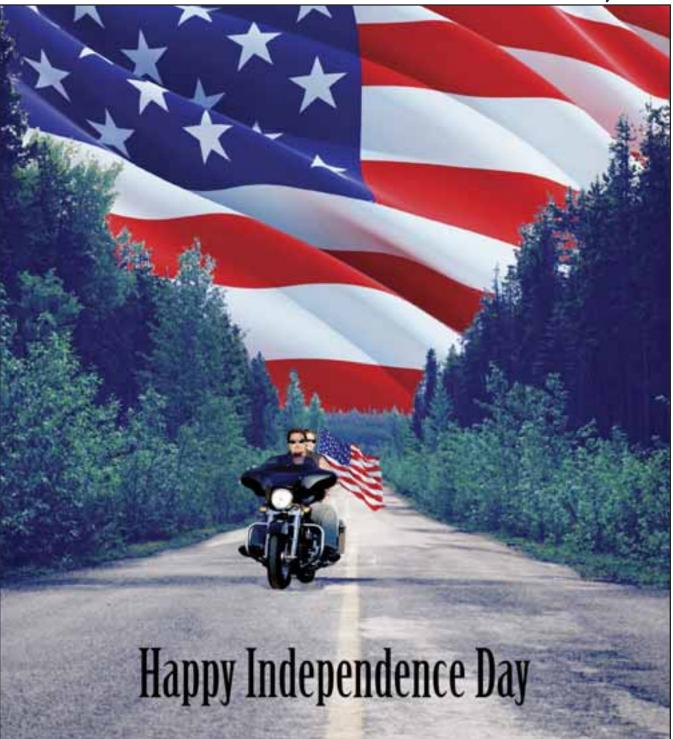


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# **Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:**

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.

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Welcome Shelly, Bob and Becca! Thank you for stepping up to help A.B.A.T.E. of MN by filling those positions!

Do you feel relief, and freedom? Since our Governor lifted the Covid restrictions, I have a sense of FREEDOM again. We can have fun, raise some much-needed funds, and enjoy spending time face to face again!

As I visit chapter meetings and events, I have noticed some very happy and positive attitudes! Keep up the good work! We do notice and appreciate your efforts.

Our Publication Committee is always looking for Bike of the Month, Member of the Month, Business of the Month, and Veteran of the Month. Anyone can submit an article! Most of us have bikes. Enter a photo of yours, or a friend's bike. Do you have a chapter member that should be recognized? You can write a short article about your meeting location, or favorite bike shop, and give them some free advertising. Our Veterans definitely should be recognized for their service!

State Rally raffle tickets are available. Remember, this is a good way to help A.B.A.T.E. of MN *AND* gain money for your chapter gambling account. Sell tickets, turn them in, and have money added to your gambling account. It's that simple.

Let's do our part to protect our freedom!

Happy Independence Day!

– Jane



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Can anybody slow down the calendar? Things seem like they're moving way too fast and it's been a busy summer already.

Just got done with our third trip to Colorado Springs in June.

Rally is just around the corner and it looks like it's going to be a fun filled event.

Sorry I don't have much more to report at this time because of our busy schedule but maybe next month I'll get long-winded.

Till next time

– Jim

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Happy July 4th!!



What a great country we live in, but Freedom Is Not FREE! If we don't keep a watch on our freedoms, they will be taken from us. So do your part. Make your voice heard in congress and to like-minded people.

When you meet like-minded people, ask if they are members of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. If they are not, sign them up. This is one way to keep our freedoms intact.

– Later, Mitch



# PRODUCTS Report

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Well, it sure got hot in a hurry. Good thing I restocked tank tops and muscle shirts.

Breaking news, I now have a mobile set up for products. It will be easier for me to get out to

# STATE RALLY REPORT

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**Next meeting(s):** July 16<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo House, Duluth, 8:00 pm

Thanks to all who came to the June meeting in Litchfield.

ATTENTION!!!!! If you have a side by side with a hitch on it and are coming to the State Rally, please let me know. If you allow the State Rally Committee to use your side by side during the Rally you will receive a free weekend pass.

Our normal vendors are sold out for months to come.

State Rally T-shirt designs are due by the next meeting so they can be voted on by the Committee.

Advance Rally Tickets or the money from sold tickets needs to be turned in at the July B.O.D. Get out and sell the Rally Raffle tickets and 50/50 Raffle tickets.

The MRF will once again be having their fundraiser meal on Saturday evening. Contact your MRF Rep for tickets.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting at the B.O.D. in July at Buffalo House in Duluth at 8:00 pm. different places with State Products if needed. My schedule is pretty full, but if you would like me to come and sell State Products at your event, let me know and I will see what I can do.

Congratulations to our New State Office Administrator, Shelly Deutsch. Thank you for stepping up. Also, thank you to Liz Herzog for your years of service.

I think that is all for now. I hope to see you soon.

– Kari



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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## 2021 Legislation

HF1232/SF152 Motorcycle endorsement fee increase made it into the House and Senate Transportation Bill. This is still in the work's; a special session has been called.

Please remember that the summer months are coming, and our legislators and Senators will be home. Make it a point to introduce yoursel to them. With all the letters you are writing, they would like to put a face with a name.

# DC TRIP

We had a very good trip this year, in person meetings with all 4 of our Republican congress people. We do need you help getting all the house delegation signed on to H.R. 2141 the Motorcyclist Advisory Council Reauthorization Act and H. Res. 366 (IH) -Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling. So please write your congress person.

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

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– Randy



NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT JULY 2021 FRANK ERNST (612) 801-2920 NCOMLIAISON@ABATEMN.ORG

Another month and I do not have a lot to report again so I will just renew the invitation to attend this year's NCOM Convention. As stated previously it will be held JULY 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport, located at 6111 Fleur Drive in Des Moines.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

The on line registration can be reached through the A.B.A.T.E. of MN web site. abatemn.org. Go to the links/resources drop down, chose other links, then National Coalition of Motorcyclists. This will take you directly to a page with convention registration.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Stay vigilant

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Nothing new to report.

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# MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Well, by the time you read this the Algona Freedom Rally will be over with. Did you go, have fun? Did you sign-up to help out with the membership table at the front gate or the back gate? I hope you answered yes to all these questions, that means I didn't have to work some shifts myself.

