



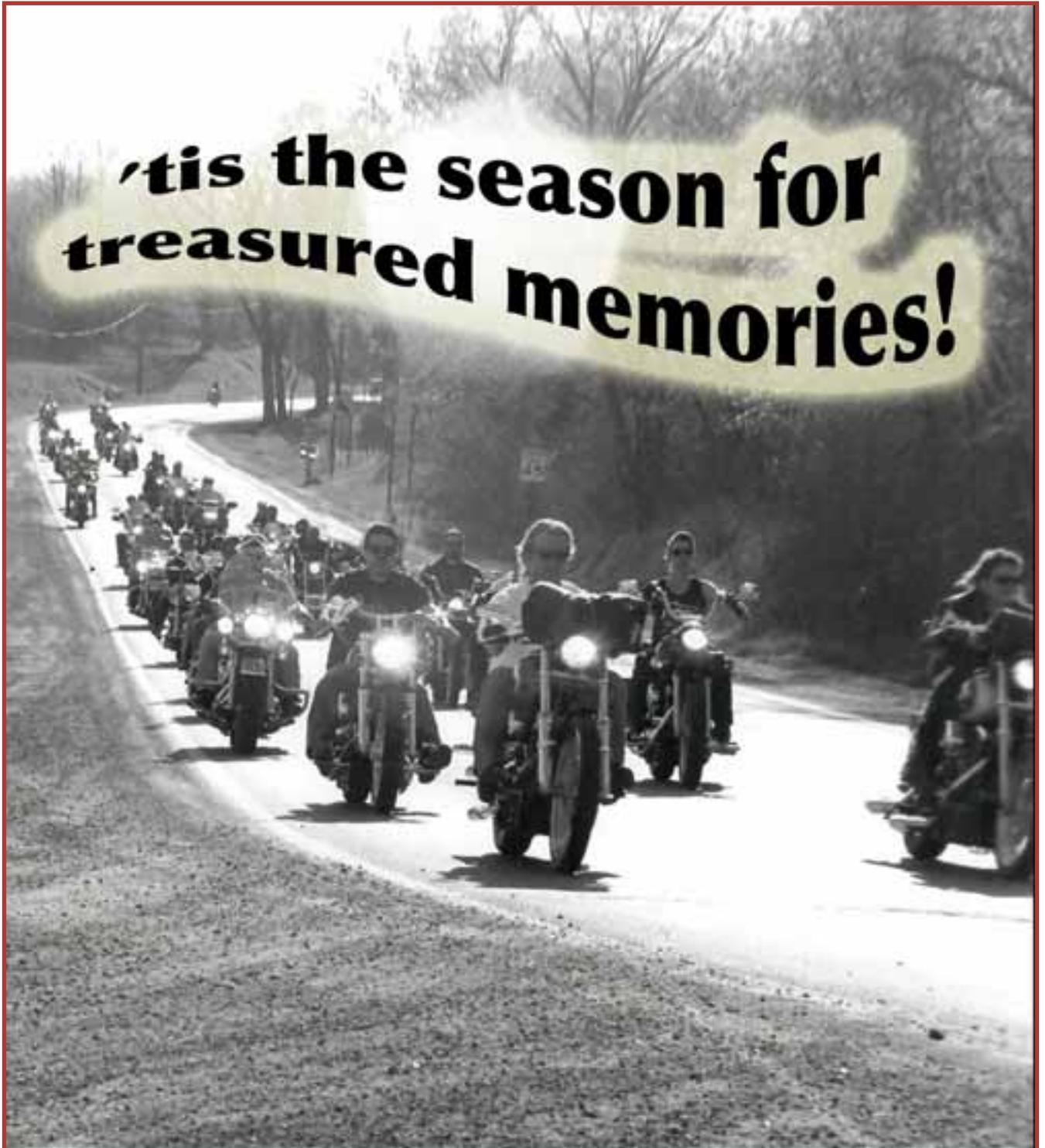
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- 2) Upcoming Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place
- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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

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

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

protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

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

The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota.

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show

your commitment to protecting and preserving your rights as a motorcyclist in Minnesota. Participate in the meetings, rides, and the fundraising activities. You will be informed about the motorcycle activities in the state by receiving Road Noise, the A.B.A.T.E. monthly news publication. A.B.A.T.E. is fun, educational and a great way to meet people and make new friends with similar interests.

With your help, we can continue to promote the positive image of motorcyclists. If you want more information about A.B.A.T.E., please attend any of our meetings, meet other members, and ask questions.

We are pleased that you have decided your rights are worth protecting, that the positive aspects of motorcycling are worth promoting, that education is important, and that the cost of an A.B.A.T.E. membership is a small price to pay to preserve and promote these principles.

Members are the most important thing that A.B.A.T.E. has, so Thank You for becoming a member and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

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This year is getting off to a bit of a rough start. The Capitol grounds are still under lockdown. We had no choice but to postpone Bikerday. Our Governor is loosening restrictions, but we still struggle to have meetings and nominations. It will get better!

This makes it very important to contact your legislators and let them know how we stand on our legislative issues. Send a POLITE letter explaining your (our) view on the topics. When you get a response, send the letter and response to Frank - and you will receive a Write-to-Ride rocker. If it's your

first time using this process, you will also receive a Write-to-Ride patch.

A.B.A.T.E. of MN does not function without volunteers! We need your help. This is the time to step up and help by running for an office, helping on a committee, or just being an active member. For those of you running for a Chapter Rep. position, our quarterly Board of Director's meeting are planned for April 17th in Alexandria (A.B.A.T.E. U), July 17th in the Northeast District, October 16th in the Southeast District, and January 15th in the Southwest District.

Make your reservations now for Heartland STEAM in Brookfield, WI and for A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria, MN!

Riding season will be here before you know it!

See you soon (fingers crossed).

– Jane



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We all know by now that Biker Day was cancelled due to the capitol is not open to the public until April 1st, so we are going try for April 21st, keep your eyes and ears open.

Now that lock down is somewhat lightening up let's get out there and start having some fun. Let's try and take in some of those fundraisers we had to miss out on last year.

Let's all get together at A.B.A.T.E. U. What better way to get out and have some fun, I

know last year doing it in July felt different. But it was still a great time, and this year we should be able to keep the court yard going after 10:00. And if you haven't gotten your covid shot yet I know there will be shots to be had at A.B.A.T.E. U., FFR have some of the best shots I know. It might not fight off COVID, but after a few of them you won't really care.

I see Heartland STEAM is also coming. Have you ever been? Give it a try, you might actually like it.

Like I always say, February is short month, March is warming up and riding season is here.

Till next time,

– Jim



THEY SHOULD ALL BE FIRED!

As we approach the New Year the current hot political topic is the Spending Bill and the Covid Relief Bill. Both bills are filled with nonsense, fluff, and pork and people are really mad about it. Now I will tell you that a lot of the information flying around about these bills is misinformation at best but in my opinion, there is still a lot to be mad about.

News flash, this isn't the first time and it won't be the last time that Congress will crap out a 5,000-page monstrosity filled with nonsense. The next Congress will be faced with a transportation spending bill, this is where motorcycle rights comes in. This bill will be a monster, like the two that I have mentioned. How much nonsense will be in that bill? What challenges will this bill manufacture for the biker community? What lifestyle changing nonsense will they sneak in?

All good questions and the answer is we don't completely know but what we do know is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will be there to sort through the pile, or trough. The MRF has a fulltime presence in Washington D.C. and that presence isn't cheap. We need members to support our cause of fighting for the rights of street riders in this great nation. If the two bills mentioned above that are currently getting all the press really piss you off, do something about it. If our community doesn't show up with strength and numbers the transportation bill could change our biker lifestyle, and for the worse, not the better.

If you have questions, comments, complaints, or if you want to join the fight I can help get you signed up to be a member in the only Motorcycle Rights organization that is dedicated 100% to fighting for the rights of street riders. If you are already a member of the MRF, thank you very much, now go out and sign up at least one new member to join our cause.

