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

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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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Summer is coming, I can feel it!

As restrictions are lifted and we can get back to in-person meetings, please take the time to send a grapevine to the Road Noise. Let people know when and where you are holding meetings. List all upcoming events. Add a message to encourages people to show up at a meeting and join your chapter. Remember, that when you use A.B.A.T.E. of MN and/or the State Logo on a fundraiser invitation, half of the profit goes to A.B.A.T.E. of MN state treasury. Without chapter financial help, we cannot survive as an organization.

There is a new 2021 Profiling Survey. It is significantly shorter and is designed to show support for state and federal level profiling bills. It should take you less than one minute to complete the survey. Please go online

and fill it out.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCOC201>

Here are a few upcoming events to put on your calendar:

- Heartland STEAM in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 26-28
It's close to home, and there are some interesting classes, and lots of fun.
- A.B.A.T.E. U. in Alexandria, MN, April 16-18
Spend the weekend making new friends. Attend the Board of Directors Meeting and hear first-hand all of the information that is presented. Get involved in the raffle and games, buy some new products, learn something new at the seminars.
- Bikerday at the Capitol April 21st
Watch Facebook and the website for updates - things are hard to predict right now.
- Bikers in the Beltway in Washington DC, May 18th. Again - watch for updates

Thank you to all the people that have stepped up to run for an officer position!

See you soon!

– Jane



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Did you guys check out the February cover of the Roadnoise? (Tis the Season for Treasured Memories). I thought it was fitting, time to get out, ride and make memories. I sat here thinking of all the bike trips we have taken and all the fun times we've had.

As for this year's winter bike trip, plans have changed, my trailer is full of my son's household stuff and we are helping move him & his family out to Colorado Springs. I guess that will be another memory!

We had a good B.O.D. despite the weather. I hope most of the info got back to your chapter reps that were unable to make it due to the weather. So, they can fill everyone in on what we need to do & help with. Like the Rally sign-ups will be at A.B.A.T.E. U. Bikerday at the Capitol was moved to April. By-law proposal that was brought up at the January B.O.D. and we will see it on the ballot on coming elections.

Raffle ticket for A.B.A.T.E. U. Raffle we need your help selling them, and turning them in.

All of these things are what make up A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, its who we are and what we do!

Till next time,

– Jim



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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2021 Bikerday Update:

After the 2020 elections, Minnesota is again the only state in the nation that has a divided legislature. The Minnesota House has a Democratic majority and the Minnesota Senate has Republican majority. And again, the two parties have very different views on budget targets and policies for the State of Minnesota. The Minnesota Legislature operates on a two-year legislative session. When the House and Senate convened on January 11th, it began the first year of the two-year session. Therefore, all bills introduced in the 2019 and 2020 sessions are no longer active.

The Minnesota Capitol complex remains closed to the public through March 31st. This is unfortunate because the lawmaking process relies heavily on face-to-face interaction between citizens and their legislators. Because of the closure, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has rescheduled Bikerday at the Capitol for April 21st. Please note that the 2021 Bikerday will be different than in than past. Coach bus transportation will not be provided. And please check back to this site often, as we may have to alter the plans based on government restrictions or mandates. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Bikerday at the Capitol will remain a core function of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's commitment to the rights and common-sense safety of motorcyclists.

A.B.A.T.E. has also begun the process of introducing legislation that is important to motorcyclists. Below are some issues I believe motorcyclists would find of interest and an update on their progress in no specific order.

- **SF152** has been introduced by Senator Kiffmeyer. A House bill is awaiting introduction. This bill would raise the fee motorcyclists pay when they first receive a motorcycle endorsement from \$18.50 to

\$26.50. And would raise subsequent renewals (every four years) of the endorsement from \$13 to \$17. 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 bill will also benefit motorist awareness of motorcyclist's programs and available motorcycle rider training. While these bills were not heard in committee last year, they have had support from high-ranking legislators of both parties.

- **SF9** has been introduced by Senator Osmek. A house bill is awaiting introduction. This bill requires law enforcement departments to have a training policy to avoid the profiling of motorcyclists. It is the same bill language from previous years. This topic continues to gain bi-partisan support. There is currently a lot of interest in policing issues and this bill could be part of a larger bill under consideration.
- **SF358** has been introduced by Senator Matthews. A house bill is awaiting introduction. This bill reduces the sales tax imposed on older motorcycles. Currently, motorcyclists who transfer a title for a motorcycle which is ten years old or older and valued at less than \$3,000, or have a motorcycle that is 20 years old or older who ask for a "Classic" specialty plate, pay a much higher rate of sales tax than an automobile meeting those criteria. This bill would put motorcycles on an even scale with automobiles. Motorcycles cause almost zero damage to our roads and should not be taxed at a higher rate than cars and trucks.
- **HF895** Underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage required for motorcycles has been introduced by Representative Youakim. Please take the time to write you representative asking them not to support this bill.

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

– Gary Goracke



NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT MARCH 2021

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Last month I wrote a lengthy article about "Protect Your Rights/Probable Cause." Most of what I wrote was my perception of what was said at the convention and my decision on what I will do with the information. As many of you know police profiling, police harassment and other abuses of police power "using the color of law" as an excuse are matters, I have a great concern with.

I would like to share some examples of reasons I have been told people are stopped.

"I stopped you because I wanted to get a closer look at your paint job," "This is a courtesy stop to inform you of possible dangers ahead (for your own good)", As you are approached you hear "I stopped you for failing to wear protective eyewear, I did not see your glasses," but now that we are here, I can see you are wearing them. One I particularly like, "I stopped you because your license tabs were expired but I can see now they are not." License tabs are colored but they still use this for an excuse? After the acknowledgement that the stop reason was probably BS you may still be asked to show your driver license and proof of insurance. While getting these documents out particularly if you don't have it where it is easily accessible expect to field other questions. I haven't seen you around here before what brings you to our town? Where are you coming from? Where are you headed? Do you ride with any of the local groups? They act like they are your new best friends and are just being social but these are all Intel gathering sessions.

I am of the opinion that getting stopped for any reason other than a legitimate traffic violation or other articulable cause is profiling and some LEOs (Law Enforcement Officers) are more apt to do it than others. It doesn't matter who, why, or where it happens, profiling is profiling and it should not take place. Here are some additional suggestions you may want to consider if stopped. Ask the officer for his or her business card, his or her name, badge number and department. Following a stop, you

can ask for a copy of the LEO's recorded video - dash cam, or body cam. (If you haven't already recorded it) The following path will help direct you to information on Minnesota freedom of information request Minnesota Sample FOIA Request | National Freedom of Information Coalition (nfoic.org) You may also want to carry the card that explains the term motorcycle profiling on one side and facts you need for your report on the other side. If stopped be sure to collect information suggested on this card. File a police complaint if you feel the stop was unjustified or in violation of your rights.

You can access A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's "MINNESOTA UNIVERSAL POLICE CONDUCT COMPLAINT FORM" at the following location. {WWW.abatemn.org Legislation drop down tab, Minnesota motorcycle profiling form for state wide use, Attachment Profiling Form.pdf}

Another good reference is the tri fold card from attorney Richard Lester. This card contains narrative discussing "Know Your Rights" "If you are arrested or taken into custody" "In your Home" "If stopped for questioning" and a statement "Assertion of Rights" if you do not have this reference material contact me and I will do what I can to make it available for you. I would also suggest you know or have with you the phone number of an attorney you would wish to call if needed. If you don't have an attorney to contact suggestions, I have included those that advertise in Road Noise Dan Matzdorff with the Biker Lawyers our AIM attorneys 952-250-5113 or long-time members and Road Noise advertiser Bradshaw & Bryant 800-770-7008 if these people can't help with your particular situation, I expect they can steer you in the right direction.