Well, as of June's report, we are doing better with getting your friends to join A.B.A.T.E.! The State numbers are 3,304 members, that's up 91 from May! Great job everyone! The top three Chapter's this month are Borderland with 27 more members! Tri-County in second with 17 and in third this month was South Central with 16. Great work everyone! I'm sure next month will be better yet! Right?

I will have tear off's and tri-fold's at the July B.O.D., please have your Chapter Rep get them from me there so we can save on postage!

Please send applications to the new State Office address of P.O. Box 142 Mapleton, MN 56065

Keep on Keepin' on!

- Shelly Deutsch

**EDUCATION** Nothing new to report.



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Nothing new to report.



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Well, it's official! The office has moved to Mapleton. I trained with Liz for 2 Saturdays, about 4 hours each. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> training, everything was torn down loaded into my enclosed trailer and moved out. It did work out pretty good. Liz & Dave have a private campground, so we left the camper there

# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE



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Our May meeting was again via Microsoft Teams. Twelve of the fifteen members were in attendance and we had one guest join us.

Megan Leonard, the Public Information Officer for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining motorcycle awareness and impaired rider advertisements for 2021. The ads for awareness ran from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> and the impaired ads run from June 28<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ads are in the form of billboards, spots on Pandora and Spotify, 25 truck wraps, posters and table top tents in bar locations. There is also morning Podcasts on KFAN morning show endorsed by Chris Hawkey.

At the end of the meeting, Megan announced that she quit her job as Public Information Officer to go to work elsewhere.

Deb Carlson, who is with the Department of Vehicle Service gave a PowerPoint presentation on motorcycle licensing and testing for 2020. COVID was hard on DVS and the testing system last year. Testing numbers dropped more than usual. There used to be 93 locations for license testing. Now, there are 26. There have been 55 to 56 people that have left their jobs.

Graphs that she showed us indicate that the

and brought the trailer the second weekend. So, Sunday Dan & I headed 150 miles down the road with me pulling the toy-hauler & Dan pulling the trailer, we made it home and unloaded everything into the house. By Monday I had everything up and running. The rest of the house looks like a disaster area! The room we reclaimed as an office was the "junk" room. But it is getting better. So, with fresh paint, new flooring, a crystal chandelier, the equipment in, it's going pretty well, my new desk should be here next Friday. Things are going pretty smooth, but please be patient...

largest group of endorsed riders are in the 50 to 60 age group, while the most motorcycle permits were given to riders in the 18- to 30-year-old category in 2020. Deb also announced that she will be retiring from the Department of Vehicle Services.

The last information that I have received is that 14 riders have died in motorcycle accidents this year, compared to 13 this time last year. 12 of these crashes involved only the motorcycle and one crash involved a deer. Ten crashes involved a rider negotiating a curve and one crash involved a low speed turn. Five of the operators did not have a motorcycle license endorsement or permit.

Eighteen people had applied to be on the Task Force for the next two years. I have not yet heard who will be on the next Task Force. However, the nine that reapplied will be reappointed and Frank Ernst will be back on the Task Force. I did NOT reapply, which caused a few jaws to drop. But I dropped a hint a while back in my article. I guess they missed the hint.

The next Task Force meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. There will be an Intermediate Rider Course at noon before the meeting for Task Force members. Bill also extended an invitation to those who were members the last two years. Hopefully, I can get the day off and attend this. Time will tell!!!

Ride smart! Ride safe!

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

– Monte

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# MRF REPORT

#### **JAY HICKOK** (763)234-8143 JAYH**024**48@GMAIL.COM

Hello everyone,

As the country begins to open back up, here in Minnesota



Minnesotans with the DC Police Bikes.

we are getting back to normal. People are starting to get out and enjoy their freedoms again. The State Capitol still is closed to the public but the security fences that were set up around the capitol are coming down. We are still having to communicate our motorcycle issues through emails, letters, phone calls and other types of video style meetings.

Bikers Inside the Beltway was somewhat a success. We were able to meet with four of the eight congressmen and congresswomen. We were unable to meet with our two Senators. We were able to get into the office of Congressman Stauber and Congresswoman Fishbach and had a good visit at the Capital Club with Congressman Emmer and Congressman Hagedorn. Thank you to all that were able to make the trip to DC. We still have work to do by following up with others to get our talking points to them.

I encourage you to write or call your representative to get them to support our issues.

Ride safe and hope to see you at the next MRF event.



**Cogresswoman Fishbach** 



**Cogressman Stauber** 



**Cogressman Hagedorn** 



**Cogressman Emmer** 

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– Jay



I want to apologize to several A.B.AT.E. members that should have received their Write to Ride (W2R) patch and/or rocker at the April Board of Directors meeting. Members from River Valley, Central, South Central, North East, Freedom First, and Boarderland were missed. These members had submitted communication documenting they had done their part communicating with legislators. Unfortunately, I failed to record their correspondence and distribute their patches and rockers, again my apologies.

I would also like to take this time to share a reminder on the purpose of the W2R program and how to request patches and/or rockers. This information can be found on the A.B.A.T.E. of MN web site. Under the drop down, Legislation, click on the earn your Write To Ride patch any time you would like to access this information. I will give everyone a reminder, when submitting a request please include the name of the chapter you belong to. If you belong to more than one chapter, please give me the name of your primary chapter. Send a copy of the correspondence to me by US Mail at the address included or to my e-mail address that is included below.

## GAMBLING REPORT

**DAN MATZDORFF** 



GAMBLING@ABATEMN.ORG

Nothing new to report.



# WAYS & MEANS REPORT

Kristi Orn (320) 248-5426 WAYS-MEANS@ABATEMN.ORG

Next Meeting(s): July 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Kristie Orn's home, Kimball, 1:00 pm

#### frank.ernst@mchsi.com.

Not including chapter name or sending the request to other e-mail addresses are the most common causes for delays in processing and distributing W2R patches/rockers. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do.

#### Earn Your Write to Ride Patch

Do your civic duty as a motorcyclist and Minnesota citizen - And get a free patch too!

#### WRITE TO RIDE PROGRAM

The goal of the Write to Ride program is to encourage communication between A.B.A.T.E. members and legislators at the state and federal levels.

#### MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Establish initial communication with a legislator (State or Federal). The communication does not need to be motorcycling specific, but can be related to any issue of legislative concern.

