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State Rally

Labor Day Weekend
September 3-5, 2021
Meeker Co. Fairgrounds | Litchfield, MN

Live Music All Weekend!

Friday Night
Fast Track

Saturday Night
Tommy Rexx Freakshow

Sunday
Lady Luck

Motorcycle Sled Pulls | Full Bar on Site | Bike Games
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Meeker Co. Fairgrounds.
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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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Are you ready for the A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally? Did you hear that we're going to have a hayride?

You should plan to be there; it's going to be a great time! Sign up to help out. We need you for a 4-hour shift - it's actually fun!

I'm finding it difficult to get enough State Coordinator Jane Doyle (612) 910-1572 statecoordinator@abatemn.org

Well, we are starting the countdown for our state rally. This is a chance for everyone to help out, work a shift and maybe bring your side-by-side to help out. We will need units for shuttle trailers, garbage trailer, wood hauling just to name a few. All businesses are pretty much sold out of new or used units and that goes for trailers also.

So, this year we need everybody's help more than ever, and let Randy know you would be able to bring something.

And it also sounds like there's going to be a lot of cash given away at our state rally so it's best to be there and get in on it. You need not be present to win but it is fun being there when you win, I've been told, but I've never won.

A.B.A.T.E U meetings have just begun planning for next year. Like I've said in many of my articles before, we start planning way ahead of the event to make sure everything goes smoothly and once again, we can use everybody's help for this also. Watch your Road Noise for meeting dates and time, or get a hold of Stephanie.

And believe it or not at our October B.O.D. we will start taking nominations for positions for the board of directors, you want in? Start letting people know you would like to run and get the word out there,

Believe it or not it's a lot of fun getting involved and meeting a lot of new people.

Till next time,

– Jim

Live like someone left the gate open...

– Jane
State Rally Report

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Next meeting(s):
August 29th, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 1:00 pm

Thank you to everyone that showed up at our last meetings at the Eagles in Litchfield and in Duluth prior to the B.O.D. It is great to see so many people enthusiastic about supporting our Rally. Thank you to Cane for getting the new radios for security purposes. Thank you to all our Sponsors and those who contacted them. Our Sponsors are a vital part of making our Rally work so well.

We are still in need of side by sides to use during the Rally. Contact me if you are interested in letting us use your equipment. You will receive one free weekend pass.

Front Gate registration and Security still have some shifts available. If you have some free time during the Rally, this is a really good way to meet new people. There are plenty of jobs available before and after the Rally to help get things set up and put away. If you plan on being at the Rally early, look me up and we will put your skills to use.

Remember to bring your Chili for the Chili contest. You can show off your cooking talents and support the MRF. Do you have your MRF meal tickets for Saturday evening? See your MRF Rep to obtain one or more.

We are anticipating a great time with the entertainment, vendors and activities planned throughout the weekend, so bring a friend or five and make it memorable.

Thank you again for all your support,

– Randy

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Oh boy, I guess June was quite a month to start in the office! I have to thank Liz & Dave for letting me bother them with my questions on the weekend.

For those that don’t know, when you send in memberships by mail or online, they get entered and every Friday is the end of the week report, then the report gets sent to Mack & Mitch for the cards & mailed out from there. So please don’t expect your check to clear the next day and your card out in the return mail!

Thanks for being patient & understanding with the “new” help.

– Shelly Deutsch
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August already! The summer is going by way too fast.

With chapters getting back to fundraising, please remember to add to the bottom of all flyers; “Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible”

Contact me with any questions on A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances and get out and ride!!

– Mitch
July was a BUSY month for me, it looks like you all have been busy too!

The State total for July is 3,605, June was 3,304, so we have an increase of 301! That is AWESOME!

The Chapters that had the largest increases were, Freedom First Riders in the top spot, with 32 new singles and 22 new couples! The next high was Northeast with 20 new singles and 18 new couples! Third goes to North Star with seven new singles and 18 more couples.

Keep up the good work Everyone!

Keep on Keepin’ on,

— Shelly Deutsch

Greetings Bikers!

I hope this finds you well.

By now, you should have heard about our previous Products Manager’s accident. I haven’t heard any more on his injuries than what has been posted on Facebook, but keeping Benny in my thoughts. The proceeds from the “New to You” sales at our State Rally will be donated to Benny. So, clean out your closets and drawers and let’s help Benny. I will also have a donation jar in the Products area at Rally if you prefer to help that way.

I am hoping to have some new things as well as favorites available at the Rally, so be sure to stop in and take a peek. The Products Store will be open Friday 9:00 am-10:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am-9:00 pm, and Sunday 10:00 am-7:00 pm. If you are willing to sit a few hours and work for me any of these hours, send me an email or text with your name and hours you are available, and I will create a schedule and get back to you with your scheduled time. I greatly appreciate the response to my request for help.

As always, ideas, comments, concerns, suggestions are welcome. If you need State Products at your event or for your Chapter to sell, let me know and I will see what I can do.

Thank you for all your support.

— Kari

Summer is flying by as usual, many rallies have already happened, Sturgis is this month, and our Rally is next month. Being we are out and about and riding more, attending fundraisers, meetings and renewing friendships, take pictures of each other’s bikes or the business you are meeting or eating at, maybe take one of a member or a veteran you know, get a little info and send it to roadnoise@abatemn.org.

Rest in peace Benny we will miss you, if anyone would like to help his family go to

his Go Fund Me page at: https://gofund.me/15a9d9e1

Have fun and be safe!

— Tammy
Motorcycle Safety Task Force

Big John

As you all know by now, Monte has retired from the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. I would like to thank him for all his years of service. Not only on the Task Force, but also reporting back to the rest of us on the current events.

So, I guess it's my turn to fill his shoes. Most of you know me as Big Jon. I am currently serving my 3rd term on the Task Force and also the Tri-County Chapter President. I will be writing the Road Noise Task Force reports going forward and also give or write a report to be read at the B.O.D. meetings. I will make it to the B.O.D.'s that I am able to attend or have Virgil read my report.

