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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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Welcome everyone to 2021!

I have high hopes for a politically active, fun-filled, prosperous New Year!

What part will you play in making things happen this year? We are always in need of active members who are ready to lend a hand. Step up and help in your chapter, or at the state level.

Nominations start this month.

Even though it's difficult to gather right now, we have found new ways to communicate. Let's use those new skills. Before we get to the Capitol, contact your legislators. Congratulate them on their election and let them know about our concerns. Start that relationship before we arrive in St. Paul.

Keep an eye on our website, the Road Noise, Facebook and email. Until things settle down, there's still a chance for sudden changes due to government regulations. We are doing our best to keep you informed.

See you soon!

– Jane



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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! By the time you read this we will know if our Governor has us off our leash or we are still staying in our 'kennel.' I miss going out to eat (and drink) with my wife...

As for Bikerday stay tuned, watch your social media accounts or email or the A.B.A.T.E. website for updates. In the mean-time make sure to take the day off, you can always go to work if Bikerday doesn't work out.

We have some new faces and some of the same old faces at the Capitol and in Washington DC too. Maybe it's time to make a call, drop a line and congratulate your new Representative or Senator. We might have a little extra time if we can't go out to eat or see who is down at the bars.

By the time the Rally comes around this will all be behind us, so let's start planning for the Rally. We can celebrate that 2020 is far behind us!

– Till next time, Jim



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Happy New Year!

Hopefully this year will be less chaotic than 2020. And we can get back to fundraisers and getting together.

As you plan fundraisers, remember to make note on your posters that "Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible." This is important in keeping us in good with the IRS.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns with the A.B.A.T.E. financials. It is better to ask the question than to make an assumption.

Take care and hope to see you soon!

– Mitch



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Bikerday at the Capitol. It is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th.

The talking points are as follows;

Improve Funding for Motorcycle Training and Motorist Awareness.

Due to a reduction in the number of new riders and the aging of the motorcycling demographic, training class enrolment in Minnesota is declining. Some training facilities find that rider training classes are not able to operate at a cost-effective level. The result of this could be closing or consolidating some rider training locations, adding additional travel distance for many students. In an attempt to reduce the risk of a diminished rider training product, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will propose small fee increases in motorcycle permit applications and license renewals. The permit fee will rise a few dollars and the license renewal fee to keep your motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license will rise from \$13 per renewal to \$17 per renewal. This fee is paid every four years when a driver's license is renewed. While the dollar amounts are small, multiplied by the 420,000 people who have this endorsement will mean that motorcycle rider training will continue to be a local option. This proposal will also benefit motorist awareness of motorcyclist programs and available motorcycle rider training.

No Change to the Motorcycle Helmet Law.

The motorcyclists of Minnesota ask that you continue to support the current Minnesota motorcycle helmet law, which requires those under 18 and those on a learner permit to wear a helmet while allowing endorsed adults the choice to wear or not to wear a helmet while operating a motorcycle. No helmet on the market can prevent a crash. The best way to prevent injuries is to prevent crashes. Crash avoidance and holding those who use our roadways accountable for their actions are the key factors for injury prevention.

Oppose Mandatory Uninsured and Underinsured Insurance Requirements for Minnesota Motorcyclists.

These bills would require all Minnesota motorcyclists to carry uninsured and underinsured insurance. This is opposed by a broad coalition of Minnesota motorcyclists. There are many insurance options in addition to the liability requirements that may be of benefit to a motorcycle rider, but these policy additions should be the motorcyclist's option. Most riders already have uninsured and underinsured insurance but the extra cost of this insurance could make motorcycle riding too expensive for some, especially younger, riders. Additionally, the passage of this legislation may have unintended consequences. Riders who face large increases in motorcycle insurance may choose to not purchase insurance at all.

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

— Gary Goracke

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NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT OCTOBER 2020

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Last month I mentioned the discussion at our recent NCOM convention titled. "Protect your Rights in Motorcycle Accidents" I mentioned legislation pending in at least one state. The following comments are taken from NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish:

"MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLISTS PROTEST UNFAIR INSURANCE LAW

Riders in Michigan now risk having an accident with a driver who chose to cap their own medical benefits at a level less than the amount the injured motorcyclist actually incurs in medical expenses. A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan members and supporters gathered on the capitol steps in September to protest the state's new automobile insurance law that limits access to lifetime medical benefits available to motorcyclists to how much coverage the car driver chose to purchase for themselves.

Previously, motorcyclists involved in an accident with an at-fault car driver would have their medical bills covered under the state's no-fault system, known as personal injury protection coverage or PIP. But motorcyclists no longer have the same coverages under a new law designed to drive down auto insurance rates -- routinely ranked among the highest in the nation -- by allowing motorists to purchase policies with limited personal injury protection benefits.

State Senator Peter Lucido (R-Macomb

County) introduced legislation to rectify this dangerous defect in the system by allowing motorcyclists to file a claim against their own insurance policy."

I would also like to share information I have since received from an A.B.A.T.E. of MN member. This member was involved in a car/motorcycle crash. The driver of the car was at fault and that driver's insurance company paid out the limits of the policy for the injured motorcyclists' medical expenses. Unfortunately, the insurance payout fell far short of the total medical costs. Now what? Seek recovery from the assets of the auto driver. Sorry the driver was a young driver and had virtually no assets.

This situation is not fully resolved yet but currently the motorcyclists is being held responsible for several hundreds of thousands of dollars of medical expenses. The motorcyclist has been left with serious injuries limiting their ability to work. How will this motorcyclist protect their personal assets? That is yet to be determined.

