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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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Spring is finally here! Time to get out and ride, meet some new friends, and add some members to our Motorcycle Rights Organization! Let people know that A.B.A.T.E. of MN is more than Harley riders and mandatory helmet laws. Welcome new members and invite them to participate in chapter events.

Congratulations to our officers - both new and renewed. Please lend a helping hand to all of our officers when you have the opportunity.

I'm looking forward to attending as many events as possible this summer... I've been cooped up too long! I miss all of you!

See you at A.B.A.T.E. University!!

– Jane



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We made it to April and the riding season is here, I'm sure some of you made it out in early March. It was 60 today as I write this.

The elections are done now it's time to hit A.B.A.T.E. U. and take in the officer training on Saturday morning. I know it's at 8:00 am and I don't like it any better than you, but what the heck, it's a fun filled weekend, training, education and fun. They always have some good items to bid on the auction. This year I'm going to sitting on my hands, so I hope to you all there!

As for Bikerday we had to cancel once again, due to the capitol closed to the public till June. Soon there going to have to open the doors again!

Other than that, I hope everyone has had a good winter and didn't let COVID spoil it for you, and if it did time to get out there and try some wind therapy, get out there and ride! Hit some fundraisers or some group rides. I know this year I'm going to try my best to get out on the weekends (told the boss I'm not coming in on Saturdays any more).

But then again, our son, Kody, got engaged so I'm sure I will have a to do list a mile long!

Till next time,

– Jim

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April is here and time for officer classes at A.B.A.T.E. University. Hope to see all the new treasurers there. Now I better get back to work!

See you on the road,

– Mitch





## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### 2021 Bikerday Update:

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota received notice that the State Capitol complex will remain closed to the public through June 30<sup>th</sup>. This means Bikerday has been cancelled.

### 2021 Legislation

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota opposes the following:

- HF895/SF1428 Uninsured motorist coverage for motorcycles.
- SF944 Increasing the minimum biofuel content in gasoline to 15%

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is in favor the following:

- HF1232/SF152 Motorcycle endorsement fees increased.
- HF1588/SF358 Older motorcycle flat amount imposed in lieu of sales tax.
- SF9 Motorcycle profiling policies establishment

With all this going on, we ask you to please write your State Representatives and Senators. This is more important than ever with Bikerday cancelled.

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

– Gary Goracke

## STATE RALLY REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

Thank you to Jim Orn for setting up the last meeting at the Eagles in Litchfield. Thank you also to the Eagles for being great hosts. Thank you to Jodi for taking notes for Jess in her absence. Thanks to everyone that showed up for the meeting. It shows how much you care about our State Rally.

Make sure to get your band names to your District Director to be forwarded to the Entertainment Committee.

New for this year's Rally will be First Aid Kits for Mike and his crew in almost every vehicle, so you won't have to look to far to find a Band-Aid. Security tells me that we will have new radios, so those that need to will be able to communicate with those that have them. Shelly, Kari, and I are working on replacing the items that were in the Front Gate totes.

Advanced tickets will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria.

We need people to be on the Committee to proofread the State Rally flyer and program. Contact me if you are interested.

Reminder to get your State Rally T-shirt designs to me by July 16<sup>th</sup> at randprochazka@frontier.com. Winning design gets two free weekend passes to the 2021 State Rally. We are also looking for someone to design the State Rally flyer. Winning design will also receive two weekend passes to the 2021 State Rally. The designs for the State Rally flyer need to be into me by June 12<sup>th</sup> so we can have them printed for distribution at the July B.O.D. meeting.

Watch the A.B.A.T.E. of MN website for dates of future State Rally meetings.

Make sure to ask your local businesses to be a State Rally Sponsor. We need Sponsors to help support our State Rally. I hope to see a lot of you at the next State Rally meeting in Alexandria on April 16<sup>th</sup>.



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**(NATIONAL COALITION**  
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**REPORT**  
**APRIL 2021**

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I do not have confirmed dates or location for the 2021 NCOM Convention yet. It is very possible it will be held in Des Moines, Iowa. It is 244 miles, 3 hours 37 minutes from the heart of Minneapolis to the center of Des Moines. A little closer for Flatlanders or other southern chapter members and a bunch further for Borderland members and some of their northern brothers and sisters. It is looking like it may be held the end of June, I am waiting for conformation.

Without firm dates or locations arranging speakers and conferences is difficult if not impossible so that is still a mystery to me. There are some topics that are presented frequently but until every motorcycle enthusiast has seen them, I think they should keep being presented. Do you know how to protect yourself or at least minimize your risk from the financial loss if injured in a motorcycle accident, if at fault or not. Can you effectively address legislators to accomplish things that benefit motorcyclists and help keep us safe?

Of course, if the convention is held in Iowa, I wouldn't expect the conference to take place without Slider Gilmore taking part. Have you ever heard his presentations? Slider speaks to audiences delivering seminars titled Two Wheel Trauma, Accident Scene

Management, Tar Snakes Road Gators and Blue Haired Old Ladies, as well as other topics of interest that can affect the motorcycle community. Have you ever thought about health issues the people you ride with might have? What would you do if a riding companion started showing signs of a hypoglycemic seizure? Do you know that could be fatal? If you were in trouble late in the evening and needed to approach a rural home for help, who would you send to knock on the door? If you have a known health issue that puts you at risk if you spend too much time in the sun do your riding companions know about it, do they know how to respond? These are some of the questions often answered by Slider so it would be great to have him as a presenter.

I do not know yet who will be presenters but I do know that presenters chosen have information geared to the motorcyclists. The more information we gather the better prepared we can be to protect our freedoms and or our lives.

If you have not been to national motorcycle conference, I encourage you to think about attending, it is close to home and late enough in the year the threat of ice and snow should not be a concern, it is a great opportunity. I know I have to do my part; I need to confirm dates and locations so you can make your plans. I will do my best to confirm necessary information and share it with everyone.

Do your part help make America great!