Forward a copy of the reply correspondence from a legislator to the Write to Ride Manager along with the ABATE member's name and chapter name.

Requests should be sent to: Frank Ernst 840 Cree drive Chanhassen, MN 55317 or frank.ernst@mchsi.com.

# PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

**TAMMY WINKELS** (320) 252-7353 PUBLICATIONS@ABATEMN.ORG

#### Next meeting(s):

July 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim and

Kristie Orn's home, Kimball, 2:00 pm August 1<sup>st</sup>, phone meeting, 11:30 am

Just a few things to note this month. First, the Road Noise Committee wants to thank Darryl Holman for a great job keeping the A.B.A.T.E. Facebook page up to date! Second, we need all Chapters to send in your Chapter logo, especially if you want it to be in the Road Noise Grapevine by your name. Remember to send all information to roadnoise@abatemn.org, thanks.

Enjoy a fun and safe 4th of July!!

-Tammy



# Veteran of the Month



Enlisted - April 1981 Gulf War 1990-1991 Enduring Freedom '03-'05 Iraqi Freedom '07-'09 Enduring Freedom Spartan Shield 2019 - Present



# MSG. DAVID WIEHR 40 Years of Service 1981~2021

Dave Wiehr is a member of South Central of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota since 2010.

He joined the US Army Reserves the Jr year of High School at Buffalo Lake Minn. Since his enlistment he has been called to active duty 5 times. Dave has received the Bronze Star metal for his leadership in Iraqi in '07-'09.

Dave lives in Litchfield, MN with his wife, Judy of 35 years. They have four children and soon to be 8 grandkids! He enjoys going on long motorcycle rides, the ABATE Rallies, Shooting Leagues and hanging out with his family & friends.





# BIKE OF THE MONTH

Facebook User Name: Ellie Mae Bagle 2006 Electraglide Standard with Sweet Classic Sidecar Bought it new in October 05. 94k miles. 106 hp &127 ft. Ibs torque. Too many mods to list. The sidecar is for the Hounds. Love the photos. Sometimes it is all about the Bike and sometimes it is all about those that we share our journeys with. Thanks for posting.



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# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Saturday July 17, 2021, 9:00 AM • Buffalo House, Duluth, MN

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CALL TO ORDER	
9:00 AM Call to order	
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome	Kent Verner
Invocation	Edgar Burke
Roll call	Michele Legried
Agenda approval / changes	Jane Doyle
Secretary Report – April 2021	Michele Legried
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Backlund
LEGISLATIVE REPORTS	
Legislative Director	
Motorcycle PAC of MN	Mark Senn
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	Frank Ernst
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	Jay Hickok
Write to Ride	Frank Ernst
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report	rt, if more time needed request in advance)
ABATE University	Stephanie Christensen
Education	
Gambling	
Buddy Bear Program	Sharon Polman
Membership and Member Retention	Shelly Deutsch
Products	Kari Duncan
Publications	
Rally	
Ways and Means	Kristie Orn
OTHER REPORTS	
State Office	Shelly Deutsch
MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)	
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force	open
Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition	*
and Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota	Jane Doyle and Frank Ernst
OLD BUSINESS	
Chapter "Logo" Patches submitted for approval	
Mississippi Valley Chapter Discussion	
NEW BUSINESS	
New A.B.A.T.E. of MN Address	
Appointment of Committee Chairs	
American Income Life Insurance	
Webmaster open position	
Bikerday 2022	
OFFICER REPORTS	
Treasurer	Michelle Backlund
Secretary	Michele Legried
Northeast District Director	Kent Verner
Southeast District Director	Virgil Legried
Southwest District Director	Jon Smith
Northwest District Director	
Assistant State Coordinator	Jim Orn
Trustee	
State Coordinator	Jane Doyle
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# State Reps Program Director Doc D'Errico

To all our MRF members,

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness the MRF announces the passing of our State Reps Program Director Doc D'Errico. Doc was in a motorcycle crash this spring; he fought a great fight but in the end his injuries were too much for his body to overcome. Doc was a dedicated freedom fighter and a true inspiration to all of us. His drive, desire, and dedication will be deeply missed by his MRF family. Doc was the Chairman of the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association; our thoughts and prayers go out to the MMA and to all of Doc's family and friends.

The family has asked for privacy at this time, and we ask everyone to please respect their wishes during their period of grief. Arrangements will follow and be published as the family announces them.

We have lost a true freedom fighter, but his memory will live on with us as we continue to carry out our mission that Doc so deeply believed in.

Ride free Doc and rest in peace.



Virgil Legried, the SE District Director, had an open invitation class at the Riverland Community College in Albert Lea.. Many A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members took advantage of this opportunity too sharpen their skills.





## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

VIRGIL LEGRIED (507) 951-0624 SouthestDir@abatemn.org

No Report

# SOUTHEAST LC

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 11<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post, Pine Island, 11:00 am August 8<sup>th</sup>, location TBD, 11:00 am

Hello South East LC, just one more.

State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs) formed in the 1970s focused on one unifying point, the repeal of mandatory motorcycle helmet laws. Today, what do we have to fight for or against? The future existence of motorcycling itself is in jeopardy. Our rallying cries are many: vehicle end of life directives, unrealistic emissions regulations, the availability/ affordability of fossil fuels, our omission from major transportation initiatives, autonomous vehicles, smart highway designs, health care rules, and oppressive insurance requirements. These are the rallying points of our time. Now is when we must unite all riders, street and dirt. These issues affect nearly anyone who puts gas into an engine.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, adults in South Dakota will be able to legally use and plant marijuana. Many details remain to be finalized, but where to direct the 15% tax has been decided. A portion will go to funding the program and the remaining money will be split with public school funding and the State's general fund. I can see the billboards now, "Don't be a Dope, Support our Schools and Smoke IT."

We welcome one new member and thank eleven renewals for the month of April.



River Valley spring ditch clean up!



# RIVER Valley

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 11<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm August 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

#### **Upcoming Events (s):**

July 17<sup>th</sup>, Mike Berg Memorial Run August 21<sup>st</sup>, 3rd Annual River Valley Gives Back Run

#### Hello All!

Welcome to summer! There are definitely plenty of events to attend now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted. Seems the weather is mostly on board also.

Our Chapter spring ditch pickup was a quick success with 24 members joining. The meeting afterwards was nothing short of incredible!

