



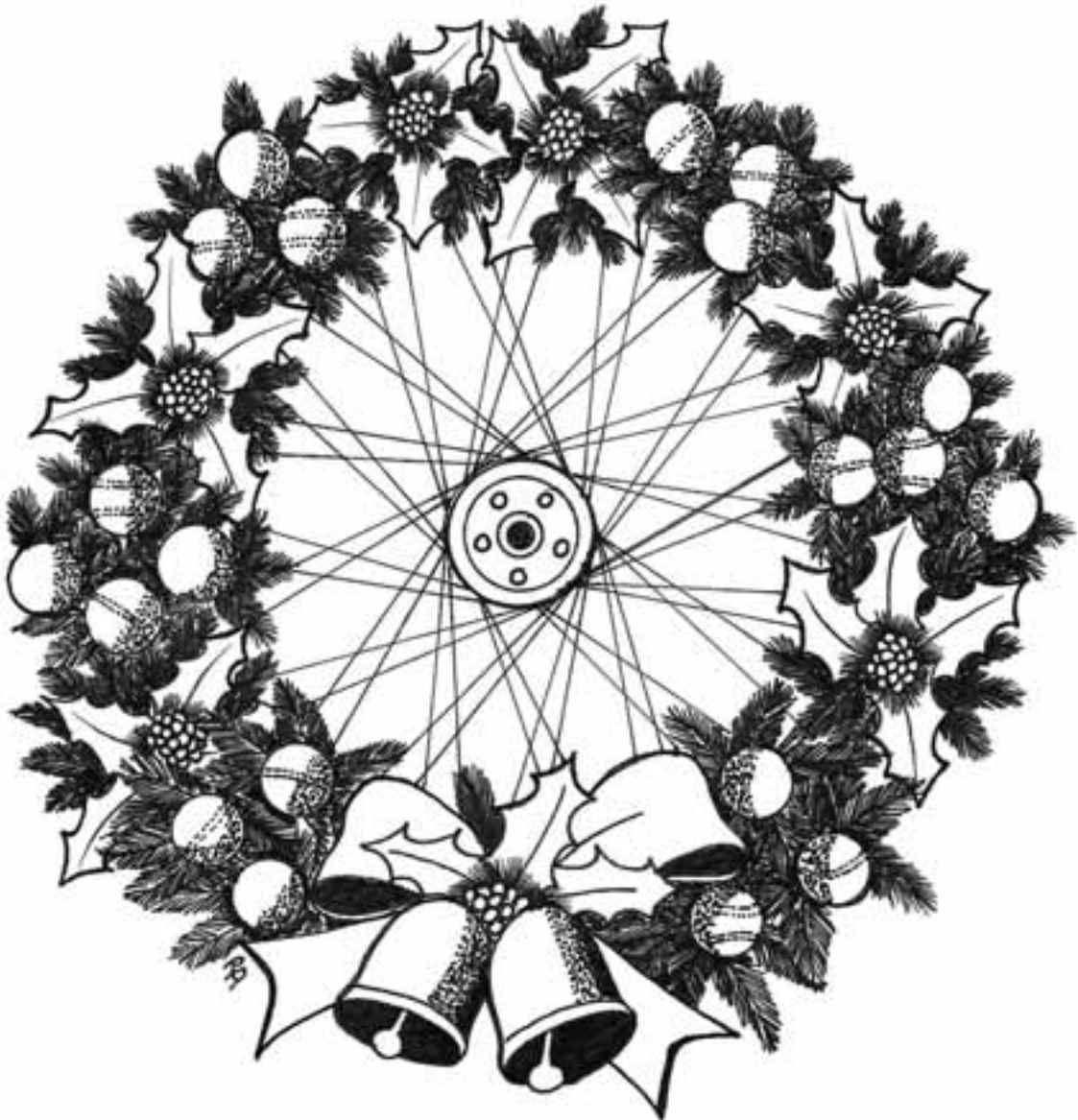
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss the operation of the organization. In addition, each chapter holds a monthly meeting in their area of the state. A.B.A.T.E. is a member driven organization. Members are encouraged to participate in any of these meetings.

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to

protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

Our ability to enjoy many freedoms while riding motorcycles in Minnesota is the direct result of the work done by motorcyclists in our state. These people have joined together to fight for our rights and freedoms.

The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota.

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show

your commitment to protecting and preserving your rights as a motorcyclist in Minnesota. Participate in the meetings, rides, and the fundraising activities. You will be informed about the motorcycle activities in the state by receiving Road Noise, the A.B.A.T.E. monthly news publication. A.B.A.T.E. is fun, educational and a great way to meet people and make new friends with similar interests.

With your help, we can continue to promote the positive image of motorcyclists. If you want more information about A.B.A.T.E., please attend any of our meetings, meet other members, and ask questions.

We are pleased that you have decided your rights are worth protecting, that the positive aspects of motorcycling are worth promoting, that education is important, and that the cost of an A.B.A.T.E. membership is a small price to pay to preserve and promote these principles.

Members are the most important thing that A.B.A.T.E. has, so Thank You for becoming a member and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

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I hope everyone enjoyed the warm November days and got to do a little riding. Warm weather and deer hunting are a dangerous combination, but sometimes you need to do a little cautious riding!

Chapter Secretaries - Please remember to email your chapter meeting minutes as stated in our Operations and Procedures Manual: "Submit a copy of every Chapter meeting minutes to the State Secretary, The appropriate District Director, State Coordinator, State Office and the Chapter President within 10 days of the meeting."

Most of you are doing a fantastic job! There are a few chapters that are not submitting meeting minutes to everyone on the list. I read every document that I receive. It gives me some insight as to how that chapter is doing, and whether or not information is getting passed along to our members. Communication is key to participation and growth.

Elections are coming up soon. Have you decided to run for a chapter position? Or, maybe you have decided to get involved with a state committee or office. Getting involved is a great way to meet people and have a direct impact on the success of our organization!

How many chapter fundraisers do you plan to attend this winter? We will all be looking for ways to avoid the "winter blues." Why not get out and support our chapters (and have some fun)?

Mark **February 16<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars! **Bikerday** is extremely important to all of us! Have you contacted your legislator recently? Do they know how you feel about autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, profiling, or any other issues that are on your mind?

Have a Merry Christmas!

Hope to see you soon,

– Jane



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Well I would like to start by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas to you and your family,

For myself it's still up in the air when we will be heading to Colorado Springs but we have a lot of family plans around the state of Minnesota which is always a good time,

Just wanted to let everyone know we have a B.O.D. coming up in Willmar, Minnesota. If you've never attended now's the time to check it out, that's how it all started for myself back 20 years ago at a January B.O.D. What else are you gonna do in the middle of January? Ride your motorcycle? And you can wish Mitch, Jodi, and myself a happy birthday, if you would like to send me present I could put my address in the next Road Noise article,

A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets are available, you just need to get a hold of Dan and he will get some out to you otherwise rumor has it they will be distributed at the January B.O.D. Give some for Christmas presents, when they win you would be their favorite,

And like always get out and enjoy some fundraisers, they're always a great time, and the proceeds go to a good cause, to help fight for motorcycle rights,

Speaking of motorcycle rights, Bikerday at the capitol is also coming. Don't forget to put it on your calendar, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Till next time

– Jim



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### Bikerday 2022

2022's Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be online soon. Please watch for emails and the state Facebook site.

### Ground Effect Lighting

At the October B.O.D. Way West chapter brought up allowing ground effect lighting on motorcycles. I have tried to find statutes that

allow this but I think I was mistaken. I did not find any statutes permitting them and what I did find isn't very clear if it is legal on motorcycles. So, for those that would like to run these lights, I ask that you send me an email with what you are looking for. For example, how much lighting, what colors, any changing or flashing lights and any help with proposed language that you are looking for.