Following the convention, I have asked many people if they have adequate insurance and they have replied "I have full coverage." When asked what the limits of their policy was many stated "I have no idea but I think it's enough." I would like to encourage all of our members to have a serious look at your insurance. Look at coverage amounts and possible exclusions that may be listed in the policy. I would also suggest taking the time to visit with an attorney and talk about how to best protect yourself and your assets if involved in a crash.

As always be vigilant, protect yourself from the carelessness of others.

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NOMINATIONS ARE STARTING!

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

You should have received your nomination form along with the necessary instructions on how to hold your nominations. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Nominations are allowed at your January and February meetings only. Voting will happen in March. If anyone wants to step

up to the plate at your March meeting, they will be a "write in."

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

Your request to vote via absentee MUST be in writing (if you are a couple, I only need one request with both names) by February 10th. You can either email me at the address listed below or mail me your request (mail it in time for me to get it by February 10th).

The deadline to vote via absentee ballot is February 10, 2021 and this is non-negotiable. This allows for all people voting absentee time for them to get their ballots, vote, get them back to me and then get them back to the Chapter Presidents to be included with their March ballots. Please do not call me past this date to request them.



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As I write this, in the second week of December, I have seen two or three motorcycles out on the highways every day this week. What a strange year 2020 has been!!!

The last information that I have received is that 61 motorcyclists were killed in 59 crashes in 2020. That compares to 44 in 2019, and 58 in 2018.

I received two motorcycle license renewals in the mail and in each one there was a slip of paper that the task force voted to put in there. Our goal was to encourage rider training for motorcyclists. I am really happy that the insert mentions counter-steering as 25 of the fatality crashes in 2020 were motorcyclists trying to negotiate a curve.

Our last task force meeting was November 19th, and as we are getting used to, we attended by using our phones and computers. Steve Haataja talked about the rider training programs for last year and the

upcoming year. He said about 100 courses were cancelled due to COVID in April and May. The remaining courses for the year were full. Hopefully courses can start in April this year as scheduled. Many students had to cancel their training as they couldn't get their permit because of closures at permit sites.

At our next meeting, we will again discuss what messages we would like to see on the electric sign boards on the state's freeways. The message boards are two or three lines and there is room for 18 to 22 letters and spaces per line. I have thought about this for years and I still haven't come up with the perfect phrase. Something short and simple like: "CLICK IT OR TICKET." But I don't want something that's brainwashing, like: "SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES - SO DO MASKS." And I don't want something that's offensive, like the April first message: "DONT BE A FOOL - WEAR A HELMET." Maybe the message should be like the one on "Evil Bob's" t-shirt. "WOULD YOU DRIVE BETTER WITH THAT CELL PHONE SHOVED UP YOUR A...?" Opps, I think that is too many letters. Good safety message though. I guess I will just have to keep thinking.

Our next meeting will be January 21st at 5:00 pm via Microsoft Teams.

– Travel safe, Monte

STATE RALLY REPORT

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As some of you may not know, we have suffered a tragic loss in our security system with the passing of John Brantner. He was key personnel in our security system. He will be truly missed and at this point in time I don't know how we will replace him. He was THE key factor in keeping our security organized and in line at the Rally. As we are writing this many people are remembering the good times they had with him. He took his job as security head very seriously. With his passing we will mourn that for a long time to come. We must carry on for the good of the Rally with the help of people that are willing to step up to the plate. We are in the process right now of celebrating his life on December 12th at Jerry Fredricks home. There will be a plaque made in his honor for all that he has done for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. It will be presented to his colleagues from River Valley at the next Board of Directors meeting. The plaque will be on display in the security office in his honor during the Rally for years to come.

On to some better news, the Rally made a profit this year and we are gearing up for a bigger and better Rally next year. We already have some great entertainment on board. We are very grateful for all the hard work that was put into this year's Rally. We hope to make a bigger and better profit next year. But we can't do that without great volunteers to help this along.

Special thanks to Joe and his gang and Tim for all of the entertainment with the sled pulls. The attendance has been increasing each year. A huge thank you to everyone that helped with the bike show. This last Rally we heard many times from people "There's never been this many bikes in the show" and the profit reflected that. All of the other volunteers that help with the activities and help put on the Rally, there is no way I could thank each and every one of you. Special thank you to Nita Baker and Shelly Deutsch for keeping track of it all, we would be lost without them.



John Brantner

Also, a special thank you to John "Trashy" Smith and his Trashmasters for keeping the grounds clean. Thank you to Jim Orn for all his guidance and support as well.

I hope to see everyone at the next Board of Director 's meeting in Warroad in January. I look forward to seeing all 26 chapters represented at the Board meeting.

With that being said, carry on with getting all the Sponsors we can get for the Rally. Please get out and support the Sponsors that help us throughout the year. A special thank you to Jess Cooper for stepping up to the plate to replace Jody Ohlrogge as the new Rally Committee Secretary. Thank you to Jody Ohlrogge for all your years of service to this great organization.

I hope everyone that is reading this is already planning on attending our State Rally next year. We look forward to seeing you all there.

See you at Warroad in January.



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We gathered together and celebrated at Dane's house, always a good time. Enjoyed my newest grandbabies, Clara and Lyla.

Orders for bears are already coming in, thank you very much. Remember the deadline is January 17th.

We had an excellent reporting year and I thank everyone for that. Let's pray 2021 is a better year for everyone.

Love you all,

– Mama Bear, AKA Sharon Polman

GAMBLING REPORT

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Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone had a nice visit from Santa and received that toy you always wanted.

Hopefully everyone is out selling those A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. With all the shut downs we have had here in Minnesota I know it has made it difficult, but I believe we are up to the challenge. Because of these raffle sales gambling funds have been available to be used on many great causes from Wreaths of Honor to Motorcycle Safety organizations and friends in need to name a few. If anyone needs more raffle tickets let me know and I'll get them out to you A.S.A.P.!