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Just a reminder that requests for absentee ballots must be received to me in writing no later than February 10th.

Also, immediately following your February meetings you need to mail or email me your chapter nominations so I can get the ballots in the mail before your March meeting.

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Another month down and closer to riding again!

While you are waiting, think of a new member you can introduce to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

For only \$20 a year they can receive a great monthly newsletter, meet lots of awesome people, be represented at the State Capitol and much more.

That's it for this month.

Hope to see you on the road soon.

– Mitch



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REPORT
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Another presentation given at our last convention was "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause." I will share some things I took away from the presentation. First, I will say if you are one that feels "If I have nothing to hide why should I care if I am stopped, detained searched" this report may not interest you. However, if you feel as I do that you should be able to go about your activities without being harassed by an overzealous often time youngster with flashing lights on a car, a badge, and a gun. That on occasion has such a high level of anxiety he or she may feel the need to shoot you here are some things you might want to consider.

Let me share a few facts about me first. I ride a motorcycle; my wife and I own three. All are legal, registered, licensed, have unaltered serial numbers. All three motorcycles are insured and with the exceptions of the exhaust on my wife's all are legally equipped. On occasion one or both of us may be carrying a firearm. If we are, we have a permit to carry and a legal properly recorded firearm with unaltered serial numbers. We don't drink or do illegal drugs, I do on occasion take prescription medication that would affect my ability to safely drive, so on those occasions I don't drive.

That said I will add that I have been stopped on multiple occasions for profiling/harassment stops. Stopped when I have not violated the law, on occasion these stops have been somewhat lengthy. I can say this doesn't make me happy and it is my belief that as a general rule they have not made the LEO (Law Enforcement Officer) making the stop real happy either. How can this be avoided, we cannot control it but we should not be stopped unless there is legitimate probable cause and then the stop should address violations of the law and leave other intel gathering activities aside. I am probably less criminal than some of the LEO's that may be conducting these stops. They don't want to stand on the side of the road answering my BS questions; well, I don't want to stand on the side of the road listening to their crap either.

Some things to consider, suggestions, things you or I do or may do in the future. First thing, don't violate the law, that gives them probable cause to stop you. Make sure your license plate is visible when you pack your bike. I lock storage compartments and keep them locked. I have documents, insurance, registration, driver license where they are accessible without opening storage compartments. I keep them in a place where I can access them without giving the LEO an excuse to shoot me claiming I was going for a weapon, I keep my hands visible, remember the shoot you thing.

If stopped, I ask the reason for the stop. I don't take part in idle chit chat; they may extend the time for the stop claiming I was engaged in a mutual conversation. I ask if I am free to leave. I follow instructions of the LEO even if they are stupid demands trying to harass or intimidate me. I can file a complaint later. I don't volunteer information; I ask if I am free to leave. I don't consent to a search of myself or my vehicle, I leave storage and luggage compartments locked. I ask if I am under arrest, if not, I ask if I am free to leave. I decline to answer questions not specifically related to the reason for the stop stating I will not answer them without consulting my attorney. I ask if I am free to leave.

All of these things can be done without being rude, discourteous or getting angry. I have no control over the LEO, they may get all bent out of shape, not my responsibility. Just a reminder they do carry a gun and practice using it. I get name, department and badge number, of the LEO's involved, I may want to file a complaint later. It is reasonable to consider 15 to 20 minutes adequate time to conduct a traffic stop, if it takes longer than that there may be another agenda. If you have a go-pro camera or an app such as Mobile Justice MN that can record the activities, you may want to have it running. All said and done, don't forget the LEO has a gun, a badge and I believe the favor of the courts, and if I upset them, I may be endangering my life. Remember the shoot you thing.

If you have not recorded the incident, I suggest at your earliest opportunity you stop and write down as accurately as you can all of the details of the stop that you can remember. If appropriate file a police complaint, see A.B.A.T.E. of MN web site for information on how to do this. It may not surprise you but I have gotten a sense from some LEO's that I have had occasion to deal with that they don't like me very well. Next time you see me ask me if I care. As always, be vigilant, protect yourself, and don't forget the shoot you thing!

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Hello motorcycle family,

How is the new year treating you so far? I am hoping that we are getting back to our "normal" activities such as meetings and fundraisers.

At this time, I don't know if Bikerday happened like it was supposed to, but I hope everyone contacted their elected officials to make them aware of A.B.A.T.E. and where we stand on the issues.

I have some new products that will be available starting at A.B.A.T.E. U, as well as the new pins and patches for 2021.

Bike flags are here in a limited quantity for \$20 each. I am planning on a re-order, so if you have not talked to me about your flag, please let me know how many flags you need so I can make sure to order enough.

I always feel as though I'm repeating myself, but if you have an event you would like State Products at to sell, let me know and I will try to accommodate. Also, if you have ideas or suggestions please email me and I will see what I can come up with.

New this year at A.B.A.T.E. U will be a "New to you" table. Bring your gently used biker clothing and I will sell those items for you and donate the money to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. It's another way of supporting A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota while downsizing your closet. This has been done at MRF's Meeting of the Minds in the past and has been quite successful.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Products. It has been fun getting to know all of you and help you fulfill your product needs. No, I am not quitting I promise.

– See you soon, Kari



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Times are still strange, but IF this is the new normal, we will need to work harder for our memberships. Ideally if each of us could find one new member, we would double memberships! I know you've heard this song and dance before, but think hard...when was the last time you yourself signed someone up? I know not everyone has to think that hard, but it may have been a few months. If we can't find new members, we need to work hard at keeping the ones we do have!

We have to ask why we are losing members; do we have too much drama in the Chapters, are some not feeling welcome? Is your Chapter making use of the expired membership roster that Liz hands out at each B.O.D.? Is your Chapter contacting these expired members? There is a lot of information on those lists, email, call, or use the contact packets I handed out to the Chapter Rep's.

January numbers are in, the State total is 3,171, that's 10 short of December which was 3,181. Only one Chapter had an increase in both single and couple numbers. Congratulations to Freedom First Riders! That Chapter increased singles by three and couples by four, AWESOME job!

These Chapters increased in only one of the two categories: Lake and Rolling Prairie, four couples, and Way West four singles. Tri-County and North Star by two couples, Southwest and River Valley by two singles, and Buffalo Ridge by one single. Way to go, great work!

If you didn't see your Chapter listed, your numbers stayed the same or went down.

Keep on Keepin' On!

– Shelly Deutsch

On the inside cover of this past fall's 2020 MRF Meeting of the Minds Program, the message reproduced just below discusses the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education (MRFA&E) official position on the topic of Impaired Riding.

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The 3 R's Alcohol Awareness Program

Be Responsible * Ride Responsible * Take Responsibility

Impaired riding is increasingly becoming a serious problem causing escalating attention in both the motorcycle community and the various bureaucracies with oversight of motorcycling fatality statistics. As awareness of this issue increases, individuals and organizations alike must make decisions as to how they will address the concerns of riding impaired.

Impaired riding occurs in a variety of conditions, the most common and probably of most concern is alcohol. Drinking and riding is the most obvious and most frequently pointed to as a cause of concern. However, impaired riding is also a condition that occurs under the influence of prescription drugs, illegal drugs and over the counter drugs. As leaders in the motorcycling community we must educate and inform riders of the hazards and encourage personal responsibility.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), impaired riding (where the blood alcohol level is over .08) was the cause of 27% of the 4,885 motorcyclist fatalities in 2017 - that's 1357 deaths. Motorcyclists must face the fact that this number is the one area where the fatalities are in our direct control. If we want to bring about a reduction in the number of impaired riding fatalities, each of us must watch out for ourselves and those we ride with.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has taken the position that individual responsibility is the ultimate way to reduce fatalities. We encourage organizations and riding groups to do what they can to take proactive efforts promoting unimpaired riding. Through outreach programs about the risks of riding impaired, use of education and awareness of the various ways one can become impaired and promoting and increasing efforts to watch out for fellow riders, we can make a difference and perhaps save a life while at the same time reduce the fatality numbers.