I do plan on talking to my local law enforcement on their views on this. I want to know the can of worms I may be opening up before we start any process.

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

– Gary Goracke

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The holiday season has arrived and if you're still riding, do your best to keep warm. Watch out for icy patches and as always... inattentive cage operators.

In my last report, we were seeing an abrupt slowdown in Minnesota motorcycle fatalities. Unfortunately, we currently have 64 fatalities which is tied with last year's statistics (both unusually high). Keep in mind that fatal crashes are up dramatically across the country for ALL vehicles. It is a disturbing trend, but that doesn't mean we can't change it by doing our part as avid motorcyclists who believe in crash prevention through training and education.

Speaking of training, is your chapter considering taking a rider training course together next year? I know most people don't think about rider training in December, but if you contact the college/location coordinator in charge of scheduling training courses, your chapter can save a good chunk of money by contracting a whole class out. There is currently a shortage of Rider Coaches in the state and now would be a great time to schedule it.

Shortly after I read my report at the October B.O.D., I was posed with a good question. In my report I spoke about the pros and cons of the upcoming curriculum changes to the Beginner Rider Course. The changes have not been implemented yet, but please keep in mind that the Minnesota Motor Safety Center (MMSC) does not have control over the BRC curriculum. This is set in place by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at a national level.

The question that was asked to me was, "Why is the Motorcycle Safety Center looking for cost savings when we just got the endorsement fee increase legislation passed?" I have two answers to that. First, the MMSC has yet to see one dime of those funds. We may start to see funds entering the account after motorcycle tab renewal comes up in February. Second, the MMSC operates on a budget based on funds they have, not funds they assume will be available in the future. When the MMSC budget was approved last year for this fiscal year, the endorsement fee increase legislation had not been signed into law.

Although it's not confirmed yet, the next task force meeting should be January 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Hopefully we will have a new Chairperson to lead the task force by then.

As always, make good choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Big Jon



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**REPORT**  
**DECEMBER 2021**

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At our July NCOM convention we watched a presentation given by Slider Gilmore and our Gambling Manager/AIM attorney Dan Matzdorff. The presentation gave examples of what to do, or not to do if stopped by LEO's (Law Enforcement Officers). This is a topic that has been given considerable attention for many years but has had a heightened focus in recent years as it relates to motorcyclists being profiled.

It was an interesting presentation and gave a new perspective of Slider Gilmore, playing the part of a LEO. It is the first time I have given any thought to referring to Slider as "yes sir officer Gilmore." It was a fun, entertaining, and informative presentation.

They addressed the topic of keeping documents that are required to be shown if stopped (Driver license, proof of insurance, registration) in an easily accessible place. A place where they can be reached without opening saddle bags or other storage compartments. They addressed not volunteering unnecessary information, or answering questions that are not related to the violation the stop relates to.

They gave everyone reminders that getting into roadside arguments with the LEO's do not benefit you. If you feel your rights were violated the side of the road isn't the place to resolve the problem. They reminded us that immediately after the stop document events and activities that took place as accurately as possible while they are still fresh in our mind. I will suggest you may want to install the Mobile Justice Minnesota or similar app on your cell phone and record the activities that take place at a stop. Videos and recordings are more accurate and reliable than our memory.

Another important step, file a police complaint if appropriate, the event needs to be documented.

Reminder storage compartment and lips closed and locked!

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Merry Christmas to all!

Remember that an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota membership or state/chapter products can make a great gift. Contact Kari if you need some state products. The new year is coming up quick. Let's make it a great one!

See you at BIKERDAY!

– Mitch



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Next year Meeting of the Minds will be held in  
Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Upcoming Events for the MRF:

April 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 ..... 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heartland  
S.T.E.A.M. in Springfield, Illinois  
16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ..... Annual Bikers Inside the  
Beltway - May in Washington DC

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### State Rally

The state rally was well attended and I want to thank all nine contestants and everyone else that came out and judged the Chili contest.

### Meeting of the Minds

The Meeting of the Minds was held in Atlanta, Georgia in September. We had a good turn out for the event with 35 states represented. 12 members from Minnesota were there with one riding his motorcycle. During the conference we set the legislative agenda for next year. The topics include:

#### The Highway Bill

(Must Be Renewed Every 5 Years) (they just kicked the can another month on this)

- o It is a Must Pass Bill and it's Huge
- o While not only is it a Policy Bill it is also a Funding Bill

#### House VS Senate

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| - \$750 Billion Party Line Vote - June  | - 1.2 Trillion Bi Partisan Vote - July  |
| - Continued Ban on NHTSA Lobbying       | - Continued Ban on NHTSA Lobbying       |
| - 32% increase in Safety Training Funds | - 32% increase in Safety Training funds |
| - MAC extended for 6 Years              | - Mac extended for 6 years              |
| - Motorcycle Check Points               |   |
| - Traffic Stop Data Collection          |   |
| - AV Studies to include Motorcycles     |   |

#### Some Items we are watching in this 500-page bill are:

- o It allows for opportunities to change transportation policies. For example, Motorcycle only check points
- o NHTSA Lobbying Ban established in the 1990's forbids NHTSA from coming into your state to lobby for or against proposed state laws
- o Motorcycling Advisory Counsel to include adding a seat for "One Representative form a National Motorcyclist Foundation

#### Profiling Resolution HR366

- |                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| o 2015 - 16: 18 cosponsors/10 states | o 2020: 139 cosponsors/44 states |
| o 2017 - 18: 37 cosponsors/17 states | o 2021: 51 cosponsors/22 states  |
| o 2019: 77 cosponsors/34 states      |                                  |

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP Minnesota only has 2 Representatives signed on; Emmer and Stauber

- Autonomous Vehicles
- o We are looking for opportunities to change policy regardless of what type of bill it is.
- o Right now, the private sector (manufactures) are taking the lead
- o Tesla is being investigated by NHTSA
- o DOT is releasing a website that shows you where they are currently testing AV on the roads

#### RPM ACT

- o Limits the ability to regulate modifications made to exhaust and emissions systems to your Motorcycle and car for racing purposes
- o It helps support the Aftermarket Industry

#### Ethanol/Fuel

- o It's a battle within states
- o Court cases
- o CA and NY have already set Electric Vehicle Mandates

#### Definition of a Motorcycle

- o To determine requirements and standardization between states

***The Fight has started we need  
your help as a member!***





## **BUDDY BEAR REPORT**

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What a summer we had. The State Rally was awesome. Now on to thoughts of next year and Buddy Bear orders, it's time again. Please let me know what you need. I sent ordering info to all of you that usually order so please check your emails. Orders have to be in by the January B.O.D.

Where to send orders:

polmanse@hotmail.com

or Sharon Polman

PO Box 1175

Cass Lake, MN 56633

My phone number is 218-209-5502.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

– Ma, aka Sharon Polman



## **A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY**

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

A.B.A.T.E. University, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 24<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Inn Alexandria  
5637 Highway 29 South  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
(320) 763-6577

Make your Reservations Now! Poolside, pool view and court view rooms are \$114.99. The rest of the rooms are \$109.99. Please verify room rates when you book your room.

Classes we are offering:

- Insurance: From a Lawyers Perspective
- The Demise of the Gas-Powered Vehicle
- Unintended Consequences
- MC/MRO Know the Difference

We have the raffle tickets available to start selling!

Don't forget about the trike races!!

If you have any questions, please email me at smc2930@gmail.com or call or text me at (763) 443-4732.