While discussing our State Rally sponsorship



level, members started donating towards our original goal. The electricity in the room was something to behold! When all was said and done, we surpassed our original goal and are now a Diamond level sponsor for this year!

With that said, a huge shout out and thank you to the following members: Denise McCarver and Dewey Parker, Kevin and Luke Reynolds, Dan Larson and Tracy Heideman, Tommy Swanson, Nick Meidl, Scott "Asshole" Harkema, Darren Trickle, Matt Kluck, Jeff Buck, Julie Voight, Dennis Nolte, Troy Cornelius, Tanner Allen, Tony Allen, Jim Thayer, Joel Thayer, AJ Meisinger, Cane and Savannah Nachreiner. Again, thank you. It's so amazing what can be accomplished when everyone comes together.

Looking forward to seeing many of our A.B.A.T.E. family from all over the state in Algona! Some members from our Chapter went down Memorial Day weekend to help get the park ready for the Rally. The weather could have been a bit nicer, but fun was still had! I'll see you in the wind! Keep it shiny side up.

– Big D, President

# FLATLANDERS

#### Next Meeting(s):

July, no meeting August 21<sup>st</sup>, home of Kip and Christie Fuller, 205 N Ermina Ave, Albert Lea, 2:00 pm September 18<sup>th</sup>, home of Tony and Stacy Roe, 20261 890th Ave, Albert Lea, 10:00 am

Greetings, Flatlanders.

Happy Independence Day!

Already July, can you believe it? Time flies when you've got your knees in the breeze.

Coming up: August 21<sup>st</sup>, Buddy Bear Run following the meeting. September 18<sup>th</sup>, Summer's Done Run following the meeting.

Dan has State Rally tickets. Get yours for \$30

before July 15<sup>th</sup>, when they go up to \$40. Dan also has Passport Books for \$20 each. Get yours and get going.

Dial-A-Ride is in place. Make the call and save someone hassle, \$\$\$, and maybe life, even if it's yours.

Check the Flatlanders Chapter Facebook page for updates and cancellations or call President Dan Bye at (507) 391-2280 or SEDD Virgil Legreid at (507) 951-0624.

– Shiny side up. Linda

#### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY No Report

#### STRAIGHT RIVER No Report



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# TRI-COUNTY

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 8<sup>th</sup>, Big Jon's house, Cologne, food @ 6:30 pm, meeting @ 7:00 pm August 12<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD, 7:00 pm

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

August 21<sup>st</sup>, Harley Heaven Memorial Run, The Pickled Pig Pub, Jordan, register by noon Labor Day Weekend, State Rally, Litchfield

Hello again everyone!

Are you hot, hot, and HOT!? I recommend riding your motorcycle without stopping, except for traffic controls and gas stops, of course.

We had a great turn out for our highway cleanup in May. Beautiful weather and great friends turned the task of picking up other people's trash into a good time. Despite all of the peer pressure, I'd like to go on record and say that I did NOT try on the brazier that I found in the ditch. THANK YOU to all the Tri-County members, and my son Evan, who came out to keep our part of America beautiful.

Our June meeting at Memorial Park in Shakopee had a good turnout. Thank you to Albe and Mike for grilling up that huge pile of meat!



Kristy and I have opened our house up in Cologne for the July meeting, so bring a camping chair, something to share, and we'll see you there!

Also, for those who are interested, I have State Rally Raffle tickets and advance Rally tickets for sale, and Dial-A-Ride materials to disperse. Get in touch with me and I'll come find you.

That's all I have for now. Catch you on the flip side.

– Big Jon



Tri-County meeting at Memorial Park in Shakopee. Right: The Grillmaster and his apprentice.







### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

JON "TRASHY" SMITH (612) 708-9328 SouthwestDir@abatemn.org Hello everyone,

Here it is July already by the time you read this. It is great to see that a lot of the chapters are getting back to normal having events, getting out and riding, having fundraisers. I know that it takes a lot to put on these events. And trying to get the help that you need can be a challenge. Something that we got to remember is that this is a volunteer organization and it is hard to get people to take the time out of their schedule to help. We just have to grin and bear it I guess one thing that we cannot do is bad talk, we do not want to drive the newbies away by bad mouthing and that's all those see and then now go someplace else for years. I've always given Frank a bad time about his one comment, but it is so true that if you don't have anything good to say about someone just shut the \*\*\*\* \*\*. There's nothing worse than gossip or bad talk is what can drive people away and that's not what we're all about. We are about motorcycle rights and that should be our main function and concern. I know that this might piss a few people off but if your feelings get hurt, I'm sorry we are supposed to be bikers.

- Trashy, Jon W Smith SWDD

# **BUFFALO RIDGE**

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 7<sup>th</sup>, Dave's Muscle cars, Lynd, 6:00 pm August 4<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill

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

Each Thursday untill the 26 of August , Rock n roll ins at the Rock, Granite Falls, 5 - 8:00 pm

We are enjoying the roll in at the Rock. Nice to see people out and about. We will have memorial patches for PD for sale there also.

Hope everyone is safe on the road.

– Jesse Warnke

#### Southwest

**No Report Received** 

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# GLACIAL RIDGE

#### Next Meeting(s):

July - No Meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm September 4<sup>th</sup>, State Rally, Litchfield, 6:00 pm

Greetings people, as I write this the current temperature is 86 degrees, with the next couple days to be in the upper 90's. Summer is definitely here. For those who like the intense heat, well good for you. I personally prefer the temps in the 70's.

Chapter wise not much going on. Members are busy with their personal lives. During the past month one of our member's mother passed away. My condolences to him and his family. For everyone going to Algona, stay safe, and have a good time.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Stay safe.

– Hives

# SOUTH CENTRAL

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 7<sup>th</sup>, Off Center Bar, Clara City, 7:00 pm August 4<sup>th</sup>, Riverside Bar, Forest City, 7:00 pm September 1<sup>th</sup>, Rally Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who attended and worked at our Spring Fling Bike Show in May. The event was a huge success and our biggest turn out ever. We also made time that month to do our ditch clean up, even in the rain.