As the country's premier resource for motorcycle training, awareness and education materials and programs, the mission of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education (MRF A&E) is to promote awareness and education within the motorcycling community to improve rider safety and to educate non-riders in the interest of rider's safety



MRF REPORT

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Upcoming Event(s):

Heartland S.T.E.A.M., March 26th-27th Milwaukee WI

Hello everyone,

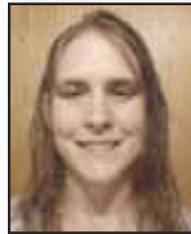
On January 3rd the 117th Congress was sworn in and all bills and resolutions not agreed to from 2019-2020 must be reintroduced. The MRF is disappointed that, despite over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, House leadership failed to bring the motorcyclist profiling resolution, H. Res. 255, to the floor for a vote.

The issue of motorcyclist profiling continues to gain traction on Capitol Hill and the growth in cosponsors over the last five years is a testament to the work of individual MRF members and state motorcycle rights organizations. The first version of the resolution introduced during the 114th Congress had only 18 co-sponsors. Two years later the version before the 115th Congress had 37 co-sponsors while this version had 139 cosponsors. Additionally, the Highway Reauthorization bill that passed the House in July of 2020 included language that focused on motorcyclists profiling. Despite this setback, our champions on Capitol Hill remain in the fight. The leadership of the House Motorcycle Caucus has already reached out to the MRF about plans to reintroduce the profiling resolution in early 2021. The MRF remains committed to seeing the House of Representatives do what the Senate did in 2018, go on the record about the need to end motorcyclists profiling!

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Illinois as we unite to keep our freedoms. The Heartland S.T.E.A.M. conference will feature seminars to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening our grassroots organizations. All profits from S.T.E.A.M. support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Always remember that we encourage you to become a member of the MRF. You can always sign up online at www.mrf.org. If you mail in your registration the address may be different than the tear off or trifold you have. The correct address is: MRF P.O. Box 250, Highland IL 62249

Hope to see you at the next event.



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We will have Caucus training and are working on various speakers. Jazz will be doing his class on Principles of Leadership.

Chapters . . . don't forget to bring your donations for the live auction.

We are looking for volunteers to help this weekend.

Kari will be there with new products and Patty will be back with her sewing machine.

Don't forget to practice for the Trike races!

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!
See you in April!

– Stephanie



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting (s): April 11th, Jim and Kristie
Orn's home, Kimball, 1:00 pm

The Ways and Means Committee met today (January 10th) and everything looked great. Thanks to everyone that came today. The next meeting will be April 11th, 1:00 pm at our house.

– Kristie

GAMBLING REPORT

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By the time you read this it should be February and we are already starting to think about spring.

I also hope you are all thinking about selling those A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets!

Looking back at all the great organizations and people that have benefited from the raffles put on by A.B.A.T.E. and our Chapters, it makes me really feel proud of our organization.

We have recently made a sizable donation to Toys for Tots and Chapters have made donations from their gambling funds to organizations such as cancer runs, veteran's memorials and friends of the biker community that have come on hard times.

What a great job and keep up the good work so we can continue helping others.

Please remember to let me know if you need more tickets and I will get them sent your way.



Holding the Toys for Tots check are Jane Doyle, Vicki Ernst, and Katie Gilloffo.



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No Report

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Next Meeting(s):
February 6th, by Phone, 11:30am





LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Political Contribution Refund

Did you know that you can get a refund for your political contributions made to Minnesota political parties and candidates for state offices? You can only request one refund for each calendar year you made contributions. Your request may include contributions you made to more than one candidate or party. The refund is the amount of your contributions up to \$50 for individuals or \$100 for married couples (if you file a joint Political Contribution Refund application). Qualified candidates include:

Minnesota Legislature (state House or Senate)
Minnesota Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
Attorney General

Minnesota Secretary of State
Minnesota State Auditor

How do you request a refund?

For contributions made in 2020, complete 2020 Form PCR, Political Contribution Refund Application.

For contributions made in 2021, complete 2021 Form PCR, Political Contribution Refund Application.

Send your completed form to Minnesota Revenue. You must also include copies of the receipts you received for contributions claimed on your application. We can only accept Form EP-3 receipts that you received from a qualified candidate or political party as proof of your contributions.

This is the easiest way to help our lawmakers financially for their re-elections. This will also help you bond with your local legislator. Trust me on this, I know first-hand.

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

– Gary Goracke



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Just to catch you up, I have been bouncing down interstate 94 in an eighteen-wheeler since 1979. I have been attending task force meetings since 2015. And I have been searching for the perfect message to put on the freeway message boards since 2016. The other day, it finally came to me. I stopped at the truck stop on my way home from the Twin Cities, (yes, Sodom and Gomorrah) and this "good ole boy" from Georgia pulls up beside me with his dually pickup and fifth wheel flat-bed trailer. He gets out and he's wearing shorts and a tee shirt and he is looking at all his tires with his flashlight. I get out of my truck and he asks, "What's wrong with my tires? I was going down the freeway and it is bouncing like crazy!" I laughed and told him that it was the freeway and after 10 more miles, it would be fine. He said he was going back to Georgia, because it was too damn cold in Minnesota. I wanted to tell him that in Minnesota, people usually wear pants and put on a jacket when its less than 20 degrees, but I just let it go. I went in the truck stop and was laughing with the guy at the fuel desk. He said that a lot of people stop and check their vehicles after driving on that stretch of freeway.

Suddenly a light bulb came on, and the perfect idea for a message hit me. Maybe not for every freeway in the state, but definitely for the two signs between Clearwater and Monticello, the signs should say: "YOUR TIRES ARE OKAY. THE FREEWAY IS SHOT."

Virgil Legried is working on getting an Intermediate Rider Course on May 15th in Albert Lea for the Southwest District Chapters. Heart of the Lakes Chapter has voted to have a training course scheduled in Detroit Lakes and has extended an invitation to North Star Chapter to send members to fill the class. I would encourage every rider to take a course and improve their riding skills.

Our two-year terms on the Task Force expire in June this year. It is a good situation that we have four A.B.A.T.E. members on the Task Force. I hope we can keep it that way or maybe have a few more join. Think about it. Information on how to apply will be coming in a couple of months.