### **Youth Motorcycle Event:**

**February 18th - 20th**

**Holiday Inn, Alexandria**

Registration \$25 and will include a Banquet, T-shirt, and these activities that we are looking into:

- Bicycle Safety
- Dodge Ball
- Smart Trainer
- Movie night
- Hand signals
- Karaoke
- Coloring contest
- Possible speaker

R.S.V.P. to Tiffany Gerhart now at tiffanyagerhart@gmail.com

We are looking at getting a couple speakers to come in for this event and since this is not an A.B.A.T.E. event we do not have a budget.

If any Chapter or individual are interested in helping to support this event, please contact me at (763) 443-4732.

It would be greatly appreciated.

– Thank you, Stephanie



## **STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

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The office has been pretty quiet lately. So, I've been getting packets ready for the chapter's Nominations set to start at their January meetings. Chapter presidents: start looking for your packets in the mail after mid-December! Read and follow directions and send back ASAP after your February meetings!

See you down the road!

– Shelly Deutsch, State Office Administrator



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### 2021 Changes to DWI Law in Minnesota

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Every year we see some kind of tweaking and modification of Minnesota's DWI laws, usually to make penalties harsher. This year had a mix of changes that seem small but will have a big impact on many people who are arrested for DWI. There were also some long-awaited changes to the DWI vehicle forfeiture law that will reduce the number of vehicles being seized during DWI arrests and give innocent owners a chance to get their vehicles back sooner. Here's a rundown of the new changes for 2021:

#### IGNITION INTERLOCK REQUIREMENT CHANGES

Minnesota has a relatively complicated framework to determine the length of license revocation (90 days, 180 days, one year, two years, three years, six years) and the options for driving during the revocation period (limited license versus ignition interlock). These variables can change depending on numerous factors including alcohol level, test refusal, prior history within ten years, prior history outside ten years, age of the offender, etc. Since 2011, individuals who faced a license revocation/cancellation of 3 years or more have been required to participate in the ignition interlock program before their license could be fully valid again. People who were facing shorter revocation periods had the option of waiting out the revocation period without driving at all if they didn't want to enroll in the ignition interlock program, but now that has been changed. Now anyone facing a two-year-long revocation period will be required to participate in the interlock program before they can get fully valid to drive. Certain people facing one-year-long revocation periods (those who have a prior offense within ten years or two priors outside ten years) will also be required to participate in the interlock program before they can get fully valid. The new law carves out an exception to these new mandatory interlock requirements if the offender can provide certified records to the DMV proving that they did not own any vehicle at the time of their offense nor at any time during their revocation period. Those people can wait out the revocation period without driving at all and then get fully valid.

Another important change for people who are facing 3 or more years of license revocation/cancellation is that they will no longer be required to have limited license restrictions during their first year of the ignition interlock program. Since 2011 those individuals had to deal with using the ignition interlock PLUS being limited to driving only for work/school purposes for the first year of using the interlock. Now they can drive freely without any restrictions provided that they are enrolled in the interlock program and driving a vehicle equipped with the device.

Yet another change affecting people facing 3 or more years of mandatory ignition interlock concerns what happens when they blow an alcohol result of .02 or higher in the device. Previously this would cause the DMV to restart their sobriety clock, issue a brand-new license cancellation and require the driver to re-enroll in the interlock program, including paying a new \$680 reinstatement fee and getting a new alcohol assessment and following its recommendations. The amended law will now just keep the person enrolled in the interlock program but will still restart their sobriety clock from the beginning.

#### DWI KNOWLEDGE TEST SCRAPPED

One welcomed change this year will eliminate the requirement for drivers to pass a multiple-choice DWI Knowledge Test at the DMV testing office before they can get valid to drive. This will apply to all revocations occurring on 8/1/21 or after. This test has long been considered more of a nuisance than anything meaningful or useful, and it became especially difficult for people to get this requirement completed during the pandemic. While the DMV eventually started providing the main written driving test online, they never offered the DWI Knowledge Test online. Eliminating this requirement was long overdue.

#### WHISKEY PLATE EXEMPTION

Another law that has provided some controversy over the years has been notably changed this year, regarding so-called "whiskey plates." While the new changes haven't eliminated these special looking plates, it provides an opportunity for people enrolled in the ignition interlock program to be excused from having "whiskey plates" if they pay a \$100 fee for each vehicle they own and want to be excused from the plate impoundment. This will be a welcome change not only for offenders themselves but also their family members who may have the offender's name on the title of the vehicle they use.

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## NEW LIMITS TO VEHICLE FORFEITURES

The DWI vehicle forfeiture law received some major tweaks as well. The offenses that trigger a vehicle forfeiture have been pared down significantly starting on 1/1/22. The only vehicles that will be eligible for forfeiture starting on that effective date will be vehicles driven by people being charged with a felony-level DWI or people who have at least two prior DWI offenses within ten years. Previously the law also allowed vehicles to be forfeited whenever someone had any combination of at least two "aggravating factors" during their offense. These aggravating factors included prior offenses within ten years, testing at .16 or more, refusing a test, or having passengers under the age of 16 in the vehicle. For example, a first-time offender who had a 15-year-old in their vehicle and then refused the test at the station would have their vehicle forfeited. Under the amended law the police would not be able to forfeit that vehicle because the DWI charge would not be a felony and the person had no prior DWI history. The law also previously allowed officers to forfeit a vehicle for anyone whose license had a "no use of alcohol" restriction or a cancelled license due to multiple old DWI offenses. Now the prior offenses have to be within ten years to make a vehicle eligible for forfeiture unless the DWI charge happens to be a felony. The alcohol restriction or cancelled status alone will no longer be a basis to forfeit a vehicle.

## ELIMINATION OF A FILING FEE?

From our reading of the new law, it also looks like the legislature removed the requirement to pay a civil filing fee to file a legal challenge to a DWI-related vehicle forfeiture. The new law also created a faster method for "innocent owners" to make a claim for their seized vehicle and have it returned to them if they can show they have an ownership interest in the seized vehicle, were not present during the offense, and had no reason to know about the illegal use of the vehicle by the impaired offender (or knew about it and reported it to the police). Again, all of these changes to the DWI vehicle forfeiture law will apply to forfeitures for offenses occurring on or after 1/1/22.

## CHANGES TO THE INTERLOCK VEHICLE RETURN LAW

A relatively new addition to the DWI forfeiture law from 2019 was also tweaked this year. This provision allows offenders to get their seized vehicle back if they enroll in the ignition interlock program and use the seized vehicle for the program. Previously the law enforcement agency could demand the offender to provide a security deposit or bond worth the value of the vehicle before it would be released, but now the offender will only need to turn the physical title over to the police to hold until they complete the interlock

program. The law also limited offenders facing felony DWI charges to only be able to get their vehicle back with the interlock if they are also participating in a DWI Court or Drug Court program. Not every County has that available, so this will cause some felony DWI offenders to have no avenue to get their vehicle back with the interlock installed. They will be forced to obtain new vehicles or wait to challenge the forfeiture in court.

## MAJOR CHANGES FOR BOATS, ATV'S AND SNOWMOBILES

This year the legislature made some major changes to the way DWI penalties are handled when the offense occurs in a boat, ATV, or snowmobile. First, they added a new crime to the books making it a misdemeanor for an owner of these types of motor vehicles (or anyone having "charge or control of" these vehicles) to allow someone to operate the vehicle while impaired. In other words, if you own a boat and you allow someone who is impaired to drive the boat, you will also be charged with a misdemeanor crime.