– fe





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Bears have arrived and are anxiously waiting to be distributed and put in the hands of those in crisis, to help ease their anxiety. Also remember you need to call or email your inventory to Sharon Polman [polmanse@hotmail.com](mailto:polmanse@hotmail.com) 218-209-5502, Frank Ernst [frank.ernst@mchsi.com](mailto:frank.ernst@mchsi.com), and most important we need to know when and where bears are delivered. Send your Buddy Bear receipts to Dan Mattsdorff [Dan@thebikerlawyers.com](mailto:Dan@thebikerlawyers.com)

Hoping for an excellent riding year after last year's disastrous weather and pandemic. Looking forward to seeing you all at A.B.A.T.E. U April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria. Take care and be safe.

Bemidji's ride for the troops is back on this year on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Market Place Foods.

– Sharon Polman (AKA Mama Bear)



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Now that the weather is playing nice, I hope I can get out and see more of you.

Please remember to write legibly when filling out the forms for badges and business cards or email them to me at the above address.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is approaching fast. I hope to see a lot of you there. I will have some new things available as well as the tried but true.

Bike Flags will be available for pickup and I ordered a few more than what were preordered so hopefully I will have enough. If not, I will order again as needed.

Remember to bring your gently used biker apparel for the "new to you" sales to benefit A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

As always, if your Chapter is having an event and would like State Products there to sell, let me know and I will see what I can do to work it into my schedule. If you need a donation for your fundraisers, let me know. Suggestion, ideas, and comments are always welcomed. Do not feel as though you can't contact me. I might not get back to you right away, but I will always read what is sent to me.

See you at A.B.A.T.E. U!

– Kari



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Wow! April! Can you believe it? Elections are done, Heartland STEAM hosted by Wisconsin is done, A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up. Do you have trifold in your vest pockets and saddlebags?

We are starting to slowly crawl forward, but we need to work harder. State total for this month is 3,199, that's 10 more members than last month! Our highest March was in 2010 with 4,235.

Top three Chapters this month are Freedom First Riders with nine singles and 14 couples! WAY TO GO! East Central came in 2<sup>nd</sup>

highest with four singles and 10 couples! Fantastic! Jack Pine Riders came in 3<sup>rd</sup> highest membership enrollment for the month of March.

I will have more tear off's and trifold at A.B.A.T.E. U. There will also be sign-up sheets for the gates in Algona. Please let your Reps know if your Chapter wants to take a four-hour shift or if you want to sign-up yourself to work. It is a great way to meet other members and if you work (two) four-hour shifts, you can get a free ticket for the 2022 Rally!

We will also have sign-up sheets for the Minnesota State Rally at the Rally Table for both Front Gate and Security Shifts. Sign up early, get the shift you prefer!

Get your new tabs, check your bike over, we want to keep the members around a bit!

Keep on Keepin' on!

– Shelly Deutsch



## STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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Welcome to all new and incumbent officers!!!!  
A.B.A.T.E. U. is the time to either freshen up on your officer responsibilities or learn how to utilize your office to the best of your abilities. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask any of us who have been here a long time. If we don't know the answer we will find out or direct you to the person who does.

Here's to happy riding soon!!!!

Liz Herzog

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## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting(s):

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

Congratulations to all new or returning State and Chapter Officers!

A.B.A.T.E. University is this month, plan on attending. Please continue to send in Veteran, Business, Bike, and Member of the Month articles, our stockpile is low and we need more. Send information to [roadnoise@abatemn.org](mailto:roadnoise@abatemn.org).

– Thank You, Tammy



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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**Next Meeting(s):** April 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Kristie  
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## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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As I have been saying; the two-year term of task force members will expire in June this year. I encourage A.B.A.T.E. members to apply for one of the 15 spots available, if this is something you would be interested in.

As a member of the task force, you must own and operate a motorcycle currently registered for street use in Minnesota. Members must regularly operate a motorcycle a minimum of 3,000 miles a year and have a valid Minnesota motorcycle license endorsement. Members will advise the Department of Public Safety on motorcycle issues and activities of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Program. Members will be required to participate in one rider training activity during the first year of their term. The task force usually organizes a rider training session once a year and if you take a training course some other time, it will be paid for. If all goes well, applications will be taken from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Here is the link to the application page: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/168>. Click on that after April 1<sup>st</sup> and after "OPEN APPOINTMENTS", it should say 15. Then sign in and apply.

The first motorcycle crash fatality this year happened on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The State Patrol said the rider was not wearing a helmet, lost control of the motorcycle and left the roadway.

Our next meeting of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm via Microsoft Teams unless changes occur.

Ride smart, ride safe!!

Remember STUFF happens. Motorcycle accidents don't need to.

– Monte

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## MRF REPORT

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**No Report Received**

## GAMBLING REPORT

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The weather is nice and seems like the A.B.A.T.E.

U raffle ticket sales are really picking up. We need everyone out there to continue pushing the sales to make this year's raffle a rousing success. Proceeds from past raffles has allowed us to recently make donations to Minnesota Patriot Guard, Dial-A-Ride and Litchfield Rescue, who always does a great job helping us out at the State Rally.

Local chapters are also making donations to places like food shelves and MRF A&E. This brings up a reminder that as a non-profit we need to make donations with the funds in our account or it will be taxed. If you as a chapter do not indicate to us how you would like YOUR funds to be donated, to avoid paying taxes the A.B.A.T.E. Gambling Board can make the decision on where YOUR funds will be donated. So, at your next meeting please look at your account balance and find a worthy cause to donate your gambling funds to.



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Nothing new to report.



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- Can't wait to see everyone!!