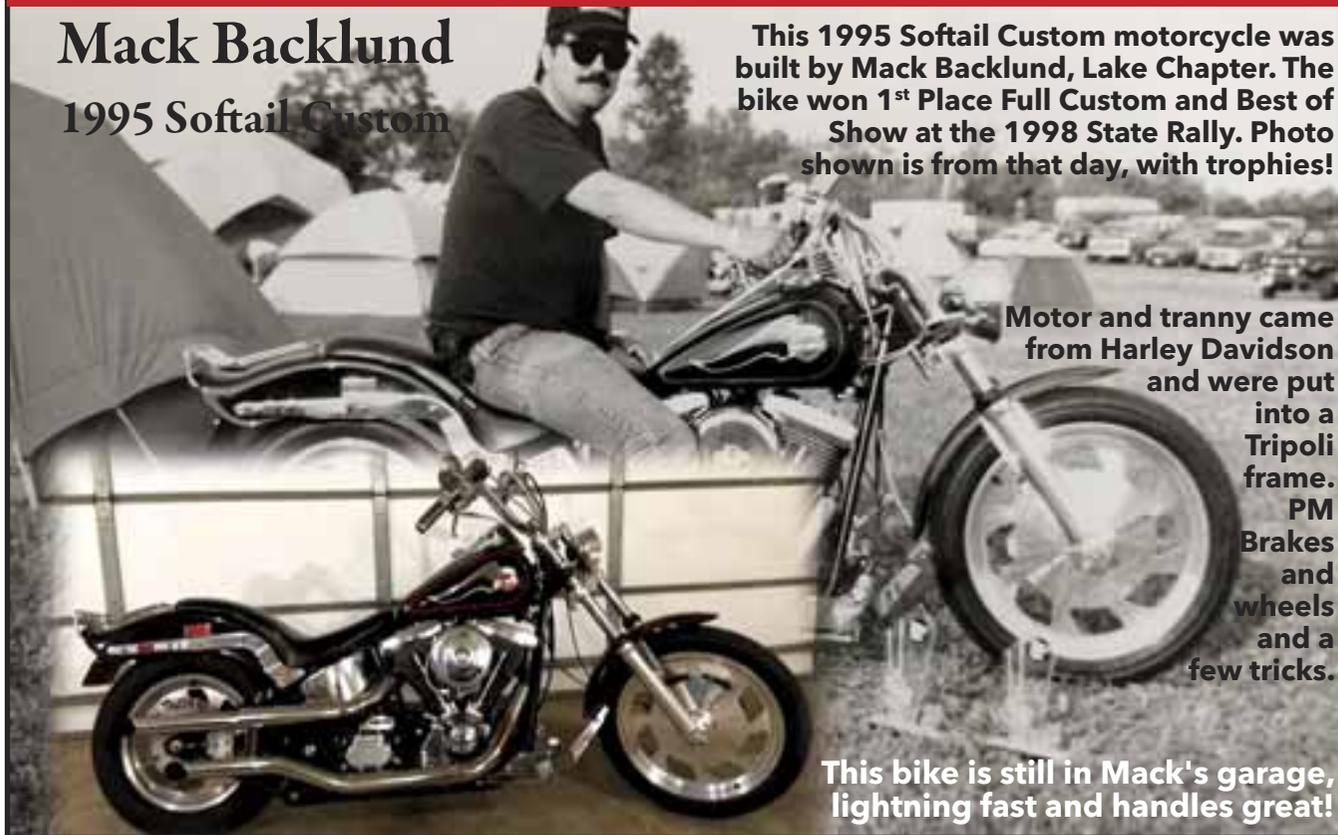
Our next meeting will be March 18th on Microsoft Teams at 5:00 pm.

– Travel safe, Monte

BIKE OF THE MONTH

Mack Backlund 1995 Softail Custom

This 1995 Softail Custom motorcycle was built by Mack Backlund, Lake Chapter. The bike won 1st Place Full Custom and Best of Show at the 1998 State Rally. Photo shown is from that day, with trophies!



Motor and tranny came from Harley Davidson and were put into a Tripoli frame. PM Brakes and wheels and a few tricks.

This bike is still in Mack's garage, lightning fast and handles great!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Deb Kviz

***Deb Kviz is a member of
East Central and Lake Chapter of
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.***

She has been involved in many ways, but most recently when the need for an organizer for the Road Noise was brought up to her, she said she would be glad to help.

She has been a great addition to the Publications Committee and we appreciate her work organizing us all. That is a BIG job!!

She also loves her new home on the lake and invites friends to visit whenever possible.

Thanks Deb, for all you do for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota!



Chapter Grapevines



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Howdy Folks,

I sure hope that by the time you're reading this, The U.S. is back to some kind of regular. I have never seen such crazy behavior between adults trying to better the world they live in. It just seems that it's so much more productive to work together and keep the ship on course.

Elections are going on right now. YOU People have so much good talent in YOUR Organization it makes me sit back and wonder if WE could ALL work together to achieve a common goal.

MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS and SAFETY! That's Our Goal. If ya see something that isn't going in a productive way, pull some one aside and work together to make it happen.

We have many new seats in Congress right now. Strive to communicate with them. These are Good people that work For YOU. A relationship with them is as good as a good neighbor. They won't know how you feel if they never hear from you.

We are so close to the riding season that my boots are starting to grip the pavement when I walk by the toy shed.

Shake the hand of the Riders around You. We ALL have got to work together.

See Ya on the Highway!

– TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

NORTH STAR

Upcoming Meeting(s):

February 21st, Noon (Location to be determined)

March 21st, Noon (Location to be determined)

It is February and we are inching closer to spring. After our January B.O.D. meeting, we can now look forward to A.B.A.T.E. U. in Alexandria this April. Make your reservations early. We will be sharing information about this at our Chapter meetings and through Facebook Posts.

It also is time to elect Officers, please come to the chapter meetings to make your voices heard. If you're interested in running for a position feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

With the postponement of Bikerday at the Capitol we are asking members to take time and let them know about the motorcycle issues you are passionate about.

We will also be discussing plans for our postponed 2020 Bike show for July.

Feel free to follow us on our Chapter Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abatenorthstar>
For other event happening in other chapter, visit the State Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ABATEofMN/>

Also you can view the State A.B.A.T.E. Webpage: <https://www.abatemn.org/>

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS



Upcoming Meeting(s):

February 27th, VFW Post 936, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

May 22nd -May 23rd, Bike Show, RCC, Alexandria

Greetings FFR members -

Some notes and thoughts about the chapter and state events happenings. First Bikerday at the capitol - still unsure if this will be (one never knows what tiny Tim the tyrant will be up to) set for Jan 20th. All I can say is keep going to the Facebook page and looking for updates.

Chapter elections will be in March, nominations will be at January and February meetings. If you wish to vote via absentee ballot you must request your ballot from the state (Liz Herzog) by February 10th.

Hopefully by May everything will be open so we can proceed with our 13th bike show! There are still trophies available for sponsorship. Please contact me or any bike show committee person for a list. There are many that have been sold and not collected.... please attempt to get these taken care of, the trophies have been made, none dated and have that sponsors name on them already. Bike show meetings will be starting as soon as we are allowed to gather someplace. Until that time the chairs will be getting the ball rolling.

The new flannel shirts are complete and in. Ann still has some current items if interested please contact her or myself.

Last meeting - New business was on the slow side, the chapter made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the MRF from gambling. We also held our Christmas party that night with a new twist... a awards and honors acknowledgement for members that have helped the chapter. Now I've already heard some grumblings that certain things may not have been included in the honorsby no means is the system I came up with perfect, but I believe it reflects things that have benefited the chapter. A point system for different actions was devised for each point the member received a ticket that they could chose to put into a gift basket drawing,

Here is a summary of the point values

- attend a chapter meeting = 1,
- attend a bike show meeting =1,
- ditch pick up = 5,
- attend biker day = 5,
- sell raffle tickets = 1 for each \$100,
- sell bike show trophy = 1 for every \$50,
- Pooh-Bah's call to action = 2 this included working at the B.O.D., working at state rally, committees, accepting an appointment , selling meat raffles, working membership, T shirt

kickoff, fallen members ride, cooks at the EHN, working the door.

A few important categories are not on this list... the biggest being working the bike show (didn't happen this year) also signing up members... we still don't have someone willing to take this appointment of membership...so from this pointon please report to me when you do a membership.

Our Member of the Year was presented to Jeppe.