EDUCATION

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Nothing new to report.



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Happy 2021 Fellow Bikers!

I hope Santa bought you everything you asked for. If not, you may not have been as good as you thought you were.

I do have quite a few pull over and zip up hoodies available, there are also some long-sleeved, light weight shirts. Hoodies are all \$30, long sleeves are \$20. Just email me and I will let you know what sizes and colors I have available. Stocking hats are being reordered and I should have them shortly.

Bike Flags are here. They are \$20 each. See picture on website.

If our Governor lets us have events this year, I am willing to set up items for sale at your events. Please email me the details and I will try to fit into my schedule. I sincerely hope I can make it out to other parts of the state for your events.

As always, email or text me with any ideas or suggestions and I will see what I can come up with.

Thank you for all your support of me with handling your A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota product needs.

– See you soon, Kari



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):

January 10th, Jim & Kristi Orn's, Kimball,
1:00 pm



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Hope everyone is staying healthy! See you in April!

– Stephanie



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Keeping it simple at this time of the year - we would like to share this with our A.B.A.T.E. of MN friends.

– Ron Lischeid

*New Year's Greetings
from the Board
Members of
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New Year's Resolution : Know When to Say "NO"



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Well, the New Year is here. Thank goodness 2020 is over! With loss of jobs, loss of income, loss of business, weight gain, depression, loss of good friends and family that we weren't allowed to say good bye to, and the election, 2020 is in the rearview mirror never to be looked back upon! It's a new year with a new start!

Now is the time to hit the road running and get some new members signed up! I have been asked to send out trifolds and tear-offs by mail, yet I don't see a lot of increase in memberships! If at all possible, please have your Chapter Reps know if your Chapter is in need

of supplies, they can ask me at the B.O.D.'s. Every packet of supplies cost at least \$7 to mail out, let's try to cut corners when and where we can, every little bit helps.

Our numbers ending in December are a total of 3,181 members, 1,643 singles and 1,718 couples. Last month was 3,192 so we lost 11 members in one month! The Chapters, for the most part, are holding the same or a loss, South Central had the biggest increase and that was a gain of four couples, way to go! Our BEST December was in 2009 with 4,144.

Let's all hope we are able to have some fundraisers during the winter months so we can find some likeminded biker's and get them signed up!

Please get signed up to attend Bikerday at the Capitol, January 20th! We have some new people to talk to.

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BIKE OF THE MONTH



Brian Rick's Indian Bike

My name is Awee

Awee, stands for My Baby. I was born a black Indian, dealer changed me to Black and White in 2014. My new owner saw me on the showroom floor, and couldn't resist. He adopted me as his own. He then started to transform me and made me the bike I am today. I have had multiple paint jobs, new ostrich seat, new matching rims, 16" handle bars, new stereo system, and just had the new 116 big bore kit installed to take on the big boys. He has shown me at many bike shows in the 5 state area during the past 6 years. I'm glad he found me, as I believe he likes me. I hope to meet you all someday.



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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
Tentative Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday January 16, 2021, 9:00 AM
SevenClans Casino, Warroad, MN

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to orderJane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and WelcomeEdgar Burke
InvocationEdgar Burke
Roll call.....Michele Legried
Agenda approval / changes.....Jane Doyle
Secretary Report - Oct. 2020Michele Legried
Treasurer's ReportMichelle Backlund

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative DirectorGary 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 UniversityStephanie Christensen
EducationPaul Tjepkes
GamblingDan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear ProgramSharon Polman
Membership and Member RetentionShelly Deutsch
ProductsKari Duncan
Publications.....Tammy Winkels
RallyRandy Prochazka
Ways and Means.....Kristie Orn

OTHER REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Bikerday 2021 Discussion and Chapter Donations
Mississippi Valley Chapter Discussion
Chapter Banners and Patches

NEW BUSINESS

Chapter Product Inventory Request from State Treasurer
2021 Proposed Budget (April 2021 through March 2022)
By-law Proposals
State Officer Nominations

OFFICER REPORTS

TreasurerMichelle Backlund
SecretaryMichele Legried
Northwest District Director.....Edgar Burke
Northeast District DirectorMichelle Scannell
Southeast District DirectorVirgil Legried
Southwest District DirectorJon Smith
Assistant State CoordinatorJim Orn
Trustee.....Mack Backlund
State Coordinator.....Jane Doyle

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SEVENCLANS

It's time to get ready for MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run 2021!!

With the vaccines right around the corner, we are confident the bars and restaurants will open back up for dine in eating in time for the riding season. And there are other businesses to sign up for the Passport Run too. So please help us contact all of your local businesses now, and use the enclosed entry form in this month's Road Noise which is needs to be postmarked and mailed in by March 1st.

Also check out this year's Passport Run guidelines in this month's Road Noise as well, and be sure to join our Facebook group: MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run.

We've made some changes to make the Passport Run bigger and better than last year.

There will be more chances for you to earn that prize money!!

*Hang in there, spring will be here before you know it
and we'll be riding free with our Passports real soon!*

A.B.A.T.E. PASSPORT RUN GUIDELINES 2021

****Must be 18 to Participate****

Duration: May 1st – Nov 1st

SPONSORS/STOPS:

- Fee is \$25.00 each for a sponsor and or a stop, both is \$50.00.
- Flyers are available to print and hand out to businesses to hang up for being a sponsor and/or a stop.
- Fees go towards prize money for the contest and printing/advertising costs.
- Entry Forms must be mailed in to address on form by March 1st. Offer to mail it in for them, or give them a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Sponsors and stops can be any type of business: bars, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, etc.
- Recognition will be given to the business with the most frequent stops.