Second, the law was beefed up to give arresting officers the power to issue notices of loss of operating privileges for boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles whenever someone is arrested for any DWI in any type of vehicle. Previously an arresting officer only had that power if the offense actually happened in one of those classes of vehicles. Now they will have the power to take operating privileges for all types of vehicles regardless of the vehicle type used to commit the offense. The law already provided for the loss of these extra operating privileges after someone got convicted in court for the DWI, but in practice the government had a hard time implementing this after the conviction. We assume the legislature wanted to provide another avenue to take these extra operating privileges right away.

Third, anyone who is required to participate in the ignition interlock program can only operate a boat, ATV, or snowmobile if it is also equipped with an ignition interlock device. We have never even heard of the possibility of these devices being installed in anything other than a passenger vehicle, but perhaps the technology is available now or will be available soon.

***The best way to avoid getting a DWI is to never Drink and Drive. "DWI - The Gift that Keeps on Giving (and Taking)"***

[ If you do get charged with a DWI, consider contacting the DWI lawyers at Meaney & Patrin, [www.dwiguys.com](http://www.dwiguys.com), (612) 333-3636 Their website also has a lot of good DWI-related information on their website in their Blog - <https://www.dwiguys.com/blog/> ]





## GAMBLING REPORT

**DAN MATZDORFF**

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Well, the temps are dropping outside, sleet is hitting my windows and it's starting to make me a bit grumpy. However, I did just receive stacks of A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets and we're getting ready to push for another sell out. Since the tickets were not delivered in time for the October B.O.D. Meeting, I will disperse them to the chapters at the January B.O.D. If anyone wants tickets before then PLEASE let me know and I will get some sent your way.

On another note, we still have over \$27,000 in gambling funds within the Chapter Gambling accounts. Let's move that to some worthy causes. Here is quick list of several worthy causes we have donated to in the past: Dial-A-Ride, Feed My Starving Children, Wrestling 4 Life, Steel Horse Militia, Boots on the Ground, MRF A&E, Minnesota Patriot Guard and needy members of our organization who needed help due to an accident or health issues, just to name a few. So, have something in mind before your next chapter meeting and get those donation request sent into me!

The next Gambling meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at my home. Please ask me directions if you plan to attend.

## EDUCATION

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*Nothing new to report.*



## HISTORIAN

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Hello all!

I'm slowly but surely going through all the past paperwork that was left by the last historian and I find it highly lacking in photos! Now, I know all of you take great pictures as I've seen many of them over the years. Please, look around your next chapter meeting... see the people who are there this time and the last time and nearly every meeting or event for years running. Those are the ones with the memories and the photos that we are looking for. Consider having a chapter historian if you don't already. Share those memories and find the time during the winter months to go through your pictures, mark names and dates and send them in to me. You can send them to my e-mail or you can snail mail me, either way. It would be wonderful to see what YOUR chapter has done over the years.

I have been sent an amazing amount of papers and pictures of the Northstar chapter from years ago and they are a grand start! Thank you, Doc and Donna! Who's next?

– Cheers, Becca

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next meeting(s):

December 5<sup>th</sup>, phone meeting, 11:00 am  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 2:00 pm

December and a New Year just around the corner. For the last-minute shoppers, a great Christmas present would be an A.B.A.T.E. Membership.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from your Publications Committee.*



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

### SHELLY DEUTSCH

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And just like that, it's December. I hope you were able to get some good, safe riding in during the nice weather in November. The memberships have really slowed down. So, let's get busy and see if we can change things.

The November 2nd report shows that we are at 3,429, that's down four from last month. We have 1,595 singles and 1,834 couples.. The top four Chapters has had a lot of ties. In first place was Tri-County and Freedom First Riders with an increase of five members. Second place with an increase of four, another tie between Jack Pine Riders and Lake. With an increase of three for third place is a three-way tie between East Central, Central and Buffalo Ridge. And, with a two- member increase was yet another tie between River Riders and South Central. Four chapters had a plus one increase, the rest had negative numbers.

So, think about a membership for a Christmas gift!

Let's keep on, keepin' on!

– Shelly Deutsch



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Well, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, I know I did.

I am planning on hitting as many fundraisers as I can this winter. Hopefully, I will see a lot of you out and about supporting our brothers and sisters.

State Products and A.B.A.T.E. memberships make great Christmas presents for your biker friends and even your non-biker friends.

## STATE RALLY REPORT



### RANDY PROCHAZKA

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### Next meeting(s):

January 21<sup>st</sup>, at the January B.O.D. , Best Western, Willmar, 8:00 pm

Well thanks to our generous Sponsors, it looks like the State Rally made a profit, so we can start planning for next year's State Rally. Be sure to support our Sponsors throughout the year to show our appreciation.

Please get your suggestions for local bands for next year's State Rally to Randy at: [randprochazka@frontier.com](mailto:randprochazka@frontier.com) or to Smoker at: [19smoker69@gmail.com](mailto:19smoker69@gmail.com)

I hope you have a Merry Christmas, and I will see you next year.

– Randy

## BIKERDAY February 16, 2022

BIKERDAY at the Capitol is February 16th. If you need some clothing to wear under your leathers, I may have something for you. Just let me know what you are looking for and I will see what I can do.

As always, if your Chapter is having an event and wants State Products there or needs something for auction or door prizes, let me know.

If you have ideas for something new, let me know and I will try to find what you are looking for.

Until next time.

– Kari



**Lake and Tri-County members at Schramm Winery in Waconia.**



### Hey Man, It's Free Money

Recently members A.B.A.T.E. of MN Lake and Tri-County Chapters attended a fundraiser For State Reps. Greg Boe and Jim Nash at Schramm Winery in Waconia. We paid \$15 to get in and we received a glass of wine and an appetizer for the price of admission. Here is the great part,

we each made a \$50 donation to one or both candidates. We all received receipts and a form to fill out, we sent them in and 2 weeks later we got our \$50 back.

This is the Political Contribution Refund program, and we are all eligible to contribute up to \$50 per person on state level candidates. We get to help get motorcycle friendly politicians elected and we get our money back. If we don't spend this money the goofballs will. So let's spend our money on true supporters of our cause like Reps. Boe and Nash. If you have any questions, please contact A.B.A.T.E. of MN Legislative Director Gary Goracke.

Stand And Be Counted,

– Todd Riba

# Happy Holidays





I will repeat a few questions I asked at the October Board of Directors meeting.

First, who thinks Minnesota should allow autonomous vehicles without a driver in place to take over in case of a malfunction be tested on our state's highways?

Next, who thinks Minnesota should require at least 50% of all new vehicles sold in the state be electric or electric/hybrid?

Now a more important question. Does your State Representative, State Senator or candidates for these positions agree with your position on these issues? These are just examples of real issues that could face our legislators soon.

Many people go to the poles and vote, voting party line preference. Often the voters have never had any personal contact with the person they are voting for, they vote for what they think the candidate will do, or what they think the party represents, are they accurate?

In 2022 we will elect Minnesota State Representatives, State Senators and Governor. Candidates are announcing they are running for office and campaigning right now. Now is the time to ask what their position on issues important to you are. Finding out legislators do not support your position after they are elected is too late, we need to ask the questions now. If

possible, ask them in writing. If you speak with them in person, send a follow-up e-mail or letter stating what they told you, ask them to confirm you understood them correctly.

After you get a reply from the candidate send a copy to us for your Write 2 Ride rocker and or patch. When appropriate we will share the information provided with others so they can make an informed vote.

Let's support and vote for people that share our opinion on important issues rather than just voting for members of a political party we are in the habit of supporting.

We have a voice in government it is our responsibility to be sure we elect people that support our position.