Summer has come in with a vengeance!!! Although we all love having beautiful hot sunny days to ride be aware that there are dangers that come with this as well. It has been announced that this will be a hotter than normal season and with record breaking temperatures already I believe this to be true. Here are a few things to keep in mind while enjoying your rides. Stay hydrated - drink a lot of water or better yet sport drinks that contain electrolytes. Avoid

alcohol and caffeine - well at least try to moderate the intake. Keep as much of your skin covered with light colored gear as possible, especially your head. Wear sunscreen on all exposed skin. Make frequent stops - take breaks in the shade whenever possible. Plan your routes - try to avoid riding into the blinding sun. Remember that high humidity and dew points increase the dangers of riding in high temperatures. Sweating is our natural way of cooling our bodies. High humidity conditions cause your sweat to evaporate slowly or not at all. As a result, your body will heat up increasing the chance of heat exhaustion. If you start feeling dizzy, nauseous, headachy, or feel muscle cramps... STOP AND TAKE A BREAK!!! Also keep in mind, this is Minnesota... severe storms can pop up at any time. Check the forecast prior to leaving for your rides and keep your eye on the sky. Look for places for shelter as soon as you see something developing.

The Good Lord is Blessing us with a Beautiful Riding Season, and I am sure he is not wanting you to join his chapter just yet!!! Be safe and enjoy the



The Spring Fling Bike Show and Trophy Winners (below).



gift he is giving us.

"It's Not a Phase... It's My Life! It's Not a Hobby... It's My Passion! It's Not for Everyone... It's for Me!"

-Dougie Cohen - Vice President



# **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 31<sup>st</sup>, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 9:30 am

#### Upcoming Event(s):

- July 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, Algona Freedom Rally, Algona, IA July 9<sup>st</sup> - 11<sup>st</sup>, Jack Pines Upper Kettle River Shakedown
- July 16<sup>st</sup> 17<sup>st</sup>, July BOD, Buffalo House, Duluth July 31<sup>st</sup>, Passport Mystery Run Registration
  - 11:00 am 12:00 pm. Kickstands up at Noon, Buckshot's, Butterfield
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, Fallen Friends Memorial Run, Registration 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Kickstands up at Noon

First, I would like to thank those that came out and braved the heat to attend our Summer Kickstart Run last month. It was nice to see members from other chapters supporting A.B.A.T.E. and Rolling Prairie. I would also like to thank Tom and Don for mapping the route and leading us. Also, a HUGE thank you to Donna for supplying and driving the support vehicle.

I think summer is finally here. Be sure to have tear offs and trifolds with you as you are out enjoying the freedoms we have, thanks to A.B.A.T.E. of MN and the MRF.

Congratulations to our new State Office Administrator Shelly Deutsch. I know she is a great asset to A.B.A.T.E. and will do an excellent job.

Next up for Rolling Prairie is our annual Passport Mystery Run on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration is from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm with kickstands up at noon. Cost is \$10 per person. The stops on this run will be Passport book stops, however, you do not have to have a Passport book to go on the ride but where we go will be a mystery. If you would like a Passport book, we can sure help you with that.

I think that is all for now. See you soon.

– Giggles

# WAY WEST

**No Report Received** 

#### LAKE Next Meeting(s):

July 10<sup>th</sup>, Smoker's place, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm August 7<sup>th</sup>, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

August 21<sup>st</sup>, Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally

Our June meeting was at the Red Lodge in Waverly. We appreciate the space on such a hot day. I didn't feel like putting on long pants or boots, so I stayed home in the a/c!

Busy summer months are here. Before you go out for a ride, check the calendar of events in the Road Noise to see what's going on. There are events almost every weekend, so get out and enjoy!

Hopefully the Summer Fun Run went well. The temps were finally going down and less humidity too. Thanks to the Monticello VFW for providing a great start to the run.

We will be having a booth at the Gear Head Get Together in Maple Lake. Stop by and check it out. Since most of us are Gear Heads, it is a great time!

A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa's Freedom Rally is this month. If you are attending, please stop by the front gate and see if they need help with the membership tables. This is a big membership drive for us, and we need everyone to step up and help.

The Rockford Hall has been reserved for Grounded Hogs 2022. If you have new ideas for our Chapter's largest fundraiser, please attend a meeting and let us know.

Dial-A-Ride is up and running for the season. If you or someone you know has had too much to drink, please give Dial-A-Ride a call. You may save a life.

Hope to see lots of smiling faces in South Dakota next month. I can hardly wait!

– Mitch'n





## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

**Kent Verner** NortheastDir@abatemn.org

I hope this issue finds all well and riding.

As I write this article, I have visited several chapter meetings, the Metro Bash, two road clean ups, and the NE Bunwarmer. It's that time of year to get out and support your chapter, neighboring chapters, and our state events.

Ride safe and I'll see you on the road.

– Pedro

# **UP NORTH**

**Next Meeting(s):** July 11<sup>th</sup>, Cook VFW, Cook August 8<sup>th</sup>, TBD

#### Upcoming event(s):

July 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. B.O.D., Duluth September 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the Not The Winter Fever Reliever Biker Bash. We had a good turnout and a great ride. Thanks to the Pub in Remer for being a great host.

At our July meeting in Cook we are going to be dropping off Buddy Bears at the Cook Fire and Ambulance service. It will be nice to go for a group ride up to drop off the bear, then have our meeting. It would be nice to have a large group show up to deliver the bears to show our appreciation.

Also, in July is the quarterly B.O.D. This time the Northeast district is the host. This is also the campout B.O.D. If you have never been to a B.O.D. this is a great opportunity with it being so close to us to come out and hear what is going on throughout the state.

The State Rally is coming up so don't forget to start making plans for Labor Day weekend The chapter has discounted weekend passes available if you are planning on going. It would be nice to have a large group from Up North represented at the State Rally.

Don't forget that when you are out and about at different events this summer make sure to have trifolds with you to sign up members.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,

– Farmer Jay Pres.

### Metro

**No Report Received** 

# **RIVER RIDERS**

No Report Received

# SAND DUNES

**No Report Received** 

# CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s): July 11<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm, Local ride to follow

**Upcoming Event(s):** July 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally August 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Biker Bash, The Cave, Hillman September 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Fun Run, Stoney's Bar, Rockville

This heat won't keep us off the roads! We have a fun filled summer planned with plenty of A.B.A.T.E. events coming our way. We're happy to see our membership retention has been staying steady and we are looking forward to seeing it grow even more throughout the summer.

We're also super excited for the upcoming Algona Freedom Rally, so plan accordingly and get yourself there too!

