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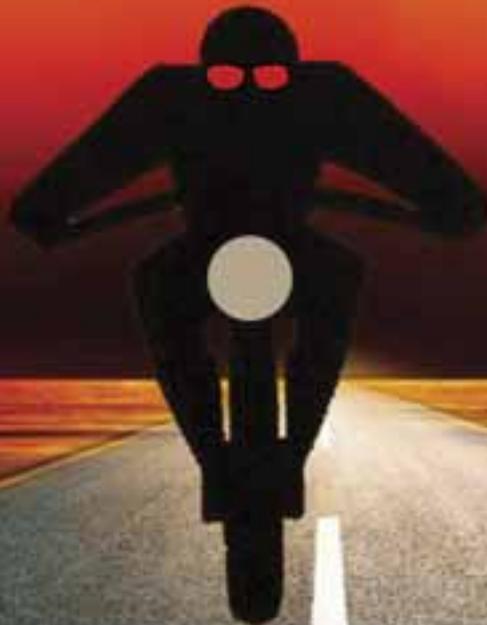
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different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

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

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to

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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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What did you think of A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally 2020? It certainly was an experience!

A HUGE Thank You to Randy, the Rally Committee, everyone that volunteered to work a shift, and our attendees! The rally committee did an awesome job!

When I received the phone call from the Attorney General's Office on Friday morning, I was a little concerned about what the impact would be on our rally. Thankfully, they were willing to work with us. They helped us to comply with a COVID-19 preparedness plan. Jim, Randy, and Smoker immediately went into action to put our new plan in place. As I read through the Stay Safe MN guidelines, I realized that many of the things that they recommend, are things that we already do every year. That made the adjustments a little easier. Thank you for complying with the occupancy maximum in the roped off entertainment area, hand washing and social distancing! Unfortunately, the hayride had to be cancelled. Maximum capacity in the entertainment area was limited to 250 people. With a hayride out in the camping area, the entire grounds would have been limited to 250. Cancelling it was necessary to keep the rally operating.

Moving on... Soon we'll be headed for Meeting of the Minds in Indianapolis. Then we'll have a Board of Director's meeting. And before you know it, we'll be celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. OH, and let's not forget about elections! Watch for the voter's guide, do some research, and get out there and VOTE!

This year is actually going fast. I have my fingers crossed for a Happy, Healthy, and NORMAL 2021!

It's time to take advantage of every nice day, and get those miles on the bike! Be safe out there!

— Jane



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I'm writing this right after the A.B.A.T.E. of MN Great Get Together (State Rally), from what I saw, it looked like fun was had by all! I have to say when the event was over, clean up went well, along with set up. I just want to thank everyone that helped with set up, tear down and at the rally, we couldn't do it without you!

As always, we needed help filling shifts, front gate, and security...which are just as important as set up and clean up.

We have members stay well into the afternoon to help clean up, and a lot of them are the same ones working the shifts during the rally (the same ones helping with set up too!). All we ask to help pull this off is to step up for 4 hours to help out (your liver will thank you). This year it seemed like pulling teeth!

As for next year, I will make sure we get sign-up sheets out early and once again we are asking for help. I know some of you are working your shifts and then some, Thank you! Without the support of the members to fill the shifts, we can't have a rally.

I am not saying that about all chapters, we had a few that went above and beyond helping out all weekend. Enough said about the Rally!

Well the riding season is winding down, get out there ride as much as you can.

— Till next time, Jim





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What a fun State Rally! Lots of good friends, music and bike games. And we made some money for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota! What could be better? If you did not make it this year, make plans to attend next year.

I want to give a big THANKS to Nita Baker for all her hard work at the State Rally. With her as State Rally Treasurer, it gives me some time to party and not worry about the money being taken care of. It is a big job and I appreciate her efforts.

Make sure to carry tri-folds with you to sign up new members. During this pandemic, we need to keep our numbers strong.

Hope to see some of you at Meeting of the Minds conference in Indianapolis.

— Mitch



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Well, I guess if you're reading this, I made the cut off time. . . a day late, but the Rally really wore me out. Plus coming home to work extra days at work.

Anyway . . . Sorry you missed my last month's report, it was sent in EARLY! Not going to try that again.

Our memberships need continual work, not just riding time, keep those tri-folds in your vest, car, lunch pail, anywhere you have contact with people. The September count was 3,187, that is up 28 members. I'm sure the Rally membership table figures will be reported in from Liz soon.

The Chapter that improved their counts the most was Lake, up four singles and eight couples, next was Buffalo Ridge with one single and 10 couples. WAY TO GO! Keep up the good work.

That's all for now, keep on keepin' on,

— Shelly Deutsch



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Greetings Fellow Bikers!

I hope that everyone who attended our State Rally had a great time like I did. Thank you to the Entertainment Committee for putting together some great bands.

If you didn't come see me at the Rally, you missed some good news. I am now able to accept credit/debit cards at our events. Thus, making it easier for you to purchase all your State Product needs and still have cash for the other vendors.

Bike flags are in process. I am hoping to have them, in a limited quantity, for the October B.O.D. at Baylor Park October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If I need more, I will order them as needed, since I only had one

Chapter get back to me with an order for flags.

Memorial patches for Jesse Larish and Janet Todd will be available as a pre-order only. These patches will be \$5.00 each. I need to know how many your chapter wants by October 5<sup>th</sup> to get them in time for the B.O.D. I am sending the Chapter Presidents an email asking for a count for each Chapter prior to this article being published so if you aren't at the meeting you can still contact your President if you are interested.

Some food for thought when planning your next fundraiser. I am able to put together some products we currently have on hand for your fundraiser to use as a silent auction item or as a door prize. Just let me know which you prefer, and I will see what I can come up with.

As always, if you have an idea or suggestion for me please email or text me.

Shiny side up,  
Kari

— Kari



## STATE RALLY REPORT

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Wow, six years, where did the time go? After six years involved with planning and being in charge and almost in charge of the State Rally, I will be stepping down after the October B.O.D. It has been so much fun and so challenging at the same time. I have met so many great members of A.B.A.T.E. who have stepped up to help make the Rally better for everyone. While we haven't gotten back to the heyday of almost 2,000 people showing up, we have gone from about 475 when I started to almost 1,000 people showing up (913) this year. I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you to all the members who have stepped up on the Rally Committees,

gotten all the great Sponsors, spent countless hours working shifts at the Rally, thank you, we can't do this without all of you. I have been so honored to have been given the opportunity to help make the Rally bigger and better and I hope I have lived up to the challenge. Again, I can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work.

Don't worry, I will still be involved with finding bands for the Rally, the fashion show, and the wet t-shirt contest, and I will be at the Rally for years to come. These last six years have been some of the most enjoyable times I have had at the Rally and I can't wait for next year. I would like to thank Randy Prochazka (I hope I spelled it correctly, ha ha ha) for stepping up to take over as Rally Chair and I wish him all the best going forward. Again, thank you to everyone.

— Smoker

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I would like to start out this month's article by saying thank you to everyone that attended the Rally. We had a great time. Those of you that didn't go really missed out. We hope to see you next year.

Special thanks to all our state leaders for helping with all the COVID bs we had to endure from the government. Without you and your help we wouldn't have had a Rally. I hope everyone appreciates everything they did as much as I do. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. It was great to see all the smiling faces enjoying themselves and supporting all the games, vendors, bands, and sled pulls. I hope everyone enjoyed all the band selections. I thought they were all very good. If you have any suggestions for next year's rally, please attend the next rally meeting and let your opinion be known.