PASSPORT SALES:

- Passports are \$20.00 each - \$10.00 to chapter, \$10.00 to state.
- All Passport specials are only valid until Nov 1st.
- Passports can be sold to anyone, does not have to be ABATE member.
- Chapters are responsible for all sales. If you have a business selling books, you are accountable to collect the money and unsold books to turn in by the deadline.
- Checks are payable to ABATE only (no personal or chapter names). DO NOT HOLD CHECKS all summer long, watch the date of the check and please mail them in right away.
- Passports will be available to the chapters to sell at ABATE U or by May 1st.
- **Please contact Ingrid at 763-516-7029 as soon as possible to pre-order the number of passports your chapter would like to sell.**

CONTEST:

- One passport entry per person.
- One stamp or signature per person per passport at each stop.
- Must make purchase at the stop to receive a stamp or signature.
- Passports must be returned no later than Nov 1st.
- Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 people with the most passport stops.
- Prize money amounts will be determined by sponsorship money collections.

All sponsor/stop entry forms, passports and money **must be postmarked by the deadlines** and mailed to:

Ingrid Cohen, 407 No Hubbard Ave, Litchfield, MN 55355.

Please contact the Passport Run Committee with questions:

Trashy Smith 612-708-9328
Joe Ruby 605-949-1366
Ingrid Cohen 763-516-7029

Join our Facebook Group:
MN ABATE Passport Run

**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!

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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!!



2020 A.B.A.T.E. of MN Passport Winners!



Joe Schumann, 1st Place and Lori Schumann, 2nd Place.



Larry Johnson, 3rd Place.



Litchfield American Legion
Post #104.



Tad Lothert, 4th Place, and
Brian Schemmel, 5th Place.

Chapter Grapevines



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

MICHELLE "MICKEY" SCANNELL

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Hello NE Members!

Welcome 2021. Happy to see the COVID 19 year has come to a close.

In Minnesota during the winter season, socializing is what we do, right? Not sure when the restrictions will be lifted, keeping my fingers crossed for business as usual. I am ready for some fundraisers, are you?

Don't forget to register by January 13th for Bikerday at the Capitol. We would love to fill the rotunda with the "smell of leather" of on January 20th. If there's any changes, refer to our website or FB for the latest updates. FYI: You can still reach out to your State Representatives by mail, email or phone calls regarding A.B.A.T.E.'s agenda for this year.

Are you ready to upgrade your volunteer status? It's that time of year for nominations within your chapter for March elections.

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are available. Drawing will be held on April 17th in Alexandria. This year it's one bike, 2021 Indian Chief, \$10,000, \$7,500 and \$5,000 cash prizes.

Stay safe, be healthy, pray for our country and the direction it will be heading.

"Keep calm, and Ride the dream"

– Mickey

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

TBA

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Cherrie and I are hoping for happy and safe holidays for everyone. We've been spending a lot of time thinking about family and the lockdown doesn't look like it's going to end soon.

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 always biker sales pages on the internet, but you typically have to set a price. Anyone out there have some different ideas?

It's a pretty good time for new bike deals, but I know that's going to be tough for many people who haven't been able to work. Hard to stay positive these days but we're working on it.

That's pretty much it for this month. Hope you had a good Christmas, miss seein' y'all.

– Ride Safe, Ed

METRO

No Report Received

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

January 16th, Stoney's, Rockville, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, Chapter Xmas party, Stoney's,
Rockville, 6:00 pm

January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Happy New Year!

It's been a challenging one and I hope everyone has managed to make it through ok. I've seen so many people come together to help each other through these tough times. This makes me so proud to be a part of something so great! Keep up the awesome teamwork everyone! We'll get through this together!

At the Christmas Party this year we will be having our ugly sweater, chili, soup and dessert contest again. So, get on the spirit. The committee has done a lot of work and collecting some awesome prizes. I can't wait!

Get ready for Bikerday at the State Capitol, January 20th!!

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

Stay safe and warm my friends!

– Shweeeila

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

January 3rd, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

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

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20rd, Bikerday at the Capitol

February 13rd, Heart On Fundraiser, Legion,
St. Francis

Hello East Central Members.

We are in a holding pattern! With vaccines right around the corner, there is hope to end restrictions.

Bikerday is still on as I am writing this newsletter. We are still scheduled for our Senator and Representative meetings. Please try to make it, take the day off. Or maybe have

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

February 13th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 12:30 pm

March 13th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hey all,

As you all know, we are trying to get back out into our community. For that, we would like to thank everyone who helped out with the Big Lake Toys for Tots program. We were able to help more families have a Christmas. So, to those individuals that had volunteered with the Toys for Tots organization, thank you so much for your help. We are looking forward to helping out again in the following years to come. If anyone has any questions on helping out with this again next year, please feel free to get a hold of anyone in our chapter!!! Again, thank you all so much!

Elections are right around the corner. January and February are the months for nominations.

Got someone that will help us grow as a chapter? Bring them to our meetings and get them nominated!!! We are looking forward to hearing your input.

Sincerely,

– Tony (P.), Ally (V.P.) & Alexis (Sec.)

your boss reschedule your day off.

January we begin officer nominations. Think about a position you would like to do. Remember, we are an all volunteer organization. If interested, please let me know if you have any questions.

Our Heart On fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday February 13th at the St. Francis Legion. Volunteers are needed for the event.

Remember, part of membership is to come forward and volunteer to make a good impression for our Chapter.

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

– E.Central V.P. Jim



Metro A.B.A.T.E. Chapter with Buddy Bear delivery to Osseo Fire Department.

