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3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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.

American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota Inc.

Your Commitment to Protecting and Preserving your Rights as a Motorcyclist in Minnesota.

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

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

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
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 30th. 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 16th, 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 too 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 16th 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 12th 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 16th.
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 confirmation.

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
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 218-209-5502, Frank Ernst 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

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 16th - 18th in Alexandria. Take care and be safe.

Bemidji’s ride for the troops is back on this year on June 6th at Market Place Foods.

– Sharon Polman (AKA Mama Bear)

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 trifolds 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 2nd highest with four singles and 10 couples! Fantastic! Jack Pine Riders came in 3rd highest membership enrollment for the month of March.

I will have more tear off’s and trifolds 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

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
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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Ride smart, ride safe!!

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

– Monte

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– Thank You, Tammy

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Here’s to happy riding soon!!!!

Liz Herzog

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Publications Committee

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Next Meeting(s):
April 11th, Jim and Kristi Orn’s home, Kimball, 2:00 pm

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– Thank You, Tammy

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Ways & Means Report

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

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– Thank You, Tammy

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Motorcycle Safety Task Force

Monte Ohlrogge
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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 1st to April 22nd. Here is the link to the application page: https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/168. Click on that after April 1st and after "OPEN APPOINTMENTS", it should say 15. Then sign in and apply.

The first motorcycle crash fatality this year happened on March 9th. 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 20th, 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

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Liz Herzog
Gambling Report

Dan Matzdorff
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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.

Education

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Nothing new to report.

A.B.A.T.E. University

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Doing Your Part to Make America Great
April 16th - 18th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
(320) 763-6577

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) 443-4732
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!!
– Can't wait to see everyone!!

– Stephanie

Reminder:
A.B.A.T.E. U
April 16th - 18th
Bikerday at the State Capitol is Cancelled!
The 2021 Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride Board of Directors

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Glacial Ridge

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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 or Ron Lisched at lisched@msh.com for more information
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

HOLIDAY INN ALEXANDRIA

This laid-back, low-rise hotel has rooms that offer flat screen tv’s and complimentary Wi-Fi, as well as minifridges, microwaves, and tea and coffee makers. Other amenities include a game room, a gym, and an indoor sports area, as well as an indoor pool, hot tub, and guest laundry.

Check-in time: 3:00 PM    Check-out time 12:00 PM

Rudy’s Redeye Grill

Take advantage of the wonderful steakhouse attached to the hotel with full bar, large dining area which you can order room service from, also enjoy the great breakfast, and breakfast buffet.

5637 MN-29
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-763-6577
email: www.ihg.com
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 Blackeagles 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.*

"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"
No Report Received.

**Buffalo Ridge**

**Next Meeting(s):**
April 7th, Dave’s Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm  
May 5th, Dave’s Muscle Cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 16th - 18th, 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.

**Glacial Ridge**

**Next Meeting(s):**
April 3rd, Rooney’s Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm  
May 1st, Rooney’s Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm  
June 1st, Rooney’s Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 16th - 18th, 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

**Rolling Prairie**

**Next Meeting(s):**
April 3rd, Committee Meeting, VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm  
April 3rd, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm  
May 8th following ditch cleanup and washout watch our Facebook page for times

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 8th, 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
Lake

Next Meeting(s):
April 3rd, Madigan’s, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm
May 2nd, American Legion, Mound, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 16th – 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 1st, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Run
May 17th – 18th, MRF’s Bikers in the Beltway, Washington DC
May 29th, Memorial Run, VFW, Hopkins
June 12th, 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 12th. 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 7th, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
May 5th, Mugshots Bar and Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
June 2nd, Handlebar, Atwater, 7:00 pm
July 7th, Off Center Bar, Clara City, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 16th – 18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 2nd - Food Drive, Family Fare - Litchfield
May 15th, Spring Fling Bike Show, Mugshots Bar and Grill, Cosmos
June 26th, Fun Run Membership Drive

Congratulations to the South Central 2021 officers:
President - Brad “Pops” Latham,
Vice President - Dougie Cohen,
Chapter Rep - Doug Louris, Treasurer - 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 2nd to kick of 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 15th 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 9th, Location TBD closer to the date, 7:30 pm
May 7th, Location TBD closer to the date, 7:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 16th – 18th, 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 16th – 18th, 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
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 7th, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
May 5th, 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 thee.

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
Metropolitan

Next Meeting(s):
April 13th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
May 11th, Park Tavern, St. Louis Park, 7:00 pm
June 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
?????, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka
?????, Breakfast Buffet, Route 47, Fridley
May 30th, 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 30th 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 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 happening. 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 18th, Outback Saloon, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm
May 16th, The Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 16th – 18th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 22nd, Jack Pine Riders road side clean up
June 17th – 20th, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Summer Hummer, Greenwood
July 1st – 3rd, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona
July 9th – 11th, 16th Annual Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson
August 6th – 15th, 80th 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 17th. Win a new Indian Chieftain, $10,000 cash, $7,500 cash or $5,000 cash.