I would like to personally thank the people that showed up to help with set up to put this all on and all the people that stayed to help clean up afterwards. Special thanks to all our great sponsors for all the great equipment we had to work with. Special thank you to all the Chapters that worked very hard for the donations we received. It seems that we need to work

out a system to help out the front gate where everyone participates. That is a very important part of our Rally.

Thank you very much to all of the security people that worked all the shifts. We couldn't have done it without any of you. Thank you to Mike Pesta and his great crew for all the hours of caring for us. Thank you to the Litchfield Fire and Rescue squad for being there for us all weekend long.

There are so many people to thank, I couldn't possibly name them all.

Please attend the October Board of Directors meeting, where we will be having our next Rally meeting, with all your thoughts fresh in your mind.

I would appreciate any and all thoughts of how we can make the Rally better. If we don't hear your opinions, we can't read your mind. We welcome any constructive criticism and ideas for the future.

See you all at the next Rally meeting at the October B.O.D. We should have facts and information of how we turned out by then. Thank you for now, see you at the next Rally meeting.

— Randy



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I have not had much to report the last few months. Many of the activities motorcyclists take part in have been shut down. Here in Minnesota we have not been allowed out much unless we were taking part, burning down police precinct buildings or pulling over statutes owned by the state. I am asking myself when we will be allowed to get out and start generating some income to repair the damage done and replenish the funds our state leadership has been so generously giving away.

During this time motorcyclists have not been allowed to take part in many of the activities important to us. Fund raisers, charitable activities, and other events including meetings to plan how we protect the few freedoms we have left have been restricted. Our activities have been closely regulated and controlled by our government, how many people can attend, how close you can stand to someone else whether or not you wear a face mask all of our actions mandated by the government. They are doing this to protect us from ourselves? A little like wearing helmets, bright orange clothes or other mandated regulations. All this protection comes to us from a leadership that could not protect a police

precinct from being burned down or a statue of Christopher Columbus from being destroyed, but they can protect us from ourselves.

My friends in the motorcycle community I encourage you to take a larger part. It is time to actively protect your rights, privileges and freedom. I am not just talking about our freedoms associated with riding motorcycles. I am talking about our rights, freedoms, and privileges to live a life without the incredibly restrictive government controls we have been subjected to the past several months.

It is time, get or continue being involved, get informed and get out and vote. Keep the often-heard phrase "IF NOT ME WHO? IF NOT NOW WHEN?" in your mind.

I am going to end now so I can go out and do door knocking for a Senator that has consistently support us, I need to do my part to help him retain his Senate seat. I ask all of those reading this are you doing all you can to get our country back on track, headed in the right direction to try and recover from the incredibly unbelievable situation we are currently in.

As a reminder the NCOM dates and location.

**NCOM convention**  
 October 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Marriott Indianapolis East  
 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219  
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Be vigilant, or you will be next!

— fe

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**Next Meeting (s):**

October 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim & Kristi Orn's home, Kimball,  
 2:00 pm

We sure had a great time at our Rally. Nice weather, good music, friends, family, bike games etc. THANK YOU to the Rally Committee for all your hard work! Please continue to send in Business,

Member, and Bikes of the Month to the Road Noise at roadnoise@abatemn.org.

— Thanks, Tammy



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**Nothing to report.**



MRF Chili Contest "Best!"



"Most Unique"



"Hottest!"

## MRF REPORT

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Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone that came out to the State Rally and took part in the chili contest. We had four different chilies to choose from and a number of people voted for the Best, Hottest and Most Unique. The money raised will go straight to the MRF.

I also want to thank everyone that attended the MRF hosted PAC dinner. Thanks to Ron and the MRF Assistant Reps for preparing the dinner for everyone to enjoy.

Did you make it to Indy for Meeting of the Minds? With the pandemic going on, I think that everyone that was able to attend had a blast. Thank you to A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana for hosting this year's MOTM. If you were not able to make it this year, I encourage you to put it on the calendar for next year.

Don't forget to get out and vote in November. There is more than just the President to vote for. The Minnesota U.S. Senate seat is also on the election ballot. If you are still undecided as to who you want to represent us, I encourage you to send an email out to the candidate and ask them about motorcycle rights issues and see if they respond. It is always nice to have a motorcycle friendly legislator in office when fighting for other motorcycle issues that may come about when they are in office.

— Jay Hickok, MRF State Rep



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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This is going to be lot of Thank You being this is my last Road Noise article that I am writing for Dial-A-Ride. I was hoping it would be a bright and sunny day so I would go out on a cheery and happy note not sad and gloomy! During these times we all need to be upbeat and cheerful.

Speaking of GREAT things...the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally was a fantastic time. Thank you to everyone that donated the many hours that it took riding around selling ice to all

our happy campers and vendors throughout the campground, all those that helped Mr. Potato head clean and cook, and those that did pickups and interventions. I want to do a special thank you to my friend Jim Guza that provides us a vehicle every year FREE of charge to use as a Dial-A-Ride vehicle. Without our volunteers we would be nowhere, and it takes so little time to say a thank you!

Officer elections started this month,  
President: Duane Tschida,  
Vice President: Ron Lischeid,  
Treasurer: Judy Soder, Secretary: looking for volunteer.

Going forward Ron will be writing these articles but if you need me, you know where to find me, still probably volunteering for too many things as my hubby puts it.

Jodi

**DIAL-A-RIDE YEAR ENDING — END OF OCTOBER 2020**



## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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August was a bad month for Minnesota motorcycle fatalities. By September 9<sup>th</sup>, there had been 46 riders killed in 45 accidents this year. Twenty of these crashes involved a rider negotiating a curve.

As requested by Mack Backlund, task force members now get information on motorcycle injury crashes. This information is in the form of graphs showing the total for the year of crashes for each month, age of the driver, day of the week, time of day, details of the road surface, and if the driver was distracted, what the distraction was.

The current graphs show that 643 crashes have been reported that resulted in injuries. June was the worst month with 176 crashes. Drivers of the ages between 20 and 29 had the most crashes with 216. Saturday was the busiest day for crashes, followed by Sunday. Between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm were when most crashes occurred. Most crashes were on dry road surfaces, while seven crashes were the result of sand on the road, and 21 occurred on wet roads.

Our last meeting was September 17<sup>th</sup> via Microsoft Teams and our next meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup>, again via Microsoft Teams as COVID 19 continues to change our lives.

Ride smart. Ride safe. Remember STUFF happens. Motorcycle accidents don't need to.

— Monte



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next meeting date: October 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Kristie Orn's home, 1:00 pm



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Nothing new to report.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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This year's voters' guide is running a little behind schedule. We will post it on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website when it is available. Please make plans on voting. If you are going to be out of town plan on doing an absentee ballot.

I would like to thank the MRF team for hosting the Chili feed and the PAC dinner at the State Rally. Thanks to Ron Lischeid for all he did to make the PAC dinner happen.

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions

— Ronald Reagan

Pray for the best, prepare for the worse, and expect the Unexpected.

— Gary Goracke



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Just got back from the State Rally and what a wonderful turn out and good time, no serious drama. There were really good bands and I encourage more members to attend.

I had a good response on Buddy Bears this month for reporting. Those not reporting were: Freedom First, Rolling Prairie, South Central, Up North and Way West. Can't believe it's already time again to print out and deliver Buddy Bear Order forms for 2021 at October B.O.D. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. Take care and stay well.

Respectfully submitted

— (Ma Bear) Sharan Polman

## REVISOR - OPEN!

# GAMBLING REPORT

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Hello everyone!

It's been a trying season, but we were finally able to raffle off those two beautiful bikes and give away some cash. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and a special thanks for the help from you all selling them. It takes a lot of time and effort to make these raffles a success and we certainly accomplished that.