– fe

## January 14 & 15, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting



**Best Western Plus Willmar**  
2100 Highway 12 E, Willmar, MN 56201  
(320) 235-6060

Rooms: 2 Queen beds \$129  
1 King bed \$114

### Other Hotels in the Area:

Holiday Inn	(320) 231-2601	\$135
Days Inn	(320) 403-2334	\$90
AmericInn	(320) 231-1962	\$95
Country Inn & Suites	(320) 214-0300	\$120
Super 8	(320) 316-0302	\$90

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Dan Arne

Dan Arne was a great Father, Loving Husband and Friend to many. And not only within A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. If you knew Dan you knew that that he would help out anyway way he could. Not to mention all the things that he did behind the scenes to better the lives of people that he didn't know.

He was a great friend, true biker and straight shooter.

He was amazing at handling products for Lake Chapter and he had the insight that was needed to create new and interesting items.

Dan was also a great past VP and Sergeant at Arms and was truly dedicated to fighting for the freedom of the road for all Bikers.



## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



### Gather Kitchen

200 Central Ave Suite 3  
BUFFALO MN

Tues – Sat 10am – 5pm

Located on Central Ave in Buffalo, MN • Great menu with daily specials and gluten free options  
Check out the Take N Bake Tator Tot Hotdish and the daily pie selection • For Halloween they had Meatloaf Mummy with green potatoes! They were a sponsor of our 2021 State Rally, so let's support them!!



# Veteran of the Month

## Douglas “Doughie” Cohen

Douglas Samuel Cohen enlisted in the Air Force and served from 1980 to 1992. He was stationed in Caribou, Maine at Loring Air Force base for 6 years. He served in Desert Storm Desert Shield in the headquarters element for the air base ground defense unit while stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany for 4 years. His last 2 1/2 years of service was spent at Ellsworth Air Force base in Rapid City, SD. He was in the Security Forces and was also sniper qualified for the Emergency Services Team (EST). Doughie has been an active member of his South Central chapter and lives in Litchfield. He has served two years as Sergeant at Arms and is currently serving his third year as Vice-President.



*Thanks Doughie!*

*“Home of the Free,  
Because of the Brave”*

## BIKE OF THE MONTH

### 2007 Harley Davidson Softail Cutom

*Brandon “Chuckles” Nelson  
owner*



Brandon “Chuckles” is a member of Glacial Ridge and Way West chapters. He added 18 inch ape hangers, stage for kit with short shot pipes, 200 rear tire, custom sissy bar with the bikes name - *Sinner*. In 2018 he drove to Montana for his step-daughter's graduation. Drove an Iron Butt route. Brandon has gone to many rallies and averages about 12,000 miles a year.





# Chapter Grapevines



## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Well, hello there, it is December and Christmas is just around the corner. I hope everybody got in all the riding in that they wanted to.

After December comes January and with January it's time to start thinking about elections for A.B.A.T.E. I have been with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota for 30 years now and, in almost all of them I have a position of one kind or another. During that time, I have had a lot of fun and met a lot of great people. It is this time of year that I take time to think have I accomplished everything that I set out to do for A.B.A.T.E.? The last two years have been tough with everything that has been going on. My question to you is what your opinion is, on my performance. Do you think that I have done a good job? Do you know of someone that you feel could do better? I leave it up to you. Things to think about before January B.O.D.

– Trashy, Jon W Smith

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## **GLACIAL RIDGE**

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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

January 1<sup>st</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

February 5<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Santa Day, Heidi's Bar,  
2:00 - 5:00 pm

January 1<sup>st</sup>, Christmas Party, Heidi's Bar,  
Sedan, following the meeting

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting,  
Best Western, Willmar

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Greetings People,

Our Santa Day will be at Heidi's Bar in Sedan on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to bring your kids, or just yourself, and come visit. All that come to meetings are busy trying to finalize things, so that we can make this a memorable event for everyone, but mostly

the kids that come to see Santa . We will be having our Christmas party following the January meeting.

Next month, January, nominations begin for chapter offices, so please keep in mind who you would like to see seated at the table, and they can be nominated at that time.

Our District is hosting the B.O.D. in Willmar this time, in January on the third weekend. Each chapter is asked to bring food of some sort and booze of some sort, for the hospitality room. We will decide what our chapter is bringing at the December meeting.

Well, that's about it for this month. Everyone have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Stay safe.

– Hives

## LAKE

### Next Meeting (s):

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Madigan's Pub, Maple Lake,  
3:00 pm  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting, Best  
Western, Willmar  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, Grounded Hogs fundraiser,  
Rockford Township Hall  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Thanks to Delano Lanes for the excellent outdoor meeting space. Really nice when we can meet outdoors in November and get there on motorcycles. Maybe another warm day in December? One can only hope!! Also want to thank the visitors that showed up to the meeting. Members from Central and Sand Dunes chapters and our State Coordinator Jane Doyle. It was a great day.

We talked about Bowling for Kids' sake. There was not a group effort this year, so we need to set our own time. Probably a Sunday in January. We decided to order 30 Buddy Bears and Myra told us of someone at a Fire Department Open House that remembered getting a bear years ago. They really do make a difference and are remembered. Great PR for us. We also approved sending \$100 to Minnesota Motorcycle PAC.

Patches in memory of Dan Arne are in the works and Lake Chapter Calendars will be available, hopefully at the December meeting. I think there will be some great pics of Dan included.

The Rockford Hall has been reserved for Grounded Hogs and advanced tickets are available. Everett Smithson has been booked for this event and posters should be available now to get distributed. Silent auction items are also needed. Let's make this an event for the record books!

The Steven J Kreitlow Award will be presented at the December meeting.

Later,

– Mitch'n

## SOUTHWEST

### Next Meeting (s):

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Countryside Inn, Adrian  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore,  
5:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 8<sup>th</sup>, Chili/Soup Feed, Rushmore  
Tavern, Rushmore, 5:00 pm  
January 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting,  
Best Western, Willmar  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

The December meeting will be held along with our Christmas party. Happy hour will be at 6 pm. Meal orders will be taken around 6:30 pm on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at Countryside Inn in Adrian. We hope to see you there. Please bring a non-perishable food item, for one of the local food pantries.

January meeting will be held at our Chili/Soup Feed. This will take place at the Rushmore Tavern, on January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. Please come on out for some homemade goodness!

Can't believe we are looking at Thanksgiving, Christmas. Heck, last Saturday we road for over 100 miles! What fantastic weather we've been having despite COVID and everything that we dealt with in the past year, those days are a bonus! Sure, hope we are on the road to normalcy, whatever that is!

We will be having election of officers, this winter. Maybe time to be thinking about nominations.

Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers, as well as those that have been fighting with serious health issues.

Bless those returning/ returned vets that are battling PTSD, and so much more. Another Minnesota soldier died a little less than a month ago, as a result of suicide.

– BAM!

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## BUFFALO RIDGE

No Report Received

## **SOUTH CENTRAL**

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

December 1<sup>st</sup>, Mug Shots Bar & Grill,  
Cosmos, 7:00 pm  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, Mug Shots Bar & Grill,  
Cosmos, 7:00 pm

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

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting,  
Best Western, Willmar  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Not much to report on this month.  
Bikerday will be here before you  
know it, February 16<sup>th</sup>! If you want  
to ride with our Chapter out of  
Litchfield please let us know ASAP so that we can plan.



I hope you all got a good ride in while it is still warm out there. Maybe we'll see Santa at the end of the month riding his sleigh.

Merry Christmas!

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## **WAY WEST**

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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Appleton, 12:00 pm

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

January 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting, Best  
Western, Willmar  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Greetings all,

Welcome to December. I wish you all the best this holiday season. I hope it's merry and bright. December 4<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas meeting, bring a dish to pass and if you are so inclined a \$10 gift to exchange.

As I write, it's rainy and an impending storm is brewing. Last weekend, it was beautiful for a ride, hope you did also.

