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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.
I was told that we should have clear and attainable goals for A.B.A.T.E. of MN.

Yes, our A.B.A.T.E. of MN fiscal year is April 1st to March 30th, but why not get a running start on planning our goals.

It's election time. Let's have a little friendly competition! Encourage your members to step up and help with officer positions. We all need more committee help too. Then, support the ones that take an office or decide to help with a committee. We all need a little encouragement!

**Chapter Goals**
- Fill all the positions in your chapter: officers and committees.
- Submit a Grapevine article by the 5th of each month - make sure you get a reply from Road Noise.
- Submit 1 article this year for Member of the Month, Business of the Month, Veteran of the Month. If each chapter submitted 1 of each article, we would have enough information for 2 years of ads in the Road Noise!
- Increase you chapter membership by 50% in 2022. Reach out to other riders that you meet on the road.
- Plan at least 1 fundraiser. Put effort into attendance and fun, the money with follow. Try to keep things simple so you don’t get so stressed!
- Advertise fundraisers, chapter meetings and runs.
- Encourage rider training
- Work with our legislators and know where they stand on motorcycle issues
- COUNT THOSE BUDDY BEARS! And turn the information in to Dan as requested.

**State Goals**
- Encourage rider training
- Work with our legislators
- Get new email accounts up and working
- Re-organize/update our Operations and Procedures Manual
- Encourage class attendance at A.B.A.T.E. U
- Work toward 1200+ participants at our State Rally
- Help Chapters comply with Gambling rules
- Increase our membership by 50%
- Fill any vacant positions

I’m looking forward to a productive 2022!

– Jane

HAPPY NEW YEAR
I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years. Sorry for the short article this month but I'm sure I'm the only one that waits to the last minute to write something and when you do that something always seems to pop up.

We got my mother transported by ambulance to the hospital and my niece/goddaughter was getting married and asked me to do a reading in her ceremony, so those things kept me hopping and next thing you know it was the 10th.

See you at the B.O.D.
– till next time Jim

Motorcycle Safety Task Force

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The holidays are now passed and I hope all of you made it to and from your celebrations safely. I was looking forward to our November Task Force meeting which would have taken place shortly after my last report.

Unfortunately, that meeting was canceled because the DPS was still in the process of finding Bill Shaffer’s replacement. Just imagine having your Chapter meeting with no one to run it...YIKES! Although I don’t like it, it did seem like the logical decision.

During this transition there was a lull in motorcycle crash statistics reporting to the task force members. This is understandable with how slow government hiring practices can be and having said that, I would like to thank Dave Boxum from the Office of Communications (DPS) for stepping up to the plate and getting motorcycle crash statistics out to members of the task force.

With fatal crash statistics on the rise across the nation, our state is no different. We have surpassed last year’s motorcyclist fatalities (64). The current preliminary statistics show 67 fatalities in 66 crashes. 31% of those fatalities were unendorsed/unpermitted riders. Age ranges have changed as well. The 50-59 and 60-69 year old ranges have been the majority of motorcycle fatalities. This year we are seeing the majority shifting to the 40-49 year range. Let’s all do our part and work towards lowering these statistics.

Do you know anyone who is beginning their riding adventure or maybe is just getting back into riding from a long hiatus? Do you know of anyone who is riding unendorsed/unpermitted or just floating along every year on their permit? Ask them to take a rider training course with you this summer. Who knows, you might save a life and have fun while doing it.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for January 20th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at St. Paul College.

Until next time.....make good choices and keep your head on a swivel.
– Big Jon
One presentation at A.B.A.T.E. University 2022 will be the "Demise of the Gasoline Powered Vehicle." It will be presented by Ed Scheeter from Ohio, a member of the NCOM LTF (Legislative Task Force). This will be the portion of the presentation Ed did at the NCOM convention in Des Moines, Iowa during the LTF meeting last July. Ed talks about his career in the retail side of the automotive industry, the many changes, how quickly some of them came about and what is happening now. Give it some thought: would you like to be riding a motorcycle with a battery or a big spring that you have to wind up to go places? Things are changing and we need to do what we can to preserve our lifestyle while we adjust to the changes that WILL happen. I encourage everyone to take a little time to become informed about the changes and how they will affect us. Ed's presentation will help you do that.