Now we are already working on our raffles for next season and you can expect to see the tickets for the 2021 A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle soon. Also, many chapters run raffles themselves. These also need approval from the Gambling Board and there is a lot more to it than just saying yes. So, please get in your request early as it can and will take a couple of months to obtain all the proper approvals and permits to run your raffle.

The winners of the raffles drawn at the State Rally are:  
Grand Prize - Greg Heine,  
Second Prize - David Sonneck,  
Third Prize - Jeff Newton and  
Fourth Prize - Mack Backlund. The winners of the 50/50 raffles were Mike Lewerte and Brian Rick. Congratulations to the winners.



Mack receiving the 4<sup>th</sup> Place check.



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

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A.B.A.T.E. University 2021 - April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Planning is in the works. Any ideas please let me know!

## BIKE OF THE MONTH

### Niigaaniigwan May

#### North Star Chapter

#### Darryl A. Holman

I been riding this baby for 12 years now. It was stolen last year in May and luckily I carry full coverage insurance and had all the damage taken care of. I plan on riding this forever.

**1996 Harley Davidson Road King**  
...the leather bags are in my bedroom.

#### Bike/Trike 2

#### Niigaaniigwan May

3 legged horse, Vance and Hines pipes puts her above and beyond... 1997 Dyna



## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### *Kingston Mini Mart*

The Mini Mart is owned and operated by Jim & Kristie Orn. The Mini Mart is home to burger night fundraisers, it is a Passport Run stop and one of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Rally Sponsors.



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That is a lot of support given out of this tiny gem. Most of you know Jim and Kristie Orn through A.B.A.T.E. but know their generosity does not stop there, they support many causes in the community they live in. If you have never been to the Kingsaton Mini Mart, please put it on your list next time you are taking a ride on your bike or in your car. They would love it if you would stop by and say "Hi," don't forget to thank them for all they do for A.B.A.T.E. of MN and their community!

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### *Tad Lothert* *South Central Chapter*

Meet Tad Lothert. Tad has been a member of South Central Chapter since 2018. Tad has been a staple of our meetings and events since day one. He has done an outstanding job of helping at all of our events and is not afraid to get out and get sponsorships and donations. Tad was instrumental in our relationship with Lake Lillian and aligning us with that community to deliver buddy bears and explore other fundraising opportunities. He is currently one of our Sargent at Arms. Tad recently bought a trike and is LOVING the passport run, I swear that man has hit every stop twice, all while he is out promoting A.B.A.T.E. with a huge smile on his face.

*Thank you Tad for everything you do to promote A.B.A.T.E. and help our chapter we appreciate you!*



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

WHAT A RALLY!!!!

I'm tellin ya what. When we rolled through the gates it was like going back in time! The fairgrounds were FULL! There where Bikers everywhere! What an AWESOME time it was!

I would like to THANK ALL THOSE involved in putting the Rally together!! Great weather, Great Entertainment, Great Food, Great People. Also, Congrats to the Raffle winners.

So now on to Elections. November is a big day for motorcyclists. There are many spots up for election. Make time to contact those that are running and find out if they are working for you. Good positive communication between you and your legislators is very key to getting what you want.

Get out and RIDE those Motorcycles!! Cool crisp air makes them run smooth. Also, the bugs are down some. Keep your eyes out for critters trying to get in the roadway.

Call me with any questions or concerns: 218-849-5021.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE SAFE, EDGAR

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## BORDERLAND

**Next Meeting(s):**

Next Chapter meetings: TBA

**Upcoming Event(s):**

October 17<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of MN B.O.D., Norwood  
Young America, 9:00 am

Hello Borderland!

First of all, I would like to tell all members that our state rally was awesome ! Thank you, Randy, Smoker, and also Shelly Deutsch! No thanks go out to Governor Waltz. We also want to thank the Mid-West MC for the great job they do on their rally and what they do for Camp Courage.

I now must say that it was very exciting for me to have sold the 10 k A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle winning ticket

to Borderland A.B.A.T.E. Member, Jeff Newton. Congratulations Jeff!

I think our September meeting was held on our September 27<sup>th</sup> "Fall colors ride" but that hasn't happened yet as I write this. This time of year, you never know when things get re-scheduled. I guess once you get into late September, you know the riding season up here is starting to wind down but October is going to be great this year, I think!

Last, I want to say how important it is to vote this year . We hate the left-wing violence, we love freedom and liberty, we love our god and we love people no matter their skin color. God created us all.. Even bikers..... Bikers lives matter you think? (BLM)

See ya!

— Twistin' da Wick, Tim.



**Upcoming Meeting(s):**

October 31<sup>st</sup> TBD - Check Facebook page for updates

November 28<sup>th</sup> TBD - Check Facebook page for updates

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

The rally was a blast this year. By Saturday night we had more new members or first time to the rally members. A big shout out to Murf for leading a big group down to join us. Fun was had by all.

With fall fast approaching and the weather cooling down, please pay attention to the air pressure in your tires. You may find that you need to add some air for these cooler temperatures.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G

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**NORTHWEST CHAPTER**

No Report Received

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3rd Place Bagger Motorcycle Sled Pulls





**Heart of the Lakes Chapter at the 2020 Rally!**

## **HEART OF THE LAKES**



### **Upcoming Meeting(s):**

October 9<sup>th</sup>, Frazee VFW, 7:00 PM

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Playtime Bar, Perham, 7:00 PM

Howdy all,

Hope you all have been getting out to ride and enjoy the sunny weather. I have just returned from the yearly trip with my boys and some friends. It was four days of great riding, awesome scenery, and a few laughs. Fortunately, there were no animal encounters this year. The hotel stays are a little disappointing with all the COVID rules. No continental breakfast, just a brown paper bag with a muffin, a piece of fruit, and a water. The desk clerk will serve you coffee on request. Other than that, lots of good food and good miles.

Well, fall is coming, so we gotta start thinking about dressing for cooler rides and getting fall maintenance done for when we have to park 'em for a while again. My wife said this summer just seemed kinda' wasted. Not much happening and its over. I kinda' agree . . .

Til next time!

— Littlebear  
GOD Bless America!



**Mike Pesta in the  
Bike Games!**



**North Star Chapter delivering Buddy Bears to Lakeport and Bemidji.**

## **NORTH STAR**

### **Upcoming Meeting(s):**

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Grace Lake Bar and Grill,  
Cass Lake, 12:00 pm

November 15<sup>th</sup>, Grace Lake Bar and Grill,  
Cass Lake, 12:00 pm

It has been a great summer for riding. Here at the North Star Chapter we're looking forward to the start of the fall riding season. The fall color rides are just starting, come up north and enjoy these with us.

We've been busy with a couple of rides to distribute Buddy Bears, rides to and after to our summer meetings, and gathering to ride to neighboring chapter events.

Our members were present at and got to enjoy the State Rally. We would like to thank all of the people involved who worked hard to put on this amazing event.

Feel free to join us on our Facebook page to keep up with our meeting dates, news, activities, and events:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/141752925894571/>

And be sure to like and follow the A.B.A.T.E. State Facebook page to see what all the other chapters are up to:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ABATEofMN>

— Darryl



**North Star Chapter at the 2020 State Rally.**

# Chapter Grapevines



## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings Southeast District,

Another Rally is in the books, and from the pictures I've seen and the comments I've heard it sounds like it was great time had by all. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year due to a test involving my brain getting probed via my nose. Results turned out to be negative for the virus and a brain.