The things I have written here are not intended to circumvent the law they are intended to help you assert your rights. There is no reason doing these things should upset or infuriate a LEO but you don't have control over or responsibility for their emotions. Beware if it does upset them, they are probably carrying a gun and may have been trained to shoot.

Remember help avoid search and or seizure, mouth and saddlebags locked shut, documents accessible.

As always, be vigilant, protect yourself!

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Hello Bikers!

Since I didn't make it to the B.O.D. in January because of the roads being closed due to the weather, I didn't get to tell everyone there about the flags selling out right away, and that I am taking orders until February 28th so that I will have them by A.B.A.T.E. U. I did send an email to Chapter Presidents or Chapter Reps to give them this information but wanted to put it in here just in case I missed someone. I plan on ordering what is requested by then, plus some extras, so hopefully I will have enough to get them to everyone that wants one or more. If I don't order enough, I will order more.

I have some new products on order for A.B.A.T.E. U, so hopefully I have something you like and or can't live without.

Remember to bring your gently used biker apparel to A.B.A.T.E. U for me to sell, to give as a donation to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota to help out since a lot of Chapters haven't been able to have their fundraisers. You can clean out your closets while helping A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Now for the information that I put in every Road Noise article I write, if your Chapter is having an event and wants me there to sell State Products, let me know and I will try to be there. If you need something for an auction item, let me know and I will try to get you something. If you have any ideas or suggestions for new or returning products, let me know.

– Hopefully, I get to see you soon, Kari



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Hola Mis amigos! Oops, sorry, still stuck in Mexico...It was tough coming back to an 80-degree difference!

Well, not much has changed in our memberships. We are still crawling slowly, an addition of 18 from January to February. This month's totals were 3,189. Freedom First Rider's came in 1st again with two new singles and eight new couples. Coming in a close second was Way West with three new singles and six new couples. Third highest memberships was River Valley, they brought in one new single and four new couples. Way to go everyone! Remember, if you have new members show up to your meetings, make them feel welcome and let them ask questions!

Stay warm, watch the Road Noise for any activities that will get you out to be with like-minded friends and family!

Keep on Keepin' on!

– Shelly Deutsch

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Riding season is getting closer!!

While you are waiting, check to see if there is an A.B.A.T.E. fundraiser you can attend. Since many were cancelled last year and some this year too, we need to support the ones that are able to happen. And they are usually a lot of fun! Sign up a new member while you're at it too. We need to keep this organization strong with more members and successful fundraisers.

See you on the road,

– Mitch



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I really don't have a lot to say this month other than elections are in full swing. Please make sure I get your election packets back immediately following your March meeting so I can get manual pages done in a timely manner.

Congratulations to all chapter officers! You've stepped up to the plate!

Hopefully we can hit a home run this year and actually be able to hold meetings and be able to see friends we haven't seen in a long time!



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Next Meeting(s):

March 14th, by phone, 11:30 am

State and Chapter elections are going on this month, make sure to attend your Chapter meetings and vote. And as we start to see some of our normal activities and meetings return remember to talk to the place of business where you have your meetings about being a Business of the Month. We also need Bike, Member, and Veteran of the Month articles; send them to roadnoise@abatemn.org.

Please also remember to send all ads that are to go in the Road Noise to 16550 226th Ave. NW, Elk River MN 55330.

– Thanks, Tammy



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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The last meeting of the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force was on January 21st via Microsoft Teams. It was a good thing that I could attend by phone, because until 10 minutes before the meeting, I had forgotten all about it. This must work well for the rest of the group, too, because all members attended this meeting, with only two advisors absent. Guests attending were Jane Doyle and Jessica Schleck who is with Minnesota Department of Transportation, Toward Zero Deaths.

Deb Carlson, from Minnesota Driver Vehicle Services, told us that we are now able to register and renew our motorcycle licenses online, using the new MN DRIVE program. Stickers would be mailed to you within seven days. You can pay by credit card or bank account, but there is a service fee if you use a credit card. You can still go to the licensing offices, but some require an appointment. You can also renew by mail.

We discussed the proposed budget for 2021. There was a significant loss of income from first time endorsements in April and May when offices were closed. But with no training courses run, that saved some costs. The three-wheel course will be cut because of low demand for it and to cut costs. It was mentioned that there is a need for new rider coaches to teach rider training courses. Maybe this is a part time job that interests you.

The current task force expires in June. The last meeting for the current group of members is May 20th and applications will likely open in April or May through the Secretary of States website.

Again, I encourage A.B.A.T.E. members to apply, to keep our viewpoints heard. I was informed by a reader that if you have a felony on your record, you don't need to apply.

Bill Schafer dropped three BIG announcements on us at the end of the meeting.

1. He is retiring this summer.
2. He is getting married.
3. He is moving to Florida. Some people will do anything to get more riding time in.

Our next meeting is March 18th at 5:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. Hopes are high to have a "live" meeting in May.

– Travel safe, Monte

MRF REPORT

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Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 18th, Bikers inside the Beltway, Washington D.C.

Hello everyone,

Late last year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced a rulemaking process for developing a "Framework for Automated Driving System (ADS) Safety." As part of the process public comments were solicited by NHTSA. This week the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) submitted a 6-page formal letter outlining our thoughts on the development, testing and deployment of ADS.

Building on past submissions to both Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation, the MRF laid out important priorities that NHTSA should consider. Some of the main topics the MRF highlights include the need to account for the unique attributes and characteristics of motorcycles, cyber security concerns, liability provisions, the role of individual states, the need for public transparency, threats to the protected communication spectrum and the challenges of regulations keeping pace with this technology.

While ADS has promising potential, the devil will be in the details. How this technology is developed, tested and deployed will impact all Americans. We, at the MRF, will continue to fight to ensure motorcyclists are included in these discussions.

Don't forget that Heartland S.T.E.A.M. is coming up at the end of the month. 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).

Always remember that we encourage you to become a member of the MRF. You can always sign up online at www.mrf.org or there is usually a tear off in the Road Noise that you can mail in. Remember that if you do 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

If you have a meeting or event that you would like to have the MRF at for membership signups and information, please let me or one of the assistant reps know and we will do our best to be there.

– Hope to see you at the next event, Jay Hickok

STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

April 16th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

Sorry I missed seeing you at the January B.O.D., but there were not any roads open down here to get way up North.

I am glad to see that all the Chapters are on board with the activities that they take care of. I hope all the Chapters come up with ideas to raise the extra money needed to secure the headliner band. (\$9,500 = 475 day passes at \$20 each) Bring your friends.

Shelly and I are working on replacing the items that were in the totes for front gate registration.

New for this year's State Rally...Your mission should you choose to accept it: Design this year's State Rally T-shirt. All designs must be turned in to me, randprochazka@frontier.com, by noon on July 16th. The State Rally Committee will vote on the winning design at the State Rally meeting on the evening of July 16th. Your reward for the winning design is two weekend passes for the 2021 Minnesota State Rally in Litchfield.

Make sure to sign up for Bikerday at the Capitol on April 21st by April 14th. It is a good time, and we can get a lot accomplished by filling the hallways with leather and bikers.

Thank you to Jess Cooper for stepping up and taking awesome notes for the State Rally Committee. I really appreciate your dedication. Thank you also to Smoker for taking care of running the meeting at the B.O.D. in my absence.