Keep in mind, Stoney's Bar host's a fun Bike Night every Thursday \$2 - 12oz. canned beers until 8:00 pm, Happy Hour 4:00 pm-7:00 pm and The Wild Willie's Sandwich Shack 5:00 pm-

# JACK PINE RIDERS

**Next Meeting(s):** (Notice the time change to some of the meetings)

- July 18<sup>th</sup>, Doc's on 23, Askov, 1:00 pm
- August 15<sup>th</sup>, Horseshoe Lake Inn, Near McGregor, 10:00 am
- September 19<sup>th</sup>, Off The Road, Brook Park, 1:00 pm
- October 17<sup>th</sup>, Bears Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm
- November 21<sup>st</sup>, Ryders Bar and Grill, Henriette, 2:00 pm
- December 19<sup>th</sup>, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm

#### Upcoming event(s):

- July 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona Iowa
- 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>, 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis SD

Support A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota by attending "The Jack Pine Riders 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown" ...... This year's event includes live music by: Bad Jack, Chain Lightning, My famous Friends, Bipolarized and Renna Starr. 8:00 pm too (weather permitting).

If you've ever thought about being a Road Guard (or even just volunteering to help out the road guards by holding the "SLOW" sign) now is the time! We do not want to burn out our current road guards and would like to have enough to rotate them from ride to ride. Our road guards deserve to enjoy some of the rides with the groups as well. There is a link for the application on our Central Chapter's Facebook page or for more information contact your chapter president.

More and more restrictions are being lifted which means everyone is out having fun this summer so keep in mind: If you ride, don't drink - if you drink, don't ride! Please make use of the one life saving phone call 888-342-5743 (888-DIALRID[E]).

We can't wait to see everyone throughout this summer at all of our fun filled events!

\*Vroom Vroom\* Ride Safe out there folks!

– Veronica Burkland

(ps. I volunteered to be the new author for Central Chapter's Grapevine Report and I apologize for missing last month's submission during our transition.)

Activities include camping, vendors, bike games, human games, auction, bonfires nightly, memorial ride, tattoo contest, apple pie contest (liquid version) and more. For more information call Duane at (320) 515-0232. Look for the event flyer in this issue of The Road Noise, and hope to see you all at the 15th Annual Upper kettle River Shakedown. \$20 advance, \$25 at the gate, day passes available at the gate.

Next roadside cleanup will be scheduled for September. Thank you to all who help out with this worthwhile endeavor. Looking forward to another great turn out.

I have noticed that many chapter events are not listed in the Road Noise "Calendar of Events"... So be sure to check your sister Chapter's Grapevine's for more events.

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

# EAST CENTRAL

#### Next Meeting(s):

- No July Meeting due to holiday and Algona Freedom Rally
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

- July 9<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle Shakedown
- July 17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Buffalo House, Duluth
- July 24<sup>th</sup>, Summer Thunder Run and Pig Roast, American Legion, St. Francis, Set up 8:00 am, breakfast at 9:00 am, kick stands up 11:00 am.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fair Grounds
- September 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, Sno Barrons Hay Days Event

Hello all members and friends,

Summer has arrived right on time. Temps in the 90's and humidity. Be sure to drink lots of water and watch out for heatstroke.

Summer Thunder Run and Pig Roast plans have come together. Help is needed for set up and Legion will have a breakfast for purchase. Tim Jensen has a list of items needed for everyone to look at and choose what to bring. These are items needed in addition to the pig. Please help out and let Tim Jensen know what you can donate.

There is a 90 mile ride scheduled with first stop at The Tailgate in Rush City. Second stop is Ryder's in Henriette. We have spoken with both owners to have staff ready for 50 or more riders. Ride ends at the home of Tim and Dar in Braham. Pig Roast to follow soon after arrival. Tim will have two Port A Potties on site and will instruct everyone on camping.

Sno Barron's have invited us back to work their event again. We will be able to set up camp with the staff. Tents and RVs are welcome with advance notice to the staff.

Have a safe start to a great summer riding season.

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



Jim LaSpisa and Michelle Scannell working the A.B.A.T.E. Membership Table at the Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo event in Orrock, MN.





Mike Wright won a trophy for his motorcycle at the Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo event in Orrick, MN.

– Your V.P. Jim

# Northeast

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Happy New Year!!! Feels like it anyway with the state opening back up, several fundraisers already held and friends seeing friends in groups again. It's hard to believe it's been over a year since the pandemic started.

The North East Chapter had its annual (except last year) Bunwarmer fundraiser, although buns were already warm with temps in the 90's the day of the event. Last year the state was closed down one week before our event which was a real kick in the teeth and caused considerable financial problems for the chapter. Fortunately, this year everything went great and we set chapter records in almost every way, from money raised, to new membership sign ups. We had a great turnout and nearly thirty members show up to help out. Phenomenal.

I've also been very pleased with our meeting turnouts and positive attitudes over the winter. I had been worried but when things got bad people stood up. I appreciate you all and don't ever forget that.

Our chapter Vice President Parrish Silbernagel arranged for special pricing for A.B.A.T.E. members at a local establishment called The Shotz Bar in Gary New Duluth. They've hosted bike nights for a couple of years with special prices on drinks and food which they now honor on any night for A.B.A.T.E. members. He has also promoted it in social media and so far the count of new member signups at that locations is 9 in the first week. Unexpected but awesome side effect. Might be worth trying at a local venue in your home area, we would be more than willing to share the number of engagements on social media to help negotiate with the owners of these establishments.

The North East Chapter will be hosting the July B.O.D. this year. It will take place on July 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at The Buffalo House in Duluth. By the time you see this there will be postings online with the details. Keep in mind that this is the annual camping B.O.D. and the Buffalo House has a great campground as well as a bar and restaurant. Make camping reservations by calling (218) 624-9901 and be sure to say you're from A.B.A.T.E. if you want to camp in the same area as other B.O.D. attendees.

– Ride Safe, Ed



Road Cleanup Spring 2021, "Lunch after spring road cleanup."



Bike Game at the "Bunwarmer."



Pat and Cherrie, "Bunwarmer" Auction.

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# NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

**EDGAR BURKE** (218) 849-5021 NorthwestDir@abatemn.org

Howdy Folks:

In the Heat of Summer as You're Riding Down The Road, ask yourself, "Is there someone that I ride with that thinks the same way I think?" Is that someone the person that can carry the word about A.B.A.T.E. and the FREEDOMS we fight for. Just ask the question. Take them in and help them learn about what we do.