It's not too early to start planning for Bikerday 2021. As Chapters your sponsorships help to pay for this very important event and as members your attendance at the Capital is going to be paramount. There is a very distinct possibility that there are going to be a lot of new faces in both houses that we will need to introduce ourselves to and bring up to speed on A.B.A.T.E.'s concerns and talking points.

It's now October so be safe out there. The critters and farmers are moving, adding to the hazards we deal with on the road.

— Virgil

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## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

October 11<sup>th</sup>, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 11:00 am

Hello Southeast LC

Back in high school, A/V stood for audio/visual. Remember cassette tape players and overhead projectors? Maybe I'm going too far back. Today, AV stands for Automated Vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) launched a new website showing where AVs are being tested. The pilot program is voluntary for manufacturers to submit what cities the tests are taking place, the type of vehicle (shuttle, car, SUV, robot, heavy truck) and how many. Participating companies, so far, are Beep, Cruise, Fiat-Chrysler, Local Motors, Navya, Nuro, Toyota, Uber and Waymo. So much for Detroit's Big Three. The website is: [nhtsa.gov/automated-vehicles-safety/av-test-initiative-tracking-tool](https://www.nhtsa.gov/automated-vehicles-safety/av-test-initiative-tracking-tool).

MNDOT's AV test facility includes a 2.5 mile closed loop and a 3.5 mile stretch of I-94 that can be closed to other traffic. Rochester is testing the Automated Shuttle Pilot vehicle operated by the city bus company, First Transit. It seats 12 test dummies (just kidding) real people, moves along at 12-15 mph and travels a rectangular route looping Mayo and downtown. The

EZ10 is monitored by an attendant ready to take control, if necessary, unless he's on his phone.

The South East LC welcomes 12 new members and seven renewals for the month of July.

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

October 10<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Morristown, 1:00 pm  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, Medford Muni, Medford, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

November 14<sup>th</sup>, Fall Bash, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 5:00 pm-close

Howdy Straightjackets,

Hope you are ready to have a good time at the Fall Bash. If you have anything to donate for the silent auction, please bring it with you to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Remember, if you are looking for something to do, just look in the Road Noise under the events page.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

— Your President, Spanky

# FLATLANDERS

## Next Meeting(s):

October 24<sup>th</sup>, Ben & Meghan Baumann residence,  
Geneva, 2:00 pm  
November 21st, TB3's, Freeborn, 2:00 pm  
(depending on pandemic restrictions)

Greetings, Flatlanders.

First and foremost, apologies for stating the wrong month for our meeting and event in the body of last month's Grapevine submission. "October" obviously should have been "September." Hopefully posters, word-of-mouth, and Facebook made up for the misinformation.

All of the cancellations, closures, and other changes due to the pandemic made for a very unusual summer.

One event that was held in spite of it all was the Buddy Bear Run. Thanks to the planners, to the participants, and to Buff, for the pictures.

Together we stand.

— Linda Peak



**Flatlanders Buddy Bear Run 2020.**



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# MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

No Report Received



**Tri County Buddy Bear delivery to Waconia Fire Department.**

## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

October 1<sup>st</sup>, Location TBD (Check Chapter emails),  
7:00 pm

Hello everyone!

I just got unpacked and finished washing the Rally off. It was mostly great weather this year and as always, a blast. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Rally happen. A shout out to Glen, thanks for stopping by the Tri-County tent this year. Don't worry, we'll find you a different brand of collapsible camping stools to buy . . . heehee.

We successfully delivered all 75 of our Buddy Bears in August. The recipients this year were Jordan Fire Department, Waconia Fire Department, and Southern Valley Alliance who provide victims of domestic violence and their families with support, referrals, protection, and advocacy. We also handed out leftover t-shirts from our Carver bike run to all three locations. Thanks to everyone that came

out to help deliver, we had a great turn out.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the Harley Heaven Bike Run out of Jordan. They were very generous to donate a portion of their proceeds to Tri-County Chapter, along with Ronald McDonald House and the Food for Friends Backpack Program in Jordan. It was a beautiful day to ride and we had a lot of Tri-County members present. Way to go T-C!!

That's all I've got for now. Be sure to enjoy each and every beautiful day before they go into hibernation.

Kick it down one and grab a handful.

—Big Jon



**Buddy Bear delivery to Jordan Fire Department.**



**Buddy Bear delivery to Southern Valley Alliance.**

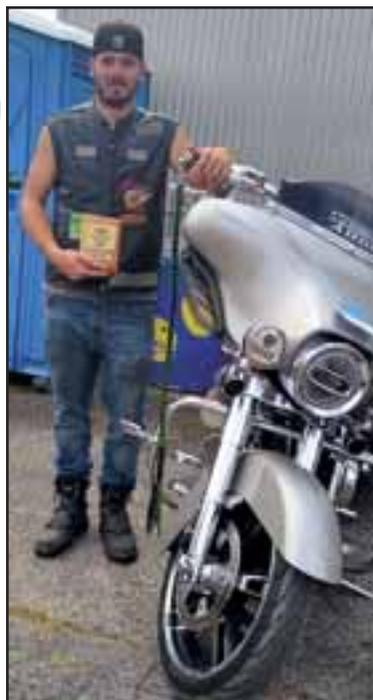
# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

October 11<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato,  
12:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

October 10<sup>th</sup>, Ditch Clean Up,  
10:00 am. Refer to  
River Valley Facebook page for meeting area.  
Lunch and Laughter at Jerry's farm after clean up.



**Trophy Winners: Richie Oliver & Cane Nachreiner**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual River Valley Gives Back: WEcovery/Beyond Brink. The ride was a huge success with 40+ motorcycles. We had beautiful weather for the day and donated a car trailer FULL of items for their new housing unit. AND we helped unload it all! BIG thank you to all that helped, donated, and put the event together!! We had no problems at all with this ride and it was successful and loads of fun!

32<sup>nd</sup> annual State A.B.A.T.E. Rally: WOW! River Valley Chapter had a fantastic presence at the Rally. Weekend weather wasn't perfect, but I don't think anyone cared! We had a ton of fun in the wind, rain, and lightening. Nothing going to stop the event! Music, dancing, motorcycles, food, family, and friends. A fantastic place to reunite with old friends and to make new friends. Volunteer, visit, explore, volunteer, visit, explore! Couldn't have asked for a better weekend! Anxious to see some of my new friends again at the B.O.D. in October!

Trophy winners: Vintage 1<sup>st</sup> place: Cane Nachreiner, and Best in Show 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Richie Oliver. **Congratulations!**  
— Ride Safe & Free, Teri B



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual River Valley Gives Back: WEcovery/Beyond Brink**





## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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The Rally is over, and I want to thank my chapters that really stepped up this year.

Way West and Glacial Ridge for games they did an excellent job. And Mike with First Aid. South Central for all their help at gate. Rolling Prairie for gate security and helping me with garbage. And the others that helped but I didn't get a chance to see because of the things that I was doing. Thanks for all your help to everyone that helped you make it a great Rally. For those that chose not to come you missed a great weekend.

— "Trashy" Jon W Smith

## **GLACIAL RIDGE**

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

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

November 7<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

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

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Santa Day, Rooney's Bar, Sedan

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hello people. Well the State Rally is over, and I for one had a great time. Met a lot of folks I haven't seen for a while and met some new ones. Listened to some great music, ate some great food, had a great time at the games, and sled pulls, and saw some fantastic bikes.

Congratulations to the winners of the bike pulls, and the raffle drawings.

Well it seems the weather is trending towards the cooler side, but that doesn't mean it's time to put the bikes away yet, just means you must dress warmer. Fall is in the air, and by the time this is read most of the leaves will have turned colors, or fallen, so get out and get those last few rides in.