Next meeting is February 27th at 11:00 am at the Eagles in Litchfield. I hope to see everyone there. No meeting in March. April meeting will be at A.B.A.T.E. U on April 16th at 8:00 pm.

GAMBLING REPORT

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As I'm writing this with sub-zero temps outside it seems hard to believe spring is just around the corner. However, we are starting to get close to riding season, at least for those of us who live in the lower half of Minnesota. That also means it's time to get out there and really push selling those A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets as it won't be long before we're all in Alexandria waiting to hear the winner's names called out.

I also want to push each Chapter to find ways to donate money from their gambling account. It's not doing any good for anyone but the bank having it sit in the checking account. Just last month, chapters made donations to Dial-A-Ride, Boots on the Ground and to purchase Buddy Bears. If you need any help figuring out the process, please let me know and I'll be happy to help.



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No Report



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This is an update on Sharing the Road classes in western Minnesota. The schools may start letting us in towards the end of March if the guidelines will allow guest speakers. Be sure to keep in contact with the schools you have worked with in the past.

Hoping this COVID thing ends soon, so we can get back to whatever normal will be.

– Ride Safe Ride Free, Paul



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Doing Your Part to Make America Great

Coming Events:

April 16th - 18th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,
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April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Make your reservations now!

Poolside, Pool view and Court view rooms are \$110.99. The rest of the rooms are \$105.99. Please verify room rates when you book your room.

Don't forget to bring those auction items. Chapters don't forget about those chapter challenges! 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.

Place your orders for your A.B.A.T.E. U shirt this year. Call, text or email me with your order. We will also have a women's shirt available this year so please let me know if you want women's, men's and what size. (764) 443-732
smc2930@gmail.com.

Come listen to Major Alan Duff speak on American Values! Be ready for the Trike races! Sell Sell Sell those raffle tickets!!

Be ready for a fun filled informative weekend!!

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

– Stephanie



The History of the Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride Logo (1990 - 2021)



This is the original Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride logo going back 31 years ago to 1990. This is the only image of that logo that could be located. This is a photo of the logo that was printed on a t-shirt. Interesting items to note: 1.) The logo contained the names ABATE and MMRA (Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association) indicating that this logo was from back when Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride was a 'project' of ABATE of Minnesota before it became its own separate, free-standing 501c3 non-profit; 2.) The 'handshake' is anatomically incorrect (go ahead - try and duplicate that logo with any 'real' hands; and 3.) It was a hand-drawn image created before graphics software became common which made the logo difficult to manipulate so that it could be used for various purposes. It was created by A.B.A.T.E. member Marc Kuhne, AKA Q Ball, as noted on the logo itself. And notice the phone number on the logo. It was a local area code (612) phone number. This was before Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride acquired an 'enterprise' (toll-free) phone number which is used today. We did not want to discourage motorcyclists anywhere in Minnesota from calling because it was a long distance call. Back in 1990, calling from area codes (218), (320) and (507) in Minnesota would have incurred long distance charges from landline phones (this was before cell phones were common).

In the mid-1990's, the Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride Board members authorized the logo to be updated using modern graphics software (QuarkXpress at the time). The handshake was modified to be anatomically correct. The names of A.B.A.T.E. and MMRA were removed. The name of the organization was relocated on the top and bottom of the image. The original 'shield' outline was retained. The phone number was removed from the logo. The tagline "Swallow Your Pride" was changed to "Don't Drink and Ride". Both color and black/white versions were created. The logo was first available in a jpeg format. It has since been further updated so that it is also available in versions that can be manipulated further by graphic artist using Adobe Illustrator (.ai file extension) or Adobe Photoshop (.psd file extension). These changes to the logo were also done 'pro bono' by A.B.A.T.E. members.



Don't Drink and Ride



In 2010, to commemorate Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride's 20th Anniversary, the logo was slightly modified to reflect that milestone. The dates 1990 - 2010 were shown in a ribbon banner under the logo with the tagline "Serving Motorcyclists and Saving Lives for 20 Years". This logo was used on promotional materials during 2010 including the wallet cards, information quad-folds, wall posters and bar napkins and drink coasters. Following the anniversary year of 2010, Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride went back to using the logo that was previously discussed above

During 2017 and 2018, the Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride Board became aware that some motorcyclists were worried that the program was a 'tool' of law enforcement because, it was suggested, the previously mentioned 'shield' outline made the logo look like a police badge. This perception caused some individuals and organizations to withhold volunteer and financial support of Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride. In early 2019, the Board authorized the creation of a new logo (which was probably due anyway as a good practice). The design shown on the right was adopted. It retained a number of the elements of the original logo, including the handshake, the wheel and wings and the 'Est. 1990' designation. Versions were created in both color and black / white. Promotional materials in 2019 and 2020 utilized the revised logo.



Current Logo Version "A"



But the new logo was not without controversy itself as well. People suggested that looking at the logo, it wasn't readily obvious what Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride was all about. A 'wheel with wings and a handshake' doesn't readily convey the message 'we give motorcyclists an alternative to drinking and riding by offering a ride home, including their motorcycle'. So once again, we literally went back to the drawing board. The first attempt resulted in the logo to the left. It showed an alternate form of transportation (the old-school pick up truck) but the wings and flames obstructed the motorcycle and trailer image. The wings and flames were dropped to more clearly show the pick up truck pulling a trailer with the motorcycle on board as cargo. The pick up truck driver's door shows the other approved Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride logo. In the end, the Board voted to authorize both of the logos shown to the right to be used to promote our program. And now you know the complete history of the Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride logo.



Current Logo Version "B"

Remember - No Matter Which Logo Version You See, Help is Just a Phone Call Away

Veteran of the Month

Kyle Katchmark

Kyle Katchmark from Freedom First Riders and Glacial Ridge chapters, is nominated as our Veteran of the Month. Kyle served as a mechanic in the Army Reserve from February 2001 through May 2005.

Kyle comes from a line of military family members, (Marine and Air Force) and his son Jared, (17), is following suit and enlisted February 16th, into the National Guard. Kyle has been an active member of A.B.A.T.E. since 2015 and has been nominated this year by Freedom First Riders for Sargent at Arms and Vice President. Kyle is also a member of MRF and in his own words loves "Selling the heck out of the A.B.A.T.E. raffle tickets." Kyle received the First place award at the 2020 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally for Semi Custom Dresser and Best Paint (full wrap American Flag).



Thank you for your service Kyle!

"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Mike Berger

Mike Berger is a long time A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota member. He has been a past President and Vice President of Lake Chapter. He is a former member of the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. Mike continues to promote favorable motorcycle legislation by contacting and creating relationships with both federal and state legislators, to help make our voices heard. Mike takes part in his chapter activities and has helped promote A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. He has helped with the design of some past State Rally posters, helping us promote our event. He has taken photos and video recordings of our State Rally, Bikerday at the Capitol and other events we host. Mike has taught classes at A.B.A.T.E. U. and Heartland S.T.E.A.M. on "How to Interact with the Media and Win." Mike and his wife Mary have helped with First Aid at our State Rally and the Iowa Freedom Rally. In addition to his role in A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Mike is a long time Motorcycle Riders Foundation member and has been continually active in his MRF Role. For those that have attended MRF events you will quickly recognize the photo of Mike sporting a common piece of attire, the Kilt, as he supports his mates in the Bibs vs the Kilts events. He has now opened up a new relationship with people by coming into our living room several times a day as a television ice fisherman extraordinaire, promoting CarSoup.com.