Special acknowledgement to J1 for living up to taking one for the team - Jeff had answered the Pooh-Bahs call to action and was working the door at our T shirt kick offan ass-hat got out of line and was asked to leave... he refused so he was physically removed... the whole way out J1 was kicked in the nuts repeatedly ... a very nice gift was presented to J1 (maybe he'll have it on at the state rally)

- 57 members attended chapter meetings - 2 with perfect attendance - Bob Jespersen, Ms. Patty
- 17 members attended bike show meetings - 1 with perfect attendance - Ms. Patty
- 17 members helped with the ditch pick up, 9 attending both - Bob & Brenda, Larson, Niblet, Bob & Carol, J1, Ms. Patty
- 4 members attended Bikerday at the capitol - Bill, Double G, J1, Jeppe
- 7 Members sold raffle tickets - Jeppe - 15, Ms. Patty - 9, G - 8, Murf - 6, Bob - 3, Rich - 1, Larson - 1
- 13 members sold bike show trophies - Ms. Patty - \$3995, Jeppe - \$1000, J2 - \$950
- 34 members answered the Pooh-Bah's call to action - Ms. Patty 14 times, Bob Jespersen - 8, Dave Crane - 8, J1 - 7, Big Ted - 7
- Top ten in points - Ms. Patty - 113, Bob Jespersen - 56, Jeppe - 40, J1 - 36, J2 - 34, Larson - 30, Crane - 28, Murf - 28, Big Ted - 27, Brenda - 27

Thank you, all chapter members, with helping FFR still remain relevant during the cootie virus I would like to thank our officers and committee members - VP - J2, Treasurer - Bob Jespersen, Chapter Rep - Jeppe, Secretary - Anita, Sgt.@ Arms - J1, Big Ted, Double G, Kandy Ahlers, Bill Camerron, Jim Allison. Bike Show Chairs - Bob Jespersen, Ms. Patty, Gambling - Scott Larson, Food Director - Dave Crane, Training and EDU - J1, Legislative - Double G, Buddy Bears Julie, Products - Ann, Road Noise writer - Double G

A huge thank you to some places and people that made our chapter meetings possible during the cootie virus, the City of Garfield, Alex VFW, Eagles 3063, True North Transport, Bob & Brenda Jespersen, City of Leaf Valley. Thank you to the members for working the Christmas party - Dave Crane, Larson, Penny, Ms. Patty, Julie, Jeppe, Bob, Brenda, Kyle, and Liz. I would like to thank each member of FFR for contributing without members things don't happen!

- Derek Nelson



Member of the Year - Jeppe



**Taking one for the Team Award
Jeff Beattie**



Buddy Bears pickup - Eagles Healing Nest



Santa Ted and his naughty girls!

NORTHWEST

No Report Received

BORDERLAND

No Report Received



HEART OF THE LAKES



Upcoming Meeting(s):

February 12th, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm
March 12th, Rob and Crystal's, 21240 Brookbridge Ln., Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm
April 9th, Littlebear's house, 45465 445th St., Perham, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 6th, Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart Tourney, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes 1:00 pm
April 16th & 17th, A.B.A.T.E.U, Alexandria, Holiday Inn

Hello to all,

Here we are again with a month of not much happened. We did have our chapter meeting at

Boones Farm.... The place, not the cheap wine. We were all "Tickled Pink" to be there! We may have even thought of climbing "Strawberry Hill"!

But all joviality aside, we had a great meeting tending to chapter business and nominations for this year's new officers. Our annual Pool and Dart Tournament is scheduled to go on 6th of March at the SANDBAR in Detroit Lakes. ALL are invited to come out for Fun, Food, and Music. I'm sure we all could use a good event to gather at, and let loose

As of today, our restaurants are open again. Let's hope that sane minds prevail and we let these folks thrive and survive! As a friend of mine said this morning at the cafe..."I don't mind food from DQ, McDonalds, or wherever. I am just tired of eating in MY FRIGGIN CAR!!!!!"

– Til next time...Littlebear



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Greetings South East District,

As we all know, Bikerday has been postponed, but we still need to stay in contact with our Representatives and Senators. We can do this by writing letters and inviting them to our meeting to discuss our position on motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling issues in our state.

There are, as of right now, six spots left in the IRC that I wrote about last month. If you are interested in taking this course with me in May, please let me know by the end of February.

– Virgil

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s):

February 14th, location TBD, 11:00 am

March 14th, location TBD, 11:00 am

Hello South East LC

Nominations for Chapter Officers are open this month. Elections are in March. The January meeting was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Our February fundraiser is postponed until Spring or Summer. Strikers Corner is out of business and closed. Jesus H Chrysler! What next?

Armadillos. That's right, we may be avoiding armadillos on city streets come Spring. These bumps on the road are designed to separate bicycle lanes from the other lanes of traffic on the same road. Made from recycled plastic, they measure 32" L x 8" W x 5" H. They look like stretched out footballs, cut in half. Armadillos are installed at 18" intervals at an angle so bicyclists can weave in and around them. The article did not mention the hazards the permanent roadkill will create for bikers.

Depending on your frame of mind, a possible hazard is coming to the roadways of South Dakota, just in time for Sturgis. On July 1st,

2021, it will be legal to possess and use pot in the State. "Honest officer, I didn't see that biker when I dropped my phone while rolling a joint."

H.R. 255, the Motorcycle Anti-Profiling Resolution, did not carry over from the last session. It will be re-introduced this year. Some of the previous 139 cosponsors were not re-elected. The MRF will be working hard to educate the new members of Congress.

We welcome two new members to the Chapter and thank the two renewals for the month of November.

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s):

February 14th, location TBD, 12:00 pm

March 14th, Eagles Club, 12:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 1st, May Awareness Parade

Hello all! I hope 2021 is starting off well for you. Even though our January Thaw Fundraiser and Dance was cancelled, we still have quite a few ideas and plans in the works for this new year. So do continue to check out our River Valley Facebook page for things to come.

– Hug tight, hug often – Lori, President



TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

Locations will be sent out via Chapter email.

March 4th, 7:00 pm

April 1st, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 4th, Chapter Elections

April 16th-18th, A.B.A.T.E. U.

Hello Tri-County Bikers!

Hopefully in a month from now everyone's throttle hand will be thawed-out and ready to twist the grip. A.B.A.T.E. U is just around

the corner, so don't forget to reserve your room. Scott, don't forget to bring the cheese popcorn this time! Thanks again to Mark for hosting our last meeting, an awesome spread as usual!

I have ordered State Logo Memorial patches and John Pabst Memorial rockers for purchase. If you are interested, please let me know. Keep in mind it may be awhile before I receive them. If you read through the January Road Noise, you know we've had a lot of fallen members recently which means there are a lot of patches to be made.

By now bars and restaurants are open again, so be sure to get out and support them (even if it's a take-out order). Due to our state government's excessive overreach, small businesses are under financial strain across the board. Remember, these are the places that host our bike runs and A.B.A.T.E. fundraisers, so let's keep them up and running.

Time to sign off, I'll catch ya next month! – Big Jon



Scott and Jon on a cold Patriot Guard Mission for John Pabst



Get your Trikes ready, A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming up!

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s):

February 20th, Servicemen's Club, Blooming Prairie, 2:00 pm

No other meetings scheduled at this time because of previous meetings cancelled due to COVID-19

Not much going on, obviously. Bikerday was cancelled. Communicate with your legislators, especially new ones, to find out their stance and share yours.

Buddy Bears have been ordered. A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets are available. Call Dan Bye at (507) 391-2280 and he will hook you up. I have nothing else to report at this time.

The attack on our nation's Capital on January 6 has left me shocked, stunned, and without words, at least for this forum. My usual sign off is usually prefaced with, "Together We Stand." As a nation so sorely divided, I can only say, "Let there be Peace".

– Linda

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STRAIGHT RIVER

NO REPORT RECEIVED

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

NO REPORT RECEIVED

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Well another month has gone by and we are still alive. LOL, I want to thank all my Chapters for everything that they have done to keep their members up to date this last year, I know it was challenging. This year has already started out the same way, all we can do is hope that it changes. There are things you can do to help. Like what one of our Chapters was low on funds to purchase Buddy Bears so one of their members took it upon himself and went out and talked to every business that he did business with and explained to them that because of COVID and Walz that the Chapter could not fill the request that they were getting from Fire Departments and Ambulances and asked if they could make a donation to help and a lot of them did. That Chapter is Rolling Prairie and the person is none other than the President Randy Prochazka. It just shows if there is a will, there is a way to do it.

I handed out forms for the Passport Run at the B.O.D. I hope to see you all our riding this spring. Think sunny and warm.