Coming up December 5<sup>th</sup> at Rooney's Bar in Sedan from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm will be our Santa Day. Come on out, bring the kids, and enjoy the afternoon with us. More details on this next month. Also, the B.O.D. is in a few weeks. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Keep your knees in the breeze, stay safe.

— Hives



**Garbage Detail at the  
2020 A.B.A.T.E. Rally**

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

We have our elections coming up in a couple months. If you know your candidates well take some time and help them out, whether it is to stuff envelopes or going door to door putting election material on people's doors. This year more than any other year, we need to vote with our biker rights in mind. A voters' guide will be posted on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website when it is available. Read it and find out how your candidates are answering the questions put in front of them. Please pay attention to this. This election is critical to our way of life. Get out and VOTE.

Our riding season isn't over yet. We have had more motorcycle deaths this year than we had all last year combined. I believe that one death is too many. I do know that the motorcycle awareness and training classes have been cut way back because of the COVID stuff. I have talked to many of my teachers. They have had to change all the ways the kids are being taught this year. Just like everything else we have had to adjust to these times. I am really looking forward to being back in the classrooms.

I hope everyone is out riding and enjoying the last few days we have till mother nature decides to throw that four-letter word at us again.

Thank you to everyone that helped at the Rally in any way possible.

Until next time, together we ride free.

— Nita



**Devon strutting his stuff at the Fashion Show.**

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

October 7<sup>th</sup>, Valley Inn, Eden Valley  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mugshots, Cosmos

### Upcoming Event(s):

November 21st, Toys For Kids, Eagles Club,  
Litchfield, 6:00 pm

First, I want to thank everyone who volunteers and works so hard throughout the year and especially during the long weekend to make the State Rally happen. Without you, the Rally would not exist and South Central really appreciates you, we had a blast!!

Our Toys for Kids drive will be held at the Litchfield Eagles Club on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. The silent auction will be from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and there will be music! Join us and bring an unwrapped toy, which goes to kids in Meeker and McLeod counties. If you have any items to donate for the silent auction, please contact Kristy at (320) 282-6851.

Remember to get out and enjoy the last days of the Passport Run. We have extended the deadline and all books must be received by October 15<sup>th</sup> (see address in the book) if you want to be included in the contest.

Ride Safe & Free,

— Ingrid Cohen, SC Secretary

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## SOUTHWEST

### and BUFFALO RIDGE

No Reports Received

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## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kris Kalway's house, Howard Lake, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 13<sup>th</sup> – Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo

What fun we had at the State Rally! There was some big talk around the fire on Sunday night. Scott was hot and Giant was pulling back, but not pulling out! Some of the best quotes come from around the State Rally Fire. There were some great times at the campsites too. Fred did us all and we loved it! If you didn't make it out to this year's State Rally, make plans to attend next year's event. You will have fun, I guarantee it! And maybe you can be quoted afterwards. Might even have to make chapter t-shirts!!

With October, comes some nice cool riding weather. Get out and enjoy as much as you can. Old Man Winter will be here before we know it.

The meeting at Kris & Scott's should be a good time. Hope to see everyone there!

— Later, Mitch'n

# Way West Chapter at the 2020 Rally!



## WAY WEST

The rally has come and gone and boy, did we have a great time!! Thank you to all the members who stepped up and volunteered at the front gate, building the main stage, overnight security and putting on the bike games. You all are incredible!

I still find myself chuckling at certain things like warming the feet a little too close to the fire, just tipping over running into the pine trees and not knowing how you got there, and the many hilarious conversations around the campfires. You all are pretty special!

I must tell you all this I have the utmost respect for each one of you! We have an incredible chapter. No one is ever left behind and what a Brotherhood/Sisterhood we have.

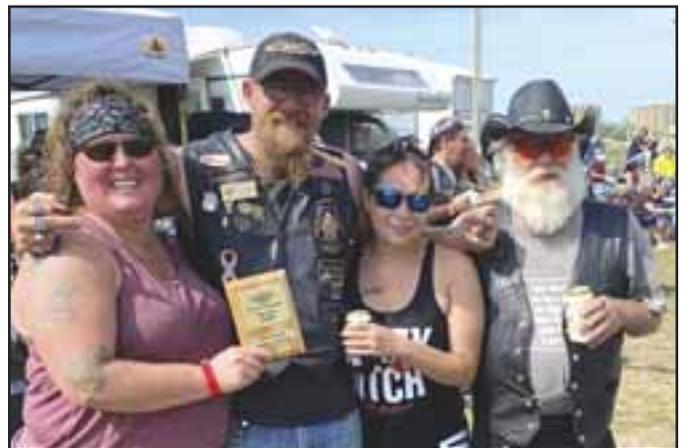
And just like that fall arrived. It is a great time of the year to ride. Be watchful for the critters now, as they roam around.

Our October meeting will be a final ditch cleanup for the year as well. Stay tuned to the Way West website for details and the President's phone updates.

Not much else is new. Get your passbooks finished up and keep spreading the word about A.B.A.T.E. to others and try to recruit more members for our chapter.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

— Gypsy Mama



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

MICHELLE "MICKEY" SCANNELL

NORTHEASTDIR@ABATEMN.ORG

Did you all survive the "COVID 19" A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally? We all did our part to keep everyone safe and sound. Thank you to the NE District chapter members for your attendance and your time to making the Rally a great success!

The switch has been flipped; the fall riding season is upon us. Need to keep eyes moving and your head on a swivel for all types of riding scenarios.

Mark your calendar for the next NE District meeting. October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, Doc's in Sturgeon Lake.

Remember to get out there and support your Brother/Sister chapters in their upcoming events.

*"Race the rain, Ride the wind, and Chase the sunset.  
Only a biker understands."*

— Mickey

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## EAST CENTRAL

Hello to all East Central members,

October is here and the change of weather will make for cool, crisp riding during the day. At sunset the temperature will drop fast as we see daylight hours decrease rapidly. You need to be prepared with proper clothing and gear. Rain gear is a must for a cool wet ride! Sunset also brings deer moving. You need to be on your toes and ready at this time of the year as we approach the "Deer Rut Season."

It was a great State Rally this year at Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield. Attendance was good thru the gate and there were more RV's this year. Great music, sled pull, field events and the contest's.

A big thanks to all East Central members who came to my aid at the Main Gate on Friday evening. Without their help I could not have handled the flow of people at the Main Gate. Friday has been a night at Rally when people have traveled a long way and want to set up camp. It can be gridlock at times at the front gate, so to keeping things moving is a big deal. Thanks again to the East Central members for all your help Friday night at the gate.

We are making plans for a fundraiser/cook-out party

in the October/November time frame. More news and updates later. Please check the website or facebook for info.

Recently our Chapter Treasurer, Doug Mosiman, stepped down from that position. He has been a long time member of A.B.A.T.E. and a very active member of the East Central Chapter. We wish him all the best and thank him for all his hard work and dedication.

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

— Jim E.C.V.P.

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## SAND DUNES

Next meeting(s):

October 10<sup>th</sup>, KJ'S refuge, Orrock, 12:30pm

Hello everyone,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all our members who volunteered for shifts at our State Rally. I got a chance to meet some new friends and have a wonderful time together either playing jenga or beer darts. The Rally was a good time had by all. I look forward to seeing you all soon at our chapter meeting. Until then,

— Sgt @ Arms. CHUCKLES

## **CENTRAL**

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

October 11<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

November 8<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

December 13<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

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

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fun Run, Stoney's, Rockville, KSU  
at 12:00 pm

A HUGE thank you to everyone that attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Central Chapter Biker Bash and to our sponsors!