– Stephanie





**Duane Tchida**  
President  
Jack Pine Riders  
Spokesperson for Dial-A-Ride; Trailer Repairs and Display Trailer Building



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Metro Chapter  
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Glacial Ridge



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**Jodi Ohlrogge**  
Board Member  
Heart of the Lakes  
Liaison to the Rally, Publications and Gambling Committees

If interested in becoming a Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride Board Member or have questions about what would be involved, please contact either Duane Tchida at [duanetchida@gmail.com](mailto:duanetchida@gmail.com) or Ron Lischeid at [lischeid@msn.com](mailto:lischeid@msn.com) for more information

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## BIKE OF THE MONTH



### 2000 HD Soft Tail Deuce

Member: Mike Schwinghammer  
Central Chapter



This was my first Bike, with 10" drag bars and a 1450 cc. Joined Central chapter in 2018. I enjoy riding with my family and A.B.A.T.E. Friends. I took my first trip to Algona 3 years ago and enjoyed the festivities and scenery.

## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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# Veteran of the Month

## Jim Laspisa

Jim Laspisa is our Veteran of the Month. Jim has been with A.B.A.T.E. since 1991, originally from Long Island A.B.A.T.E. Jim is very active with A.B.A.T.E., besides being Vice President with East Central, he is also a member of Metro Chapter. Jim has worked on Membership Retention in the past and is currently volunteering on the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally Front Gate committee as well as Algona A.B.A.T.E. front gate.

Jim served in the U.S. Navy from 1982 - 1987, first at N.A.S. Cubi Pt. Philippines as a Aviation Structural Mechanic on the USS Carl Vinson, Aircraft worked on was C-2A with VRC-50 Foo Dogs and finished his term on the Constellation CV64 at N.A.S. Miramar San Diego carrier launch and recovery flight deck as Final Checker aircraft work on E-2C Hawkeye Blackegles with VAW-113. Thank you so much for your service and your continued support of A.B.A.T.E.

***Your service is greatly appreciated.***

***Receiving a Battle "E" Award ribbon  
from Commanding Officer Bush  
aboard USS Constellation CV-64.***



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# Chapter Grapevines



## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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No Report Received.

## BUFFALO RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

May 5<sup>th</sup>, Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

Congratulations to all the new and old officers. Getting close to A.B.A.T.E. U, can't wait to see what it's all about. Getting itchy to ride, as always winter is too long.

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Committee Meeting, VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm

May 8<sup>th</sup> following ditch cleanup and washout watch our  
Facebook page for times

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

May 8<sup>th</sup>, Washout and Ditch Cleanup

Well, we were finally able to have our long-awaited Chili Feed last month. I do not know the results currently, but I do know that a lot of us were very tired by the end of the night.

Thank you to our outgoing Officers for your time and dedication. Welcome to our newly elected Officers and returning Officers. We will have them listed next month, hopefully with a picture.

Being that Bikerday at the Capitol was cancelled, make sure to reach out to your elected officials so they hear our voices regarding motorcycle rights.

I think that is all for now. Until we meet again,

– Giggles

## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

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

May 1<sup>st</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

Greetings folks,

Well elections took place and I would like to congratulate all who were elected to positions, on both State and Chapter levels, throughout the state. At Glacial Ridge we had a couple changes Vice President is now Bob Sturges and Secretary is Glenna Marie Williamson. President is Dan (Hives) Bursaw, Treasurer is Todd Lund, and Chapter Rep Mike Pesta stayed the same.

Well it seems that spring is finally here with temps today around the 60 mark. I know it's really tempting to take a ride, but beware there is still a lot of sand and salt on the roads that will definitely make you slide when cornering, which means slow down and use a bit of caution when doing so. Also, the salt will do a number on your bike if it's not washed off after the ride.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up in a few weeks, I'm looking forward to that. This is an important day for us as motorcyclists and keeping the rights and freedoms we have. Let your voice be heard.

Keep your knees in the breeze.

Be Safe.

– Hives



## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, American Legion, Mound, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Run  
May 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, MRF's Bikers in the Beltway, Washington DC  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Run, VFW, Hopkins  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, Lake Chapter Bike Run, VFW, Monticello

Our March meeting was well attended. Thanks to the Monticello VFW for the meeting space. We elected chapter officers and they are.....

President - Smoker,  
VP - Bitzer,  
Treasurer - Christina,  
Secretary - Dale,  
Chapter Rep - open,  
Sgt at Arms - Blythe, Dan, Guida, Nikki, Scott & Mike B.  
Thanks to all for stepping up to help the chapter. I think we have someone to fill the Chapter Rep slot but wanted to get that finalized before I put it in print!

Lake chapter will probably not hold our own motorcycle training classes this year. Check the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center for classes to schedule your own.

We will be having a chapter fun run this year on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The run starts at the Monticello VFW and one of the planned stops involves a parade past the Camp Friendship grounds.

A.B.A.T.E. U. and Biker's in the Beltway will soon be here. Both are awesome events, so try to attend if you can. Dial-A-Ride also starts this month. If you see someone impaired, please give them a ride or call Dial-A-Ride.

Bikerday at the State Capitol will be on your own event, since the Capitol is still closed to the public. Watch Facebook and the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website for up to date information.

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

– Mitch'n

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, Mugshots Bar and Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Handlebar, Atwater, 7:00 pm  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, Off Center Bar, Clara City, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Food Drive, Family Fare - Litchfield  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, Spring Fling Bike Show, Mugshots Bar and Grill, Cosmos  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, Fun Run Membership Drive

Congratulations to the South Central 2021 officers:

President - Brad "Pops" Latham,  
Vice President - Dougie Cohen,  
Chapter Rep - Doug Louris, T  
reasurer - Jennifer Sommerfeld,  
Secretary - Ingrid Cohen,  
Sergeant at Arms - Curt Schmitz, Bill LaPlante, Carl Melin, Tad Lothert, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Gina "Silver Foxx" Maningoine.

We are holding a food drive at the Family Fare grocery store in Litchfield on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to kick off Motorcycle Awareness Month. Watch our Facebook group for the specific times, please help us collect food for Meeker County.