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

January 17th, Bear's Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm
 February 21st, Off The Road Saloon, Brook Park, 2:00 pm
 March 21st, Banning Junction, Banning Junction, 2:00 pm
 April 18th, Outback Saloon, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm
 May 16th, The Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, B.O.D, Warroad
 January 20th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

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

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the January and February meetings. Elections will be held at the March meeting. 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 or some cash.

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 out 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

RIVER RIDERS

No Report Received

UP NORTH

No Report Received



Chapter Grapevines



NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

First of all. ELECTIONS..... Nominations are now open. Please Think about helping YOUR Chapter out in these trying times. YOU CAN DO IT!!!

BIKERDAY at THE CAPITOL, January 20th, 2021.

There are many new candidates in the capitol right now. Take time to introduce yourself before you get to BikerDay. Even in the winter WE need to keep communicating with our elected officials. Some try to sneak laws in under the wire that aren't always good for us motorcyclists.

Praying YOU ALL have a Safe and Happy New Year.

"Take care and Ride Free!"

– Edgar

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

January 12th, 2021 TBO.

Upcoming Event(s):

B.O.D., Seven Clans Casino, January 16th, 2021,
Warroad, 9:30 AM

Bikerday at the Capitol, January 20th

Happy New Year Borderland!

By the time you read this, the days are getting longer and it will be just a few short weeks before we can get on that motorcycle seat and ride again!

A year ago, looking forward into a new year we thought our vision was 2020. 2021 is perfect vision this time because we are more prepared to confront the unknowns in our future. You never know, there could be someone out there

right now designing a mandatory motorcycle helmet with interchangeable N-95 masks in 'er. We scrapped our December 8th meeting 'cause of small business closers but I'm thinking we made it up somewhere. You will be notified for our January meeting.

As you know, Borderland is hosting the January B.O.D. The last time we did that was in 2007 I believe. It is a long way up for our southern folks but A.B.A.T.E. of MN covers a large area. I can see it now: about half the people were late for the B.O.D. cause they all had fishing licenses and the morning bite was so good!

I hope you registered for Bikerday, It will be awesome down there again! Let me know if you need a ride to DL.

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim.



Freedom First Riders held a Pasta Bar at Eagles Healing Nest.



FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

January 30th, 2021, Leaf Valley Merchantile
6:00 PM

Febraury 27th, 2021, VFW Post 936, Alexandria
6:00 PM

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

FFR did a pasta bar at the Eagles Healing Nest November 21st. It was an awesome turn out and a big thanks for all that attended.

We have elections coming up for the next couple of months. Please think about stepping up and helping out the chapter.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

HEART OF THE LAKES

Upcoming Event(s):

January 8th, chapter meeting, Jess and Dan
Cooper's house, 13721 450th Ave Frazee,
7:00 PM

February 12th, Chapter meeting, Sandbar,
Detroit Lakes, 7:00 PM

Hello fellow inmates,

Hope all of you are weathering this next step of madness. I look forward to eventually getting together as friends in an actual public place. Until then I guess we will have to sneak a meeting in the corner of the exercise yard now and then.....out of sight of the screws.

– Til release day.....Littlebear



NORTHWEST No Report Received

NORTH STAR

Next Meeting(s):

January 17th, 2021, NorthStar Chapter Meeting, Noon (Location to be determined)

February 21st, 2021 NorthStar Chapter Meeting, Noon (Location to be determined)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, 2021, Board of Directors, Warroad MN

January 20th, 2021, Bikerday at the Capitol

Yes 2020 is behind us. Looking forward to our new year 2021. There will be more State and Chapter events happening throughout Minnesota. Upcoming next will be the January B.O.D. in Warroad followed by Bikerday at the Capitol. Be sure to get registered for these events as soon as possible if you would like to attend. Keep your eyes on the Chapter Facebook Page for more info or to connect with members to arrange transportation.

Time to set some new goals for the new year. Time to start looking at adding elements to our 2021 meeting agendas. One thing I am

suggesting is submitting an extra element with our monthly road noise article.

Quarterly: Our Chapter can do just one extra thing each month to support the Road Noise:

- Submit a Member of the Month in the January, April, July, and October Road Noise.
- Submit a Bike of the Month February, May, August, and November Road Noise.
- Submit a Business of the Month March, June, September, and December.

I'd like to challenge other Chapters to do the same.

Replanning our postponed 2020 Bike show for July.

Feel free to follow us on our Chapter Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/abate-northstar>

For other event happening in other chapter, visit the State Facebook page:

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

Also you can view the State ABATE Webpage:

<https://www.abatemn.org/>



Chapter Grapevines



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

VIRGIL LEGRIED

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Greetings Southeast District:

As I'm writing this in December, Bikerday at the Capitol on January 20th is still a go, so please attend if you possibly can.

I have already been in touch with the Southeast District Chapters regarding an IRC (Intermediate Rider Course) on May 15th in Albert Lea. If there is enough committed interest the whole class can be booked for \$300. This works out to be \$25 per rider versus \$55 per rider if you just register for the class individually. The requirement is that there are 12 riders to fill the class. I will be taking the course either way so that leaves 11 spots to fill. I would like to let Riverland and the Safety Center know by the end of February if the class can be filled. For more information on the IRC visit: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/mmsc/rider-training/Pages/brc-refresher.aspx>.

On a sad note, we lost River Valley Chapter member John Brantner on November 20th. John was a very active member at both the Chapter and State level, along with organizing security at our State Rally. He will be missed. Godspeed our brother, we'll see you again but 'till then, GIVE HEAVEN SOME HELL.

– Virgil



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

January 10th, location TBD,
12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at
the Capitol



It is with great sadness to inform you of the loss of a dear River Valley family member, John Brantner, our Vice President. John was an asset not only to our chapter but to the A.B.A.T.E. organization. So much to say about our giving kind hearted friend...one thing for sure, he will be greatly missed.