One of the benefits of being part of NCOM is the financial help they offer to offset the costs involved in making presentations of this type available on a local level. The cost of travel and lodging for Ed to come to Minnesota will be offset by contributions from AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) and our local AIM attorney Dan Matzdorff. They will absorb about 2/3 of these costs helping make it possible to keep the budget for A.B.A.T.E. U. at a very low level.

NCOM is planning a presentation similar to one we will do at A.B.A.T.E. U. 2022. It will probably be titled "A motorcyclist's needs for insurance from an attorney perspective." We will be focusing on how and what motorcyclists should be doing to protect themselves in the event of a motorcycle collision.

Health care, financial protection, protecting family assets: all things we need to think about. We plan to have time for questions and answers during the breakout. This is a subject that everyone should be well informed on for your own protection.

The convention is June 23rd-25th in Nashville, Tennessee - a 900-mile ride from the Twin Cities and a place with plenty of sights worthy of an extended stay.

Take care and stay vigilant.
– fe
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Don't forget about the Trike races!!

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

The office has been very quiet with memberships lately. PLEASE remember when sending your renewals in, update any information, including ZIPCODES, still getting a few new cards returned!

I’m preparing for the upcoming elections. Is your membership up to date? I hope all the Chapter Presidents received their nomination packets!

Remember last date to request Absentee Ballots is February 10, 2022.

See you down the road,
— Shelly Deutsch
State Office Administrator

Next meeting(s):
January 9th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 2:00 pm
February 13th, phone meeting, 11:00 am

As the cold winter sets in and the new year starts we have nominations for State and Chapter Officers, B.O.D., Bikerday, and fundraisers to attend.

The Publications Committee is looking for new members and a secretary to help put the monthly issue together, please consider joining our Committee.

As always, we need more Member, Bike, Veteran, and Businesses of the Month articles.

— Tammy

No Report Received

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Does anyone, besides me, realize that all of these motorcycle accident causes are PREVENTABLE?

How Do Motorcycle Accidents Usually Happen?

- Speeding
- Distraction / Texting While Driving
- Drugged or Drunk Driving
- Tailgating
- Driver Fatigue
- Reckless Driving
- Running Red Lights or Stop Signs
I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas with loved ones! Did anyone give an A.B.A.T.E. membership?

I know riding season has come to an end for almost all of us, but we still need to work on our memberships and go to other Chapter’s fundraisers!

The numbers for December are in, the State figures are showing 1,578 singles and 1,836 couples for a total of 3,414. That is down 15 members from the last report. The Chapter with the highest increase of members this month goes to River Valley, they had an increase of six members. Second place went to Heart of the Lakes with an increase of four. There was a four-way tie for third place, with an increase of four were Buffalo Ridge, Northwest, Metro, and Straight River. Fourth highest increase with one member was Jack Pine Riders. Six Chapters stayed the same and the rest all lost memberships.

Maybe we need to try a contest again? Just think, if everyone brought in one new member we would double the membership!

Tri-folds and tear-offs will be available at the January B.O.D. PLEASE have your Chapter Rep get them for your Chapter.

Every time I say I really don’t want to spend the money on postage, someone calls and needs supplies mailed! Another thing to keep in mind, I keep track of how many each Chapter takes!

Keep on Keepin’ on!

– Shelly Deutsch

**State Rally Report**

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**Next meeting(s):**  
January 14th, at the January B.O.D. , Best Western, Willmar, 8:00 pm

Welcome to 2022.

I hope to see everyone at the B.O.D. meeting in Willmar.