Our annual Spring Fling Bike Show is next month on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Mugshots in Cosmos from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Check out the flyer in this Road Noise. Come and register your bike to win a trophy and a chance to win free door prizes and check out our vendors. Tommy Rexx, the late-night music from the State Rally will be playing.

In May we will be having our annual Fun Run Membership Drive. This is a great opportunity to bring your friends and get to know everyone in the chapter! The Fun Run includes three stops, and a camp out for all members, so get your friends to sign up!!

Dougie and I got to enjoy a ride for the first time yesterday, this season. It felt so good to be reminded of why we work so hard for our motorcycle rights. That's why I hope to see you at A.B.A.T.E. U!

Ride safe & free,

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



## **SOUTHWEST**

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

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD closer to the date, 7:30 pm

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD closer to the date, 7:30 pm

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

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

Sadly , our President, Todd and his wife Deb, lost a dear family member, after a battle with cancer. Our deepest sympathies go to them and the rest of the family.

Our group will be cleaning up our designated ditch, as soon as weather permits. It is not as nasty as it sounds. We have the same six or less members for both cleanups of the year. We make fun of the work and it goes fast, usually under 90 minutes. We'd love to see some new faces. Stay tuned for details.

Don't forget A.B.A.T.E. U! Would be happy to see you there. It's always fun and educational!

Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Get your COVID 19 shot, assist families that COVID 19 has impacted. Give them a call, see if you can drop off a few groceries, Tylenol, cough syrup. Kindness is what our world needs so much.

– Later, BAM

## **WAY WEST**

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

To be determined.

Watch for updates on the Facebook page

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

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

Congrats to the new Way West officers!

President - Joe Ruby,

Vice President - Beetle Bailey,

Secretary - Paula Bailey,

Treasurer - Martha Thell,

State Rep - LeAnn Ruby,

Sgt @Arms - Jake Thell, James Tonn, Mike Frost

(Frosty), Chad Bissett, Rachel Claussen, Scott Clausen.

We had a great turnout to our March meeting! Thanks for coming.

A.B.A.T.E. U is this month in Alexandria. Way West oversees the games on Friday night. Please, try to attend.

Yesterday, it was 70 degrees and today we are having a snowstorm. I would have liked to have been out riding, but she is up in the air getting ready to hit the road.

Minnesota had their first motorcycle fatality. Please be aware of road conditions and remember the public isn't used to seeing motorcycles on the road yet.

At our last meeting, it was voted on that Paula would oversee setting up our meeting places. Watch the Way West Facebook page for meeting updates.

Bring your ideas to the meetings!!

– Stay Blessed, LeAnn

# **LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE**



*Motorcycles are Everywhere!*

# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

**MICHELLE "MICKEY" SCANNELL**

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Hello NE District members!

I would like to send out Congratulations to all incoming and returning chapter officers. I don't want to forget all the previous chapter officers, Thank you for your years of service!

Unfortunately, the rescheduled date for Bikerday 2021 has been cancelled. Don't forget you can still reach out to your state representatives. Send them an email, a handwritten letter or a phone call. Keep them engaged regarding the current concerns of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members. FYI: Stay updated by visiting the State website and FB page.

Are you ready for A.B.A.T.E. U? I can't wait to learn something new and have fun doing it! Please be safe on the roads this year, take a training class and ride sober. It's always a good time to socialize with other chapters "IN or OUT" of your district. Help out your brothers and sisters, I am sure they would really appreciate it.

*"If you wanna go fast, go alone. If you wanna go far, go together."*  
– Mickey

## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

May 5<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Finally, some warmer weather. I've seen quite a few bikes out and about already in early March which is great.

On the more serious side there has already been a rider fatality this early in the season. Apparently, it was a single vehicle accident where the rider lost control and left the roadway. Keep in mind that almost every road in the state is covered in sand or debris left over from the winter months snow removal, you can't always see a thin film of sand in a corner but assume it's there.

It's finally looking like chapters can start planning fundraisers either outdoors or in larger venues with the loosening of restrictions on gathering places. Fingers crossed that maybe we can all do something with a year and a half's worth of donations. We will be planning on having our Bunwarmer event later this spring so keep an eye out for updates.

– Ride Safe, Ed

★★★★★ You are invited to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual

# BIKERDAY

At The Minnesota State Capitol

APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> 2021

**CANCELLED**

Register By April 14, 2021 at: [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)

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# METRO

## Next Meeting(s):

April 13<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

May 11<sup>th</sup>, Park Tavern, St. Louis Park, 7:00 pm

June 8<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

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

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

May 30<sup>th</sup>, Not the Winter Bash, Route 47, 1:00 - 6:00 p

It's almost the start of a new riding season. Can we hear a HELL YEAH!! Some have already started. Please be careful. I have already helped with a bike crash this year. Long story short. A person was paying more attention to a jogger than the motorcycles in front of them. The riders are fine, thankfully, the bikes are not. Please keep an eye out. The cages are not used to us yet.

Bikerday has been cancelled. Those are sad words. They have the Capitol fenced off until after the little court trial going on downtown. And who says fences don't work! Different topic. Keep an ear out and your fingers ready to get in touch with your representatives. I encourage you to e-mail them if for nothing else to keep in touch.

By now you may have noticed that Metro Chapter did not have its legendary Winter Bash. We are back on!!! We are having the "Not the Winter Bash" bash! This will take place at Route 47 on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Now this isn't a buffet, this is a Sunday afternoon keg party for those folks not going up north for the holiday. We got food, beer, and some Southern



**New Metro A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Officers.**

Express happenin! Keep an eye on Facebook and the Road Noise for details!

With the way of the scaled down world right now stuff is happening and happening fast. Take a look at the Metro Chapter Facebook page for information on all of the upcoming events. I know there are question marks at the top as far as Upcoming Events goes, but there's shit happenin. We have been having our Breakfast Fundraisers at Route 47 and we will be having our first Taco Night in damn near a year!!

Until then, be safe, maintain control, keep your head on a swivel and your eyes open and lets ride!