A reminder that nominations for chapter

officers will be starting at
our January meeting.

Maybe consider getting out of your comfort zone and try running for one of the officer positions. Trust me, there are experienced people who will have your back in the learning process. If you want to be nominated, just let another member know that you're interested.

Due to the governor's restrictions, we are not sure how to proceed with our January Thaw Fundraiser and Dance. We have some ideas in the works so please watch our River Valley Facebook page for updates.

Happy New Year River Valley Chapter Family!
Here's to a blessed 2021.

– Lori, R.V. Pres.



John Past, RIP Brother.



John Past, on a bike run.

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

Locations will be sent out via Chapter email.

February 4th, 7:00 pm

March 4th, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

March 4th Chapter elections

As most of you have already heard, Tri-County lost a dear friend and member the day after Thanksgiving. John Pabst was our Sgt @ Arms and Dial-A-Ride contact. He was a great man and was always quick to volunteer with anything that needed to be done. Tri-County

will truly miss him. I'd like to thank those of you that came out to give John's family your condolences and support. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The new year is upon us and hopefully these COVID 19 restrictions have lightened up a bit.

Bikerday should be coming up soon. If you haven't registered yet you can do so on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website. The more bikers we have show up the better it looks!

Please bundle up and stay warm while you go through motorcycle withdrawals.

– Till next time, Big Jon



STRAIGHT RIVER

No Report Received

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

No Report Received

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

January 2^{3rd}, VFW, Wells, 2:00 pm
February, date TBD, Servicemen's Club,
Blooming Prairie

Greetings, Flatlanders, I want to begin by saying I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It was an unusual year, to say the least, and I think most of us were ready to bid it adios.

Nominations for Chapter and State officers will hopefully begin at the January meeting and continue in February, with elections in March.

Bikerday at the Capitol on January 20th is still on as of this writing. Likewise, A.B.A.T.E. U. and the raffle in April. Dan has raffle tickets ready to be checked out.



There have been people asking about Jesse Larish memorial patches. There are full color photo patches available at <https://colorpatch.com> or look for them on Facebook. Call 877-860-6847 or email info@colorpatch.com to order.

As always, check the Flatlanders Facebook page for the latest news, updates, and cancellations.

And remember, every day is one day closer to spring!

– Together we stand, Linda Peak

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

January 10th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville,
11:00 am
February 14th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville,
11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol
February 27th, South East L.C. Mid-Winter
Blues Bash

Happy New Year South East L.C.!

The December meeting was cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions. What happens in the upcoming months is anyone's guess. Wait a minute, I'll ask the Magic 8 Ball. I roll the ball upside down and ask the question, "Magic 8 Ball, will 2021 be a better year than 2020?" I roll the ball back to reveal its answer. The prediction is ??????? I'll get back to ya.

Here's some MRF news. Bikers in Europe are facing the threat of losing their old motorcycles. The European Union has "end of life" vehicle directives. The directives mean you can't park the old Dodge truck with the blown engine behind your shed to part out someday. It is supposed to be "transferred to authorized treatment facilities to be demolished in an environmentally friendly way." Is this a five-step program? Do I need a sponsor? The Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations (FEMA) is fighting to keep motorcycles excluded from these directives.

Back in the USA, the MRF may be siding with automakers. In December the Federal Communications Commission voted 5-0 to give part of the radio frequency spectrum, that was reserved for carmakers for the past 20 years, to cable companies instead. This spectrum space was to be used for emerging technology in vehicle to vehicle communications, crash avoidance systems and smart highway designs to make roads safer for all users. The MRF added spectrum band issues to their 2021 priorities list.

We welcome four new members to the Chapter and thank two renewals for the month of October. Nominations are open for Chapter Officers in January and February. Elections are in March.

Chapter Grapevines



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Here it is January and we have a few things to think about. Wow, I am sure glad 2020 is over. Now on to 2021. Hopefully this will be a better year. Hopefully we can do Bikerday at the Capitol. Hopefully we can do the Board of Directors meeting at the end of the month. Hopefully our chapters can continue having their meetings. Hopefully our chapters can have their fundraisers. Hopefully everyone stays healthy.

Wow, there's lotta hoping going on.

I want to thank all the chapters for all their hard work and doing what they had to do or could do to keep the chapters going. I know it was a tough year, but we got through it. Now there's something else to think about the chapter elections and the state election for A.B.A.T.E. Nominations start in January so try your best to have your meetings, there are ways to get around, but you must stay safe also. If you don't feel comfortable don't go but stay in touch with your chapter officers to find out what is going on. The main thing is to stay informed with all the stuff that is going on it would be easy for our politicians to take advantage of this. We need to stay focused.

– Jon W Smith, Trashy

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

January 9th, Mike & Mary Berger's home,
Waconia, 3:00 pm

February 13th, Rockford Township Hall, 4:00 pm

March 6th, VFW, Monticello, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 9th, Special Events committee
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January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans
Casino, Warroad

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

We are very saddened by the passing of John Brantner. He left a hole in our hearts that will take time to heal. His cross will be in place for next year's Fallen Friends Run.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Donna Prochazka has memorial patches for Janet Todd and Jessie Larish they are each \$5.00.

Nominations for officers start in January. If you are interested in running for office and have questions, feel free to ask any one of our officers.

As of this article, we do not have a scheduled meeting for January. We look forward to seeing all 26 chapters in Warroad for our January B.O.D. We look forward to seeing everyone at Bikerday at the Capitol.

We are all getting really tired of this COVID 19. We will get through this together.