Well done Mike, thank for all you do!



BIKE OF THE MONTH



2003 Victory Classic Cruiser

Owner:

Mike "Jeppy" Jeppesen

Freedom First Riders Chapter

First year with the
Freedom Motor 92 Cube
Last year of the Classic Cruiser

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

BikerBeardWraps.com

Dan Arne is the owner/operator of BikerBeardWraps. Dan is also the Products Chair person, and Sargeant at Arms for Lake Chapter. Bikerbeard has been an A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally sponsor for four years.

BikerBeardWraps was founded in 2015 when Dan came up with an idea that would keep his beard from flying up into his face, preventing damage from having to use a rubber band and, not having a rat tail on his face! Dan's black leather wraps come plain or ornamented with chrome studs or skulls, and are secured with velcro. It can be put on or taken off very quickly and your beard stays full and natural.

Dan has sold wraps in 45 states including Alaska, even one to Australia. His business on eBay has increased every year.

Dan generously donates to personally selected charities like Arlo Guthrie's Center, Camp Courage, and A.B.A.T.E. of MN, just to name a few. He has donated all of the 2020 proceeds to our own Chris and Karen Devoto's home care needs. Dan hopes to continue helping the Devotos in 2021.

Please visit his website at
www.bikerbeardwraps.com



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Chapter Grapevines



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No Report Available

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Next Meeting(s):

March 14th, Jac's Bar & Grill, Chatfield, 11:00 am

April 11th, Jac's Bar & Grill (not confirmed),

Chatfield, 11:00 am

Hello South East L.C.

With Strikers Corner being out of business, a new meeting location for February and March was secured at Jac's Bar & Grill in Chatfield. Officer nominations were made in February and voting will be this month. Newly elected officers will take charge in April.

"That will never happen." How many times have we thought or said that? Or we wished it never happened after it was too late. Remember the Cash For Clunkers program? Remember last month, it was reported the E. U. government wants to add motorcycles to the vehicle "end of life" mandate? More recently we have politicians and bureaucrats writing highway bills and autonomous vehicle (AV) language not containing the words motorcycle or motorcyclist. Pedestrians and bicyclists are included. The MRF questioned this omission. The answer? Motorcycling was secondary, an afterthought, or not considered at all. What? "That can't happen!" Now, there are some States and countries wanting to eliminate the future use or sale of vehicles powered by fossil fuels. "Never happen, not in my lifetime." Maybe, depending on how old you are. Before our only option is to slap a bumper sticker on the ass end of a horse, stay aware and educated in the battle for bikers' rights.

Thank you to the two renewals for the month of December.

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

Locations will be sent out via Chapter email.

March 4th, 7:00 pm

April 3rd, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 16th-17th, A.B.A.T.E. University

April 21st Bikeday at the Capitol

May 1st, Tri-County Carver Bike Run

Greetings Tri-County! Now that February has passed, I hope we are enjoying a little warmer weather by now. I would like to thank Albe for hosting our February meeting, your hospitality was greatly appreciated. Be sure to keep an eye out for Chapter emails for dates and locations of our upcoming meetings.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Scott and Katie on making the March cover of the State Rally Calendar. If you purchased one, be sure to take advantage of their celebrity status and ask them for an autograph. By the way, nice job Metro Chapter! It's an awesome calendar!

You've probably heard Bikerday has been postponed until April 21st. Unfortunately, no buses will be running, but if you're still interested in going, make sure you register on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website.

Last but certainly not least...May 1st **SAVE THE DATE!** Tri-County Carver Bike Run! COVID took the run down last year, so let's make up for it this year. Registration starts at 10:30 at the Dog House in Carver, kickstands up at noon. Come out and support local businesses and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota! Hope to see you there:)

– Big Jon

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s):

March 20th, 3N1, Hollandale, 2:00 pm

April 24th, TB3, Freeborn, 2:00 pm

Greetings Flatlanders!

At the time of this writing we are in the middle of a cold spell that doesn't seem to want to go away. I hope there is a drastic change by the time it reaches your mailbox. Being Minnesota, ya just never know.

A Chapter meeting was held at long last in February. Current officers accepted nominations to serve for another term. Kudos to them!

Bikerday at the Capitol has been rescheduled for April 21st. The buses have been cancelled however, so anyone planning to go will need their own transportation.

A.B.A.T.E. U. will be April 16th-18th in Alexandria. Dan Bye has raffle tickets. Call him at (507) 391-2280 to get yours.

Just a reminder when you renew your vehicle registrations, "Start Seeing Motorcycles" plates are available. Support our cause and don't mistake someone else's rig for your own ever again.

If you missed Frank Ernst's report in the February Road Noise, I suggest giving it a read. Because,

you know, the shoot you thing.

Keep an eye on the Flatlanders Facebook page for updates.

– Thinking spring, Linda

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting (s):

March 1^{3th}, American Legion, Owatonna,
1:00 pm. Election Day.

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Looks like everything is getting better out there. Hope you stepped up and ran for an officer position. For those of you that have, thanks. Congratulations to the new officers, and thanks to the past ones.

Next month I will have more info on what we have planned for the future. Stay tuned on our Facebook page for more updates.

– Your Prez, Spanky

RIVER VALLEY

NO REPORT RECEIVED

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

NO REPORT RECEIVED



Chapter Grapevines



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I hope everyone is making plans for Bikerday at the Capitol. Over the years I have heard a lot of you complain that it should be scheduled so we could ride well here is your chance to step up. April is warm enough to ride to the Capitol. The streets should be lined up with bikes around the Capitol building. Get registered and show up. Then there is A.B.A.T.E. U - that is always a good time. I always walk away with learning something new.

In May there is Bikers in the Beltway in DC that is also a good time and a fun ride. There is plenty of things to do just get out there and enjoy the ride.

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

– Trashy, Jon W Smith SWDD

WAY WEST

Next Meeting (s):

March 5th, American Legion, Bellingham, 7:00 pm

April: To be announced

Upcoming Event(s):

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

April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

I am sitting in the deep freeze of Minnesota, along with the rest of you. My mind wanders to springtime and riding season.

We are also getting geared up to dismantle my ride and give her a new paint job. GAGHHH such a hard decision to decide what I want for the color transformation. We had a fire a year ago, I cleaned her up as good as I could and rode her that way last year. The fire didn't damage the mechanical. This is the year that she gets a makeover though. Joe's been busy. He just redid another bike that was in the fire and it turned out awesome.

March is election time, so we hope to have many

members voting. Welcome to our new members!! We have a great group of like-minded people and new members is always exciting. It takes all of us to accomplish our goals. Thanks to all of you that step up!

April 16th-18th is the A.B.A.T.E. U and Board of Directors meeting at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Way West is putting on the fundraising games that Friday night. Book a room if you haven't and come join in on the fun! It's a kickoff for riding season and you can hang with old friends and meet some new ones.

The April meeting is to be determined yet. We all agreed at the February meeting that come time for riding season, we will have our meetings at parks throughout the area on Saturdays and then go for a chapter ride.

As always, bring your ideas and thoughts for any fundraising ideas to the meetings. Hopefully, this COVID crap will soon be done.

Well, not much else is new. Stay well and healthy

Your Gypsy Mama

LAKE

Next Meeting (s):

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

Upcoming Event(s):

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

April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

The February meeting hadn't happened before I had to send this in, so I don't have much to report.