Don’t forget to get your band names to your District Director to bring to the B.O.D. meeting, so we can get our bands set and have flyers ready for the April B.O.D. in Alexandria.

Please visit our Sponsors if you are in need of something. They support our State Rally, so let’s support them also.

Bring yourself and your ideas to the next meeting. We have set some high goals as far as attendance at our State Rally for the next couple of years. For our 34th I would like to see 1,250 and for our 35th 1,500 through the gate.

Everyone we’ve talked to says that they had fun at our State Rally. If you like to have fun and have friends that like to have fun, bring them to the State Rally so they can have fun with us.

Most of our Chapters have younger members as well as us old timers, please listen to their ideas as far as what they would like to see and do at our State Rally. Bring those ideas to our State Rally Committee. Our younger members are the ones who will continue what we’ve started.

If you are unable to attend a State Rally meeting, please contact me at (507) 227-0656 or randprochazka@frontier.com with your ideas. We want to make sure that everyone is heard. Thank you for your continued support of our State Rally.

– Randy
Hello fellow bikers! Welcome to 2022!

I have been busy getting things ordered for you. With nominations and elections coming up in the next few months, I want to remind everyone to print clearly when filling out the forms to order business cards and badges. Better yet, have your secretary email the information to me shortly after your election meeting to ensure that I have your correct information and I can get your items ordered for pick up at A.B.A.T.E. U.

I am still working on getting the sun dresses to have on hand. I will have them, new shop shirts, stocking caps, hoodies, baseball caps, and some limited quantity surprises at the January B.O.D. and A.B.A.T.E. U.

We will once again be having the "New to You" table, so clean out your closets and bring it to A.B.A.T.E. U. Also, if anyone is interested in working some shifts at A.B.A.T.E. U let me know.

As always, let me know if you need State Products for yourself or your Chapter. My calendar is starting to fill in for this year so if you want State Products at your Chapter event, let me know as soon as possible, so I can get it on my calendar.

See you in Willmar on January 14th,

– Kari

Douglas “Dougie” 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). Dougie 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 Dougie!

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Editor’s Note: We regret the misspelling of “Dougie’s name in the last issue of Road Noise.
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Email server update
A.B.A.T.E. Manual Updates
Chapter “Logo” Patches submitted for approval
Webmaster - open position

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a.k.a.
“Weird Head Fred”

Fred has been a long time A.B.A.T.E. member, joining Lake Chapter around 1997-1998. Fred was Lake Chapter Sargent at Arms for over 15 years and was very involved in Camp Friendship, Camp Courage and many other charitable fundraisers. When Fred moved to Isanti, he also joined the East Central Chapter. In 2004 the Rally Chairman, Ken Kalway, asked Fred to replace the electrician and wire the Rally at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. Fred continued wiring the Rally Grounds in Litchfield until 2020 when he retired. Fred continues to support A.B.A.T.E. and our freedom to ride.

Business of the Month

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Don't forget Valentines Day!

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Happy New Year to everyone!

By the time you all read this article I hope to be walking without the aid of my walker, or crutches. If all works out, my new knee will be in on December 13th and by the January B.O.D. I hope to have my new cane retired also.

A new year brings the chance for new opportunities and achievements. In the December Road Noise most officers were talking about the chapter and state elections. As in years past, I think that is already decided. We need to focus on membership and involvement. If you haven't been to a B.O.D., January would be a good one to attend.

If you have never, or haven't for a long time, been to A.B.A.T.E. U, this April would be the perfect time to do so. With all the fuel type interests going on now it is more important than ever to be involved. Also, bring a friend to Bikerday, it is eye opening.

— Pedro

Northeast District Director
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Jack Pine Riders

Next Meeting(s):
January 16th, Squirrel Cage, Willow River, 2:00 pm
February 20th, Outback, Stanchfield, 2:00 pm
March 20th, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm
April 17th, The Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm
May 2nd, Doc's on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm
June 19th, Ryder's, Henriette, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
July 8th-10th, J.P.R. Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the January and February meetings. Elections will be held at the March meeting. We also have begun planning our 16th Annual "Upper Kettle River Shakedown." Now is the time to bring your thoughts and ideas to the chapter meeting.