Congrats to all our chapter members that took a place in the Passport Run.  
Impressive!

By the time you read this, our Toys for Kids program should be wrapping up. Thanks, Beetle, for carving the beautiful eagle, with proceeds going to the program as well.

The January B.O.D. will be hosted in Willmar, so members be aware that we will be calling on you. Write your elected officials, include your name, chapter, and send them to Frank Ernst.

– Later Baters, Gypsy Mama

## **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm

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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party, VFW, St. James  
January 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western, Willmar  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, Annual Chili Feed, VFW, St. James  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Well, it's that time of year that most bikers hate....winter. Our Christmas Party will be following the December meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift for the exchange.

The only bright spot to this time of year is fundraisers. We are planning for our Annual Chili Feed on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you come to the St. James VFW to try our famous Chili serving from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm or until gone. We will also have our silent auction.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

– Giggles



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Happy Fall to everyone. This month I'll call this article **"No Clue."** First, correction from last month, I have been an officer in A.B.A.T.E. for 11 of 14 years, not 14 years. My fingers have **no clue** what my brain is saying.

My knee surgery scheduled for November 1 was cancelled by the insurance company because they had **no clue**, sent newest x-rays of my knee and decided the surgery could be a go, ten days too late.

A state I used to live in had a helmet law but didn't have an eye wear requirement, **no clue**. Law makers probably figured all helmets had visors.

As a voting block; A.B.A.T.E. bikers represent only one in a hundred riders in the state, 99/100 have no clue about us or what is about to happen. At Bikerday we need to be seen and heard. Stay involved and sign up just one new member. That would double our membership, but will still only rep 2/100 in the state.

See you in January at the B.O.D. and think about attending A.B.A.T.E. U in April. You will be glad you did.

– Pedro

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## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 Cricket Bar, Rock Creek,  
2:00 pm

January 16<sup>th</sup>, Squirrel Cage, Willow River, 2:00 pm

February 20<sup>th</sup>, Outback, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm

March 20<sup>th</sup>, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm

April 17<sup>th</sup>, The Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Doc's on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm

June 19<sup>th</sup>, Ryder's, Henriette, 2:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

December 19<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders Annual  
Christmas Party, The Cricket Bar, Rock Creek.

The Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party follows the December chapter meeting. It will be a pot luck buffet. Bring a dish to share or just come to enjoy what others have cooked up and enjoy the company of like-minded people. Party includes a white elephant gift exchange. In case you are unfamiliar the game, the goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain rather than to gain. Roll the dice and see what comes

your way. Gag gifts are typical, or standard. Participation is voluntary. But it is really kind of fun. You have plenty of time to start looking for that perfect gift.

Keep in mind; you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non-members are encouraged to stop by, and see what we are all about.

Next roadside cleanup will be in May 2022. Looking forward to a great turn out. Thank you to all who help out with this worthwhile endeavor. For more events, check the Road Noise "Calendar of Events"... also 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.

– The Grapevine jesus



## SAND DUNES

### Next Meeting(s):

December 1<sup>st</sup>, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:00 pm

January 8<sup>th</sup>, McPetes, Big Lake, 12:00 pm

Holiday party after the meeting

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:00 pm

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:00 pm

If you're reading this there's likely snow on the ground and your bikes are tucked away for a long nap. Hopefully you're not napping too much. Your neighboring chapters have lots of fun events for us to support and enjoy. Our holiday party committee has been working hard to give you and your families a thank you for everything you do for A.B.A.T.E.

Until next time, Ride Safe.



## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

December 14<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

January 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

December 12<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio Anoka,  
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Well, well, well, here we are (sadly) at the end of another riding season. Ironically, the last time I wrote the Metro grapevine it was the beginning of riding season. That was way back in May and here it is November 8<sup>th</sup> and I rode today and plan on it tomorrow. Riding in November, may have to mark this down on the calendar.

Speaking of calendars, right now is a great opportunity to pick up the Metro Chapter A.B.A.T.E. 16-month calendar. They will make an excellent Christmas present. Contact Nick Capra or Ron Lischeid for more details!! Nick is an amazing photographer. This calendar is super cool!!

By the time you read this we will have had our Breakfast Buffet up at Route 47 and you will have missed a lot of folks with full bellies and smiling faces.

When you get this, you will attempt to read it cover to cover I know, but you will see that we are having our Taco Night on December 12<sup>th</sup> and who can resist the temptation of a TACO???!! You will be compelled to head up to Casa Rio in Anoka and scarf down a TACO or six, and the queso is like warm cheese/crack!! I'm getting hungry just thinking about it

I know this time of year is hectic to say the least. Keep your eyes open to our Facebook page. It is a great way to keep up on the latest motorcycle events in your area. Everyone needs to get out once in a while!!

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

Merry Christmas

- Dirt



## CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's Bar,  
Rockville, 12:00 pm  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Stoney's Bar,  
Rockville, 12:00 pm  
(Saturday meeting -  
Christmas Party)

February 6<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

We are throwing Central Chapter's Christmas Party on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It's a party that can't be missed! There will be live music, games and prizes. There will also be a chili, soup, and dessert contest so feel free to bring your best recipe to participate.

Central Chapter and Stoney's Bar are collecting toys for local children until December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please bring new and unwrapped toys to Stoney's. Central chapter is planning to bring toys to our meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>.



We are very excited to announce Central Chapter's new Biker Bash location at the Halfway Jam property in Royalton. August 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for vendors so please contact our President Keith Jacobs or our VP Travis Rolfes.

October brought us some chilly weather and there weren't too many of us out riding, but we attempted a group run after the October meeting. We made a trip out to the St. Martins Fire Department (in some rainy/misty weather) to deliver the fundraising check from the Ride for Hero's. They were so excited because the money raised will go towards a new fire truck and equipment.

Luckily, November's meeting day brought us some great weather and there was a few of us that were able to ride to the meeting and cruise afterwards. We were so thankful for this beautiful November weather! Now let's keep our spirits up as we store the bikes for winter.

*Vroom Vroom*

– Veronica Burkland

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## RIVER RIDERS

No Report Received

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## UP NORTH

No Report Received

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## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

December 18<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party at Toni & Bob McChesney's home, Mounds View.

January 15<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D., Best Western, WiLmar

February 12<sup>th</sup>, East Central Chapter's Annual "Heart On" Fundraiser and party

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello all Members and Friends,

Toni and Bob McChesney are planning a Chapter Christmas Party at their new home in Mounds View. Time and details will be available at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please make time available to meet fellow chapter members and socialize this holiday season.

Thank You to all participants who supported Turkey Bowling 2021. Thanks to County Market for their generous donation and Red Braastad for another successful year. Proceeds benefit Lions Club and the local food shelf.

Officer nominations start at the January meeting. Accept a nomination for a position,

## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

January 5<sup>th</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

December already, can't believe it. Went to the October B.O.D., informative as always and the Southeast LC chapter did a great job of picking a location and making everyone feel at home. It's much appreciated when you have to travel several hours to get there.

We had our fall road cleanup, enough people to get it done but just barely. Hoping for better turnout at the next one. By the time the next grapevine is out we'll have had our chapter member appreciation night and our annual white elephant giveaway. Always a ton of fun and a nice entrance into the holidays.

We have many members who help out at every fundraiser but never really benefit from the funds we raise. It's important to recognize them and our appreciation night will hopefully do that. Good company, free food, and maybe



**Tim Jensen and Jim LaSpisa working the table at the Northeast Swap Meet 2021 at the National Sports Center in Blaine, Minnesota.**

training is available at the state and chapter level. Give it some thought!

Enjoy the Holiday Season and stay safe. As my President has said "Wash Your Hands! Sign up a friend or someone new to motorcycling!