Now onto Task Force news. Unfortunately, we’ve had a sharp increase in motorcycle fatalities so far this year. As I am writing this, we are currently at 33. At this time last year, we were at 18 fatalities and we still have most of July left and more months of the riding season ahead. Sixteen of those crashes involved only the motorcycle and 15 of them were negotiating a curve. Another alarming statistic is that in 12 of those crashes the operator did not have a valid motorcycle endorsement or permit. Much higher than in years past. Could it be that rider training classes were shut down for a while during the pandemic? Driver license renewals extended then not renewed?

We saw a huge increase in motorcycle sales during the pandemic. Were people buying motorcycles because they had extra money from government handouts with limited access to training and Driver Vehicle Services?

All are valid questions that could be attributed to these statistics. For those of you that have taken a rider training course, you know how much fun they are. Consider taking another one and convince someone you know that hasn't taken one to join you. We all know what A.B.A.T.E. stands for. Just don’t forget the T.E. Crash prevention through TRAINING and EDUCATION.

The next Task Force meeting is September 14th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at St. Paul College.

Make good choices and keep your head on a swivel.

— Big Jon
Due to a reduction in the number of new riders and the aging of the motorcycling demographic, training class enrollment in Minnesota has declined. Some training facilities find that rider training classes are not able to operate at a cost effective level. The result is the closing or consolidating of some rider training locations, which adds additional travel distance for many students.

In an attempt to reduce the risk of a diminished rider training product, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota sponsored a bill to add a small fee increase in motorcycle permit applications and license renewals in the Minnesota legislature. The permit fee will rise a few dollars and the license renewal fee to keep a motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license will rise from $13 per renewal to $17 per renewal ($1 per year). This fee is paid every four years when a driver's license is renewed and is only paid by motorcyclists. No other highway users will pay any extra dollars, but all highway users will benefit from increased safety and awareness, leading to fewer crashes.

While the dollar amounts are small, multiplied by the 420,000 people who have a motorcycle endorsement will mean that motorcycle rider training will continue to be a local option. This proposal will also benefit motorist awareness of motorcyclist programs and available motorcycle rider training.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota extends a great thanks to the authors of our bill; Senator Mary Kiffmeyer and Representative John Petersburg. Also the Chairs of the Transportation Committees, Chair Newman and Chair Hornstein and so many others.

Without the support of these folks, we would not be successful. Thank you.

Mack Backlund
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
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Thank you A.B.A.T.E. of MN for everything you’ve done to advance motorcycle safety and motorcycling in Minnesota. You have gotten important legislation passed multiple times to bolster rider training efforts, and you’ve provided good counsel to the motorcycle safety program via advisory task force participation.

You have created, expanded, and maintained Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, and you’ve walked the talk in getting your chapters and yourselves into rider training courses to keep your skills sharp.

It’s been a pleasure and an honor to work closely with you throughout my years coordinating the MN Motorcycle Safety Program. I’ve also made many good friends through my involvement with A.B.A.T.E. and appreciate all of you who I’ve worked with over the years. Thank you for the partnership and the friendship over the years.

I’ll be leaving my position at the Department of Public Safety at the end of summer and moving to Florida to begin a new life chapter. I wish you all the best. Take care and travel well.

Bill Shaffer

Letter to the Editor:

Benjamin Lee Roemer passed away on Saturday, July 10th, 2021 from complications after a very serious motorcycle crash. He was a big man with a big grin and a big heart who did almost nothing in a small way. He made and kept friends across all walks of life, and will be missed by every one of us. He would have been 44 this winter.

As always, we will continue updating everyone via email. If you’d like to receive these updates, or would just like to share stories and photos of Benny, please use the contact email address, benysrecovery@gmail.com and let us know who you are and how you knew him.

He leaves behind not just all of us who loved him, but a huge tangle of unknown financial issues we're still trying to get a handle on. There is a Go Fund Me page at: https://gofund.me/15a9d9e1

We understand too well how tight money is these days, but every little bit you can donate will help us settle his various (and growing) accounts. All funds will go directly to Ben’s personal account and be managed directly by his parents.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Be well, and be safe, everyone.

Benny’s Family
GUEST EDITORIAL

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride has been a strong partner of the MN Motorcycle Safety Program in efforts to reduce the incidence of impaired riding. I first learned about Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride when I came to work for the Department of Public Safety’s Office of Traffic Safety in the spring of 1996. Back then Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride had been around for a half dozen years and had incorporated into an independent non-profit. It was and remains a truly unique effort specific to the motorcycling community.

I’ve been impressed by Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride efforts to grow their efforts in providing coverage throughout the state over the years and assisted in writing a grant in the late 1990s to provide three trailers to assist that expansion to give Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride volunteers more ready access to trailers. However, it’s the long term commitment by ABATE of MN and others to provide the necessary funding to grow this effort that has made Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride the force it is today.

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride’s growth and presence at events has been impressive, and ABATE of MN’s support, both financially and in terms of volunteer power and leadership, has been a strong foundation to grow and sustain Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride’s noble efforts. I salute the large, well organized volunteer base that make themselves available to staff this effort every weekend during the riding season.

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride’s move to expand their services to include all forms impairment is and has been very much appreciated, and their focus on intervention first is missing from other sober cab services that have started up over the years. The focus on intervention has expanded their impact, and kudos to Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride for seeing its benefit in being less resource intensive and in many cases equally effective.

In my job, I’ve been blessed to work with many outstanding Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride volunteers over the years, and it’s their commitment and leadership that have grown and maintained Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride’s efforts and capabilities to deliver this life saving service throughout the state. When I’m asked how many lives do I think Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride has saved, I always respond that many of their clients would have chosen to ride their bike home, and there would without a doubt be some who wouldn’t have made it. Thank you for the many lives of fellow riders that have been saved over the years.

Bill Shaffer

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Nothing new to report.

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Next meeting(s):
October 3, Kingston Mini Market, Kingston, 1:00 pm

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**Bike of the Month**

2017 Heritage Softail Classic

Jim LaSpisa’s bike number 3 for him is this 2017 Heritage Softail Classic from Fury Motorcycle of S St Paul, MN.