Thank you to all that attended the Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party. 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. 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 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.

Have a Happy New Year,

— The Grapevine Jesus
Sand Dunes

Next Meeting(s):
January 8th, McPete’s, Big Lake, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
January 8th, Holiday party, McPete’s, Big Lake
May 7th, Spring Ride

By now most of us have tucked our bikes away for the next couple months. Some of us refuse to give up. Whichever you are, you can still achieve huge victories in championing the freedoms we all value.

Go to abatemn.org and sign up for Bikerday. Then call your state lawmakers. Introduce yourself and open that line of communication before you get on that bus to St Paul in February. A lot of these politicians are going to be working in the capitol for decades, we need as many of them on our side as we can get.

You can also help by coming out to events not only for your chapter, but your neighboring chapters. It’s always a lot of fun and it’s definitely appreciated.

Speaking of events, we will be having our chapter Holiday party on January 8th at McPete’s in Big Lake. There will be a monthly meeting at noon followed by bowling, an ugly sweater contest, best beard for the guys, best socks for the ladies, and best hat for the kids.

Bowling, pizza, and pop will be $10 for those who choose to play. The other contests are free to anyone in attendance. We will have use of the lanes until 3:30.

We are also planning a ride for this spring. The date is May 7th, with a makeup date of May 21st if the weather is an issue.

You can find more details about these events on our Facebook or at sanddunesabate.org.

– Until next time, ride safe.

River Riders
No Report Received

Up North
No Report Received

Happy New Year!
Central

Next Meeting(s):
January 22nd, Stoney’s Bar, Rockville, 5:00 pm
February 6th, Stoney’s Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm
March 6th, Stoney’s Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm
April 3rd, Stoney’s Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm
May 1st, Stoney’s Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
January 22nd, Christmas Party
August 25th – 28th, Biker Bash, Halfway Jam, Royalton

Quick reminder, we should always keep membership retention in the back of our minds. If you know anyone interested in joining our chapter, please contact any of our board members.

We are throwing Central Chapter’s Christmas Party on January 22nd. 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.

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

So…winter’s here! Let’s take a moment and appreciate the nice long fall we had which meant a longer riding season too. We’ll just have to reminisce of the nice, warmer times because there’s rumors of a snow storm coming this weekend. Sounds like we’re going to have a white Christmas! Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday to all!

Vroom Vroom

– Veronica Burkland

Some of the Metro Chapter members made donations to the veterans at Haven for Heroes in Anoka, Minnesota.
Hello all,

Nearing Christmas already and by the time you all read this it will be 2022. The summer passed awfully fast but the good news is that this winter seems to be doing the same.

We had our Chapter Member appreciation night at Shotz Bar in Gary New Duluth and had a great time with an excellent turnout. Shotz provided the food for no charge and has been a big supporter of our chapter. We were happy to return the favor with a large crowd of A.B.A.T.E. members and supporters.

Our annual white elephant gift giveaway went great as well. We held it after our December meeting and had lots of fun gifts and a great turnout. We even had some extra gifts for the staff at The Chalet in Hermantown where we hold our meetings. It’s good to see friends and neighbors out and about again.

By the time this comes out it will be a couple of weeks until the January B.O.D. Seems like we just had the October B.O.D. but that’s not a bad thing.

— Ride safe, Ed

See You at Bikerday On February 16th!
East Central Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. has supported the Isanti Lions Club and two food shelves for Family Pathways and Anoka County Food Banks.
Howdy Folks,

2022, A New year..... A New Adventure.....

Elections are right around the corner. We have some very talented people and very energetic people in this organization.