– Trashy, Jon W. Smith, SWDD

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

February 13th, Barb Brown's home, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

April 21ST, Bikerday at the State Capitol

We are amid our election season. We have the month of February yet to make nominations. In March we have voting. It is very important to attend your Chapter meeting to be sure those you want as officers are nominated.

I hope some of you are doing check ins with your friends. If they aren't A.B.A.T.E. members you might want to ask them why. You don't have to own a bike to be a member.

If you read the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force article last month you would have read that 25 people died last year because they were trying to negotiate a curve. That's more

than a third of all deaths this last year. That is alarming if you ask me. I pray those numbers go down.

Be safe out there.

– Nita

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

February 3rd, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

March 7th, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hope everyone enjoyed the New Year and your making plans for A.B.A.T.E. U coming in April. It's going to be a good summer. There are some fun plans in the works.

– Thanks, Jesse Warnke

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

February 13th, Rockford Township Hall, 4:00 pm
March 6th, VFW, Monticello, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 13th - Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall, 6:00 pm
April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

The January meeting was not well attended. The Governor's restrictions must be keeping people home. We are still planning to have our annual Grounded Hogs fundraiser on February 13th. Even if it must be scaled back some, please buy a ticket to help support our chapter. We will need funds to keep fighting for your rights.

Thanks to Mike and Mary Berger for hosting the January meeting. Wish I could have made it, but work made me stay in the office.

Lake Chapter etched mugs and calendars are now available. Come to a meeting if you want one.

Officer nominations started in January. Current nominations are:

President - Smoker,
VP - Bitzer,
Secretary - open,
Treasurer - Christina,
Chapter Rep. - Mike Berger and
Sgt at Arms - Dan, Nikki, Blythe, Scott,
Jim and Gaida.

Nominations will continue in February. Step up and make a difference!

Bikerday at the State Capitol is tentatively scheduled for April 21st, hopefully this time it will be a go!

- Later, Mitch'n



Lake . . . Remember when? I think I do!

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

February 5th, The Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
March 5th, The Tavern, Rushmore, 7:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

We certainly hope that we can continue to gather for meetings on a regular basis, and that life becomes more normal.

Another dear friend has been claimed by COVID-19. Tom Tracy of Worthington left this world on November 30th. If you spent time in Worthington, or know someone from Worthington, you've heard stories of Tom's kindness, his constant smile, the way he availed himself to anyone that presented themselves to Tom. He was a listener, a trouble shooter, a shoulder to lean or cry on. Tom did things his way. After knowing Tom for 40 years, I've only been aware of him disliking one person. Imagine that one person! Tom has been very active with the local VFW. A job he took very seriously. A job, he did so well, as he handed folded American flags to the loved ones of military members. His great kindness, American military pride, as well as his understanding of loss and respect was obvious. Tom was loved, and will be missed by many, as an encyclopedia of biker history, local history, the guy to go to with questions, concerns or to answer / help when a bike was giving headaches to the guy with a wrench. I know Tom was mentioned in last month's Road Noise , but there was a lot to the man.

Maybe we'll see you at A.B.A.T.E. U.

Keep praying for our Military and their families. And let's pray for our country to clean itself up, and again deserve being called the greatest country in the world.

BAM

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 3rd, SOS Clubhouse,
Cokato, 7:00 pm

March 3rd, Mug Shots Bar and
Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E.
University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

April 21st, Bikerday at the State
Capitol

May 15th, Spring Fling Bike
Show, Mugshots Bar and
Grill, Cosmos

June 26th, Membership Fun
Run and Campout



Mug Shots Bar & Grill in Cosmos

I am happy to announce that South Central has moved our home meeting place to Mug Shots Bar & Grill in Cosmos. Owners Brent and Marvella have been helping the Chapter for years. They are also big supporters of A.B.A.T.E. and members of South Central. They generously donate to our fundraisers and host our Bike Show in May. If you are ever in the Cosmos area, please stop in and say hello and grab some awesome food.

As a reminder A.B.A.T.E. U is just around the corner. It will be at the usual location, the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. The discounted rooms will go fast so make sure to make your reservation soon. Mention you are with A.B.A.T.E. when you call the Holiday Inn at (320) 763-6577. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets, I have some available for purchase. Prizes are 2021 Indian Chief, \$10,000, \$7,500 and \$5,000 cash!!!

– Dougie Cohen , Vice President

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

April 3rd, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday
Inn, Alexandria

April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello people, well it seems we are going to get some relief from this lockdown, and be able to gather somewhat, which is great because being cooped up is not good for anyone. We need to be able to see our Brothers and Sisters.

We did have a small gathering of Chapter members in January, however not an actual meeting, since that wasn't allowed, and discussed a few things. However, now that restrictions are loosened, we should be able to

have meetings as normal, and congregate as usual. Nominations are going on this month, and elections next month.

I recently received a heater for my garage, Christmas gift, so I can now spend time tinkering with my bikes, and not have to sit inside all day. Much happier.

It's been a pretty mild winter so far, and in another two and half to three months it should be riding season again, which I'm sure many are looking forward to.

One last thing now that restrictions are loosened a bit, please go out and support the small businesses that have been hurt so bad by all this corona crap.

Keep your knees in the breeze.

– Be safe. Hives

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

February 5th, Ortonville VFW,
Ortonville, 7:00 pm
March meeting - TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria
April 21st, Bikerday at the State
Capitol



Way West Toys For Kids 2020

Greetings everyone! The New Year has arrived..... hold my beer!

Our Toys for Kids program was a success, despite the rona. Thanks to the Odessa Fire Department for their generous donations and to anyone else that donated to our donation cans.

I am looking forward to the upcoming A.B.A.T.E. U. Call and reserve your rooms now! New and current officers should attend the officer training classes. This is a great time to gather with like-minded people and friends of old and new.

Have I asked...Is it spring yet? Make sure you take the time now to do your necessary maintenance on your bikes now. We have a shop full right now. Maintenance and paint.

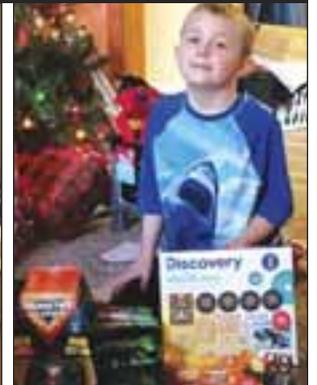
Have I said I miss the biker community? I sure do....

Well, not much to speak about as of now, except, get the word out there about A.B.A.T.E. and our chapters, recruit, recruit, recruit. The larger our numbers, the more we are seen.

If a Chapter member has a place in mind for a chapter meeting....do the research with the business and bring it to the meeting.

Other than that, be kind!

- Respect, Gypsy Mama



Chapter Grapevines



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

MICHELLE "MICKEY" SCANNELL

NORTHEASTDIR@ABATEMN.ORG

Hello NE Members!

The restrictions have loosened up a bit for some social interaction from last month. The momentum of moving forward with fundraisers within your chapters has been very frustrating for everyone. Not knowing from day to day how things may change. We need to be ready for any curve balls being thrown.

It's also a good time to focus on the membership list within your chapter. Reach out to the expired members and current members to keep them engaged. We need to think "Outside the box" and put your creative thinking caps on.

There's time to throw your name in the hat for officer nominations within your chapter. Are you ready for the next step?

Please look on the State's website and/or FB for the latest updates regarding Bikerday 2021. In the meantime, you can still reach out to your Representatives by other forms of communication.