– Peaceout, Dirt

# JACK PINE RIDERS

## Next Meeting(s):

April 18<sup>th</sup>, Outback Saloon, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm

May 16<sup>th</sup>, The Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 2:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jack Pine Riders road side clean up

June 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Summer

Hummer, Greenwood

July 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona

July 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle

River Shakedown, Finlayson

August 6<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis SD

Congratulations to all new and returning chapter and state officers.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. Drawing to be held April 17<sup>th</sup>. Win a new Indian Chieftain, \$10,000 cash, \$7,500 cash or \$5,000 cash.

We also have begun planning our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Upper Kettle River Shakedown." Featuring Bad Jack, Chain Lightning, Renna Starr, camping, vendors, bike games,

human games, auction, bonfires nightly, memorial ride, tattoo contest, apple pie contest and more. For more information call Duane at (320) 515-0232.

Next roadside cleanup will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at the Off The Road Saloon in Brook Park at 10:00 am. Looking forward to a great turn out, thank you to all who help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

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

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

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## RIVER RIDERS SAND DUNES UP NORTH

## CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U.,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for  
Heroes, Stoney's,

Rockville, 11:00 am

July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, Algona Free-  
dom Rally

August 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Central Chapter Biker Bash



Heeeeeey A.B.A.T.E. family!

I wanted to say thank you all so much for the last handful of years, it has been A-MA-ZING!!! This was a difficult decision for me, but I have accepted a position in another organization that I am putting my heart and soul into. Therefore, I do not feel it fair to the Central Chapter to accept the VP position this year as I cannot give it 100%. Don't you worry, I will still be a very active member and see you at the events! I am so very happy there is an amazing team taking over! It sure helped me feel better about my decision. You are in good hands with this group!

Congrats again to all the chapter officers!

President: Keith Jacobs

VP: Travis Rolfes

Secretary: Rachel Karolus

Treasurer: Sherry Rolfes

Chapter Rep: John Kamrow

Master Sgt @ Arms: Season Lowe

Sgt @ Arms: Nate Scott, Ron Rolfes, Joey Lang,  
Cody Stromwall and Gerald Hommerding

I'm pretty excited about the Biker Bash this summer. If you have ever been, you understand. If not, you're missing out and need to check it out! Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your bikes and be ready for fun! Sun's out!

Watch our Facebook site for event updates!

- Signing off, Shweeeila

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

April 11<sup>th</sup>, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 15<sup>th</sup>, Road Guard class, Dakota Tech, Rosemount,  
9:00 am

July 24<sup>th</sup>, Summer Thunder run

Hello. Spring has arrived and our roads are in poor shape. I've seen many bikes out on roads and Minnesota has had one motorcycle fatality already. Please use care when venturing out on the roads. The driving public has not seen motorcycles for months. Elections are now over. Thank you all for stepping up and volunteering for positions.

As you know Bikerday has been cancelled.

Our "Heart On" fundraiser was a great success. Chili contest was won by Michelle Scannell. Great job by all of the parties involved.

Summer Thunder Run is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. Planning is in the works by Jim and Kelly Pierson with a possible hog roast. Jim and Kelly are considering starting an aluminum can drive to supplement fundraising. Funds could be used toward Buddy Bears. Jim and Kelly are willing and able to warehouse/

process said cans.

We have notified the manager at Cub Foods in Coon Rapids about possibly having Brat Stand for Buddy Bears fundraiser. More details to follow next month.

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

- Your V.P. Jim



**Michelle Scannell won the traveling trophy for the Chili Contest at the East Central Heart On event.**



**John Alberg, Sgt. @ Arms, the first one to ride to a meeting in 2021 on March 7<sup>th</sup>!**



## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**EDGAR BURKE**

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Howdy Folks,

Bikerday being cancelled is just another way for them to keep us silenced.

PLEASE Take time to CALL YOUR Legislators and have a person-to-person talk with them and explain how important motorcycle safety and awareness is!!!

Also write YOUR Governor and explain to him that WE would LOVE to see May be deemed as Motorcycle Awareness month AGAIN! Be nice when talking with your elected officials. Bad words take a long time to be forgotten.

Hopefully right after you read this you will be packing to attend A.B.A.T.E. U. This year more than ever it is important to get active and help the wheel roll straight. As well as being a lot of fun, A.B.A.T.E. U. is very informative. If you are a new or even existing officer, PLEASE take time to attend the officer training.

State Rally will be here before we know it. Sign up to help out where You can. Also find a sponsor to get on board with the fun.

Elections are behind us. I would like to THANK you for trusting me to do this job for another year. ALSO, would like to THANK, ALL past and present Officers. YOUR work is much Appreciated. THANK YOU...

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Put on a full tank and roll on the Throttle.

– EDGAR

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## **FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS**

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

April 24<sup>th</sup>, VFW Post 936, Alexandria 6:00 pm

May 29<sup>th</sup>, VFW Post 936, Alexandria 6:00 pm

June 26<sup>th</sup>, Garfield City Park, Garfield, 11:30 am

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

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup> Bike Show, RCC, Alexandria

Greetings FFR members,

It has been a couple of months since you have heard from me. I have been out and about attending different chapter functions and meetings. I have seen various members of FFR at these functions. Thanks for supporting our sister chapters.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is coming up and I hope to see all of you there that weekend. It is in our back yard, and there is free food provided by the chapter. So, come on out sometime during the weekend and say hello.

Last thing on the agenda this month is the bike show. We need volunteers, like 50, check out the Facebook page and contact Patty, if you can give up a couple hours of your time, we would appreciate it.

*See you on the road,  
Expect the Unexpected.*

– Double G

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## **NO REPORT RECEIVED**

**BORDERLAND  
NORTH STAR  
NORTHWEST**

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## HEART OF THE LAKES

### Next Meeting(s):

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Littlebears House. 45465 445th St, Perham,  
7:00 pm

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Paul Miller Park, County 51, Perham 5:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

A.B.A.T.E. U, April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Alexandria Holiday Inn

Hello bike lovers,

It looks like spring is starting to come upon us. I hope we can continue to open everything up and live normal without the drama and BS. Time to get out and enjoy the creation we are given.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up with a good chance to get together for some information and fun times. Speaking of fun times.... We had our pool and dart tournament with lots of competition and a real rockin time with "GET OVER IT." We also had our raffle drawing with all our winners as follows..