Maybe this year is the time for people to work together to achieve a common goal. We are ALL fighting for our motorcycle freedoms and rights. WE ALL want to just roll down the road and enjoy the mind-altering moment of a motorcycle ride that has us in awe.

THAT is WHY WE PUT FEBRUARY 16th on our calendars to go to Bikerday at the Capitol!!!!

The Time is Now........

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

– Edgar

It takes less Muscle to Smile as it Does to Frown...

Northwest District Director

Edgar Burke
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Borderland

Upcoming Event(s):
January 14th-15th, B.O.D., Best Western, Willmar
February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Happy New Year Borderland!

At our last meeting we donated $500 to Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride out of our gambling, discussed Ground Hog’s party and Bikerday.

Edgar has our bus lined up so all we have to do is register and get to D.L. and catch our bus. If you are going, make sure you register early online. It will be awesome getting back down there again to meet with Mark Johnson and John Burkel, and of course all of the other great freedom fighters that will be there as well. Remember; Midterms will be here before we know it and the campaign season is now here.

Support and help freedom loving constitutionalist, but the elitists, Marxist, and the social justice warriors must be voted out in the primaries!

2021 was a rough road so grab those grips a little tighter 'cause there are a lot of bumps ahead! America is like no other country and we believe positive things will continue to happen!

Have a great winter and 'Let's Go Brandon!'

– Twistin’ da Wick, Tim.
Heart of the Lakes

Upcoming Event(s):
January 21st, Jess and Rory’s, 42463 Cty 14, Richville, MN, 7:00 PM
February 11th, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 PM
March 11th, Playtime Sportsbar, Perham, 7:00 PM

Happy New Year freedom lovers,

A new year is upon us. Hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. With the new year comes new opportunities to get together for fun and spread the word about A.B.A.T.E. and its mission.

Also, another year to plan one of those "someday" trips. This past couple of years has brought a lot of unexpected losses of friends and family. Never before has it been so evident that our days are numbered. Brothers and sisters, go out and LIVE! Make plans and let er' rip!!

Live for today, Hope for tomorrow
– Littlebear

North Star

No Report Received

Northwest

No Report Received

Freedom First Riders

No Report Received

Chapter Grapevines

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No Report Received

Flatlanders

Next Meeting(s):
January 22nd, George’s, Geneva, 2:00 pm
February 19th, Lansing Corners, 2:00 pm
March 19th, American Legion, Alden, 3:00 pm

Greetings, Flatlanders.

As I write this, the southern half of Minnesota is getting hammered by a winter storm. First real one of the season, so bound to be lots of spinouts and crashes. I hope there are no bad ones. In that regard, I also hope everyone had safe and happy holidays.

Nominations for Officers begins in January. There are descriptions of duties available for each position if you’re interested in serving.

None of the positions are difficult and they don’t demand a lot of time.

Bikerday at the Capitol is coming up in February. Also in the political vein: Write to Ride. If you write to your legislators before Bikerday, you can discuss their responses, or lack thereof, in person.

Thanks to Christy Fuller for filling in for me last month while I had things to deal with.

As always, check the Flatlanders Facebook page for motorcycle related events and updates.

Together we stand.
– Linda
**Tri County**

**Next Meeting(s):**
January 6th, Mark Warner’s house, Food at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm
February 3rd, Cy’s Bar and Grill, Chaska, Fundraiser Committee meeting at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm
March 3rd, Cy’s Bar and Grill, Chaska, Fundraiser Committee meeting at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
February 16th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello all, winter is finally here. As I write this, we are getting dumped on with our first winter storm. You know, that four letter “S-Word” I have to refer to as snow, so I don’t catch any guff from the Road Noise editors.

By the time you read this, the holiday season has passed, and I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable time.