We also have begun planning our 16th 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 22nd. 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

River Riders Sand Dunes Up North

NO REPORT RECEIVED
Central

Next Meeting(s):
April 11th, Stoney’s, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 16th-17th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria
June 12th, 7th Annual Ride for Heroes, Stoney’s,
Rockville, 11:00 am
July 4th weekend, Algonna Freedom Rally
August 27th – 29th, Central Chapter Biker Bash

Heeeeey 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 11th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am
May 2nd, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
April 16th - 18th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 15th, Road Guard class, Dakota Tech, Rosemount, 9:00 am
July 24th, 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 24th. 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 7th!
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

Freedom First Riders

Next Meeting(s):
April 24th, VFW Post 936, Alexandria 6:00 pm
May 29th, VFW Post 936, Alexandria 6:00 pm
June 26th, Garfield City Park, Garfield, 11:30 am

Upcoming Event(s):
May 22nd - May 23rd 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

NO REPORT RECEIVED

Borderland
North Star
Northwest
Hey 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

Ticket 0091. Sold by Kristen B.
$500

Ticket 0049. Sold by Jodi.
$500

Ticket 0169. Sold by Cindy M.
$250

Ticket 0596. Sold by John V.
$250

Ticket 0212. Sold by Scott.
$250

Ticket 0075. Sold by Jess.
$250

Ticket 0124. Sold by Bonnie.
$250

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Ticket 0455. Sold by Cheech.
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Ticket 0162. Sold by Cindy.
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Ticket 0323. Sold by Rob.
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— 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!
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, 2nd amendment rights and helping others. They are going into their 4th 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 a 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

**Tri County**

**Next Meeting(s):**
*Check your Chapter emails*
April 10th, Paul and Gerry’s home, Fundraiser meeting 11:30, Lunch 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, meeting 1:00 pm

May 6th, location TBD, 7:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 16th-18th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
May 1st, Tri-County Carver Bike Run, Registration starts at 10:30 am, kickstands up at 12:00 pm

May 16th, 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 Gilloffo, 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 1st. 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 11th, American Legion Post 92, Rochester, 11:00 am
May 9th, 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.

Flatlanders

Next Meeting(s):
April 24th, TB3, Freeborn, 2:00 pm
May 22nd, Kurt & Alicia Wallace’s home, Geneva, 3:00 pm

Greetings Flatlanders!

First off, kudos to everyone who stepped up and accepted nominations 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 16th-18th 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 26th. 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

Straight River

Next Meeting(s):
April 10th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Hope you are planning to go to A.B.A.T.E. U., April 16th-17th, 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

Mississippi VALLEY

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Road Noise
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 31st 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 3rd 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

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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
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Rally ........................................................................................ Randy Prochazka
Ways and Means ................................................................. Kristie Orn

OTHER REPORTS
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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
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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
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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2021 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not-for-profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)(4)), is seeking sponsors for our 2021 State Rally, to be held September 3rd-September 6th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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It includes:
• Your business will have signage on either side or above the stage area in the bar and band hub location
• Your company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine, A.B.A.T.E.’s official publication (circulation 4,000+)
• Waiver of vendor fees to set up at the Rally
• A full page ad in our Rally program and your company name and logo included on the cover
• Your company name and logo listed on our website
• 12 free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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The Gold Level Sponsorship is $1,000
It includes:
• Medium signage in the bar and band hub location
• Your Company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine
• Waiver of vendor fees to set up at the Rally
• Your company name and half a page ad in our Rally program
• Your company name listed on our website
• Six free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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The Silver Sponsorship is $500
It includes:
• Signage in the bar and band hub location
• Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
• Your company name and a quarter page ad in our Rally program
• Your company name listed on our website
• Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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The Chrome Sponsorship is $250
It includes:
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• Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
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Our members are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who support those businesses who support them. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota please visit our website at www.abatemn.org.

For more information, please contact:
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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon!
2021 Spring Fling

Bike Show ~ Swap Meet
Saturday, May 15th 1:00PM – 4:00PM
Mug Shots Bar & Grill ~ Cosmos, MN

Admission $5
Free admission with Bike Registration
Registration: Noon – 3:00PM

Bike Show 1:00 – 4:00
Trophies presented following show.
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May 18, 2021

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31st ANNUAL
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Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

Join us in getting the message out to the motoring public
that motorcycles are back on the roadways.
~ ALL Motorcyclist Invited To Attend ~

PARADE SCHEDULE

12:00pm – Motorcyclist meet in the MANKATO EAST HIGHSCHOOL parking lot.
5600 Hoffman Road.

1:00pm – Parade Starts.
1:30pm – Parade ends at Spring Lake Park in North Mankato.
Hot Dogs, Chips and Pop will be available.

ROUTE: HOFFMAN ROAD, right on VICTORY DR, left on MADISON AVE, left on SECOND ST,
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