Low miles only 3,300 & Chris Hayes is a big A.B.A.T.E. of MN supporter.

Thank you Michelle Scannell Metro and East Central ABATE Chapters

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY:
8:00 am . . . . . . . . . Rally officially starts
8:00 pm . . . . . . . . . “Fast Track” takes the stage

SATURDAY:
7:00 - 11:00 am . . . VFW Breakfast at the 4-H Building
9:30 am . . . . . . . . . . . . Memorial Ride Lineup
9:30 am . . . . . . . . . . . . Memorial Service and Bike Blessing
10:00 am . . . . . . . . . . . . Memorial Ride Starts
11:30 am . . . . . . . . . . . Tattoo Contest / Chili Contest
1:00 - 5:00 pm . . . Motorcycle Sled Pull Qualifying
3:00 pm . . . . . . . . . . . . Fashion Review
7:00 pm . . . . . . . . . . . . “Tommy Rexx” takes the stage
8:21 pm . . . . . . . . . . . . Rally Raffle Drawing
10:00 pm . . . . . . . . . . . . “Great White” takes the stage
Following end of Band . . . . . Wet T-Shirt Contest

SUNDAY:
7:00 - 11:00 am . . . VFW Breakfast at the 4-H Building
9:00 am . . . . . . . . . . . Memorial Service
10:00 am . . . . . . . . . . . Bike Show
12:30 pm . . . . . . . Bike Games & Motorcycle Sled Pulls
7:00 pm . . . . . . . . . . . “Lady Luck” takes the stage

HAY RIDES ARE BACK!
As I write this, I have a heavy heart. Over the years that I have been an A.B.A.T.E. member, I have met a lot of great people and made some great friends when we lose one it is always hard. So, with that said RIP Benny. You will be missed by so many.

The Rally is getting close have you made all your plans to be there. Chapters have you been out selling tickets both raffle and gate passes. I how this year’s rally is bigger and better than last.

See you all at the Rally

— Trashy, Jon W Smith

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter was contacted by friends and family of the motorcyclist who was killed on County Road 6 following the Wabasso Roll-In last month. The driver who killed him was supposedly choking on pizza, so swerved into the motorcycles without even hitting the brakes. Eating and driving IS distracted driving. The chapter will be following this to see if charges are brought. If not, this means the distracted driving law we fought so hard for doesn’t seem to apply anymore.

“Four wheels move the body, Two wheels move the soul.” — Unknown

— BAM


**Glacial Ridge**

**Next Meeting(s):**
- September 4th, State Rally, Litchfield, 6:00 pm
- October 2nd, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
- December 4th, Rooney's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
- September 2nd – 5th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Greetings people, being as we are well into the summer, I’m sure most of you have had the opportunity to go out and do some riding and enjoy the places and people there are to see out there. I haven’t been able to do so yet, because of moving, and a nasty head cold. However, that is about to change, as soon as my sinuses clear and I can focus my eyes.

The State Rally is coming up next month, and I hope you all are planning to attend. The bands aren’t always the greatest, but there is usually something going on, or some friends to visit, to keep everyone entertained, ending up with everyone having a good time. Which I think is the end goal anyways.

Glacial Ridge will be having our Santa Day December 4th from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, it brings in a lot of kids from the area, to see Santa, and a lot of business, to the bar. All Free of charge (for the Santa part, not the bar). Our meeting will follow at 6:00 pm.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be safe.

— Hives

**Lake**

**Next Meeting (s):**
- August 7th, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
- August 21st, Gear Head Get Together, Maple Lake
- September 2nd – 5th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Thanks to Smoker for hosting the July meeting. Great to be by the lake this time of year.

Lake chapter will have a booth at the Gear Head Get Together in Maple Lake. If you have time, maybe you can help. You can meet lots of like-minded people and maybe get some to become members.

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.

Our State Rally is coming soon. The chapter tent will be up, and fun will be plentiful! Make your plans now so you don’t miss out.

By the time you are reading this, I should be in South Dakota. Hope to see you there too!

— Mitch’n

“See YOU at the State Rally in Litchfield!”

**Rolling Prairie**

**Next Meeting (s):**
- September 10th, Buckshot’s, Butterfield, 7:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
- September 2nd – 5th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield
- September 11th, Fallen Friends Memorial Run, Buckshot’s, Butterfield, 11:00 am

Hello to one and all. Our Fallen Friends Memorial Run is September 11th with registration starting at 11:00 am. Cost is $10 per person. The route is still being planned.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate so we can have a nice ride and enjoy the scenery in southern Minnesota. Come and join us, we’d love to have you. Camping is available following the run, either right at the bar or out at the farm.

We are still trying to figure out our delivery schedule for our Buddy Bears, so watch our Facebook page Rolling Prairie for updates. We will also try to send out a mass text when time comes closer for deliveries.

I think that is all for now. Until next time Stay Safe.

— Giggles
South Central

Next Meeting(s):
August 4th, Riverside Bar, Forest City, 7:00 pm
September 1st, State Rally Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
October 6th, Valley Inn, Eden Valley, 7:00 pm
November 3rd, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
September 2nd - 5th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fun Run Membership Drive in June. Special shout out to Kristy and Bill LaPlante for hosting and Jen Sommerfeld and Doug Louris for planning such an awesome event! It was great to see and meet new faces, returning faces, visiting chapters, and those who traveled long distances!

The State Rally will be here before you know it. Our Treasurer, Jen Sommerfeld, has been busy all summer sending close to 100 letters out to businesses all over with the sponsorship form and a detailed letter explaining all the reasons why they should sponsor our Rally. Way to go Jen!! Thank you to everyone else who is helping to get those sponsors signed up.

It’s been such a great summer, with all the chapters getting to hold all their fundraisers and events this year. It has made me think about our freedom out on the road, and how this summer, our freedom, and its importance, feels that much sweeter.

A Biker Babe’s Poem...

Riding Free

I see the trees blowing by.
I hear the wind flowing through my hair.
I feel the breeze between my knees.