Speaking of the holiday season, the Tri-County Christmas party/meeting was a great time! Thanks to everyone that came out and brought desserts and white elephant gifts and all the things! The Chapter has just recently returned to Cy’s Bar and Grill in Chaska for our meetings. They have always supported us and deserve our appreciation. I would like to give a special shout out to a new server there who has been hosting our meetings. She has been quick to learn on the fly and willing to adapt and help in every way. She is already remembering our names after the second meeting! THANK YOU, Chelsea, you doing an amazing job!

Once again, I would encourage all of you that can take the time off to make it out to Bikerday at the Capitol on February 16th. Strength in numbers, let OUR voice be heard.

Keep your traction and I’ll catch ya next month.

— Big Jon

**Straight River**

**Next Meeting(s):**
January 9th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
February 13th, Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
March 13th, American Legion, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Howdy Straight jackets:

Hope everyone is ready to step up and think about holding a Chapter Officer position. Election nominations start and it would be nice to see some new faces at the head table.

Next B.O.D. is in Willmar on January 14th and 15th.

Don’t forget to sign up on the A.B.A.T.E. website for Bikerday at the Capitol. We need as many bikers as we can get.

— Your President, Spanky

**River Valley**

No Report Received
Southeast LC

Next Meeting(s):
January 16th, American Legion Post 92, Rochester, 11:00 am

Happy belated Thanksgiving, belated Merry Christmas, and Happy belated New Year.

I hope everyone’s holiday season was a great one. By now that YUCKY white stuff is probably covering the ground and the bikes are put to bed until spring. Although, there are a few of us who will do a New Year’s ride if the roads and weather allows. Trust me, we don’t go far.

Welcome new members, we are happy to have you and look forward to meeting you at our monthly meetings. We are planning a fundraiser for late February or early March. This may or may not be with the Straight River Chapter. More details to come next month.

We are also planning a ride the 3rd Saturday in May to introduce Chapter members and members of other Chapters to the Southeast corner of Minnesota. This is open to all riders, both members and nonmembers. Hope to see a lot of riders there.

There is a lot going on at the legislative level and the monthly meetings are a good place to learn what is happening and how you can become involved in making changes.

DON’T FORGET that February 16th is Bikerday at the Capitol. Let’s have a huge turnout to get our views and concerns heard. There will be a bus to transport everyone to the Capitol and back home again. Remember to wear your leathers.

January is a big month with officers up for re-election or new officers being voted in and planning for the upcoming events. Be sure to attend the January meeting for the election. If you are unhappy with the current officers, now is your chance to get involved or make changes.

Can’t wait for riding season to get here

– Terry

HERE’S TO A NEW YEAR
FULL OF FAMILY, FRIENDS,
AND PLENTY OF RIDING!
Greetings people, very first thing I would like to thank the members who came to help with our Chapters Santa Day. It turned out to be a good day, with about 50 kids coming through. It was a long day, but everyone worked hard, as a team, and we finished setting up with ten minutes to spare. So, THANK YOU ALL for the job well done.

Nominations start this month and will finish at the next meeting. If you wish to be nominated for a position let someone know.

The B.O.D. is in Willmar in a few weeks, with our district hosting. If you've never been to one, they're not as boring as you might think, but are quite informative, and I recommend you attend one, or several.

Happy New Year to All.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be safe.

– Hives

Upcoming Event(s):
January 14th - 15th, B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western, Willmar
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
February 18th - 20th, Youth Motorcyclist Event, Alexandria
March 26th, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James, 5:00 pm
April 15th - 16th, A.B.A.T.E. U/ B.O.D. Meeting, Alexandria

Welcome to 2022!

A new year means nominations and elections. If you are interested in holding a position, let someone in the chapter know, so you can be nominated. If you have questions on what is required for any position, talk to someone in the chapter. If we do not know the answer, we will find it.

Our annual Chili Feed will be held on March 26th at the VFW in St. James beginning at 5:00 pm. We will also have our silent auction with bidding ending at 8:00 pm. If you need advanced tickets, please call Kari (507) 830-0644 or Randy (507) 227-0656.

