R
Robert / Janis Lewis ................. R
Frank / Laurie Neagle .............. R
Mark Rutten ........................... R
Heather Schiltz ........................ N
Shannon T / Ashra Three Trees ...... R
Ted Vittori / Brenda Selby .......... N

ROLLING PRAIRIE
Eric Dietz .............................. R
Ted Geistfeld ........................... R
Rodney Hanson ......................... R
Donald Keim / Gail Hagen .... R
Travis Kroon ............................. N
Trevor Kroon ............................ N
Mike / Ellie Kulseth ................. R
Roy / Jolina Peterson .......... R
John / Deanna Ranniger .......... R
J.D. Sanden / Brit Godden .......... N
David / Colleen Sater ............. R
Janet Todd .............................. R
Paul / Cindy Torkelson ............. R
Todd / Tammy Westman ............. R

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## Bike Of The Month

**Nelson Pickett**  
Former President of the North Star Chapter.  
I'll reup my membership if you post this bike.  
I drove it off the showroom floor in 2015.  
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2020 State Motorcycle Rally
Sponsorship Program

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

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

There are five levels of Sponsorship:

**Diamond Sponsorship**

The Diamond sponsorship is just $3,000

It includes:

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

**Gold Sponsorship**

The Gold Level Sponsorship is $1,000

It includes:

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

**Silver Sponsorship**

The Silver Sponsorship is $500

It includes:

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

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

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

Our members are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who support those businesses who support them. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota please visit our website at www.abatemn.org.

For more information, please contact:

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532
Email: statetreasurer@abatemn.org

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon!
## A.B.A.T.E. OF Minnesota 2020 State Rally Sponsorship

### Sponsor Information

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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

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

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

Date: __________________________

Business Name: __________________________

Sponsorship Level: __________________________

Recruiting Member Signature: __________________________

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

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

Visit our website at: www.abatemn.org

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- Metro Chapter

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