I respect THE BACK SEAT.
I know my job and do it well.
I keep my eyes and ears open, my hands ready, and watch the mirrors.
HE is in total control of the glorious, constant, vibrating thunder beneath me.
IF ASKED, I help navigate. But his every move is my compass.
I feel him pressed against my chest.
I feel his hips and legs shift gears against mine. When he moves, I move. When he leans, I lean.
I steal a peek at his reflection.

His Back Seat is my Triple S, my Sacred Sweet Spot.

This freedom that I feel, there is nothing like it. This freedom is worth the “after” Biker Babe hair. I proudly wear my raccoon eyes.

So many before me have fought for this freedom, Both on and off the Battlefield and in and out of the Halls.
It is my right, privilege, and honor to keep fighting for my Sacred Sweet Spot.
I will keep doing this so that many after me can always...

See the Freedom blowing by in the trees.
Hear the Freedom flowing through their hair.
Feel the Freedom in the breeze between their knees.

— Silly Girl

“Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.”

Anonymous
**WAY WEST**

**Next Meeting(s):**
August 7th, Bellingham City Park, Bellingham, 10:00 am
September: TBD

**Upcoming Event(s):**
September 2nd - 5th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Greetings brothers and sisters of the wind. Wow...where did June go and the first half of July? Crazy how fast the time goes.

The chapter voted not to have a meeting in July because most were going to Algona. We missed it this year. We had a bunch of virgins there this year. With no June meeting, means things we needed to vote on and forgot to at the June meeting, didn't get voted on in July. I also spaced getting the Road Noise in for July. Well...sh#% happens. My opinion we should never skip a monthly meeting, just reschedule it. But it is only my opinion.

The State Rally will be here before we know it. I personally cannot wait. Bring your friends. We are slotted for a security shift and are hosting the bike games. Let’s make this rally the best one yet. SIGN OUT SOME RALLY RAFFLE TICKETS AND SELL. WE GET A CUT FOR EACH ONE WE SELL.

As always, bring your ideas and enthusiasm to our meetings. It's your chapter.

Our Stamp Run will be over at time of publication. Here's hoping for great weather and turnout.

Thanks to everyone who came to Dave Larsen's memorial. The family appreciated you all for presence.

— Keep your knees in the breeze, Gypsy mama
As I was sitting here this 4th of July I was thinking about my dad’s service during WW2. He fought for my freedom to be here today fighting for the rights of motorcyclists. I was also thinking about “thinking outside the box.” I went to Metro Chapter’s “Not The Winter Bash.” Spring, not winter, made and sold calendars, outside the box. I participated in Sand Dunes recreation of the Bike Rodeo. Great job. I helped NE Chapter raise funds by working at the Duluth Air Show, outside the box.

– Ride Safe and Often, Pedro

Sand Dunes

Next Meeting(s):
August 4th, KJ’s Refuge, Orrock, 6:00 pm
September 1st, KJ’s Refuge, Orrock, 6:00 pm

I want to thank the chapter members, volunteers, staff of KJ’s Refuge, vendors, sponsors, neighboring chapters, and everyone who came out to support and participate in the Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo.

We’re planning our Bike Olympics ride for September 18th. Go to Sanddunesabate.org for more details about the ride and everything we’re doing.

Until next month, ride safe.
Next Meeting(s):
August 1st
Stoney’s Bar
Rockville, MN 12:00pm –
Local ride to follow

Upcoming Events:
August 26th – 29th Biker Bash: located
at The Cave in Hillman
State Rally: September 3rd-6th located
at Meeker County Fairgrounds in
Litchfield
October 2nd Fun Run Starts at Stoney’s Bar Rockville

How is it already mid-summer? It always goes by way too fast. Good thing we have plenty of A.B.A.T.E. events to keep us busy the rest of the season!

We’re super excited for the upcoming Biker Bash at the end of August and we’re hoping for a great turnout. Keep in mind we are still looking for vendors so contact George for vendor information (320-260-0468). Gates open on Thursday evening at 5:00 pm. Bike games are on Friday. There is also a bike show and pulls on Saturday.

Don’t forget, Stoney’s Bar host’s a fun Bike Night every Thursday. $2 – 12oz. canned beers until 8pm, Happy Hour 4:00 pm-7:00 pm and The Wild Willie’s Sandwich Shack 5:00 pm-8:00 pm too (weather permitting).

Quick little summer recap so far: Stoney’s Hero’s Run had its largest turnout yet! St. Martins Fire Department was so glad to be involved. Driving with them through town sure was fun, it felt like our own A.B.A.T.E. parade. A group of us attended South Central’s Fun Run and had a blast! Make sure to check it out next year for yourself.

The Algona Freedom Rally once again lived up to its expectations. We saw many other chapters there so that was awesome to see such a large A.B.A.T.E. appearance. There was a large group of us that road down and camped together. Another year of great memories, that’s for sure. Can’t wait to do it again next year!

Please Remember: 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 the rest of the season at all of our fun filled events!

*Vroom Vroom* Ride Safe out there folks!
– Veronica Burkland
**Jack Pine Riders**

**Next Meeting(s):** *(Notice the time change to some of the meetings)*  
August 15\textsuperscript{th}, Horseshoe Lake Inn, Near McGregor, 10:00 am  
September 19\textsuperscript{th}, Off The Road, Brook Park, 1:00 pm  
October 17\textsuperscript{th}, Bears Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm  
November 21\textsuperscript{st}, Ryders Bar and Grill, Henriette, 2:00 pm  
December 19\textsuperscript{th}, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm

**Upcoming event(s):**  
August 6\textsuperscript{th} - 15\textsuperscript{th}, 81\textsuperscript{st} Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota  
September 3\textsuperscript{rd} - 5\textsuperscript{th}, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
September 10\textsuperscript{th} - 12\textsuperscript{th}, Sno Barron’s Annual Hay Day’s Event

Another "Shakedown" is in the books. Thank you to all those that supported A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota by attending "The Jack Pine Riders 15\textsuperscript{th} Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown." Thank you to all those that helped in setting this event up, helped take it down, sponsored this event, and all those that worked so hard through-out the year to make this event possible. THANK YOU!

Next roadside cleanup will be scheduled for September.