Please follow us on our Facebook Page Rolling Prairie to keep up with any changes.

Stay warm and I'll see you soon, I hope.

– Giggles
Presentation of SJK Award with previous winners.

LAKES

Next Meeting(s):
January 8th, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm
February 5th, Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm
March 5th, Hollywood Roadhouse, New Germany, 3:00 pm
April 2nd, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
January 14th – 15th, B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western, Willmar
January 16th, Bowling for Kids’ Sake, McPete’s, Big Lake, 2:00 pm
February 5th, Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Thank you, Gaida, for stepping up to take over our chapter products. Big shoes to fill, but I am sure you will do a good job.

Bowling for Kids’ sake will take place on January 16th in Big Lake. If you are not bowling, please consider donating to someone who is. This organization has done great things in our area and we hope to give them some great support.

Patches in memory of Dan Arne are in the works and Lake Chapter Calendars are available.

The Rockford Township Hall has been reserved for Grounded Hogs, make sure to get your advanced tickets. Everett Smithson has been booked for this event and posters need to be distributed. Silent auction items and potluck are also needed. Should be a lot of fun and I will see you there!

Chapter and State Officer Nominations start at the January meeting. Step up and make a difference.

— Later, Mitch’n

Happy New Year!
Way West

Next Meeting(s):
January 8th, Hilltop Bar and Grill, Dawson, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
January 14th – 15th,
B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western, Willmar
February 16th,
Bikerday at the State Capitol

Greetings and Happy New Year everyone.

2022 wow! I hope all your holidays were merry and bright. Were you naughty or nice? I know our chapter members well... silly question. Our Toys for Kids was a success. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped in any way.

As I write it is snowing...I must say it is pretty.

The January Board of Directors Meeting is in Willmar. We need to provide the Sgt. @ Arms. We also need to bring some things.

— LeAnn Ruby

South Central

Next Meeting(s):
January 5th, Mug Shots Bar and Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
February 2nd, Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
January 14th – 15th, B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western, Willmar
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and volunteered to work at our annual Toys for Kids event, it was another huge success. The money and donated toys will be appreciated by the kids of McLeod and Meeker County during the holidays.

Congratulations to the 2021 South Central Active Members: Charlie Ardolf, Mark Berggren, Dennis Burnette, Dougie Cohen, Ingrid Cohen, Joyce Compart, Damian David, David Devine, John Dietel, Lucas Dollerschell, Kevin Haugen, Pat Haugen, Sarah Henderson, Brian Johnson, Bobbi Jo Johnson, Bill LaPlante, Kristy LaPlante, Brad "Pops" Latham, Tad Lothert, Doug Louris, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Gina "Silver Foxx" Maningoine, Carl Melin, Russell Merkins, Rochelle Merkins, Jessie Milbrett, Brent Miner, Marvella Miner, Tina Myllykangas, Mike Niece, Troy Olson, Jim Orn, Kristie Orn, Brian Rick, Brian Schemmel, Curt Schmitz, Jennifer Sommerfeld, Brenda Sommers, Dustin Suchy, April Suchy, Galen "Porkchop" Sundin, Peggy Sundin, Mike Voigt, Michelle Voigt, Amanda Weibel, David Wiehr, Judy Wiehr, Myah Zwart.

Happy New Year!

— Ingrid Cohen, SC Secretary

Buffalo Ridge

No Report Received
Southwest

Next Meeting(s):
January 7th, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm
February 5th, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore

Upcoming Event(s):
January 14th – 15th, B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western, Willmar
February 5th, Chili and Soup Feed, Rushmore Tavern, Rushmore, 5:00 pm
February 16th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Chili and Soup Feed February 5th, please come out and enjoy some delicious home cooking, that will warm you up, while you enjoy some socializing with folks you haven’t seen for a while. That date would be great for you to renew you’re A.B.A.T.E. membership!