Due to the Governor's restrictions we had to cancel the Grounded Hogs fundraiser. That was hard to take, but the venue would not allow the crowd. Maybe we'll have to try something else

this spring to bring in some money. If you have an idea, come to the meeting and let us know.

Heartland STEAM and A.B.A.T.E. U will soon be here. Try to attend these great events if you can.

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. We vote at the March meeting, so make sure to be there.

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

– Later, Mitch'n

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting (s):

March 13th, Clubhouse, Ormsby, Committee meeting 3:00 pm

March 13th, Clubhouse, Ormsby, 4:00 pm with elections of officers and voting for member of the year

Upcoming Event(s):

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

April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Well as we know now the Bikerday at the capitol was postponed. We have a new date of April 21st, set for our day at the Capitol. Remember to let your bosses know you need that day off. This date is one of the most important days of the year as motorcyclists. It's the one day of the year we have the privilege to meet face-to-face with our legislators. We have many important issues to discuss with them. Like telling them to leave us alone with any legislation that takes our rights away as motorcyclists. If you've never been to it, you're missing out on very valuable information we need to know. I've been to it for many years and I still learn something new every time I attend.

We FINALLY have a date for our CHILI FEED. We will be having it on MARCH 6th . . . barring any more restrictions on us. We will be having it at the VFW in ST. JAMES. We are so excited we can't wait to finally get to planning this event. We always have a good turn out. I hope this year is a blow out! Please put this date on your calendar.

Passport Run. It will begin on May 1st and end on November 1st. Every year it has gotten bigger and better. It's hard to believe its year number four coming up. If you know of any businesses that would be interested in signing up for this run feel free to contact Trashy with any questions or concerns you have. Also remember for every Passport Run book that is sold half of that money goes into your Chapter general funds. So, get out there and sell, sell and sell some more. It's a fantastic opportunity to make some money for your chapter and to get some much-needed riding in that we've needed to put 2020 in the rearview mirror.

A.B.A.T.E. University is April 16th - 18th. It is for all new officers as well as we hold our April Board of Directors meeting there every year. It's always a good time. If you've never attended, you should. I hope they have the trike races again. They're a blast!

Heartland STEAM is coming up too. It will be held in Brookfield, WI this year. For those of you that are not familiar with what it is, each year seven states get together to have a conference to discuss everything that's going on in their states as well as having breakout sessions you can attend. It is one of the biggest fundraisers for the MRF or Motorcycle Riders Foundation. As a matter of fact, years ago that was my first conference I attended as a member of a motorcycle rights organization. It had quite an impact on me because that was 21 years ago. Wow how time flies when you're having fun.

Well until next time remember together, we ride free.

– Nita Baker

Trashy is getting geared up for the 2021

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

April 3rd, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
May 1st, 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,

February was off to a chilly start, but March should be quite warmer. Spring is only a few weeks away, which means riding weather is soon upon us.

Nominations are in and voting will take place this month. Please attend the meeting if possible, to place your vote, and for those who haven't been to a meeting come and see what's happening. Thank you to those who held positions last year and thank you to those who are doing so this year.

A.B.A.T.E. U is next month, April 16th - 17th, which is always a good time, with lots of people to visit with that you may not have seen since the Rally. If you want a room please get one soon, or you might miss out.

Bikerday at the Capitol is in April also on the 21st. There is no bus service this year, so you'll have to provide your own, or carpool.

Thank you to the folks from Freedom First who came to visit, and a special thank you to Elizabeth Englestadt for taking secretary notes.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Stay safe.

– Hives

BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Event(s):

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

SOUTHWEST

Upcoming Event(s):

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

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

March 3rd Mug Shots, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
April 7th Eagles, Litchfield, 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, Mug Shots
Bar and Grill, Cosmos
June 26th, Fun Run Membership Drive

Next month is a busy one. With A.B.A.T.E. U and Bikerday at the Capitol. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer!!! Although some of us won't be riding by then, we will be able to get together with our Brothers and Sisters and do what we do. Talk motorcycles, party together, learn together and fight for our rights together! Can't wait to see you all there.

I have said this before but will say it again. Get out and support your local businesses. With the restrictions lightening up they need us more than ever. Unfortunately, some of our places did not survive and have closed for good. Remember these businesses are the ones that help keep our fundraisers going with donations and support. Remind them we are there for them in return.

Lastly... With businesses opening we are seeing more events and fundraisers being posted from our Chapters and other motorcycle organizations. Please attempt to attend as many of these as you can. We all have a lot of catching up to do, both mentally and financially.

I hope to see everyone at our 2021 kick off fundraiser, our Spring Fling Bike Show is on for May 15th at Mug Shots in Cosmos, so save the date!

Biker Quote:

*"I Stopped Waiting
for the Light at the
End of the Tunnel...
I Lit That Bitch Up Myself"*

– Dougie, Vice President

Chapter Grapevines



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Hello NE Members!

Can you smell and feel it? Spring is just around the corner. The riding season in Minnesota will be here soon.

Have you made your reservations for A.B.A.T.E. U? Have you registered for the rescheduled date for Bikerday? There are many things to get excited for, pertaining to your efforts regarding your FREEDOMS to ride in Minnesota.

This is the month for elections at the state and within your chapters. Are you ready for the next step? It would be great to see new faces in different positions. Good luck to everyone!

We all need to keep our memberships current and reach out to former members. Also, bring a new friend, family member or co-worker into the fold. Don't keep A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota a secret. Keep spreading the word.

"Your best days are on the road ahead not behind."

– Mickey

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

March 9th VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

April 13th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

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

?????, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka

?????, Breakfast Buffet, Route 47, Fridley

Are you heading to A.B.A.T.E. U? A.B.A.T.E. U is a great opportunity to gather information on a lot of motorcycle related topics. There will be a caucus training workshop and various guest speakers. It is a great source of information and a great place to hang out with a great group of motorcycle enthusiasts. And don't miss out on the trike races, they are a hoot. A.B.A.T.E. U is happening April 16th - April 18th at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria. Mention A.B.A.T.E. and get reduced rates on your room!

You did not miss Bikerday at the Capitol!! Bikerday has been rescheduled for April 21st. If you didn't already, please register and plan to

attend! This is the most important day, in my humble opinion, for motorcycle enthusiasts to voice their opinion to our legislators in person! It may even be above freezing this time too!!

If you haven't noticed, Metro Chapter did not have our annual Winter Bash this year. We had to cancel because of uncertainty with all of the shutdowns happening over the plague. We are now selling a 16-month A.B.A.T.E. themed calendar. Our current President, Nick, is very handy with a camera. These calendars have some awesome pictures and the proceeds go to a good cause, Metro Chapter A.B.A.T.E.!! If you are interested, please get a hold of Nick or any Metro chapter member and we should be able to point you in the right direction.

We are getting closer and closer to riding weather again (it's -3 degrees as I write this) and there are a lot of things that will be coming up.

Please keep a close eye on our Facebook page and our website in case something comes up or gets canceled in the uncertain times of the great pandemic.

– Dirt



With great honor, the Jack Pine Riders erected a flagpole 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. – Bill Gruhlke, Jack Pine Riders, 651-587-7625 (anytime)

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

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

Upcoming Event(s):

March 26th-27th, Heartland STEAM, Brookfield WI.
April 16th-18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol, St. Paul, 9:00 am
May 15th, Road Guard class, Rosemont, 9:00 am

Hello East Central,

Welcome back to renewed members Steve Bolduc, Scott Krinke, Mark and Angie Weossner, and our new member Brandy Gentle.