*"The things you are passionate about, are not just random things.....
they are your calling".*

– Mickey

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th, Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am

March 7th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

February 13th, Heart On Chapter Fundraiser,

Legion, St. Francis, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

March 26th-27th, Heartland S.T.E.A.M.,

Brookfield, Wisconsin

Greetings to all,

Our annual chapter fundraiser, the Heart On, is currently, at the time of my writing, on as scheduled. We have plans to set up at 11:00 am. We welcome you to come early and help. There is a great schedule of events. Apple Pie Contest. Live Auction by Tim Jensen our

Chapter Rep. is always a hit. Bake Sale. Vendors will be attending, and our own Dee Tra will have a nice display of leathers and will be able to take measurements for your product to be made before riding season. Also sewing repair. Maybe a new zipper? So, come out and support your chapter and vendors who took time to set up their displays.

Spring Road Guard classes will be scheduled with the MN Motorcycle Safety Center. We are in need of 12 people for the class, which will be held at Dakota Tech. , Rosemount. Having qualified rider's will be a must for any future organized motorcycle runs.

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

– Your V.P. Jim

UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

February, TBD
March, TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

March 26th-27th, Heartland STEAM,
Milwaukee Wisconsin

Hello all,

It has been quite the year here in the Up North Chapter. With the Covid shutdowns, we have not been able to really have meetings this fall and into winter.

With that being said, our annual Winter Fever Reliever is having to be postponed this year. The committee has not been able to meet, auction items haven't been gathered and we just aren't sure if the Governor or new President will allow a big enough indoor gathering. The officers are trying to come up with some "outside the box" ideas to have a fundraiser this spring or summer. Stay tuned.

Nominations for chapter officers are going on in February and elections will be in March.

Please pay attention to our facebook page for an update as to where our February meeting will take place. If you would like to step up and become an officer in the chapter please let one of the officers know so they can nominate you and get you on the ballot. If you would like to vote by absentee ballot please send your request to the state office no later than February 10th.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting. Riding season is just around the corner.

– Farmer Jay, Pres.

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s): TBA

Hello all, Hope you all had a good holiday break and got to see family in spite of the current circumstances.

We actually had a meeting this month thanks to the generosity of a chapter member with a heated party barn and lots of space. It was good to see our friends in person even if hugs and handshakes aren't allowed. Our discussions were pretty well centered on officer nominations and fundraising. Like many chapters we're getting pretty tight on funds so I'll repeat what I posted last month.

We've been collecting auction goods for almost two years now and have been thinking of different ways to turn some of that into cash. There are online auction sites that will host for a fee. And there's biker sales pages on the internet, but you typically have to set a price. Anyone have some different ideas?

It looks like we will be postponing our annual fundraiser, the Bunwarmer, this year. We just don't see how we can hold it safely indoors and still have enough attendees to make it worthwhile. We'll keep everybody updated as we know more. We'll probably end up with dates that conflicts with other chapters but holding the event outdoors may be the only practical way to do it and that means decent weather and much more competition.

That's pretty much it for this month.

Here's hoping we all have a better 2021 than 2020.

– Be Safe, Ed

METRO

NO REPORT RECEIVED

RIVER RIDERS

NO REPORT RECEIVED

SAND DUNES

NO REPORT RECEIVED

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

February 21st, Off The Road Saloon, Brook Park,
2:00 pm

March 21st, Banning Junction, Banning Junction,
2:00 pm

April 18st, Outback Saloon, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm

May 16st, The Village Bar & Grill, Pine City,
2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Check your Road Noise for information on events and be sure to check your sister chapter's grapevine's as well for more events.

With great honor, the Jack Pine Riders erected a flag pole in Potters Field cemetery and held a flag raising ceremony on January 1st. Special thank you to Finlayson Giese Sportsman Club for donating the flag pole and materials for this project. The cemetery is the final resting place for residents of the Pine County poor farm and other county burials. Including some veterans from as far back as the civil war. We have been working on this project for some time now and it was nice to finally see it come to completion. Thank you to Finlayson Giese Sportsman Club, J.P.R. and all those that put in the time and effort to see this project through.

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter and state officers will be accepted at the February meeting. Elections will be held at the March meeting. The deadline for voting absentee ballot is February 10th. No exceptions to this rule.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. Win a new Indian Chieftain.

We also have begun planning our 16th Annual "Upper Kettle River Shakedown."

Next roadside cleanup will be in May. Looking forward to a great turn out, thank you to all who help with this worthwhile endeavor.

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

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s): TBD

Hopefully things are getting back to normal. We were able to have a wonderful time at our chapter Christmas Party and wanted to send a thank you to the chapter committee for all their hard work and the local businesses that helped support it!

Besser's Bike Barn- Sauk Rapids

The Cave - Hillman

RJ Meats - Hillman

Grand Lake Lodge - Rockville

Pearl Lake Lodge - Marty

Stoney's Biker Bar and staff - Rockville for hosting

Crimson Edge Band - for playing, you rocked

it once again!!

Watch our facebook site for event updates!

Stay safe and warm my friends!

– Shweeeila



STATE COORDINATOR JANE DOYLE

I have held multiple positions during my membership in A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Starting out as someone looking for fun events to attend, it didn't take long to become an active member. I have held both chapter and state offices: member of the chapter fundraising committee, chapter rep., member of the A.B.A.T.E. U committee, State Products Manager, A.B.A.T.E. U Chair, and State Coordinator. I believe that I have the experience to help A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota grow, and become an even stronger political force. None of this can happen without the amazing support of the Executive Board, our fantastic committees, and our amazing members.

Thank you for the nomination of another year as your State Coordinator. May it be less stressful than 2020!

— *Jane Doyle*

SE DISTRICT DIRECTOR VIRGIL LEGRIED

For those of you that don't know me yet I'm Virgil Legried. I have been your Southeast District Director for the last 3 years and looking forward to a 4th term.

The last 3 years have had many positive experiences while interacting and guiding the Chapters of the SE District. One that stands out is working with the existing, old and new members of the former Lower Corner Chapter to revitalize it into the Southeast LC chapter we have now.

Prior the being your SEDD I had held the offices of Sgt @ Arms, Chapter Rep and President in the Flatlanders Chapters.

— *Virgil*

STATE TREASURER MICHELLE “MITCH” BACKLUND

I appreciate your confidence in nominating me to be the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Treasurer for another year. Not that there was much competition! I do love this organization and will help whenever I can. Here's hoping for a better year ahead.

— *Michelle “Mitch” Backlund*



*Happy
Valentine's
Day!*

Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. U 2021

Doing Your Part to Make America Great

Tentative Schedule

Friday, April 16

- 6:00 - 7:00 pmGambling Meeting
- 7:00 - 8:00 pmPre-Board Meeting
- 8:00 - 9:00 pmState Rally Meeting

- 7:00 - 8:00 pmNon-Gambling BINGO
- 9:00 - 11:30 pmGames - A.B.A.T.E Fundraiser

Saturday, April 17

- 8:00 - 8:45 amOfficer Training
- 9:00am - 1:30pmBoard of Directors Meeting
- 2:00 - 2:30pmMajor Alan
Speaking about American Values
- 2:45 - 3:15pmRepublican Caucus
- 3:30 - 4:00pmDemocratic Caucus
- 4:15 - 4:45pmCaucus Re-cap
- 4:00 - 5:00pmJazz
Principles of Leadership
- 7:00 - 9:00pmLive Auction
- 9:00pmRaffle Drawing
- 9:15 - ?Trike Races - Jay/Stephanie

Show up and learn how to affect the party platform.

Plan ahead for the elections in 2022.

Passport Run 2021

This month is the last month to get all entry forms in for all stops all sponsors who will be in the new passport book for 2021.

All entry forms must be postmarked and mailed in by March 1st.

Feel free to make additional copies of the entry form included in this month's Road Noise on the next page #30.