\*\*\* The Mann Cave – Hillman

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We appreciate everything and could not have done this without ALL of YOU! Hope to see you next year!

Another great time had by all at the State Rally! Congrats to Travis Rolfes and Nick Lehmeier for taking home several trophies on the bike pulls!

Ready for our Fun Run? A new concept this year with challenges and games to make it even more fun! Rain or snow! Bikes, cars, trucks, vans or buses; come join the fun!

"In Memory of Kelli Bjelland" patches will be available at Stoney's for \$5 each. Patches were purchased by an anonymous member and all proceeds will be donated to the Bjelland family.

Motorcycle Dial A Ride is still open until the last weekend of October. Call 888-DIALRID[E] (888-342-5743) if you have had too much to drink, health issues etc. Be Safe!

Like and follow our Facebook site for event updates!  
<https://www.facebook.com/AbateMnCentralChapter/>

— Stay safe my friends! Shweeila



**Melissa — Not Looking!**



**Travis, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner!**

**Travis  
and Nick  
with their  
trophies!**



## UP NORTH

### Next Meeting(s):

October 11<sup>th</sup>, Deer River Vets Club,  
Deer River, 4:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

October 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of  
Minnesota B.O.D.,  
Norwood Young America

Hello everyone,

I hope you all are doing well. Riding season is getting closer to an end for some. If you are part of the lucky ones that travel south and get to extend your riding season, I hope you enjoy it.

Did you get out to the State Rally? Even with the pandemic going on, I think everyone that was able to attend had a blast. A big thank you goes out to the Rally Committee and all the volunteers for putting it together. If you missed it this year, I encourage you to put it on your calendar for next year. You can't forget the date for next year because it is always Labor Day weekend.

Were you able to go to the Meeting of the Minds in Indy? Again, with the pandemic going on, I think that everyone that was able to attend had a blast. Thank you to A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana for hosting this year's MOTM. If you aren't sure what Meeting of the Minds is, it is a national conference of state motorcycle rights organizations that get together and work on legislative strategy for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Again, something to put on the calendar for next year.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> we are going to have a Fall Color Cruz fundraiser. Just as it states, we will go for a ride. As I write this, we have not had a meeting to finalize everything, but I hope you have seen flyers and check the facebook page for more details.

Also, the Winter Fever Reliever is approaching. If you would like to get on the committee and help please let Cory know so that we can include you in the committee meetings. We are going to think that the pandemic restrictions will be less restrictive so that we can have this event. We will plan it and IT WILL HAPPEN.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

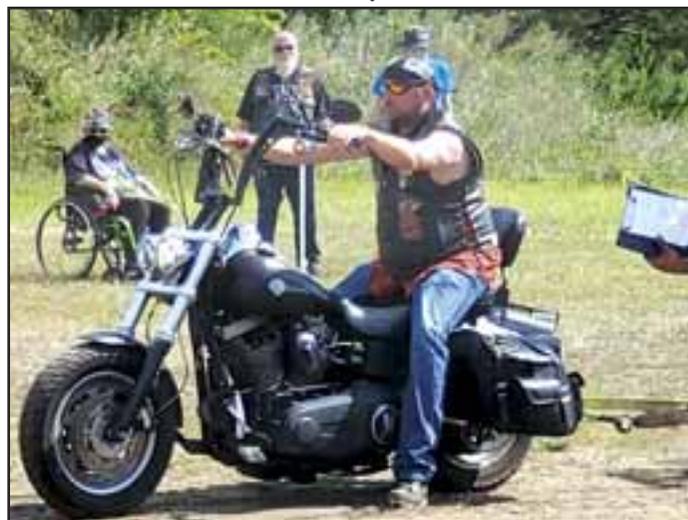
— Farmer Jay, President



Up North at the  
2020 State Rally



Jay - 2020 Sled Pull



Angie, Melissa  
Chili Contest



Angie, Melissa  
and Skully



## Jack Pine Riders

### JACK PINE RIDERS

#### Next Meeting(s):

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, Squirrel Cage, Willow River, 2:00pm  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, Cricket, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm

#### Upcoming Event(s):

December 20<sup>th</sup>, Annual Christmas Party,  
Cricket Bar, Rock Creek

Our December meeting will be followed by the Annual Christmas Party. There will be food, drinks, white elephant and more! All are welcome.

Next roadside cleanup will be in May 2021. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

Wow. . . July, August and September flew by. I did a lot of riding during the "pandemic." Hope you did too. This past month, myself and a handful of other J.P.R.'s attended the Central Chapter's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Biker Bash". It was a lot of fun. Great job guys!

We also attended the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally. For a "pandemic" year, I think it was a success. Had a great time. Hats off to those that organized the memorial ride. Band selection was good this year. Hurricane Alice, Saturday night was my personal favorite. Raunchy, loud with an added attraction. Sled Pull Tim worked his butt off. Proving once again he is the hardest working man in entertainment. Jack Pine Riders Ice and wood delivery service did an awesome job. Dial-A-Ride had a few calls and showed what a valuable service they offer. And many more that deserve an attaboy as well. Good job everyone.

Enjoy the fall colors. Some of the best riding of the season is still ahead. Get out and take it all in. Always keep safety in mind.

For updated chapter/events and information, log on to

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

our website: <http://www.jackpineriders.org>  
Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

— Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

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### NORTHEAST

#### Next Meeting(s):

October 7<sup>th</sup>, location TBA, 6:30 pm  
November 4<sup>th</sup>, location TBA, 6:30 pm

#### Upcoming Event(s):

October 27<sup>th</sup>, Road cleanup, corner of Martin and  
Rice Lake roads, 10:00 am

Hello all,

Just got back from a great weekend at the State Rally. Nobody in the chapter won a new bike but you can't have everything. Attendance this year was surprisingly good considering current events. It appeared to me that the campground was nearly full. The bike games and sled pulls had many participants and a lot of spectators who stayed for the whole afternoon. Tim Jensen and his crew did a great job and worked their butts off as usual. The bands were all good and Sunday night's music was great. Overall, it was a very satisfying experience with lots of good attitude to go around.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first annual Chic's Memorial Billboard Ride. Chic was the original organizer of this event and was involved every year up until this one. Hopefully I'll be able to report a good turnout and a bunch more billboards in our area.

That's about it for now, trying to stick to bike related topics even though the temptation to stray into other subjects is pretty strong.

— Ride Safe, Ed

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### RIVER RIDERS *and* METRO

No Reports Received

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

## Board of Directors Meeting Agenda • Saturday, October 17, 2020 • 9:00 AM Baylor Regional Park • Norwood Young America, MN

### CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to order .....Jane Doyle  
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome ..... Jon "Trashy" Smith  
Invocation .....Edgar Burke  
Roll call .....Michele Legried  
Agenda approval / changes .....Jane Doyle  
Secretary Report- July, 2019 .....Michele Legried  
Treasurer's Report .....Michelle Backlund

### LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Director .....Gary Goracke  
Motorcycle PAC of MN .....Mark Senn  
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) .....Frank Ernst  
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation). .....Jay Hickok  
Write to Ride. ....Frank Ernst

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

### OTHER REPORTS

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Mississippi Valley Chapter Discussion

### NEW BUSINESS

Bikerday 2021 Discussion and Chapter Challenge

### OFFICER REPORTS

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**9/20 FOR SALE:** Harley Davidson coat rack made from a 2 inch x 12 inch x 48 inch long plank, 7 railroad spikes for hooks, 2 bar and shield engraved logos, \$50, call Tom 507-477-3255

**9/20 FOR SALE:** New wine barrel, no winery markings, light brown color, 35 inches tall, 28 inches wide at the center, 60 gallon capacity, \$100, call Tom 507-477-3255

**9/20 FOR SALE:** Two Hubbel multi voltage warehouse style light fixtures, 400W metal halide bulbs, suitable for damp locations, wired for 120V, \$50/each, call Tom 507-477-3255

### 8/20 FOR SALE:

2003 Sportster XLH 883 anniversary edition. 2669 miles, lowered w/bobber fender. Includes: stock fender, extra seat, stock springs and shocks, bags & back rest. \$4500, Shella Huggett shellahuggett@gmail.com



**8/20 FOR SALE:** 2001 Heritage Softail 7,200 (or so) miles, very clean, may need tune-up. Trying to sell for my father-in-law. Asking \$10,000 or OBO. Contact Groucho at 507-226-4414 for further details.