Weatherman says our corner of Minnesota is going to get dumped on with up to 12 inches of snow. And that means that riding, with our faces in the sun and wind, will be on hold for several months. I’m going to wrap up in a snuggly blanky, sit by the roaring fireplace, and mentally go to that wonderful place, where the warm sun and wind warms my face. And it makes me smile and brings me peace.

Our deepest sympathy is with our chapter President, Todd Homan, his beautiful wife, Deb, and their families. Deb’s dear Dad passed away on Wednesday, December 8th. This family has endured several losses, in the past year. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Christmas is a time of kindness, thoughtfulness, and to spend time with those we love. Those good vibes could go on for the whole year!

Please keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Be safe and Happy New Year!

– BAM

The Classified Section is open to all members of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. The ads are free of charge and run for a three month period.

Photos are acceptable as room permits. No business ads will be accepted.

Send Your Classified Ads to: roadnoise@abatemn.org or mail to:
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PASSPORT RUN
GUIDELINES
2022
**Must be 18 to Participate**

Duration: May 1st – Nov 1st

SPONSORS/STOPS:

- Entry Forms for businesses must be mailed to the address on the form by March 1st. Offer to mail it in for them, or give them a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Flyers are available to print and hand out to businesses to hang up for being a sponsor and/or a stop.
- Sponsors and stops can be any type of business: bars, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, there must be an actual place to stop!
- Recognition will be given to the business with the most frequent stops.
- Fee is $25.00 each for a sponsor and or a stop, both is $50.00.
- Stop Fee: $10 goes to chapter, $10 to state, $5 to printing costs, Sponsor Fee: for prize money & printing costs.

PASSPORT SALES:

- Passports are $20.00 each - $10.00 to chapter, $10.00 to state.
- Passports can be sold to anyone, does not have to be ABATE member.
- Chapters are responsible for all sales. If you have a business selling books, you are accountable to collect the money and unsold books to turn in by the deadline.
- Checks are payable to ABATE only (no personal or chapter names). DO NOT HOLD CHECKS all summer long, watch the date of the check and please mail them in right away.
- Passports will be available to the chapters at ABATE U to sign out and start selling throughout the summer.
- Please contact Ingrid at 763-516-7029 as soon as possible to pre-order the number of passports your chapter would like to sell.
- All Passport specials are only valid until Nov 1st.

CONTEST:

- One passport entry per person.
- One stamp or signature per person per passport at each stop.
- Must make purchase at the stop to receive a stamp or signature.
- Signed passports for the contest must be returned to the address in the book no later than Nov 1st.
- Prize money will be awarded to the top 10 people with the most passport stops.
- Prize money amounts will be determined by sponsorship money collections.

All sponsor/stop entry forms, passports and money must be postmarked by the deadlines and mailed to: Ingrid Cohen, 407 No Hubbard Ave, Litchfield, MN 55355.

Passport Run Committee:
Trashy Smith   612-708-9328
Joe Ruby       605-949-1366
Ingrid Cohen   763-516-7029
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 1st – Nov 1st, 2022. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed as 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 thousand 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. If you’re interested in participating in the Passport Run please fill out your information below:

Name of business ____________________________________________________________

Street address ______________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ County __________________________

State & Zip ______________________________

Phone # ________________________________

Email Address ________________________________

Hours ________________________________

Specials/discounts for Passport Customers to list in the book:
________________________________________________________________________________

Sponsorship Fee $25_______ Passport Stop Fee $25_______ Both $50_______

***PASSPORT STOPS ONLY MUST HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS TO STOP AT***

Send check or money order made out to ABATE or cash to the address below before March 1st, 2022.

Ingrid Cohen
ABATE Passport Committee Secretary
407 N Hubbard Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355

Please indicate the name of the ABATE chapter and member who signed you up for the Passport Run:

Chapter Name __________________________ Chapter Member __________________________

Fill Out One:

Check # enclosed _______ Amount _______ Cash Amount Enclosed _______

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