Our Road Guard Class is set for Saturday, May 15th, 9:00 am in Rosemont. Thank you to all the members who signed up. Don't forget to get background drivers check for road guard authorization through the State by filling out a form and receiving a certificate. See Pres. Bob McChensey for details.

Thank You to everyone for coming out to volunteer to make our chapter fundraiser "Heart On" a great success. Fundraiser chairs Jim and Kelly Pierson and the hard working crew of East Central did a great job. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

– Your V.P. Jim

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

March 13th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 12:30 pm
April 10th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 12:30 pm
May 8th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 12:30 pm
June 12th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 26th-27th, Heartland STEAM, Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel
April 16th-18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
April 21st, Bikerday at the Capitol

Woohoo everybody,

It's March finally!!! It's getting closer to riding season. Thank you to everyone in the chapter for stepping up and volunteering. We have set up a couple chapter committees for upcoming events, so please keep an eye open for those. This year is going to be fun and exciting. We are also trying to collect old bike parts for future use. Please let either Tony or Ally know if you have some and we can try to meet up to get them from you.

Have a wonderful and safe March. We will talk again in April!

– See ya! Tony (p) and Ally (v.p.)

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM:

- **CENTRAL**
- **JACK PINE RIDERS**
- **RIVER RIDERS**



Here's to summer days with friends!

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s): TBA

Hello all,

It's stupid cold out right now, but that will pass soon enough and we'll be back on the bikes. Hopefully some of the gathering restrictions will be loosened by then and we can hang out with our friends again. And maybe even ride to Bikerday at the Capitol for a change.

This winter has been stressful for everyone and the cracks are beginning to show. Small things that would have been blown off at other times are leading to conflicts that may be hard to come back from after this is over. It's only a couple months until spring and at least some bit of freedom, so keep that in mind when dealing with others during these dark days.

That's about it, done with my philosophizing, at least for this month.

– Ride Safe, Ed

UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

March 14th, Bovey City Hall, Bovey, 4:00 pm
April 11th, TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

March 26th-27th, Heartland STEAM,
Milwaukee, WI
April 21st, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello all,

In a few short months we will be back on the bikes riding to different events and meetings. Hopefully restrictions will be relaxed even more and we can get back to normal. Don't forget that at our March meeting we will be having chapter and state office elections. Please come out and vote and support the officers and help the chapter grow in membership to the days when the chapter began.

At our February meeting a motion was made to change the start time of the meetings. So, starting in April we will be meeting on the second Sunday of the month with a new start

time of 2:00 pm. That way we can go for a group ride after the meetings for those that choose to.

Bikerday has been rescheduled for April 21st. We are working on transportation and setting up appointments. With Covid protocols in place we hope that this event can happen and we can finally meet with our elected officials in person. If you are not able to attend, I encourage you to write them and let them know about our talking points.

We are still looking at options for fundraising opportunities. With Covid we were unable to have the Winter Fever Reliever this year. The Governor's orders of bars closing at 10:00 pm and events only having 50% capacity we just felt that it wasn't fair to our friends that we wouldn't be able to put on the event as well as in years past. The committee is looking into a few ideas for something in the early summer, stay tuned.

Stay safe and hope to see you at the next meeting.

– Farmer Jay President

Chapter Grapevines



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Howdy Folks,

Spring is Near!!

The Noise of Motorcycles will be heard Soon!! As A.B.A.T.E. members they need to hear our voice year-round.

BIKERDAY at THE Capitol is coming April 21st. This to me is the most important day for motorcyclists in Minnesota. Please take time to attend or at least contact your congressman woman and talk about motorcycle issues and safety. There are a lot of new faces in the capitol this year. Let them know who you are and how you feel about these issues. Also take time to write your governor and ask him (nicely) to sign the proclamation to make May Motorcycle Awareness month.

OK. Elections are upon us. I would like to THANK, ALL past and present officers. If you have been nominated for a position, Please take time to learn about what you need to know to fill that task. We have a lot of great talent in this organization and it's been a pleasure working with everyone. I would also like to Thank You for trusting me to be YOUR District Director. Please feel free to contact me with any issues or questions.

Support your sister chapters. I have learned a lot from other chapters on how they do fundraisers and other chapter issues. Be a good listener.

– TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE. EDGAR

HEART OF THE LAKES



Next Meeting(s):

March 12th, Rob and
Crystals house, 21240 Brookridge Lane,
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
tournament, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes.

Pool 2:00 pm, Darts 5:00 pm

April 16th-18th, ABATE U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello to all, As I type this, my Iron buddy is in the shed suffering through this -15 below. I sure am looking forward to a bit of a warm up. All else seems to slowly be wandering back towards seminormal. Hopefully soon we will be dealing with things in a more common-sense manner.

The Heart of the Lakes chapter Pool and Dart Tournament is just around the corner on March 6th at the Sandbar in Detroit Lakes. All are invited to come and play or just enjoy the brotherhood and music. Pool starts at 2pm, and Darts at 5pm. Also, we have A.B.A.T.E. U. coming on April 16th-18th at the Alexandria Holiday Inn. Call to reserve your room.

Other than that, not much to say right now but, stay warm, and think spring!

– Til next time, Littlebear



FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS



Upcoming Meeting(s):

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

April 24th, VFW Post 936, Alexandria 6:00 pm

May 29th, VFW Post 936, Alexandria 6:00 pm

June 26th, Garfield City Park 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:

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

Greetings FFR members,

A review and a look ahead at chapter and state A.B.A.T.E. happenings and a few other events going on.

First, a shout out to a few members that get the gold star from Pooh-Bah. These people have held their own and then some for the benefit of the chapter. Kyle Katchmark has been a beast selling bike show trophies and A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets. Ms. Patty has put in countless hours working on the bike show, membership, and designs. Mr. Crane, who was pressed into duty as chef after our meeting relocation, donated all the profits FFR from that night.... again. Thank you!

A thank you to the EAGLES 3063 for letting us crash their basement after we got last minute news that the place we had set up for the meeting "lost" our info.... again. Thank you to the members on social media that helped share the hell out of the announcement that we had to move. It really works! PLEASE keep doing that for all our events!

It was a very long meeting. A ton of info from the B.O.D., regular meeting stuff and the 1st round of officer nominations. Thank you to the members in attendance for your patience.

Members accepting nominations so far:
Sgt@ arms - Big Ted, Kyle Katchmark, Dave Crane.
Chapter Rep. Jeff Beattie,
Secretary - Liz Engelstad,
Treasurer - Bob Jespersen, VP - Kyle Katchmark,
President- Derek Nelson.

A.B.A.T.E. U is on April 16th and 17th along with B.O.D. meeting at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. If you are in the area and have never been here is your chance to see what happens during the state meetings. All are welcome and encouraged to attend any of the committee meetings as well. We will have our hospitality room set up Friday night and on Saturday.

Bikerday at the Capitol - still on for April 21st

NO bus routes. We will post more info on F/B if there will be some ride sharing.

Keep an eye out for something new from FFR - we will be doing a gun raffle - more info to come on what guns and when the tickets will be available - it was passed at the last chapter meeting and now goes to the state for approval.

Bike show, bike show, bike show! I can't say enough times how important this event is. Members need to sell trophies, find auction items, help find vendors, get bikes registered. Like comment and share the event on Facebook Watch F/B for upcoming meeting times and locations.