It's fun to take each week, and do a new adventure. Ride to a town you've never been to. People there are usually as friendly as at home.

A.B.A.T.E. STATE RALLY IS COMING!!!! Get signed up to help. The more people that help the MORE fun everyone can have.

July B.O.D. is , July 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo House, Duluth. Come and Learn.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

– EDGAR

# BORDERLAND

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

Jully 11<sup>th</sup>, Spring-Steel Island Resort, Warroad, 3:00 PM

#### Upcoming Event (s):

July 17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Buffalo House, Duluth

Hello Borderland,

Well, we are already into summer now and I hope you are all having a good one. Enjoy your riding season and celebrate Independence Day while you still can. We never know what is around the next corner.

Borderland chapter meetings will be held at different locations throughout the summer, Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Looking forward to seeing you at Springsteel. You can get your \$30 advance state rally tickets, help us do what we do, and have a good ride.

We also have the \$10 A.B.A.T.E .state rally raffle tickets. If you want to buy or sell, 218-689-7969.

Now, we would like thank Shelly Deutsch for the good job she has done with, Membership & Retention, and now she has stepped up to fill the role at our state office. Thanks Shelly! Let's do our job to make hers easier.

Last, as we reflect back on our great county's history on the 4th of July and our great founders, we have to stop two of many things in the good ol' USA. C.R.T. and HR-1. Do what you can and may God bless America! Ride safe!

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim.

# FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

#### Next Meeting(s):

July 31<sup>st</sup>, VFW Alexandria 11:30 AM

Greetings FFR members,

The bike show was a great success. Thanks to all that chipped in and worked a shift. A special shout out to Miss Patty, Bob, and Derek for all the hard work in making this another successful bike show.

The chapter awards are: Howard "Santa" Ogaard Memorial Member of the Year: Dave Crane. Dave works very hard cooking at the chapter meetings and events. Dave and his team of Chefs went above and beyond this past year financially and spiritually for the chapter.

Todd Johnson Memorial Battle Horse Award: Gary Goracke. Our definition of a Battle Horse is someone that continuously goes out timeafter-time and fights or works for the mission statement of A.B.A.T.E. The award is a custommade knife by Battle Horse knives with the FFR logo and T/J logo on it. I am humbled by this and thankful that I am in the best chapter in A.B.A.T.E.

As the summer is now here, please check out our Facebook page to see what is going on. Sunday rides have started up and they will be posted on the Facebook page, I look forward to seeing you soon.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

NORTH STAR

**No Report Received** 

Northwest

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Dave Crane received the Howard "Santa" Ogaard Memorial Member of the year award.



Gary Goracke received the Todd Johnson Memorial Battle Horse Award.





# HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s): July 11<sup>th</sup>, LeAnn & Edgar's house, 43808 359<sup>th</sup> Ave , Ottertail 5:00pm August 15<sup>th</sup>, Boon & Jess's house, 13721 450<sup>th</sup> Ave, Frazee, MN 56544, 5:00pm



**Upcoming Event(s)** Heart of the Lakes chapter and North Star chapter taking BRC 2 rider course. July 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter Ride meeting at 1894 Restaurant 150 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Perham August 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Ride meeting at Frazee VFW 120 W Main at Noon

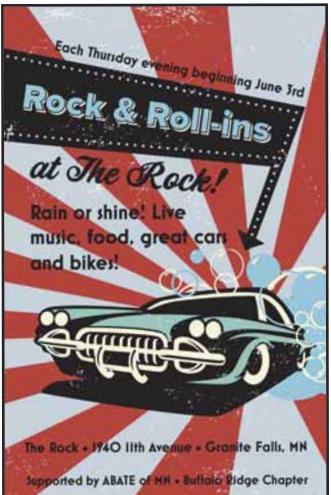
#### Hello to all,

Hope you are getting out and enjoying all this heat and clear sky. Many in our chapter took the

advanced rider course this last month. It was a great day to brush up those maneuvering skills and be prepared for things that may come up in our travels. We encourage everyone to take a course when you can. Even those who have ridden for years say they learn some new things or remember forgotten skills.

As of this writing, we are getting some muchneeded rain. Our rides should be looking nicer with healthy vegetation. Get out and enjoy! – Til next time....Littlebear





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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	CALENDA		
Date	Chapter	Location	Time
7/1/21	A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, Iowa	
7/2/21	A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, Iowa	
7/3/21	A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, Iowa	
7/7/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	6:00 PM
7/7/21	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
7/7/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Off Center Bar, Clara City	7:00 PM
7/8/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Big Jon's House, Jordan - food @6:30 pm	7:00 PM
7/9/21	Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle River Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/9/21	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore School	7:00 PM
7/10/21	Jack Pine Riders Upper River Shakedown	Finlayson	
7/10/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	Smoker's Place, Breezy Point	3:00 PM
7/10/21	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles club, Mankato	12:00 PM
7/10/21	Straight River Chapter Fun Run	after Chapter Meeting	
7/10/21	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
7/11/21	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Spring-Steel Island Resort, Warroad	3:00 PM
7/11/21	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville - Ride to follow	12:00 PM
7/11/21	Heart the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Edgars House, 43808 359th Ave, Ottertail	5:00 PM
7/11/21	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Ride	1894 Restaurant, 150 6th Ave SW, Perham	12:00 PM
7/11/21	Jack Pine Riders Upper River Shakedown	Finlayson	12.001 1
7/11/21	Publication Committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi Orn's House, Kimball	2:00 PM
7/11/21	River Riders Chapter Meeting	Trappers bar and Grill, Circle Pines	10:00 AM
	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
7/11/21	South East L.C. Chapter Meeting		
7/11/21		American Legion, Pine Island	11:00 AM
7/11/21	Up North Chapter Meeting	Cook VFW, Cook	1.00 DM
7/11/21	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Jim & Kristi's Home	1:00 PM
7/13/21	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
7/16/21	July BOD	Buffalo House, Duluth	0.00 DM
7/16/21	Rally Committee Meeting	Buffalo House, Duluth	8:00 PM
7/17/21	July BOD	Buffalo House, Duluth	
7/17/21	River Valley Mike Berg Memorial Ride	2nd Annual Mike Ber Memorial Run	4.00 514
7/18/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Docs on 23, Askov	1:00 PM
7/18/21	Metro Chapter Breakfast Buffet	Route 47	8 - 12:00 PM
7/24/21	East Central Summer Thunder	American Legion, St. Francis American Legion, Bellingham, kickstands up at	11:00 AM
7/24/21	Way West Chapter Stamp Run	12:00 pm	12:00 PM
7/31/21	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	11:30 AM
7/31/21	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	9:30 AM
7/31/21	Rolling Prairie Passport Mystery Ride	11 - 12 Registration, kickstands up at 12:00	12:00 PM
8/1/21	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St.Francis	11:00 AM
8/1/21	Publication Committee Meeting	Phone	11:30 AM
8/1/21	River Riders Chapter Meeting	Trappers bar and Grill, Circle Pines	10:00 AM
8/4/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
8/4/21	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalt, Hermantown	6:30 PM
8/4/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Riverside Bar, Forest City	7:00 PM
8/6/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	1.00 PIVI
8/7/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Rooney's Bar, Sedan	
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8/7/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
8/7/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/8/21	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles club, Mankato	12:00 PM