For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website:  
http://www.jackpineriders.org

Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

See ya soon,  
– The Grapevine jesus

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**River Riders**

**Next Meeting(s):**  
August 1\textsuperscript{st}, Trapper’s Bar and Grill, Lino Lakes, 10:00 am  
September 5\textsuperscript{th}, Trapper’s Bar and Grill, Lino Lakes, 10:00 am  
October 10\textsuperscript{th}, Trapper’s Bar and Grill, Lino Lakes, 11:00 am

Hello, hope everyone is having a great summer.  
– Treasurer, Rita Martin

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**East Central**

**Next Meeting(s):**  
August 1\textsuperscript{st}, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am  
September 5\textsuperscript{th}, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

**Upcoming Event(s):**  
August 6\textsuperscript{th} - 15\textsuperscript{th}, Black Hills Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota  
September 3\textsuperscript{rd} - 5\textsuperscript{th}, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
September 10\textsuperscript{th} - 12\textsuperscript{th}, Sno Barron’s Annual Hay Day’s Event

Hello Members and Friends,

Jack Pine Rider’s Upper Kettle Shakedown was a great success. Great weather, music, rodeo games and a huge turnout for Memorial Ride; some 37 bikes. Tim Jensen and his crew always put on a great show with the event’s.

Summer Thunder Event Run and Pig Roast was July 24\textsuperscript{th}. As of this writing I don’t have attendance and bike totals. More in my next report.

Thanks again for all the road guards in attendance for making this event work.

Great job by Tim Jensen and Dar Krutsch for their hospitality inviting us to their home to make this a great event. Thanks to all our sponsors and Bar/Grill stops for their investment in this East Central Chapter A.B.A.T.E. event held each year.

Hay Days is the second weekend of September. We always need volunteers for the shifts to manage this event for the Sno Barrons. We have been invited to come out and set up our tents in the staff sleeping area. Please contact President Bob for details.

Also, thanks to John Everett, Jim and Kelly Pierson and Shaggy for representing East Central at the Support MN Troops Golf Tournament at Majestic Oaks. Very short notice, but you bikers represented us.

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling!  
– Your V.P. Jim
Hello all,

It’s been a busy few weeks for everyone with the state basically opening up and fundraisers in high gear. Every indication is that it will be a banner year for making money for the chapters.

The North East Chapter tried something different this year to make up for no income in the last year and a half. Thirteen chapter members volunteered to work at the Duluth Air Show, which was quite an event. We worked the gate on the first day and got to see what 50,000+ people look like while filing past us for six straight hours. The event organizers will donate funds to an organization that helps put on the show but it depends on attendance and show expenses as to how much is distributed to the volunteers. We haven’t found out what our share of the donated funds will be yet since accounting takes a couple of weeks but we’ll let people know if it was a worthwhile effort.

We also had our first post Bunwarmer meeting, which was well attended. Four new members came to check it out, which is always a welcome sight. This was our annual July riding meeting in which we have a short session followed by a ride to a local business that supports A.B.A.T.E. This year twelve bikes made the trip to Shotz Bar in Gary New Duluth to thank them for their membership efforts on our behalf. It was a little bit cool out but overall a nice ride and the owner very much appreciated us coming by.

— Ride Safe, Ed

**NE**

**Next Meeting(s):**
August 4th, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
September 1st, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

**Metro**
No Report Received

**Up North**
No Report Received
Howdy Folks:

August already! Sturgis - then the State Rally!!! If going to Sturgis, Please ride safe and SLOW DOWN around the corners! Many Beautiful scenes out there take time to enjoy them.
If you can visit Whitewood Park for A.B.A.T.E. day. Its great visiting with people from other areas to see how things are done in their region.

MN ABATE STATE RALLY!!! This is one of the funnest weekends of the year! Bring a friend. Bring a SMILE! Also take time to sign up for a shift or two to help out. THE MORE Volunteer's The MORE Fun everyone can have.

Every year I hear talk of how YOUR State Rally could be better on different property. Every Year shifts don't get filled and some folks end up working the whole weekend. Folks, If WE can’t get enough people to help at the current location WHO is going to do the work at another spot? Let’s make this the BEST Year Ever!!

The Road is Your's. Take the Handle bars and Ride! If You need anything let me know. Thanks

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE – Edgar

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Howdy Dir:

August already! Sturgis - then the State Rally!!! If going to Sturgis, Please ride safe and SLOW DOWN around the corners! Many Beautiful scenes out there take time to enjoy them.
If you can visit Whitewood Park for A.B.A.T.E. day. Its great visiting with people from other areas to see how things are done in their region.

MN ABATE STATE RALLY!!! This is one of the funnest weekends of the year! Bring a friend. Bring a SMILE! Also take time to sign up for a shift or two to help out. THE MORE Volunteer's The MORE Fun everyone can have.

Every year I hear talk of how YOUR State Rally could be better on different property. Every Year shifts don't get filled and some folks end up working the whole weekend. Folks, If WE can’t get enough people to help at the current location WHO is going to do the work at another spot? Let’s make this the BEST Year Ever!!

The Road is Your's. Take the Handle bars and Ride! If You need anything let me know. Thanks

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE – Edgar

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| **Upcoming Event(s):** |
| September 3-5, A.B.A.T.E. of MN, State Rally, Litchfield Fair Grounds |

Hello Borderland!

Our State Rally is almost here! We thank Randy and his committee for all their hard work. If you can’t make our rally, make sure you do MW,MC’s Max’s Bash. If you have never been to A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, I encourage you to do so. It will be awesome!

At our last meeting we finalized a gambling request for; Austin’s Hope Scholarship and did a chrome rally sponsorship. If you need information on the 3rd annual “Ride for Willy” charity ride, contact Keith Bitzer 218-684-1788. This has been a very successful charitable fundraiser!

Now, with a heavy heart we remember our brother and friend, Steve “Beaver’ Bergstrom, who lost his battle with cancer on this earth on July 4. Steve was a Chapter Charter Member. He is truly free now and like he said, “I don’t ride a trike to add days to my life, I ride a trike to add life to my days.” We miss you and will never forget you.