Remember together we ride free,

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

January 9th, Mike & Mary Berger's home,
Waconia, 3:00 pm

February 13th, Rockford Township Hall, 4:00 pm

March 6th, VFW, Monticello, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 9th, Special Events committee
meeting, Mike & Mary Berger's home,
Waconia, 2:00 pm

January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans
Casino, Warroad

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

February 13th - Grounded Hogs fundraiser,
Rockford Township Hall, 6:00 pm

Happy New Year!

Let's hope this is a more normal year than 2020. 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 organization. We will need funds to keep fighting for your rights.

A BIG THANKS to Kris Kalway for finding a

place for our December meeting and to Lenny for putting up with those that could come. There was plenty of space for social distancing, so all was good! We even got some business done.

We were able to make a Toys for Tots donation of \$1,500 and got that publicized on KARE 11. You can check it out on You Tube.

We will be getting Lake Chapter etched mugs. Come to a meeting if you want one.

We got some good food shelf donations at the last couple meetings, but there is always a need. Cash and non-perishable food donations will continue to be accepted and donated to the Buffalo and Wright County Food Shelves. They are also looking for personal hygiene products.

Officer nominations start this month and continue in February. Step up and make a difference!

Bikerday at the State Capitol is scheduled for January 20th. Hope to see everyone there.

– Later, Mitch'n

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

January 2nd, Rooney's Bar, Sedan 6:00 pm

February 6th, Rooney's Bar, Sedan 6:00 pm

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

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans
Casino, Warroad

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

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

Hello people. Christmas has passed, and most likely New Years by the time you've read this. Let's hope the new year turns out better than the last and we can be free once again to roam and gather, as we wish.

This month starts nominations for the differer positions held within your chapter. If you wis to be nominated for one of these let others know, so you can get your name on the balle

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are available now. Good luck to those that buy them.

Since we did not have a meeting, thanks Governor Walz, I don't have much to say.

Hope to see you all at A.B.A.T.E. U.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Stay safe.

– Hives

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

January 8th, The Pump, Milbank, SD, 6:00 pm
February 5th, Legion, Ortonville, 7:00 pm (TBD,
depending on COVID restrictions and may be changed)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans
Casino, Warroad
January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol
March 26th - 27th, Heartland STEAM,
Brookfield, WI
April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Alexandria

Greetings Friends!

As I write, it is 49 degrees out on this day of December 9th, wow. Bikes are still out taking advantage of this weather rightfully so.

Well members, COVID 19 restrictions haunt us again for our meetings. Hopefully, you all have stayed clear of this virus and if not, hoping the symptoms were mild. It has proven to test us all.

The upcoming Board of Directors meeting is coming up in the Warroad area. I am looking forward to it, as always. A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up April 16th -18th at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Rooms are open for booking. Reserve yours now. This is always such a great time.

Chapter nominations are open at the January and February meetings. Step up and challenge yourself to a Chapter position. Speaking of chapter meetings, as a member, it is YOUR chapter. Bring your ideas and research of your ideas to the meetings and speak up. There is no such thing as a dumb

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans
Casino, Warroad
January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

idea. Have an idea for a fundraiser, a bike run, a meeting place? Bring it up in new business or where appropriate it fits into the meeting agenda but, also do your research.

As I write, I also do not have the total monies used for our Toys for Kids program but will let you know at the January meeting.

Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for January 20th. Register by January 13th on the state website. This is one of the most important things we can do as a member and a biker. There are newly appointed officials that we need to address with our visions as bikers and is one of the best ways to be heard on their doorstep.

My wish is that you all have a great Christmas and a New Year and can gather with your friends and family and that this frigging COVID 19 virus eradicates and is never seen again.

– Stay safe and well!! Gypsy Mama

SOUTHWEST

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans
Casino, Warroad
January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Not much to report, COVID 19 is making everything difficult. Cannot have a real meeting because of social distancing.

COVID 19 took one of ours, Tom Tracy. He was a motorcycle enthusiast, and a friend to everyone he ever met. Except, that one guy, that pulled some crap on Tom. The rest of the world was Tom's friend. Someone wrote, "Tom was the kind of person, that God wants all of us to be like." Now, wouldn't it be nice if those words were to be said about any of the rest of us?

Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers

Happy New Year, praying the new year beats the hell out of 2020.

– BAM



Toys For Kids

Meeker and McLeod County deliveries.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

January 6th, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield

February 3rd, Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato

Upcoming Event(s):

January 16th, B.O.D. Meeting, Seven Clans Casino, Warroad

January 20th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Last month we recognized South Central active members for 2020 and handed out patches. Thank you for all your hard work throughout the year!!

Mark Berggren

Bill Laplante

Kristy Laplante

Brad "Pops" Latham

Tad Lothert

Doug Louris

Jen Sommerfeld

Dustin Suchy

April Suchy

John Dietel

Carl Melin

Sarah Henderson

Jim Orn

Kristi Orn

Judy Wiehr

Curt Schmitz

Ron Schmitz

Brian Johnson

Bobbi Jo Johnson

John "Veeeight" Maningoine

Gina Maningoine

Peggy Sundin

Porkchop Sundin

Troy Olson

Brent Miner

Marvella Miner

Dougie Cohen

Ingrid Cohen

Just before the COVID restrictions were enforced, we were able to hold our annual Toys for Kids event. We delivered \$2000.00 each to McLeod and Meeker county, and a lot of toys! A huge thank you to everyone who donated their money, time, and auction items to make this event such a success during this crazy year. A special shout to Kristy LaPlante and the Litchfield Eagles Club for their hard work with hosting the event!!

Nominations for officer elections start this month. It's important to participate in your chapter and get involved with the voting process. Your voice and your vote counts!