Ticket 0484. Sold by Cheech.

\$1000 ..... Lisa Wehking...Hector, MN

Ticket 0091. Sold by Kristen B.

\$500 .....Bradley Eastman...Detroit Lakes

Ticket 0049. Sold by Jodi.

\$500 .....Bryan Revering...Parkers Prairie

Ticket 0169. Sold by Cindy M.

\$250 .....Todd Murphy...Perham

Ticket 0596 . Sold by John V.

\$250. ....Bruce Buck... Detroit Lakes

Ticket 0212 . Sold by Scott.

\$250 .....Adam Welte...Lake Park

Ticket 0075. Sold by Jess.

\$250 ..... Ethan Black...Vergas

Ticket 0124 . Sold by Bonnie.

\$250 .....Bonnetta Heath...Garfield

Ticket 0331. Sold by Rob.

\$250 .....Monte Larson...Frazee

Ticket 0024. Sold by Scott.

\$100 .....Craig Fontain...Detroit Lakes

Ticket 0197. Sold by Scott.

\$100 .....Brian Bigger...Frazee

Ticket 0455. Sold by Cheech.

\$100 .....Josh Meyer...Long Praire

Ticket 0162. Sold by Cindy.

\$100 .....Jennifer Smith...Detroit Lakes

Ticket 0323. Sold by Rob.

\$100 .....Crystal Lesko...Detroit Lakes

– Til next time, Shiny side up, Littlebear



**Heart of the Lakes Dart Winners!**



**Heart of the Lakes Pool Winners!**



**Heart of the Lakes  
Rock, Paper, Scissors Winner!**

# Chapter Grapevines



## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings Southeast District,

There was a rather disturbing encounter with the powers that be on social media in the Southeast District the first week in March. A riding association from Rochester had both of their Facebook pages and all six association members had their personal Facebook pages removed from the platform. They didn't delete themselves; the pages were deleted for them.

The name of the association is Steel Horse Militia, six guys that are passionate about motorcycles, 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights and helping others. They are going into their 4<sup>th</sup> year of having a bike night in Rochester that has been very successful in raising funds that they have donated to various charitable causes along with sponsoring many other events and rides.

What happened was one of the members was walking in to work wearing a sweatshirt with a reproduction of their patch on the back. Someone saw this and made a post of what they observed on a local "diversity and inclusion" Facebook page, referring to what they saw as being Neo-Nazi and that they hoped that Neo-Nazi's weren't employed there. After many comments replying to the post, including one trying to educate the original poster in what he saw, within 36 hours all of their pages had disappeared with no warning or explanation from the platform.

Along with having the word "militia" in their name, they have a silhouette of a spartan and the words "Molon Labe" in Greek meaning "come and take." I have a hard time defining this as being Neo-Nazi as do the Steel Horse members.

So, my words to you are it's happening out there, and we all have to be aware that it is, because who or what is going to be next? I'll have more info and details at the April B.O.D.

– Virgil

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## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

*Check your Chapter emails*

April 10<sup>th</sup>, Paul and Gerry's home, Fundraiser meeting

11:30, Lunch 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, meeting 1:00 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup>, location TBD, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

May 1<sup>st</sup>, Tri-County Carver Bike Run, Registration

starts at 10:30 am, kickstands up at 12:00 pm

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Highway Clean-Up, Highway 21 between

Jordan and New Prague by the rail cars, 10:00 am

WOW! As I am writing this, the weather is amazing for this time of year. Let's hope it holds out through April. I would like to thank all the Chapter officers that served this last term. A special thanks goes out to Pete "Pops" Fernholz who has been our Chapter Treasurer the last few years. Your service is greatly appreciated and enjoy your retirement Pops!

I'd also like to thank and congratulate all the new Officers that have stepped up, results are as follows: President Jon Fernholz, Vice President Scott Steinhoff, Secretary Katie Gilloffen, Chapter Rep Scott Steinhoff, Treasurer Kristy Luhman, Sgt @ Arms Leisa Carston, Mark Warner, and Mike Pharr.

As you probably know, Bikerday has been cancelled again. Since we are unable to gather at the Capitol to make our voices heard, we all need to do our part and contact our Senators and Representatives.

The Tri-County Carver Bike Run is coming up on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration starts at 10:30 at the Dog House in Carver, run leaves at noon. Come on out and win some door prizes while supporting A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota!

Well, it's time for me to stop typing and pull the wheels off my Road King...she needs some fresh rubber and I want to RIDE!!!!

– Big Jon

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

April 11<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post 92, Rochester,  
11:00 am

May 9<sup>th</sup>, location TBD, 11:00 am

Hello South East LC

First, I apologize to any members that went to Chatfield for the March meeting. Plans changed after I had already submitted the March info. The meeting was held in Rochester.

Congratulations to the new and returning Officers. Having a full slate of nominations is proof that the Chapter is strong and continuing to grow. Thank you to all past Officers for your dedication to reviving the Chapter and creating the new South East LC.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month in Minnesota. Last year the Governor did not sign the proclamation. All Minnesota motorcyclists are encouraged to contact the governor asking him to once again officially proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Your letter/email and subsequent response/reply will earn you a Write To Ride patch or rocker. A sample letter is available at the meeting.

You're not finished. All Minnesotans are encouraged to contact the Governor about his decision to mandate California Emissions Standards in Minnesota. California regulates emissions on all cars, trucks, SUVs, motorcycles, boats, ATVs, lawnmowers, wood fireplaces, and even BBQ grills. These stringent regulations may well lead to "end of life" mandates on all of our vehicles. Minnesota does not have California air quality or traffic congestion problems. Minnesota does not need bureaucrats in California dictating our lives. Take action. Sign the petition. Go to DriveAwayCACars.org or text STOPCACars to 52886.