Everyone have a great August and ride safe!

Twistin’ da wick, Tim

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Heart of the Lakes

Next Meeting(s):
August 15th, Jess and Boones, 13721 450th Ave, Frazee, 5:00 PM
September 10th, Fall Down Camp, Rochert, 7:00 PM
October 8th, Chapter Meeting, TBD 7:00 PM

Upcoming Event(s):
August 15th, Chapter Ride, VFW Frazee, 12 Noon

Here we are again. Another month down. The riding weather has been great, although sometimes a bit warm for this part of the country. We have finally had a few rains so things are lookin greener again.

It won't be long before the state rally is here. Let's all get out and relish the beautiful weather and the freedom of the road. No one knows what tomorrow brings ......so go to one of those places you've been meaning to go one day. I guarantee you'll be glad that you did.

Twist the wick and see ya next time.

— Littlebear

13th Annual Freedom First Riders Bike Show

The show’s big winner, Brian Rick and his 2014 Indian Chief Vintage. Brian took 1st place in the Custom Class, won the Fan’s Choice Award and was the recipient of the Veteran’s Award for Best Paint.

Pictured is President Derek Nelson, FFR Special Acknowledgement Award winner Patty Sherod, VP Kyle Katchmark and Treasurer Bob Jespersen.

Aric Nyhus and Dave Crane working the Bike Show food stand, Kathy Murphy and Patty Sherod at the refreshment stand.
Freedom First Riders

Next Meeting(s):
August 28th, Garfield City Park, Garfield, 11:30 AM
September 25th, Garfield City Park, Garfield, 11:30 AM

Upcoming Events:
August 28th, Prometheus Ride for DCHS

Greetings FFR members,

June’s Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the troops.

Secretary’s Report (Liz Engelstad): The report was read. Motion made by Jeff Saiko to accept the report. Second by Kandy Ahlers. Motion carried, none opposed.

Treasurer’s Report (Bob Jespersen): The report was read by Jeff Beattie. Kyle Katchmark made a motion to accept the report. Second by Dave Crane. Motion carried, none opposed.


Vice President’s Report (Kyle Katchmark): Report was given. State Rally meeting June 12th was held in Litchfield. They are still looking for volunteers and open-air trailers. July 17th is the next BOD meeting in Duluth.

Gambling Report (Scott Larson): Kyle Katchmark filled in for Scott Larson and presented a donation check to Mitch & Vi from Boots on the Ground for the Veteran’s Home. The motion for the donation had been made in December 2020.

Legislative (Gary Goracke): Report given by Jeff Beattie. Active files H1232 and S152 include a $4 motorcycle endorsement fee increase. Safety Task Force states 13 fatalities so far...BE SAFE!!

MRF (Jeff Beattie): Report given. MRF is hosting a meal Saturday night September 4th at the State Rally. Discount tickets are available for $25. Motion made by Mike Jeppesen to purchase 10 meal tickets at $25 each, for a total of $250 from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Rich Reimers.


Products (Ann Reimers): Online store is not open yet. Clothing is sold out, hats are available.

Old Business:

Boots on the Ground donation was given. FFR rings still available. Continue to interact via Facebook; like, comment, share!

New Business:

Upcoming meetings: and Upcoming Events (see beginning of article).

Prometheus Ride for DCHS August 28th

FFR decals are available, see Derek Nelson.

There are some Big Marky patches available still, see Derek Nelson.

Bike Show patches and rockers are available, to see if you are on the list see Derek Nelson.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Saar. Seconded by Ann Reimers. Motion carried, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G
Greetings Flatlanders.

Speaking of Buddy Bears, Flatlanders who attended the A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally in Algona presented 10 to the Algona ambulance crew on-site. In return they were given a tour of the ambulance and its equipment. Maybe the idea will catch on and become a new tradition for our neighbors, too.

State Rally is just around the corner. Dan has tickets at $40 each. Passport Books are also available for $20 each. Check the Flatlanders Chapter Facebook page for news and updates or call President Dan Bye at (507) 391-2280 or SEDD Virgil Legreid at (507) 951-0624.

— Shiny side up, Linda
River Valley

Next Meeting(s):
August 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):
August 21st, River Valley Gives Back Ride

Hello All!

What a great time that was had in Algona uniting with our Iowa A.B.A.T.E. family for their Freedom Rally! Our little area we took over was filled with our Minnesota River Valley Chapter's people. Matt made us stand out with red, white, and blue lights strung all around our camp...it was awesome! There was plenty of fun and laughter! Now looking forward to our awesome Minnesota Rally on Labor Day weekend!

We have our third Annual River Valley Gives Back Run coming up in August. Watch for info on our Facebook page. Always a super fun time!

Please don’t forget to support our fellow Chapters' fundraisers.

Keep the shiny side up!

– Big D, President

Straight River

Next Meeting(s):
August 14th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
September 11th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
October 9th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
November 13th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
December 11th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
November 13th, Fall Bash, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 6:00 pm

Howdy Straight Jackets

Sorry about last month, life got in the way.

If you noticed, all meetings from now until the end of the year will be held at Reggie’s Brewhouse, the second Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm.

I want to thank everyone who went on our Chapter Fun Run on July 10th. We all ate great food, (Events Sports Bar in Kasson) and had lots to talk about. You should have been with us. We are still looking for a Chapter Products Person.

Don’t forget your Rally tickets. It's right around the corner, and you don’t want to miss this one. It's going to be great!

We also have to think about our Fall Bash on November 13th. If you have any ideas on what we can do this year, speak up. You can come to a meeting or get a hold of any Chapter Officer. Don’t forget to support your sister Chapters.

– Your Prez, Spanky
Hey Tri-County!

It’s been dryer than a popcorn fart, but that just means better riding conditions.

Thank you to all that showed up to the Chapter meeting at my place in July. Kristy and I have done a lot of work to the property and I’m ecstatic that we finally got to host our first meeting here! There was a ton of food and we had perfect weather.