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8/8/21	South East L.C. Chapter Meeting	TBD	11:00 AM
8/8/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/8/21	Up North Chapter Meeting	TBD	
8/9/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/10/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/11/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/12/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/12/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
8/13/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/14/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/15/21	Heart the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Boon & Jess's, 13721 450th Ave Frazee	5:00 PM
8/15/21	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Ride	VFW 120 W Main Frazee	12:00 PM
8/15/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Horseshoe Lake Inn, Near McGregor	10:00 AM
8/15/21	Sturgis Bike Week	Sturgis, SD	
8/21/21	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kip & Christie Fuller Home, Albert Lea	2:00 PM
8/21/21	Gear Head Get Together	Maple Lake	
8/21/21	Harley Heaven Memorial Run	The Pickled Pig Pub, Jordan	12:00 PM
8/21/21	River Valley Gives Back Ride		
8/26/21	Central Chapter Biker Bash	The Cave, Hillman	
8/27/21	Central Chapter Biker Bash	The Cave, Hillman	
8/28/21	Central Chapter Biker Bash	The Cave, Hillman	
8/29/21	Central Chapter Biker Bash	The Cave, Hillman	
9/1/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Rally Fairgrounds, Litchfield	7:00 PM
9/3/21	A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally	Litchfield State Fair Grounds	
9/4/21	A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally	Litchfield State Fair Grounds	
9/4/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	State Rally, Kitchfield	6:00 PM
9/5/21	A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally	Litchfield State Fair Grounds	
9/10/21	Sno Barron Hay Days		
9/11/21	Fallen Friends Memorial Run	Registration 11-12, Kick stands up at 12:00 pm	12:00 PM
9/11/21	Sno Barron Hay Days		
9/12/21	Sno Barron Hay Days		
9/18/21	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Tony & Stacy Roe's Home, Albert Lea	10:00 AM
9/19/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Off the Road, Brook Park	1:00 PM

# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

**6/21: FOR SALE:** Vanson Men's zip front, side tie leather vest, size 46, model #VZL BLK. \$200 new, asking \$75 Vanson Woman's Chaps, leg size 21" around thigh, model #MCHL BLK. \$300 new, asking \$100. Both in mint condition and USA made. Call 651-388-7996 or email nancytaylo5@gmail.com

**5/21: FOR SALE:** 2001 Heritage Softail 7,200 miles. very clean, road ready. Trying to sell for my father-in-law asking 13,000 or OBO. contact Groucho at 507-226-4414 for further details. Bike is currently located in Savage.

**5/21: FOR SALE:** Very nice motorcycle cargo trailer. Excellent condition, new tires and wheel bearings. Needs nothing.\$450. Delivery possible in central Minnesota. Mack - 763-226-9195





7/21: FOR SALE: 2011 HD Street Glide, 44,500 miles, great condition, many upgrades, call or text 320-894-5913



**7/21: FOR SALE:** 2007 HD 88 RevTek, 5 speed, New tires, New battery, Carb rebuilt, 5,000 miles. Very fast \$7,000. 320-808-5541



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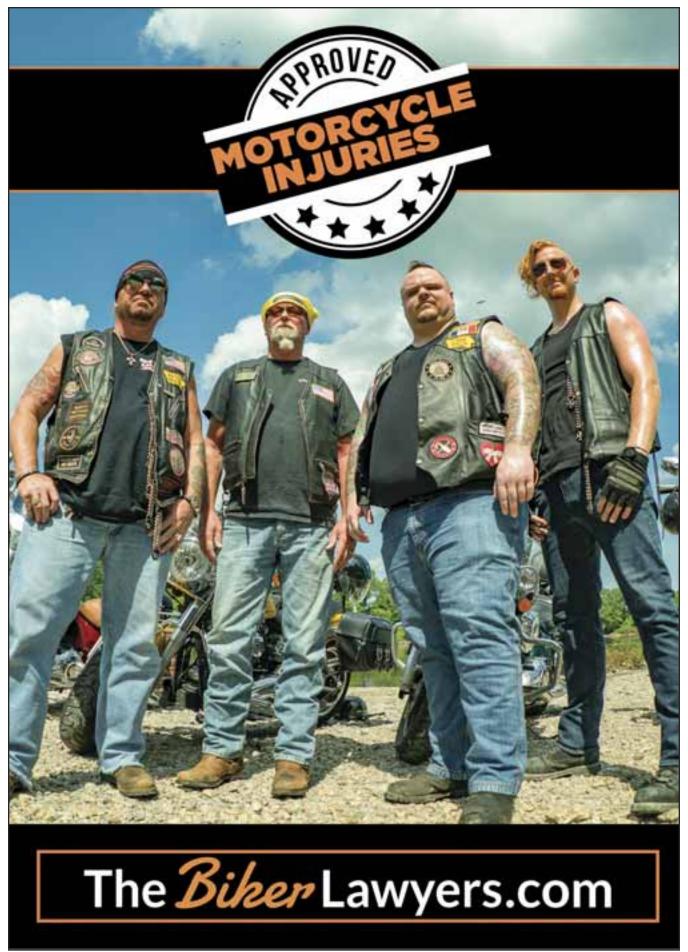
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