Cheers, Ingrid Cohen, SC Secretary

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January
15-16
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2-Jan	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3-Jan	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion	11:00 AM
6-Jan	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
6-Jan	Northeast Chapter Meeting	TBD	6:30 PM
6-Jan	South Central Chapter Meeting	Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
7-Jan	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Mark Warner's house, Belle Plain	7:00 PM
8-Jan	Heart of The Lakes Chapter Meeting	Jess and Dan Coopers House, Frazee	
8-Jan	Way West Chapter Meeting	The Pump, Milbank, SD	6:00 PM
9-Jan	Lake Chapter Meeting	Mike & Mary Berger home Waconia	3:00 PM
9-Jan	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	12:30 PM
10-Jan	Publication Committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi's House	2:00 PM
10-Jan	River Valley Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
10-Jan	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
10-Jan	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi's House	1:00 PM
15-Jan	Gambling Committee	BOD	6:00 PM
15-Jan	Pre-Board Meeting	BOD	7:00 PM
15-Jan	Rally Meeting	BOD	8:00 PM
16-Jan	ABATE of MN BOD	Seven Clans Casino, Waroad	8:00 AM
16-Jan	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	5:00 PM
16-Jan	Central Chapter Christmas Party	Stoney's in Rockville	6:00 PM
16-Jan	River Valley - January Thaw	Eagles Club, Mankato	7:00 PM
17-Jan	ABATE of MN BOD	Seven Clans Casino, Waroad	
17-Jan	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bear's Den, Bruno	2:00 PM
17-Jan	NorthStar Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
20-Jan	Bikerday at the Capitol		
21-Jan	Mortorcycle Safety Meeting	Microsoft - online	5:00 PM
23-Jan	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Wells	2:00 PM
30-Jan	Freedom First Riders	Leaf Valley Merchantile	6:00 PM
3-Feb	South Central Chapter Meeting	Sons of Silence, Clubhouse, Cokato	7:00 PM
4-Feb	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
5-Feb	Way West Chapter Meeting	Ortonville Legion or TBD	7:00 PM
6-Feb	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
7-Feb	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion	11:00 AM
9-Feb	Gambling Committee	TBD	6:00 PM
9-Feb	Lake Chapter Special Events Committee	Mike & Mary Bergers House, Waconia	2:00 PM
12-Feb	Heart of The Lakes Chapter Meeting	Sandbar, Detroit Lakes	
12-Feb	Borderland Chapter Meeting	TBD	
13-Feb	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	12:30 PM
13-Feb	East Central - Heart on	St. Francis Legion	12:30 PM
13-Feb	Lake Chapter - Grounded Hogs	Rockford Township Hall	6:00 PM
13-Feb	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Township Hall	4:00 PM
14-Feb	South East LC Chapter Meeting	Strikers Corner, Stewartville	11:00 AM
21-Feb	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Off The Road Junction, Brook Park	2:00 PM
21-Feb	NorthStar Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
27-Feb	South East LC Mid-Winter Blues Bash	TBD	
4-Mar	Tri-County Chapter Elections	TBD	7:00 PM
6-Mar	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
6-Mar	Lake Chapter Meeting	VFW, Monticello	3:00 PM
13-Mar	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	2:30 PM
21-Mar	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Banning Junction, Banning Junction	2:00 PM
26-Mar	Heartland Steam	Brookfield, WI	
27-Mar	Heartland Steam	Brookfield, WI	

NEW & RENEWALS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

BORDERLAND

Robbie Ostlund/Barbara Olson ... R

CENTRAL

Terry Behm R
Chris Cannon R
Kenny Huckenpoehler /
Shannon Pooler R
Michael Kraatz /Ammanda N
John /Joyce Lynch R
Norlyn Nelson R
Dan /Kelly Willard R

EAST CENTRAL

Bob McChesney R

FLATLANDERS

Dan /Arvilla Bye R
Rich / Lori Nelson R
Keith VanBeek N
Fred /Cali Vokoun R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Kandy Ahlers R
Larry Floan/Sherri Floan R
Rich Reimers/Ann Reimers R
Norman Schlosser R
Sterling Schmidt R
Eric Thomas /Sara Thomas R
Penny Trenne N

GLACIAL RIDGE

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

HEART OF THE LAKES

Rob Thiel /Crystal Lesko R

JACK PINE RIDERS

Leslie Bjerke R
Ken Stern R

LAKE

Gene /Charm Bolgrean R
Patrick Kiffmeyer N
Karen May /Buzz Plante R
Steve /Connie Olson R
Dale Schultz /Sheila Smith R
Joe /Carla Tappainer R

RIVER RIDERS

Curtis Zerwas /Caylea Franzen ... R

RIVER VALLEY

Jerry G Hermann R
John Lynch R
Darren "Big D" Sather R
Lori Sotebeer/ Troy Cornelius R

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Chris Andersen R
Theodore Bachenberg N
Harry Hale R

SAND DUNES

Don Close R
Bret Collier R
Dion Fortier N
Robert Gerhart /Tiffany Gerhart .. N
Aleric Myers N

SOUTH CENTRAL

Charlie /Mary Ardolf R
Brian Schemmel N
Dan "Animal" Schrader
/Lisa Kubis R
Dustin /April Suchy R
Galen "Porkchop" /Peggy Sundin . R
Darren Thom/Merica Overrash ... N
David /Judith Wiehr R

SOUTHEAST LC

Jas /Calli Caffrey R
Fred Shaffer N
Trinity Togue

STRAIGHT RIVER

Ronald Bakken N
Shanan Gruenhagen N
Scott "Asshole" Harkema R

TRI-COUNTY

Dale Giles R
Peter S Krippner /Joely Karaschin . R

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