The Chapter thanks the three couples for renewing in the month of January.

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## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

April 10<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Hope you are planning to go to A.B.A.T.E. U., April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, in Alexandria. We all have fun and learn a lot about motorcycle issues. We get to see our friends from all over the state and make new ones. It's always been a great time.

We are still working on getting some events going. If you have any suggestions please come to a meeting and be heard. If you can't make it to a meeting, please contact me with your ideas or concerns. We need to have more member participation to keep our Chapter going. Your input will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

– Your Prez, Spanky

## FLATLANDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

April 24<sup>th</sup>, TB3, Freeborn, 2:00 pm

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kurt & Alicia Wallace's home, Geneva,  
3:00 pm

Greetings Flatlanders!

First off, kudos to everyone who stepped up and accepted nomina'ons for Chapter positions. Win or lose you are a vital part of what keeps a Chapter going and thriving.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria. Members are encouraged to aVend, especially Officers. Besides the Board of Directors meeting, there are classes for learning about your job, trike races, a raffle (get your tickets from Dan), shopping for Products, and other fun stuff.

"Passport Run" books will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U. as well. The pages in this book are basically ads from biker friendly businesses all over Minnesota that you buy and carry with you. Get the appropriate page stamped when you visit the establishment and if you go to the most places, you win a prize!

May means Washout. The Flatlanders are slated for the rest area at the I-35 Welcome Center at the Minnesota/Iowa state line from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The meeting will follow at 3:00 pm at Kurt and Alicia Wallace's home at 115 5th Street SE, in Geneva.

Border Blast is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>. Locations are being scouted for the Summer's Done Run. Stay tuned.

The Rochester American Legion has invited Flatlanders to their Bike Night the third Wednesday of every month from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota information and membership forms will be made available.

As always, the Flatlanders Facebook page is a great resource for updates and information. For a broader range, check the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website at <https://www.abatemn.org>. If you need to renew or sign up you can do that there, too.

– Shiny side up. Linda

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## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

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## RIVER VALLEY

### Next Meeting(s):

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E.

University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

May 1<sup>st</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness  
Parade

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-?, River Valley

Spring Ditch Pickup and Lunch/After Party



Hello all! So much coming up...I'm getting excited!!!!  
Starting with the elections of our soon to be new  
Officers and Sgt at Arms! So many have stepped up this

year who may get the chance of trying something new...  
very proud of our Chapter!

Then to A.B.A.T.E. U! Lots of fun!! We then have our 31<sup>st</sup>  
Annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade and Fun Run  
which is always a BIG hit. So please come be a part of it  
this year to let everyone know we are out there and to  
keep their eyes open for us.

Again, our Spring Ditch Pickup and After Party... come  
on out and hang with us! We have a few other things in  
the planning stages. And of course, do watch for our 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual River Valley Gives Back in August. Yay!

Please do check out our River Valley Facebook page for  
details on things to come.

– Hug tight, hug often – Lori, President

# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2021 STATE RALLY *Sponsors*



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## 2021 STATE RALLY SPONSORSHIPS SILVER

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*See Page 30  
for sponsor form  
& information!*

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

9:00 AM Call to order .....	Jane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome .....	Edgar Burke
Invocation.....	Edgar Burke
Roll call .....	Michele Legried
Agenda approval / changes.....	Jane Doyle
Secretary Report- January, 2021 .....	Michele Legried
Treasurer's Report .....	Michelle Backlund

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)

ABATE University .....	Stephanie Christensen
Education.....	Paul Tjepkes
Gambling .....	Dan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear Program .....	Sharon Polman
Membership and Member Retention .....	Shelly Deutsch
Products .....	Kari Duncan
Publications .....	Tammy Winkels
Rally .....	Randy Prochazka
Ways and Means .....	Kristie Orn

**OTHER REPORTS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

2021 Budget  
Bikerday 2020 Recap  
Sand Dunes Update  
Legislative Director Update

**NEW BUSINESS**

State Officer Election Results  
Announce Chapter Officers and Presentation of Awards

**OFFICER REPORTS**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT**



# Welcome to A.B.A.T.E U. 2021 VOTE! Your Freedom Depends On It!



## FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:00 - 7:00 pm .....Gambling Meeting  
7:00 - 8:00 pm .....Pre -Board Meeting  
8:00 - 9:00 pm .....State Rally Meeting

7:00 - 8:00 pm .....Non-Gambling BINGO  
9:00 - 11:30pm .....Games by Way West – A.B.A.T.E. Fundraiser

## SATURDAY, APRIL 17

8:00 - 8:45 am .....Officer Training  
9:00 - 1:30 pm .....Board of Directors Meeting  
2:00 - 2:30 pm .....Major Alan Duff  
2:45 - 3:15 pm ..... Republican Caucus  
3:30 - 4:00 pm .....Democratic Caucus  
4:15 - 4:45 pm .....Caucus Re-cap  
4:00 - 5:00 pm .....Jazz - Principals of Leadership  
7:00 - 9:00 pm .....Live Auction  
9:00 pm .....Raffle Drawing  
9:15 pm - ?? .....Trike Races