Please contact the Passport Run Committee with questions:

Join our Facebook Group:

Trashy Smith - - - - -612-708-9328

MN ABATE Passport Run

Joe Ruby - - - - -605-949-1366

Ingrid Cohen - - - - -763-516-7029



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- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
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- 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- Sustaining Membership Club \$100
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 Check here to receive MRF Reports electronically (email)

**4th Annual
A.B.A.T.E.
Passport Fun Run**

Dear business owner or manager,

Hello, my name is Jon Smith and I'm the Southwest District Director for ABATE of Minnesota. We are in the process of creating the 4th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st – Nov 1st, 2021. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be a sponsor, a stop, or both. As a stop the people will come in with the passport and want you to sign and date the book. Sponsorships will be listed in the front of the book and advertised on Facebook. The fees help cover the cost of printing, adds, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event please include those with your entry form and fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold through thousands of ABATE members to anyone all across Minnesota!

Sponsorship Fee \$25

Passport Stop Fee \$25

Both \$50

If you have any questions you can either email or call me at 612-708-9328, Heritagesofttail60@yahoo.com. If you're interested in participating in the Passport Run please fill out your information below:

Name of business _____

Street address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Phone # _____

Hours _____

Specials for Passport Customers to list in the book:

PASSPORT registration amount enclosed \$ _____

Send check or money order made out to ABATE or cash to the address below before March 1st, 2021.

Ingrid Cohen
ABATE Passport Committee Secretary
407 N Hubbard Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355

Please indicate the name of the ABATE chapter and member who signed you up for the Passport Run:

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Member _____

Recognition will be given to the business that receives the most stops!!



31st Annual

Heartland



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S.T.E.A.M. Conference

A Seminar to Educate and Motivate

March 26-27th, 2021

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

375 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 262-364-1100

Mention "Heartland S.T.E.A.M. 2021" for \$91/night rooms (plus tax)

 For updates, follow us on Facebook. Search Heartland STEAM.

Join members of motorcycle rights groups from Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Illinois as we unite to keep our freedoms. The Heartland S.T.E.A.M. conference will feature seminars to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening our grassroots organizations.

All profits from S.T.E.A.M. support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF).

Motorcycle Awareness Month

Hello A.B.A.T.E. members,

The time has come to submit our request to proclaim the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. This request will be submitted to the Governor by March 1st. We need your help to ask the Governor to approve this request. Please follow the steps below to send him an email, and don't forget - if you receive a response you can submit a copy of his response to Frank Ernst for your Right to Ride patch!

1. Go to: <https://mn.gov/governor/contact/>
2. Fill in the fields on the website with your information.
3. Copy and paste the template below into the message box.
4. Fill in your name at the end of the template.
5. Submit your message to the governor.

TEMPLATE :

I am writing to you today about a serious concern I have regarding the safety of our Minnesota roadways and the awareness of motorcyclists.

It has come to my attention that last year the month of May was not proclaimed as Motorcycle Awareness Month by the Governor's Office as it has been for almost the past twenty years. I am a member of A.B.A.T.E. (American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education) of Minnesota, the organization that has worked hard for decades with our state and federal legislatures and government entities to establish these foundations for safety on our roadways.

Motorcycle Awareness Month is an important safety message we need to continue to send to all Minnesotans, even during a pandemic. More motorcycles were on the road in 2020 than previous years due to people looking for more things to do being socially distant. I am expecting this to also happen in 2021.

I am asking you personally, Governor Walz, for your help. We would greatly appreciate anything you can do to make sure that in the future the May is Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation will continue to be a big part of Minnesota's traffic safety message. During this time of year, we see a significantly higher number of motorcycle crashes. Drivers need to be reminded that motorcycles are back out on the road.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has always appreciated the great relationship we have built with you over the years as a US Congressman, and with your help, we look forward to continuing our efforts with your office to promote motorcyclist awareness. A.B.A.T.E. will soon be submitting our request for this proclamation for the month of May 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

(Name)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2/3/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
2/3/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Sons of Silence, Clubhouse, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/4/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
2/5/21	Southwest Chapter Meeting	The Tavern, Rushmore	7:30 PM
2/5/21	Way West Chapter Meeting	Ortonville Legion, Ortonville	7:00 PM
2/6/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
* 2/7/21	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
2/7/21	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion	11:00 AM
2/9/21	Gambling Committee	TBD	6:00 PM
2/9/21	Lake Chapter Special Events Committee	Mike & Mary Bergers House, Waconia	2:00 PM
2/12/21	Borderland Chapter Meeting	TBD	
2/12/21	Heart of The Lakes Chapter Meeting	Sandbar, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
2/13/21	East Central - Heart on	St. Francis Legion	12:30 PM
2/13/21	Lake Chapter - Grounded Hogs	Rockford Township Hall	6:00 PM
2/13/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Township Hall	4:00 PM
2/13/21	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Barb Brown's House	2:00 PM
2/13/21	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	12:30 PM
2/14/21	River Valley Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
2/14/21	South East LC Chapter Meeting	TBD	11:00 AM
2/20/21	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Servicemen's Club, Blooming Prairie	2:00 PM
2/21/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Off The Road Saloon, Brook Park	2:00 PM
2/21/21	NorthStar Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
3/3/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mug Shots, Cosmos	7:00 PM
3/4/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
3/5/21	Southwest Chapter Meeting	The Tavern, Rushmore	7:30 PM
3/7/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3/6/21	Heart of The Lakes Pool and Dart Tourney	Sandbar, Detroit Lakes	1:00 PM
3/6/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	VFW, Monticello	3:00 PM
3/7/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
3/7/21	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
3/12/21	Heart of The Lakes Chapter Meeting	Bob and Crystals	7:00 PM
3/13/21	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	2:30 PM
3/14/21	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/14/21	South East L.C. Chapter Meeting	TBD	11:00 AM
3/18/21	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Taskk Meeting	via Microsoft Teams	5:00 PM
3/21/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Banning Junction, Banning Junction	2:00 PM
3/21/21	NorthStar Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
3/26/21	Heartland Steam	Brookfield, WI	
3/27/21	Heartland Steam	Brookfield, WI	
4/1/21	Central Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
4/1/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
4/3/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/9/21	Heart the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Littlebears House, 45465 445 st., Perham	7:00 PM
4/11/21	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Jim and Kristi's Orn's Home, Kimball	1:00 PM
4/16/21	A.B.A.T.E. University	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/17/21	A.B.A.T.E. University	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/18/21	A.B.A.T.E. University	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/18/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Outback Saloon, Stanchfield	2:00 PM
4/21/21	Bikerday at the State Capitol		

* 2/6/21 Publication Committee Meeting

By Phone

11:30 AM

NEW & RENEWALS FOR DECEMBER 2020

BUFFALO RIDGE

Kristin / Brian Gruhot R
 Butch Hildebrandt R
 Andy Kelly R
 Dennis Lorenzen / Deb Hinrichs R
 Paul Ramsbey / Rayelene English R
 Lee Seiler R
 John / Pat VanOverbeke R

CENTRAL

Tyler Burg N

EAST CENTRAL

Scott Krinke R
 Randy Ridley R
 Mark / Angela Weosner R

FLATLANDERS

Edward / Linda Peak R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Paul "PDITTY" Ditty R
 Nick Koos / Kari Koos N
 Jeremiah Rumohr R
 Eric Schultz / Liz Schultz N
 Brett Short N
 Derrik / Taryn Strickler R

GLACIAL RIDGE

Paul Brambrink R

HEART OF THE LAKES

Don Cocherell / Patty Wiedewitsch ... R
 Dan / Jessica Cooper R
 Mark Koon R

JACK PINE RIDERS

Brad Klepsa / Lori Vorlicky R

LAKE

Dan / Nikki Arne R
 Dana Bohn R
 Larry / Roxy Brown R
 Pat / Mikette Caspers R
 Doc D'Errico R
 David / Nancy Dibb R
 Keith "Smoker" Efron/Blythe Bucher . R
 Gary Ernst R
 "Big" Dave Grizzly R
 Neil / Patricia Herzberg R
 Daniel Monson R
 Keith / Lisa Quady R
 Dawn / Todd Riba R
 Dan Spotten R

METRO

David Frank N
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