If your schedule permits, August 21st is the 25th annual Harley Heaven Memorial Bike Ride. It’s always a blast and raises a lot of money for good causes, including Tri-County Chapter. Registration starts at 10:30 am at the Pickled Pig Pub in Jordan (breakfast available), kickstands up at noon. I’ll be there and I hope you will be too!

This is the first year in many that I was unable to attend our annual Buddy Bear deliveries. My family and I got really sick and thought it best to keep to ourselves. The Chapter went on without us and did an awesome job delivering 75 bears split between Shakopee Fire Department, Scott County Sheriff’s Office, and Norwood Young America Fire Department. A huge thank you to all involved!

I think it’s time for me to get ready for Sturgis...catch ya next month!

– Big Jon

Shakopee Fire Department

Scott County Sheriff’s Office

Norwood Young America Fire Department
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Alejandro Arturo Thompson .......... ................. N
John Wolbeck .......... ................. N
Bradly Twardowski .......... ................. N
Josh Achman .......... ................. N
Jim Moore .......... ................. N
Shawn Eggerth .......... ................. N
Tori Edgar .......... ................. N
Cody Gaden / Charity Havens .......... ................. N
Danny Kuhn .......... ................. N
Jack Stang .......... ................. N
Doug Utsch .......... ................. N
Greg Stang .......... ................. N
Kevin Shereck / Jane Kalthoff .......... ................. N
Trudy Adam .......... ................. N
Richard Robarge .......... ................. N
Casandra Siegal .......... ................. N
Dan Huemus .......... ................. N
Terry Hjort .......... ................. N
Mike Triebenbach .......... ................. N
Wiley Edlund .......... ................. N

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Tony / Cindy Hovind ................. R
David / Jody McGraw .......... ................. R
Jeff Bergquist / Lana Larson .......... ................. R
Larry / Holly Wilson .......... ................. R
Sean Parker / Lori Smith .......... ................. R
dale Carlson .......... ................. R
Paul Bagley .......... ................. N
Michael Rue .......... ................. N
Zachary Bruce / Samantha Lundberg .......... ................. N
Karle Simmons .......... ................. N
Timothy Meitzel .......... ................. N

FLATLANDERS
Virginia Michelle Legried ................. R
Cody Sorenson .......... ................. R
Larry Reiter .......... ................. R
Michelle Schenach .......... ................. R
Lawrence Frie .......... ................. N
Raymond Jr / Melissa Hemenway .......... ................. N
Tyrone Re / Carly Cummings .......... ................. N
Steve King / Renee King .......... ................. N
David Book .......... ................. N
Joe Johnson .......... ................. N
Lee McCubbin .......... ................. N
Mark Gust .......... ................. N
Matt Reiter .......... ................. N
Dean Reiter .......... ................. N
Mark / Lori Reed .......... ................. N
Eric Borg .......... ................. N
Ron Krebbel .......... ................. N
Shane Thom .......... ................. N
Braiden Nelson .......... ................. N
Christian Buttsaw .......... ................. N
Nicholas Gustafson / Linda Benton .......... ................. N
Mike / Darcie Bjorpo .......... ................. N

NEW & RENEWALS for June 2021

LAKE
Jeff Kuusi / Michelle DuChaine .......... ................. R
Mike Mary Berger .......... ................. R
David Duffy .......... ................. R
Shad / Noma Skinner .......... ................. R
Tom Carmel .......... ................. R
Rod Letellier / Kate Gjersal .......... ................. N
Shelly Jorgenson .......... ................. R
Todd Vail / Karen Dougherty .......... ................. R
Patrick Gilles Jr / Lori Gilles .......... ................. R
Dave / Jeanne Truax .......... ................. R
Mark Olson .......... ................. R
Jerry Finneman .......... ................. R
Newell / Kimberle Liebelt .......... ................. R
Kyle May / Casey Simmons .......... ................. R
Jillissa Summer .......... ................. N
Jacob / Jenny Fyle .......... ................. N
Mark Kuehn .......... ................. N
Dominick Grangroth .......... ................. N

METRO
Rick Wandmacher / Jackie Ihre .......... ................. R
Greg Mortensen .......... ................. R
Dave Johnson .......... ................. R
Paul Knutsen .......... ................. R
Jard / Jennifer Deville .......... ................. R
Keith Clobes .......... ................. R
Kenneth Rupp .......... ................. R
John Post .......... ................. R
Greg Paul .......... ................. R
Dennis / Scharline Olson .......... ................. R
Mike Toeynay / Ivy Fischer .......... ................. R
Jerome Fischer .......... ................. R
Craig St John .......... ................. R
Doug / Rachel Meyers .......... ................. R
Sammie Goebel .......... ................. R
Amanda Wilson .......... ................. R
Robert Willard Jr / Jennifer Penley .......... ................. R
Gary Demulling .......... ................. R
Ron Soppeland .......... ................. R
Kyle Radus .......... ................. N
Tanner Rogney .......... ................. N
Jacob Charles .......... ................. N
Angela Dahler .......... ................. N
Jimmie Hamm .......... ................. N
Aaron Burr .......... ................. N
Douglas Peitong .......... ................. N
James Bryant .......... ................. N
Kris Fischer .......... ................. N
Troy Gluff .......... ................. N
Jeft Vertina .......... ................. N
Dan Gill .......... ................. N
Pat / Nicole Kadrlik .......... ................. N

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
Bud Matkinson .......... ................. R

NORTHWEST
Joseph / Jessica Shima .......... ................. N

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### New & Renewals for June 2021

#### RIVER RIDERS
- Brad Stevenson .................. R
- Daniel Smerud .................. R
- Todd Lackey .................. N
- Dusty Ward .................. N
- Robert Maes / Chelsie Klatt .... N
- Luke Stanway .................. N
- Philip Williams .................. N
- Nathan Ketcher ................. N