**10/20:** Vanson Men's zip side tie leather vest, size 46, model #VZL BLK. \$200 new, asking \$75  
Vanson Woman's Chaps, leg size 21", model #MCHL BLK. \$300 new, asking \$100.  
Both in mint condition and USA made.  
Call 651-388-7996 or email [nancytaylo5egmail.com](mailto:nancytaylo5egmail.com)

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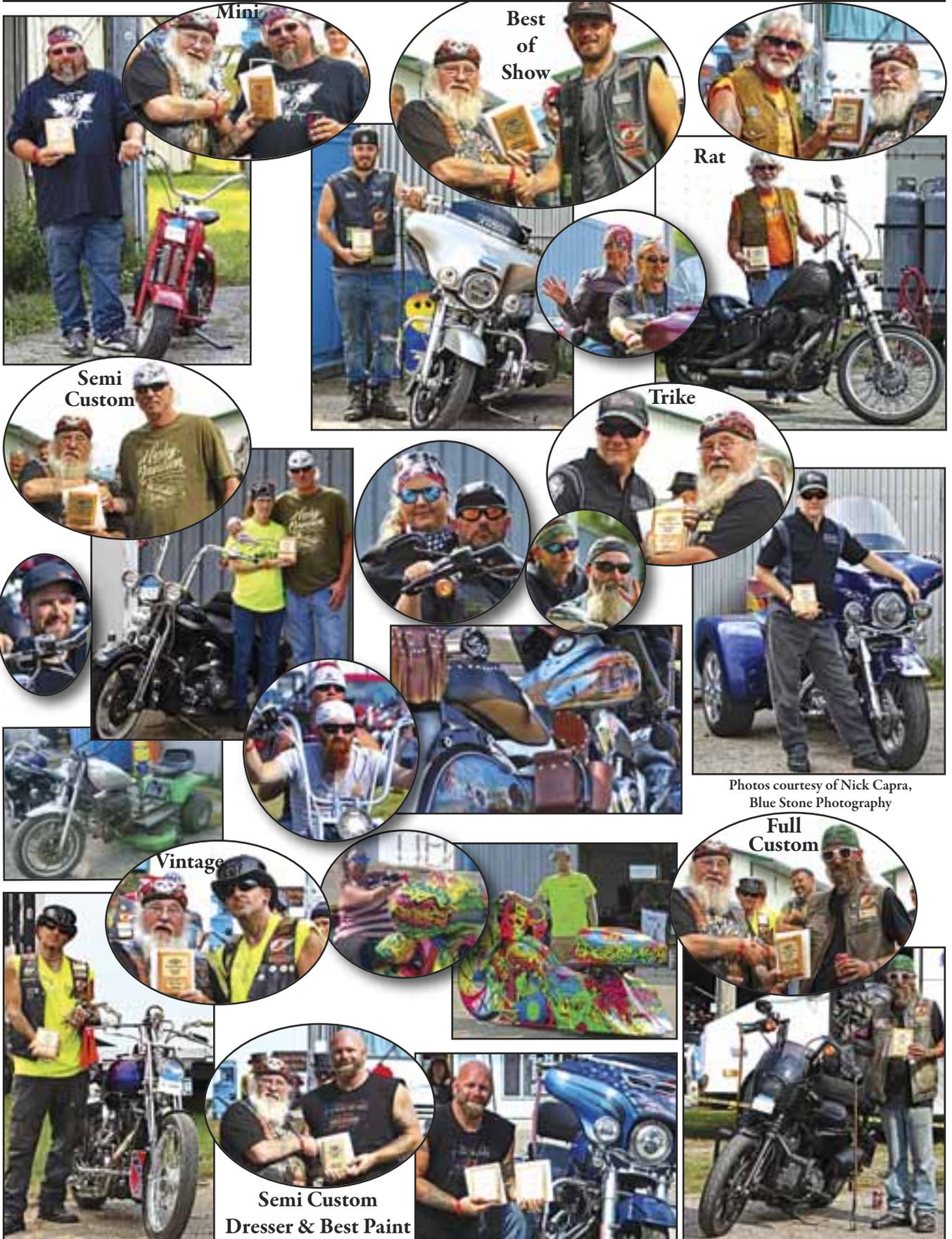


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Mini

Best of Show

Rat

Semi Custom

Trike

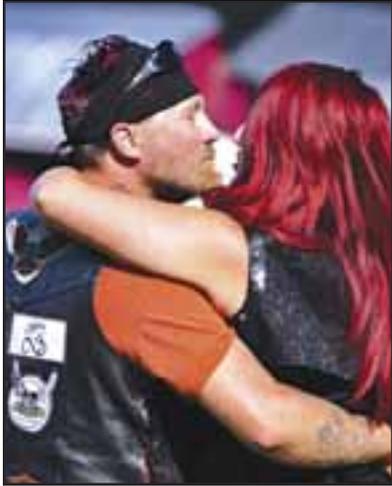
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Vintage

Full Custom

Semi Custom Dresser & Best Paint

# A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA STATE RALLY 2020



## NEW & RENEWALS FOR AUGUST 2020

### BORDERLAND

Nick Gerulli Jr ..... R  
Richard / Hilary Gross ..... N  
Doug Simon ..... N  
Kim Skogstad ..... R  
Mike Trinka ..... N

### BUFFALO RIDGE

Jesse / Hope Christianson ..... N  
Brad / Karen Gruhot ..... N  
David / Melissa Gruhot ..... N  
James / April King ..... N  
Bob McLean ..... R  
Joe / Linda Moser ..... R  
Jeff Rathman ..... N  
Ryan / Bonnie Rutgers ..... N

### CENTRAL

James / Pauline Anderson ..... R  
Joshua Arnold / Shirley Herdering ..... R  
Nicholas Dircks ..... R  
Gary Douvier ..... R  
Robert "Jake" Jacobson /  
Sandra "Sonnie" ..... N  
Melissa Klepaıda ..... R  
Ben Lingl ..... R  
Kitty McCormick ..... N  
Andy Ross ..... N  
Nate Scott ..... R  
Clayton Willard ..... R

### EAST CENTRAL

Zeke Clausen ..... R  
Mark Knopf / Pollyanna Sutter ..... R  
Russ Zirkle ..... R  
Mitch Zweg ..... N

### FLATLANDERS

Tad Cornelius / Sarah Nesje ..... R  
Jeff / Brenda Johnson ..... N  
David Thompson ..... N

### FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Jess Gades ..... N  
Richard / Michelle Otto ..... R  
Keneth Schlosser ..... R  
Terry Storey ..... R

### GLACIAL RIDGE

Holly Westrum ..... R

### HEART OF THE LAKES

Matt Bronder ..... N  
James Brune ..... R  
Justin Grotjohn / Kristina Reid ..... R  
Hank Ludtke ..... R