– Your VP Jim

some new members if somebody asks what's going on.

Some news on the federal front, I won't go into it too deep because our MRF representative does a great job of keeping everyone up to date. The federal transportation bill finally passed after being postponed several times. There were some biker friendly portions of the bill so the wait wasn't a complete waste of time.

Have you read about the new small engine law in California? If you haven't, you need to look it up. Small gas engines other than transportation related vehicles outlawed completely without any thought to the consequences or costs to the citizens of that state. They already can't keep the lights on and they want more electricity dependent devices on the grid. That also means no generators when the power inevitably fails. Small gas engine vehicles will be next, you can bet on that.

Off of the soapbox now, just be aware of what's going on in other places because it will be also tried here at some point.

– Ride safe, Ed



## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Howdy Folks,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Just want to THANK All those that keep this wheel rolling, Every one that has a membership has a story and a purpose. Take the New Year on with the chin Up and a Smile.... The new year is a time for elections and the picture of what's to come.

BIKERDAY is Coming!! Put your name on the list. This is by far the biggest day for motorcyclists!! Talk with your legislatures and see how they feel on your topics.

Praying Every One has a Blessed Holiday season.

– TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, EDGAR

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## **FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS**

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

December 18<sup>th</sup>, Eagles, Alexandria 6:45 pm

Greetings FFR members,

A longtime member of FFR Jerry Triebenbach has passed away, condolences to his family and friends. I had a lot of conversations with Jerry over the years and he will be really missed.

Thanks to all that helped with ditch pickup this fall. It takes a group effort and job well done. I look forward to seeing you all at the December meeting. Dave Crane will be cooking, and I am sure it will be fabulous again. Dave if you are reading this, no carrots, I hate carrots.

Remember to check out our Facebook page for any new events that may pop up. And when they do, please like and share.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

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## **BORDERLAND**

**No Report Received**

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## **NORTHWEST**

**No Report Received**

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## HEART OF THE LAKES



### Next Meeting(s):

December 10<sup>th</sup>, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes,  
7:00 pm  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, TBD

Greetings Biker friends,

Not a whole lot to say since last month. Days are getting crisper. things are being stored. Time to go out and fill the freezer [hopefully] with some venison. The weather has been pretty nice yet, so we can still get a few rides

## NORTH STAR

### Next Meeting(s):

December 19<sup>th</sup>, Allen Fosters, 12:00 pm  
*If directions are needed contact Allen or  
Amanda Foster*  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wilton Liquor Store, 5:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

December 19<sup>th</sup>, Potluck to following meeting,  
Allen Fosters

Hello to all,

The Holiday season is coming fast, for

in.

Bikerday will be upon us again soon. Make plans to join us at the capitol to let our representatives know what is important to the motorcycling community.

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving, and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It seems weird to be saying this in early November, but we won't be in print til then.

Well, I should finish the yearly storage chores.....

– Later on, Littlebear

December's meeting we will have our meeting with potluck to follow. If you need directions contact Allen or Amanda Foster.

At our last meeting we started talking about plans for the July 2022 B.O.D. We recently signed up for the Adopt a Highway program, super excited for the spring so that we can get out as a group in more warm weather.

At our next meeting we hope to talk about some more fundraising ideas and talk about some more plans for the July 2022 B.O.D.

Happy Holidays To All







# Chapter Grapevines



## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings Southeast District,

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, it's time to start thinking about attending Bikerday at the Capitol 2022 on February 16th. This is more important than ever for a number of reasons, one of which is we weren't allowed to have it in 2021 so our presence wasn't witnessed by all the freshman Senators and Representatives. Another reason is what is on the horizon regarding autonomous vehicles and alternative fuels, along with all the other biker rights issues we are concerned with. If you have never been there, make the time to attend.

It looks like Minnesota may surpass 2020 in motorcycle fatalities for 2021. As of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, there had been 64 fatalities so far in 2021, which is equal to all of 2020. All kinds of excuses and reasonings can be made to explain this, but the bottom line is that there is too many.

– Virgil

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## FLATLANDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

December 11<sup>th</sup>, Bubba's, Glenville,

4:00 pm. Supper afterwards

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, George's, Geneva, 2:00 pm

February 19<sup>th</sup>, location TBD

Greetings!

Our December meeting is also our Christmas party! So come join the meeting, supper, and time with great friends! Products will be available here also!

Reminder that Bikerday at the Capitol is February 16<sup>th</sup>, and that you need to be signed up by February 6<sup>th</sup>. A great way to talk to those who make the laws that affect each and every one of us!

We hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Stay safe!!

– Christy Fuller

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

December 11<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Brewhouse,

Owatonna, 1:00 pm

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Howdy Straight Jackets,

Hope everyone had fun at our Fall Bash. I would like to thank everyone who came out to support us. I also want to thank all the people who helped out.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Remember to support our sister Chapter's events.

– Your Pres, Spanky

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

December 19<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post 92,  
Rochester, 11:00 am

Hi Everyone,

I am new at this so please bear with me as I stumble through this.

Southeast LC hosted the October Board of Directors meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Hotel in Rochester. This went very well for us as it was our first time hosting this meeting. We also had a fundraiser on the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> in the hospitality room which also went very well. A huge THANK YOU to the Best Western Hotel for the use of their conference room for two days and for their hospitality.

Another huge THANK YOU to those who donated items for the silent auction, food, beverages, coolers, and other miscellaneous items for the hospitality room. It was awesome. And for those who helped out with setting up the hospitality room and silent auction, tearing down the hospitality room and silent auction, and setting the conference back up for the Saturday meeting THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. We couldn't have done it without your help.

We will be planning a fundraiser with a sister chapter—more information to come.

To the new members, we welcome you and hope to see you at our monthly meetings, and to those who renewed their memberships, thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE NOTE that the monthly meeting day and time has changed to the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 am. This was done so that the secretary can get the monthly Grapevine entry sent into the Road Noise as these entries need to be in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Don't forget to attend the monthly meetings as there is a lot of things going on at the state legislature that you need to know about and brought up to date on. We hope to see everyone at the next monthly meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

— Terry

## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

January 6<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD, 7:00 pm  
February 3<sup>rs</sup>, Location TBD, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hey folks, this will be a short one. I hope all is well as the holiday season is upon us.

Bikerday at the Capitol has been scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. Considering the Capitol was closed last year, I would encourage each and every one of you to come out this year if possible. The more bikers we get to fill up the rotunda, the more our legislatures will hear our collective voice. If you are considering attending, please register at [abatemn.org](http://abatemn.org) so organizers can prepare for your arrival.

Chapter Officer nominations will open up at the January meeting. Have you considered stepping up to try something new? If you are interested in running for a position and are unsure of the duties involved, please don't hesitate to ask me. A volunteer organization isn't just that, without volunteers. Who knows, you might like it!

I wish you all a Happy Holidays and please be safe. Catch you on the flipside...

— Big Jon





## RIVER VALLEY

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 15<sup>th</sup>, January Thaw  
Dance, Eagles Club,  
Mankato, 7:00 pm

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the  
Capitol



Welcome to fall/winter. As of penning this article we've been fortunate not to have any snow! We have a busy winter ahead of us.

Planning of our January Thaw dance is well underway! A huge shout out to everyone that has stepped up so far to help make it happen! The dance is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Club in Mankato at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks much to everyone who participated in our Ditch Pickup...again a good turnout.

As most of you know, the MRF has brought to our attention legislation happening in California that could potentially be a threat to

our way of life. We definitely need all hands on deck as A.B.A.T.E. members throughout the state to keep it at bay. If you know people that ride, encourage them to join A.B.A.T.E. Every voice helps.