# There's a life riding on it.



**Look Twice**

**Share the Road.**



# CALENDAR OF

# EVENTS

4/3/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/3/21	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James-Committee Mtg at 3:00	4:00 PM
4/3/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madisgan's, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
4/7/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/7/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
4/7/21	North East Chapter Meeting	Chalet in Hermantown	6:30 PM
4/9/21	Southwest Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:30 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
4/10/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Fundraiser 11:30, Lunch 12-1, Reg. Mtg to follow; Paul & Gerry's House	1:00 PM
4/10/21	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
4/11/21	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's in Rockville	12:00 PM
4/11/21	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
4/11/21	Publications committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi Orn's Home, Kimball	2:00 PM
4/11/21	Up North Chapter Meeting	TBD	4:00 PM
4/11/21	South East L.C. Chapter Meeting	American Legion Post 92, Rochester	11:00 AM
4/11/21	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Jim and Kristi's Orn's Home, Kimball	1:00 PM
4/11/21	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 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	
4/16/21	State Rally Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	8:00 PM
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
4/18/21	NorthStar Chapter Meeting	TBD	12:00 PM
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	Registration, Dog House	10:30 AM
5/1/21	River Valley Motorcycle Awareness Parade	5600 Hoffman Rd, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/2/21	East Central Chapter Meeting	Americam Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
5/2/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Mound	3:00 PM
5/2/21	South Central Food Drive	Family Fare, Litchfield	
5/5/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
5/5/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots, Cosmos	7:00 PM
5/5/21	North East Chapter Meeting	Chalet in Hermantown	6:30 PM
5/6/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
5/7/21	Southwest Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:30 PM
5/8/21	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrok	12:30 PM
5/8/21	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Washout and Ditch Cleanup, Regular Meeting to follow	
5/8/21	River Valley Chapter	Spring Ditch Pick up and lunch/After Party	10:00 AM
5/9/21	South East L.C. Chapter Meeting	TBD	11:00 AM
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	
5/15/21	Road Guard Class	Dakota Tech, Rosemount	9:00 AM
5/16/21	Heart the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Paul Miller Park, County 51, Perham	5:00 PM
5/16/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	The Village Bar & Grill, Pine City	2:00 PM
5/16/21	Tri-County Chapter Hwy Clean Up	Hwy 21 between Jordan & New Prague by the rail cars	10:00 AM
5/17/21	MRF's Biker in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.	
5/18/21	MRF's Biker in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.	
5/20/21	Minnesota Motorcyle Safety Task Force Meeting	Microsoft TEAMS	5:00 PM
5/22/21	Jack Pine Riders	Road Side Clean up	
5/22/21	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kurt & Alicia Wallace Home, Geneva	3:00 PM
5/22/21	Freedom First Riders Bike Show	RCC, Alexandria	
5/23/21	Freedom First Riders Bike Show	RCC, Alexandria	
5/29/21	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 936, Alexandria	6:00 PM
5/29/21	Memorial Run	VFW, Hopkins	
5/30/21	Metro Chapter Annual Fund Raiser	Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley	1:00 PM
6/2/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Handlebar, Atwater	7:00 PM
6/5/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
6/5/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	TBD	3:00 PM
6/8/21	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
6/12/21	Lake Chapter Bike Run	VFW Monticello	
6/12/21	7th Annual Ride for Heroes	Stoney's in Rockville	11:00 AM
6/17/21	ABATE of Wisconsin Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/18/21	ABATE of Wisconsin Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/19/21	ABATE of Wisconsin Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/20/21	ABATE of Wisconsin Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/26/21	South Central Fun Run	Membership Run	
6/26/21	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Garfield City Park, Alexandria	11:30 AM

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

## BORDERLAND

Keith Bitzer ..... R  
Troy / Tammy Gjovik ..... R  
Jeri Stone ..... N

## CENTRAL

Justin / Nicole Ballou ..... N  
John Burg ..... N  
Duane "Chris" /Holly Christian ..... R  
Ray / Lori Davis ..... R  
Virginia Erickson ..... N  
Dennis Hommerding ..... R  
Don /Diane Hommerding ..... R  
Dale LaBarge R  
Mary McAllister ..... N  
Alaric Myers ..... N  
Kenneth / Janell Peterson ..... R  
Jess Richter ..... N  
Bob Roberts ..... N  
Randy Roberts ..... N  
Thomas Stromwall ..... R  
Deb Vogt ..... N

## EAST CENTRAL

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Dave Hanson ..... N  
Randy /Deanna Headstrom ..... R  
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Richard Hertwig/ Julie Robideaux ..... R  
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Roger Holden ..... R  
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Greg /Tess Johnson ..... N  
Kyle Katchmark ..... R  
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Tom Leary /Mary Lawrence ..... N  
Andrew Lerch ..... N  
John/Becca Lhotak ..... R  
Shane Matchinsky ..... R  
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Christopher Nash ..... R  
Blake Rettig ..... N  
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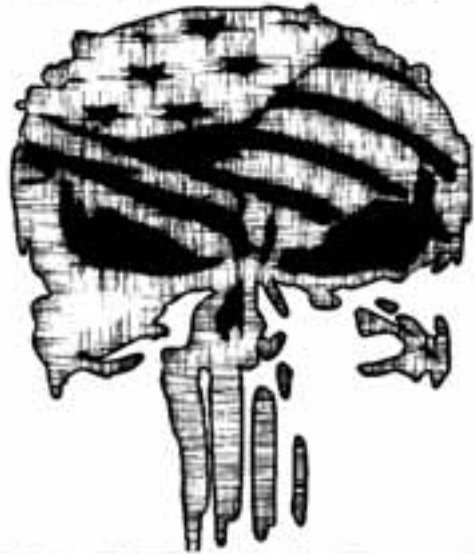
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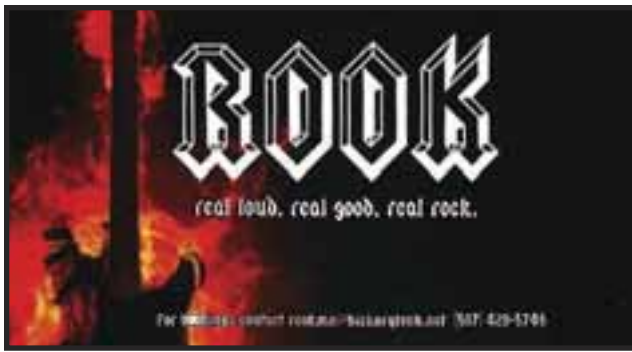
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