### LAKE

Bruce Bray ..... N  
Jim / Ann Brown ..... R  
Matt Cox / Stephanie ..... N  
John / Gloria Dewey ..... R  
Krista Henke ..... R  
Melanie Johnson ..... N  
Hilary Klabunde ..... R  
Kevin Manke ..... N  
Sajen Moeller ..... N  
Devin Murphy ..... N  
Scott / Denise Olson ..... N  
Mark Snabb / Tami Olson ..... N  
Mike Thompson / Jen Klinzman ..... N  
Scott Trout ..... R

### METRO

Gary Feyen ..... R  
Larry / Jane Schmidt ..... N

### NORTHEAST

Kent Verner ..... R

### NORTH STAR

Dane Schroeder / Holly Reitan ..... R

### NORTHWEST

Ben / Ashley Hand ..... N

### RIVER RIDERS

Jerry Lukkonen ..... R

### RIVER VALLEY

Josh Beyer / Tiffany Hewitt ..... N  
Kristen Flowers ..... R  
Anthony Meisinger ..... R

### ROLLING PRAIRIE

John Fedder ..... R  
Sherry Kaveney ..... R  
Cody / Maddy Keim ..... N  
John Kelly / Mariah Schmidt ..... N  
Neil Kuchenbecker ..... R  
Jacob Molitor ..... N

### SAND DUNES

Rick Rohwer ..... R

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Paul / Debra Desjardin ..... N  
Joe / Kelly Hoekstra ..... N  
Angela Larson ..... R  
Jason Maahs ..... N  
Andrew / Amanda Madden ..... R  
John / Gina Maningoine ..... R  
Gerald Paul ..... R  
Randy "Bear" Simonsmeier ..... N  
Tim Stocker ..... R  
Dave Swenson ..... R

### SOUTHEAST LC

Dylan Johnston ..... N  
Darion Lundeen ..... N  
Raymond III / Jessica Pickens ..... N  
Jonathan Prosch ..... R

### SOUTHWEST

Kevin / Traci Harberts ..... R

### STRAIGHT RIVER

Steve / Wendy Keszler ..... R  
John / Laura Knudsen ..... R  
Donna Larish ..... R  
Perry / Kathy Yungk ..... R

### TRI-COUNTY

Dennis Maciej ..... R  
Shawn / Sue Morrison ..... R

### UP NORTH

Brent Greenberg / Jenny Knuth ..... R  
Todd Nelson ..... N

### WAY WEST

Keith "Skeeter" / Patricia Baldwin ..... N

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- **Mies Outland**

## 2020 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

### GOLD



- **Americinn** *Litchfield*
- **Dial-A-Ride**
- **East Central Chapter** *Bethel*
- **Freedom First Riders Bike Show**  
*Alexandria*
- **Honky's LLC** *Grove City*
- **Mini Biff** *Hutchinson*
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- **Smoker** *Breezy Point*
- **South Central Chapter** *Litchfield*



## 2020 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

# SILVER

- **Central Chapter** *St. Cloud*
- **Chaplin & Sons Masonry** *Glencoe*
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- **Jack Pine Riders Chapter** *Finlayson*
- **Kingston Mini Mart** *Kingston*
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- **Litchfield Liquor** *Litchfield*
- **Manannah Hilltop Tavern** *Grove City*

## 2020 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

# CHROME



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- **Darwin Lilquor** *Darwin*
- **Doc's Sports Bar & Grill** *Sturgeon Lake*
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- **Frederick Creek Sheet Metal** *Buffalo*
- **Flatlanders Chapter** *Wells*
- **Glen Zollner** *River Valley*
- **Heart of the Lakes Chapter** *Detroit Lakes*
- **Lake Lillian Sportsman's Club** *Lake Lillian*
- **Maureen O'Hern** *Lake*
- **Michelle M. Backlund, CPA** *Elk River*
- **Moon Motors** *Monticello*
- **North Star Chapter** *Bemidji*
- **Papas Toybox** *Belle Plain*

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# CHROME

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- **River Valley Chapter** *Mankato*
- **Todd's Rod Shop** *Lowry*
- **Tri County Chapter** *Savage*
- **Up North Chapter** *Grand Rapids*
- **Way West Chapter** *Madison*

## 2020 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS

# COPPER



- **American Legion Post #104** *Litchfield*
- **Biker Beardwraps** *Annandale*
- **BK Heating** *Detroit Lakes*
- **Buzz and Karen** *Lake*
- **Donnie Smith Custom Cycle, Inc.** *Coon Rapids*
- **Drex Mart** *Lake Lillian*
- **Glacial Ridge Chapter** *Glenwood*
- **Herradura Family Mexican** *Litchfield*
- **Hugit Machine & Motorcycle** *Litchfield*
- **Jane Doyle** *Metro*
- **Jim & Kristie Orn** *South Central*
- **Litchfield Eagles Auxiliary** *Litchfield*
- **Mug Shots Bar & Grill** *Cosmos*
- **Northwinds Taxidermy** *New London*
- **Olson Chiropractic** *Buffalo*
- **Punt Companies** *Prinsburg*
- **R & S Snowmobile** *Hector*
- **Red Vest** *Rockford*
- **Riverside Store & Tavern** *Litchfield*
- **Rolling Prairie** *St. James*
- **Sons of Silence** *Hutchinson*
- **The Handle Bar** *Atwater*
- **The Other Place** *Hector*
- **The Red Goat** *Hector*
- **Virgil & Michele Legried** *Flatlanders Chapter*
- **Waste Management** *Mankato*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
1-Oct	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD (Chapter check emails)	7:00 PM
2-Oct	Southwest Chapter Meeting	The Tavern, Rushmore	
3-Oct	Central Chapter - Fun Run	Stoney's in Rockville	KSU 12:00 pm
3-Oct	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3-Oct	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalloway's House, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
3-Oct	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	The Village Inn Lasalle	2:00 pm Committee Mtg, 3:00 Reg. Mtg
4-Oct	Northeast Chapter Meeting	TBA	6:30 PM
7-Oct	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	7:00 PM
7-Oct	South Central Chapter Meeting	Valley Inn, Eden Valley	7:00 PM
9-Oct	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Frazee VFW, Frazee	7:00 PM
10-Oct	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Morristown	1:00 PM
10-Oct	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	12:30 PM
11-Oct	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Stikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
11-Oct	Up North Chapter Meeting	Deer River Vets Club, Deer River	4:00 PM
11-Oct	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
11-Oct	Publication Committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi Om's house	2:00 PM
11-Oct	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	12:00 PM
14-Oct	River Riders Chapter Meeting	Hoggbreath Bar and grill, Roseville	6:30 PM
16-Oct	ABATE BOD	Norwood Young America	
17-Oct	ABATE BOD		
18-Oct	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's, Surgeon Lake	2:00 PM
18-Oct	North Star Chapter Meeting	Grace Lake Bar & Grill, Cass Lake	12:00 PM
24-Oct	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Geneva (Location TBD)	2:00 PM
31-Oct	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Check Facebookpage for updates	
4-Nov	South Central Chapter Meeting	Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4-Nov	Northeast Chapter Meeting	TBA	6:30 PM
7-Nov	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
8-Nov	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	12:00 PM
8-Nov	Up North Chapter Meeting	TBD (Chapter check emails)	
8-Nov	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
14-Nov	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
14-Nov	Straight River Fall Bash	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	5:00 PM
15-Nov	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Squirrel Cage, Willow River	2:00 PM
15-Nov	North Star Chapter Meeting	Grace Lake Bar & Grill, Cass Lake	12:00 PM
20-Nov	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Playtime Bar, Pertham	7:00 PM
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