Bikerday at the Capitol on February 16<sup>th</sup> is more crucial than ever to get our voices heard! Please consider joining us there.

As always, keep it shiny side up. Help support all Chapter fundraisers so we can continue to move forward. Happy holidays to all!

— Big D, President

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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*No business ads will be accepted.*

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
12/1/21	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
12/1/21	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	6:00 PM
12/1/21	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM
12/2/21	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill,	7:00 PM
12/2/21	Tri-County Chapter Christmas Party	Cy's Bar and Grill,	7:00 PM
12/4/21	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd	2:00 PM
12/4/21	Glacial Ridge Santa Day	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	2 - 5:00 PM
12/4/21	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
12/4/21	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigan's Pub, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
12/4/21	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James, Christmas Party to follow	1:00 PM
12/4/21	Rolling Prairie Christmas Party	VFW, St. James, Following the Chapter Meeting	1:00 PM
12/4/21	Way West Chapter Meeting	VFW, Appleton	12:00 PM
12/5/21	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
12/5/21	East Central Chaptr Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
12/5/21	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
12/5/21	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Countryside Inn, Adrian	6:00 PM
12/5/21	Southwest Christmas Party	Countryside Inn, Adrian following Meeting	
12/10/21	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Sand Bar, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
12/11/21	Flatlanders Chaptr Meeting	Bubba's, Glenville - Supper to follow	4:00 PM
12/11/21	Straight River Chapter Meeing	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
12/12/21	River Valley Chaptr Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
12/14/21	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
12/18/21	East Central Christmas Party	McChesney Home, Mounds View	
12/18/21	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Alexandria	6:45 PM
12/19/21	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Cricket Bar, Rock Creek	2:00 PM
12/19/21	Northstar Chapter Meeting	Allen Fosters house,	12:00 PM
12/19/21	Northstar Chapter Potluck	Following Meeting	
12/19/21	South East L.C. Chapter Meeting	American Legion post 92, Rochester	11:00 AM
12/21/21	Metro Tako Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4 - 9:00 PM
1/1/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
1/1/22	Glacial Ridge Christmas Party	Heidi's Bar, Sedan - following the meeting	
1/5/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM
1/5/22	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
1/6/22	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
1/8/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting & Chili Feed	Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore	5:00 PM
1/8/22	Southwest Chapter Chili/Soup Feed	Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore	5:00 PM
1/8/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge, Waverly	3:00 PM
1/8/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	McPete's, Big Lake - Christmas Party Following Meeting	12:00 PM
1/9/22	Ways & Means committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
1/9/22	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	2:00 PM
1/11/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
1/14/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	
1/14/22	A.B.A.T.E. January BOD	Best Western, Willmar	
1/14/22	State Rally Committee Meeting	Best Western, Willmar	8:00 PM
1/15/22	A.B.A.T.E. January BOD	Best Western, Willmar	
1/15/22	River Valley January Thaw	Eagles Club, Mankato	7:00 PM
1/16/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Squirrel Cage, Willow River	2:00 PM

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR OCTOBER 2021

## BORDERLAND

David / Amy Carlson ..... R  
Marty Howes ..... R  
Brent / Constance Lindstrom .... R

## BUFFALO RIDGE

Ryan / Bonnie Rutgers ..... R  
James / April King ..... R

## CENTRAL

Barry / Yvonne Wolbeck ..... R  
Jesse Hlebain / Laura Evenson ... R  
Jeff / Lori Givan ..... R  
Brad / Maureen Nelson ..... R  
Tyler Koopmeiners ..... N  
Joe Dingmann ..... N

## EAST CENTRAL

Jim / Kelly Pierson ..... R  
Scott / Cheryl Lecy ..... R  
Jay Zeug ..... R

## FLATLANDERS

Randy Henderson ..... R  
Kurt / Alicia Wallace ..... R  
Paul / Deb DesJardin ..... R  
Dane Schroeder ..... N

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Michael Schlosser ..... R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Karen Forcier ..... R

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Boyd Fiebelkorn / Rita Thole ..... R  
Steve Ash ..... R  
Julie Jones ..... R  
Vernon Davis ..... N  
Chance Stoeker ..... N

## JACK PINE RIDERS

Brad Anderson/  
Erica Kitchenmaster ..... N  
Tim Ryan ..... N

## LAKE

Gaida Trout ..... R  
Lyle Dibb ..... R  
Logan Weiland ..... R  
Diane Morin ..... R  
Devin DeMarais ..... R

## METRO

Jane Doyle ..... R  
George / Mary Bazoff ..... R  
Tiffany Wendricks ..... N

## NORTHEAST

Bob Saice / Kim Mead ..... R  
Pat/ Dorrie Meyer ..... R

## NORTH STAR

Dane Schroeder ..... R  
Jackie Miller ..... R

## RIVER RIDERS

Adam Moore ..... R  
Gary/ Tracie K Provo ..... R

## RIVER VALLEY

Gustavo Garza Jr ..... R

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

Douglas / Karen McLellan ..... R  
Benjamin Andert ..... R  
Paul / Deb Molitor ..... N

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Kathy Bogatzki ..... R  
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# Minnesota A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run

Thank you for sending in your signed passport books for the contest, money from book sales, and your unsold passports. It was a great season for the 2021 Passport Run. There was a tie for the Most Popular Stop: VFW Post 1914 in St. James and Duffy's Bar & Grill in Windom. We'd like to thank all of our stops and sponsors!

A big thank you to all the chapters who sold passport books, and a special shout out to South Central chapter who sold the most, 42 passports!!

We are already planning for next year's 2022 Passport Run. It is never too early to start getting businesses signed up for stops in next year's book. If you would like to see more stops in your local area, or at your favorite establishment, please make copies of the new 2022 entry form in this issue of the Road Noise and bring them a form to fill out and send in. Better yet, give them a self-addressed stamped envelope to make sure they get it sent in, or offer to stop back and pick it up from them! All the info they need to know and where to mail it to is on the entry form. We hope next year's book will

have even more sponsors and stops. All entry forms must be postmarked and mailed in by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

We are also looking for someone to take over secretary duties on the Passport Run committee, must be good at handling money, Word and Excel. Please contact Ingrid Cohen at 763-516-7029 if you are interested.

***Congratulations to the ten 2021 Passport Run contest winners below. The top 4 names visited EVERY SINGLE STOP in the book, WAY TO GO!!!***

Larry Johnson 126 stops  
John Vaida 126 stops  
Paul Rice 126 stops  
Tom Dettmann 126 stops  
Tad Lothert 52 stops  
Mike Frost 44 stops  
Terry Hilden 33 stops  
Michael Hansen 27 stops  
Trashy Smith 17 stops  
Dan Leiding 13 stops

**5th Annual  
A.B.A.T.E.  
Passport Fun Run  
2022 Entry Form**

Dear business owner or manager,

Hello, my name is Jon Smith and I'm the Southwest District Director for ABATE of Minnesota. We are in the process of creating the 5th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed a sponsor of this event, as a stop inside the book, or both. As a passport run stop the people will come in with their passport and want you to sign and date the book. They must make a purchase first, which means more business for you! Sponsors will be listed in the front of the book, advertised on Facebook, and in our Road Noise publication. The fees help cover the cost of printing, ads, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event please include those with your entry form and fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold through thousands of ABATE members to anyone all across Minnesota! Recognition will be given to the business that receives the most stops!!

If you have any questions you can either email or call me at 612-708-9328, [Heritagesofttail60@yahoo.com](mailto:Heritagesofttail60@yahoo.com).  
If you're interested in participating in the Passport Run please fill out your information below:

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Ingrid Cohen  
ABATE Passport Committee Secretary  
407 N Hubbard Ave  
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