Membership - we need to increase our numbers. I want every member to ask themselves... have I done something to help promote A.B.A.T.E.? Have you signed up anyone new? Do you talk to people about A.B.A.T.E.? Every member should have some tear offs and or tri folds (paperwork to sign up members) it can be done online as well. If you are not sure what to say to people I suggest coming to any event where we have a membership booth, hang out and listen. We usually have some very good people working there.

Anyone is welcome to contact myself about membership or any aspect of A.B.A.T.E. I am not a hard man to find my number is in every Road Noise, painted on the side of my trailers and listed here - (320) 766-9856. Please contact me if you have questions or wish to become more involved.

– Pooh-Bah

NORTHWEST

Upcoming Meeting(s):

March 6th, Greg McGlynn, Red Lake Falls, 2:00 pm

April 10th, Carols Cozy Bar, Brooks, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Events(s):

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

June 4th - 6th, Spring Ride In, St. Hilaire Park

Hello Everyone,

Not much going, working on our Spring Ride In, COVID permitting

– Stay warm, Greg

NORTH STAR

Upcoming Meeting(s):

March 21st, Noon (Location to be determined)

Upcoming Event(s):

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

April 21st, Bikerday at the Capitol

With spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to all the upcoming events from our area chapters. Our Chapter has decided to postpone the NorthStar Bike Show until 2022. Upcoming during next months are A.B.A.T.E.-U and Bikerday at the Capitol.

We will be looking for spring riding opportunities and local A.B.A.T.E. events with all the other chapters.

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/>

BORDERLAND

Upcoming Meeting(s):

March 9th, Roseau VFW, 6:30 PM

Upcoming events(:)

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

April 21st, Bikerday at the Capitol,

Hello Borderland!

Riding season is right around the corner! We will vote in 2021-chapter officers at our March 9th meeting and we thank all that accepted nominations. We will also nail down the time and place for our 22nd annual membership drive.

Now, we would like to thank the Borderland members that contributed time and \$ at the January B.O.D .weekend in Warroad, Amy C, Lee H, 'Magz' and 'Sully'. There were also a lot of Freedom Fighters that came from a long way away to have a meeting up in our neck of the woods.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up soon. This is a fun and informative event so put it on your calendar! Our A.B.A.T.E. U raffle is the best raffle in MN so if you want to buy or sell these, contact me at 218-689-7969. Remember; we get a % of ticket sales that goes into our gambling account for charity.

*"Freedom is a generation
away from extinction. "*

Ronald Reagan.

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim.

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Heartland S.T.E.A.M.

from American Bikers Journal

Registration is still open for Heartland S.T.E.A.M. 2021! Don't delay, you don't want to miss this one! We want to see everyone from the Heartland STEAM states on March 26 & 27, 2021. ABATE of WI will be hosting the conference in Brookfield, WI, a suburb of Milwaukee. Registration cost is \$65/person before February 21st and \$75 after that. Registration includes your Saturday meals, all seminars, and **awesome** hospitality and The Sheraton has given us an even greater deal on rooms at \$88/night, plus tax. This is an event we are very excited to host again and have lots of great things planned. Registration links are available on our website www.abatewis.org/STEAM2021/.

For those of you new to the game, S.T.E.A.M. stands for Seminar to Educate and Motivate. The S.T.E.A.M. states are Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Illinois, but of course, everyone is welcome to attend and see how us crazy Wisconsinites mix beer and learning. Hold on, relax! This year's theme is "With Freedom Comes Responsibility. So, yes, most of the alcohol will be consumed in the evenings... Speaking of drinking...Stash has some great "stupid human tricks" planned for the Friday night fundraiser! You don't want to miss this!

On a more serious note, we have secured some of the most amazing guest speakers for the conference, with names including Mark Buckner, Jazz Mathies, Ron Braaskma, Cathy Brush, Seven, John Reblin, Hardtail and Jodi Right. And you don't want to miss the Chubby and Jiggs show Friday night. Watch our Facebook page "Heartland STEAM" for the announcement of the Saturday night entertainment! In fact, follow that Facebook page for all the latest updates on the STEAM conference.

P.S. if you have any questions or concerns about the conference or Wisconsin's latest (insert the "c" word) mandates, call or text me at 920-207-4679 or email me at MRRep@ABATEWis.org. Looking forward to another crazy and fun conference!

Hope to see you in March!

As always, stay vigilant, my friend!

Jen Dewitz

(See a brief history of Heartland S.T.E.A.M. on Page 28)

S.T.E.A.M. Information and Registration Form on Page 27



31st Annual Heartland 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).

31st Annual Heartland S.T.E.A.M. Conference

Registration Fee: \$65/person by February 20th, \$75 after February 20, 2021

Includes: Hospitality, Saturday Meals, Fun and Games, and a Wealth of Information!

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

T-Shirt order: \$20/each. Please list quantity and size(s) _____

Mail registration and t-shirt check to: ABATE of WI, c/o Laurie Thompson, 1423 S 169th St,
New Berlin, WI 53151. Book hotel direct with the Sheraton 262-364-1100.

Online registration and hotel booking links available at: <https://abatewis.org/steam2021/>

Questions: Contact Jen Dewitz at 920-207-4679 or MRFRep@ABATEWis.org

History of Heartland S.T.E.A.M.

S.T.E.A.M. stands for Seminar to Educate and Motivate. The STEAM group is composed of A.B.A.T.E. organizations from the five state Midwest area plus Illinois and Nebraska. The states take turns hosting this event with A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin being our host in 2021. For those who believe in motorcycling rights and common-sense motorcycle safety, STEAM is one of the most important events of the year. Our area of the country contributes greatly to the motorcycling rights and safety discussions that take place on the national and state levels. Many of the motorcycling freedoms we take for granted these days were the direct result of the leadership and members of this seven-state group coming together to share information. The STEAM attendees are always honored to sit down with the other seven state motorcycle rights organization (SMRO) leaders and share what we do well, what we can do better, and what we should do in the future. The STEAM states continue to be leaders in protecting motorcycling rights and common-sense motorcycle safety.

The idea for a Midwest SMRO conference came out of a meeting one cold and snowy Minnesota day on January 27, 1990 at the Comfort Inn in Rochester. Representatives from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, South Dakota and North Dakota met to plan this cooperative effort. The idea was to improve communication between the Midwest states and to further cooperation on federal issues.

The first Heartland STEAM was held May 5th and 6th, 1990, at McGuire's Inn in St. Paul Minnesota. It set the now familiar pattern for conferences with general sessions, break-out sessions, and of course a fun event in the evening. Listed speakers included Bob Illingworth, lobbyist for the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association, Mike "Balls" Farabaugh, Chairman of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), Mayor Richard Schoeniger from Arkansas, and Bill Gannon from the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association. The entire Board of Directors of the MRF was also in attendance. This first STEAM cemented the close relationship the Midwest has with the MRF. Since this first STEAM conference, the profits from the event have always been donated to supporting the efforts of the MRF.

The second and third installments of STEAM were both held in Rochester, Minnesota at the Kahler Hotel. For 1991, a new addition was Slider Gilmore's Accident Scene

Management presentation. It was the first time many people from outside of Iowa had experienced his amazing information and style of delivery. The Saturday night auction raised \$2000 for the MRF. The Board of Directors of the MMRA were also in attendance and joined the MRF as a Sustaining Member. As a side note Heartland STEAM spawned other regional rights events. March 1-3 was the weekend of the first annual BEST of the West conference held in Salt Lake City. BEST involved rights advocates from 12 western states and Canada. BEAST of the East and the Mid-south MILE are also events that follow the pattern.