#### RIVER VALLEY
- Erin Fredricks / Anthony Crandell ... R
- Rick Pongratz .................. R
- Kali Huber .................. R
- Jared / Amanda Anderberg ...... R
- A. Scagnelli .................. R
- David Rohlfing .................. R
- Mark Bretz .................. R
- Daniel Falk / Sarah Fjoser ...... R
- Ken Furst .................. R
- Josh / Erika Ristau ............... R
- Gloria De Santiago .............. R
- Wayne Gottschalk / Mary Steinhaus .. R
- Adam Both .................. R
- Mike / Ann Both ................. R
- Dave McVey .................. R
- Richard Oliver / Rebecca Compart ... R
- Edwin Griebel .................. R
- Zach Johnson .................. R
- Hunter Everett / Jayma Faulstich .. R
- James Ingham / Kellie Feidt ... R
- Joseph / Heidi Barber .......... R
- Timothy Heimerman / Nissa Sudget ... N
- Neely Reason .................. R
- Harold Stoffregen ............... R
- Mark / Betty Rita ............... N
- Jimmie Groll ................. N
- Jeremy / Vanessa Robinson ... N
- Nathan Gaffer ............. N
- Adam Blume ............. N
- Darin Topman / Patricia Tresise ... N
- Bart Oikle / Jenny Flett ... N
- Kirk Nichols .................. N
- Brian More .................. N
- John Hornetschulger ............. R
- Ryan Stoltzman / Kelly More ... R
- John Harboldson / Emma Rowan ... R
- Kenneth / Dezata Gimmer ....... R
- Brenda Johnson ................. R
- Casey Volk .................. R
- Richard / Kelly Mittman ....... R
- Aaron Cooke .................. R
- Todd Swell .................. R
- Terry Russ .................. N
- Kerry Rasmussen ................. N

#### ROLLING PRAIRIE
- Douglas Fuller .................. R
- Scott / Laurie Peterson ............. R
- Amber L Reed .................. R
- Ryan / Emily Knudson ............. N
- Jodi Right .................. N
- Nicholas Steinmetz ............... N
- Michael Kleinschmidt ............. N
- Jason / Shelby McKenzie ............. N
- Daniel Miller / Tina Builta-Miller ... N
- Jesse Schwab .................. N
- Jasen Selbrade ................. N
- Tristin Schumacher ............... N
- Lucas Hescheid ................. R
- Austen Gonzalez ................. N
- Karla Lothert ................. N
- Ben Hirschman ................. N
- Steven Petersen ............. N
- Kurt Jensen ................. N
- Randy / Robin Olson ............... N

#### SAND DUNES
- Alyss Molitor .................. R
- Gerald “Jerry” Benson ............... R
- Laura Hogue / Anna Pieper ............. N
- John Polak .................. N
- Chris Moore .................. N
- Jena McAlpine .................. N
- Shane Kennedy ................. N
- Dawn Anderson ................. N
- Steve Bechtol / Julie Reeve ... N
- Michael Olkives ................. N

#### SOUTH CENTRAL
- Shannon Jurgens ................. R
- Joe Crousse .................. N
- Daniel / Gretta Cram ............... R
- Sarah Henderson ................. R
- Randy Rusch .................. R
- Cody / Bernadette Rusch ...... R
- Dennis / Melva Burnette ...... R
- Lyle Kulberg .................. R
- Dustin Luethke ................. R
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- Lucas Dollerschell ............. R
- Jeremy Lehr .................. N
- James / Deb Nowak ............... R
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- Kevin Dahl .................. N
- Chris Gutormson / Sheena Poldski ... N
- Dylan Smith ................. N
- Harold Amaral ................. N
- Josh Cruse ................. N
- Todd Johnson ................. N
- Randall Weiss ................. N
- Jessie Milbrett ................. N
- Brenda Clarke ................. N
- Matt Lothert ................. N
- Destiny Ulrich ................. N

#### SOUTHEAST LC
- Scott Eggert ................. R
- Justin Svoboda ................. R
- Jonathan Prosch ................. R
- Dylan Baer .................. R
- Virgil / Michele Legried ...... R
- Angel / Heidi Ramirez .... R
- Olivia Joyce Schutz .......... N
- Sarah Svoboda ................. R
- Nathan Winkels ................. N
- Kirby William ................. N
- Daniel Polkowske ................. N
- Ryan Benson ................. N

#### SOUTH
- Reuben Leslie ................. R
- Craig Mulder ................. R
- Renee Sprink ................. R
- Paul Fischer ................. R
- Jon Anderson ................. R
- Mark Madison ................. R
- Norman / Cheryl Gries ...... R
- Harli Rose Mulder ............... N
- Adam Niece ................. N

#### STRAIGHT RIVER
- Tony Corporon ................. R
- Ken Robertson ................. R
- Roger May / Catherine Buck .... R
- Joseph Elben ................. R
- Steven Rossoow ................. R
- Darryl / Lynne Giese ............. R
- Jeff Reiter ................. R
- Josh Juvald ................. R
- Kyle Timmer ................. R
- Cody Paschke ................. R
- Ashley Smelser ................. R
- Craig Bowen ................. N
- Jacob Kraske / Sarah Eisen ... N

#### TRI-COUNTY
- Russell Hestness ................. R
- Lance Messner ................. R
- Brandon Romann / Lauren Maybee ... R
- Mark Rogers ................. R
- Troy Wollin .................. R
- Jonathan / Mandy Fredrickson ... R
- Jessica Zalesky ................. R
- Chad Petersen / Andrea Plouer .... R
- Andrew Kropiwa ................. R
- Amy Jo Pullen ................. N
- Nicole Beimert ................. N
- Chase Volk .................. N
- John Veytia ................. N
- Matt Keelen ................. N
- Austin Novotny ................. N
- Zachary Fredrickson .......... N
- Wyatt / Gina Stoen ............. N
- Kevin Nobrega ................. N

#### UP NORTH
- Mike / Carolyn Helstrom ............. R
- Shawn Wood ................. R
- Carl / Debi Byers ................. N

#### WAY WEST
- Richard Hermanson ............. R
- Jerry Trexler ................. R
- Nancy Blue ................. R
- Robert / Wendy Dekle .... R
- Amber Sharp ................. R
- Michael Pereboom ............. N
- Shane Sachs ................. N
- Andrew Kirby ................. N
- Ray Ehlers ................. N
- Jeff / Michelle Giese ............. N
- Eric / Kayla Nohreb erg ............. N

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