The 1992 edition included workshops by Bob Illingworth-Basic Biker Civics, Buck Kittredge-Working with Your Legislators, and Gary Klinker-Working with Other Motorcycle Organizations. Representatives of the American Motorcyclist Association, Bikers Against Manslaughter, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, and the Minnesota Motorcycle Riders Association all took part in the weekend. Keynote speaker Wayne Curtain was serving as the MRF lobbyist in Washington DC. He reported on events in DC and with the MRF. Dave Dwyer, Legislative Chairman for A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin also supplied a lot of information on state and federal issues. Dave is still an active member of the MRF board of directors. At the close of the conference the co-chairmen for the event, Larry Cooper, A.B.A.T.E. of MN and Gary Klinker, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin thanked everyone for their attendance and hard work to make the event another success. They also made an announcement that would set the stage for all subsequent STEAM conferences. It was agreed to move the 1993 edition to Sioux Falls South Dakota to include more and different people and keep the event fresh from year to year. For the next two years STEAM was held in Sioux Falls SD at the Howard Johnson Conference Center. The location of STEAM continues to be moved throughout the seven states to this day.



An old S.T.E.A.M. photo

In 1995 the event moved to Waterloo Iowa the weekend of March 31-April 2. Speakers included Former Iowa A.B.A.T.E. Director, and current MRF VP Steve Eggleston, South Dakota State Rep Jim Putnam, Iowa State Rep Steve Grubbs, and of course Wayne Curtain, MRF lobbyist. Some sessions included Tenth Amendment issues by Doug Murguria, The Fully Informed Jury by John Hartog, a computer workshop by Jeff Kuhn of A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa, Getting Involved in the Local Political Process by Gary Klinker, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Successful Meetings by Tom Pauley, MRF Rep from Missouri, and a Share the Road workshop by Larry Cooper and Tom Shrader from A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

In 1996 STEAM moved to the Holiday Inn in Fargo, North Dakota. Along with the regular issues and workshops this is the first mention we found concerning ITS, the Intelligent Transportation System program. This was the beginning of the dialog about connected vehicles and infrastructure. At the time, the main concern was that motorcycles were not accounted for in the system. Does this sound familiar? We are still dealing with this regarding autonomous vehicles.

Over the last thirty years the Heartland STEAM Conference has grown exponentially. It is amazing to us how much our group, now numbering seven states, has accomplished. I hope all of you share our appreciation of the freedom fighters who support A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, and the rest of the STEAM states in their efforts to maintain and improve the motorcycling rights and common-sense motorcycling safety by hosting the 2021 Heartland STEAM Conference in Brookfield, WI.

Respectfully submitted,
Mack Backlund and Gary Klinker

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Chapter | Location | Time |
|---------|--|--|--------------------|
| 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 |
| 3/5/21 | Way West Chapter Meeting | Bellingham American Legion | 7:00 PM |
| 3/6/21 | Heart of The Lakes Pool and Dart Tourney | Sandbar, Detroit Lakes | 1:00 PM |
| 3/6/21 | Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart Tourney | Sandbar, Detroit Lakes, Pool 2:00, Darts 5:00 pm | 2:00 PM 5:00 PM |
| 3/6/21 | Lake Chapter Meeting | VFW, Monticello | 3:00 PM |
| 3/6/21 | Northwest Chapter Meeting | Greg McGlynn Home, Red Lake Falls | 2:00 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 |
| 3/7/21 | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting | Rooney's Bar, Sedan | 6:00 PM |
| 3/9/21 | Borderland Chapter Meeting | VFW, Roseau | 6:30 PM |
| 3/9/21 | Metro Chapter Meeting | VFW, Coon Rapids | 7:00 PM |
| 3/12/21 | Heart of The Lakes Chapter Meeting | Bob and Crystals House, Detroit Lakes | 7:00 PM |
| 3/13/21 | Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting | The Clubhouse, Ormsby: 3:00 pm committee meeting and 4:00 pm regular meeting | 3:00 pm 4:00 pm |
| 3/13/21 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting | KJ's Refuge, Orrok | 2:30 PM |
| 3/13/21 | Straight River Chapter Meeting | American Legion, Owatonna (Election Day) | 1:00 PM |
| 3/14/21 | Publications Meeting | Via Phone | 11:30 AM |
| 3/14/21 | River Valley Chapter Meeting | Eagles Club, Mankato | 12:00 PM |
| 3/14/21 | South East L.C. Chapter Meeting | Jac's Bar and Grill, Chatfield | 11:00 AM |
| 3/14/21 | Up North Chapter Meeting | Bovey City Hall, Bovey | 4:00 PM |
| 3/18/21 | Motorcycle Safety Advisory Taskk Meeting | via Microsoft Teams | 5:00 PM |
| 3/20/21 | Flatlanders Chapter Meeting | 3N1, Hollandale | 2:00 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 | Sheraton, Brookfield, WI | |
| 3/27/21 | Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting | VFW Post 936, Alexandria | 6:00 PM |
| 3/27/21 | Heartland Steam | Sheraton, Brookfield, WI | |
| 4/1/21 | Central Chapter Meeting | TBD | 7:00 PM |
| 4/1/21 | Tri-County Chapter Meeting | TBD | 1:00 PM |
| 4/3/21 | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting | Rooney's Bar, Sedan | 6:00 PM |
| 4/7/21 | South Central Chapter Meeting | Eagles, Litchfield | 7:00 PM |
| 4/9/21 | Heart the Lakes Chapter Meeting | Littlebears House, Perham | 7:00 PM |
| 4/10/21 | Northwest Chapter Meeting | Carols Cozy Bar, Brooks | 2:00 PM |
| 4/10/21 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting | KJ's Refuge, Orrok | 12:30 PM |
| 4/11/21 | South East L.C. Chapter Meeting | Jac's Bar and Grill, Chatfield | 11:00 AM |
| 4/11/21 | Up North Chapter Meeting | TBD | 4:00 PM |
| 4/11/21 | Ways and Means Committee Meeting | Jim and Kristi's Orn's Home, Kimball | 1:00 PM |
| 4/13/21 | Metro Chapter Meeting | VFW, Coon Rapids | 7:00 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 | | |
| 4/24/21 | Flatlanders Chapter Meeting | TB3, Freeborn | 2:00 PM |
| 4/24/21 | Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting | VFW Post 936, Alexandria | 6:00 PM |
| 5/1/21 | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting | Rooney's Bar, Sedan | 6:00 PM |
| 5/1/21 | Tri-County Carver Bike Run | TBD | |
| 5/8/21 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting | KJ's Refuge, Orrok | 12:30 PM |
| 5/11/21 | Metro Chapter Meeting | Park Tavern, St.Louis Park | 7:00 PM |
| 5/15/21 | South Central Spring Fling Bike Show | Mug Shots, Cosmos | |

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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday April 17, 2021, 9:00 AM
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN**

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to orderJane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and WelcomeEdgar Burke and Holiday Inn Staff
InvocationEdgar Burke
Roll call.....Michele Legried
Agenda approval / changes.....Jane Doyle
Secretary Report - Jan. 2021Michele Legried
Treasurer's ReportMichelle Backlund
Appointment of Election JudgesJane Doyle

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
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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)Duane Tchida
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task ForceMonte Ohlrogge
Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and Confederation of Clubs of MinnesotaJane Doyle and Frank Ernst

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Budget
Bikerday 2021
Chapter Patches
Mississippi Valley Chapter Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

By-Law Proposal Update
State Officer Election Results
Announce Chapter Officers and Presentation of Awards

OFFICER REPORTS

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