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

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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different types and brands of motorcycles. We are all people with a common interest in a common activity. The fact that we share an interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle we ride.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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March is election month. Thank you to everyone stepping up to run for a position! Please support these people and offer assistance when needed. From chapters, to state committees, to the executive board, we can all use some assistance and encouragement.

To those of you who prefer to stay in the background, keep attending those meetings and fundraisers. We need you too! Please pitch in when you can. You're

going to meet some wonderful people and have fun. Maybe this summer you'll find a spot that's right for you. We need everyone to do their part in order to have a successful organization.

A.B.A.T.E. University is almost here... are you ready to attend?

### Quote of the Day:

*"If you feel you are down on your luck,  
check the level of your effort."*  
– Robert Brault

Spring is coming... I can feel it!

– Jane



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By the time this article comes out I will have less than two weeks before we head out to Marbles Falls, Texas in the Hill Country to do some riding. Can't wait to get on my new Indian Roadmaster, it was a present to myself after 38 years at Mies Outland, I have 5 months to go to be married longer to my wife than my old job, wish me luck.

As for Bikerday at the capitol, it seems like there's always a little hiccup to get through due to Covid we did it and did

the best we could to get our point across. I want to thank all of you that participated in this event.

And it's March and time to get out and vote. A little competition among friends is always fun.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is just around the corner, we have some good classes coming up that you're always able to take some good information from and share. This year we're going to ask that all the hospitality rooms are closed from 2:15 - 6:00 to encourage more people to attend the classes.

And once again Trike Races will be back. I've never seen a dull moment at one of those events!

– Till next time, Jim



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Well, by the time you are reading this, most of our Chapters have held elections. Congratulations to those who are now representing your Chapter!

There were a lot of Absentee ballots requested this year, over 20! Remember to get your paperwork sent back to the office ASAP after your elections!

Just a reminder, please call or e-mail the office of any address changes, and if you are an officer, please remind me of that too! That way I can make changes to my manual and all paper work gets sent to the correct address.

As always, legible writing on all documents, full name, and zip codes too!

See you down the road,

– Shelly Deutsch  
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March, the month of transition. Spring can be early or later in the month, but it should be here soon! So, let's get ready for the upcoming riding season.

Voting on this year's budget will take place at the April B.O.D. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

See you on the road,

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### Upcoming Event(s)

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 24<sup>th</sup>  
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A.B.A.T.E. U is fast approaching. Let's get those room reservations made!

Please bring past event shirts for the staff. If you have items just laying around bring them for the "new to you" table.

All Chapters are requested to bring at least one item to be auctioned off. All Chapters are requested to participate in the Chapter Challenge.

We ask that all Hospitality rooms be closed from 2:15 pm to 6:00 pm to encourage class participation.

### A.B.A.T.E. University T-shirts

We are offering the standard short sleeve T-shirt and Women's V-neck that is form fitting (keep that in mind when ordering). We are only doing Pre-orders this year. Please Pre-order by April 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact me at (763) 443-4732 or smc2930@gmail.com

Any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me. Can't wait to see everyone very soon!

*A.B.A.T.E.  
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The only news I have for NCOM this month is a change in the convention information.

The Convention date has been moved, the convention will be held June 17-19 in Nashville TN. The host hotel is Embassy Suites by Hilton, Nashville Airport.

There will be registration information posted soon on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists web site. The web site can be accessed by following the links on A.B.A.T.E. of MN website. We will also publish registration information in future issues of Road Noise.

If you are going to enjoy some early season riding be careful, be sure your bike is checked over, ready for the road and your 2022 tabs are on.

Stay safe

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Greetings from the cold tundra we call western Minnesota. Hope nominations are going well, and new members are about to get their chance to perform their magic to better A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Good luck to all who are running for offices this year.

By the time you read this Bikerday will be history. Our organization was founded to promote education. We not only educate students through Share the Road, but we also educate our legislators, friends, neighbors, and the public through our contact every day. Always try to be positive when talking about our goals and lifestyle. Keep up the good work, stay positive, and promote motorcycling as a way of life.

Enough philosophy and history see you all soon.

Ride Safe Ride Free,

— Paul



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Spring is right around the corner and the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle sales are off to a solid start. However, we still have a long way to go to match last year's sales, so get out there and get'r done.

Our fiscal year is ending at the end of March and that gets me reflecting on all the awesome work you have all done. Because of your efforts we have been able to donate to many awesome charities in our communities. You can all feel very proud of this, and I look forward to writing out many more checks to your favorite charities over the next 12 months.



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### Bikerday 2022

I am writing this just prior to Bikerday so I can only hope we had a great turnout. Thanks to all that attended the most important day in the year for us. Your sacrifice is appreciated.

Rep Jim Nash finds a workaround to the shutdown. "Because House DFL leadership insists on keeping the State Office Building closed to the public, thus barring constituents from meeting with their representatives in the office, I decided to hold office hours in the Capitol Rotunda so that my constituents who take the time to visit me at the Capitol could be heard."

Thank you Representative Nash!

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

– Gary Goracke



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Working hard these days at scanning articles from our past and wondering about the future of A.B.A.T.E. We have seen great times with a large membership and sad times when the membership has fallen. One of the things that makes it drop is when there are too many outside influences knocking people away from our organization.

I read the Road Noise avidly, looking to see what we are doing in the world of motorcycling and it is not cool to see so many personal political opinions which will easily turn off half of the people reading them. Honestly, some of them made me sad to be a member of A.B.A.T.E. Yes, we do work with politics, but we need to work WITH politicians and public figures, not be obnoxious about them. You must realize that there are some people in those fields who do read our newsletter and we want to come off as people they will enjoy getting to know.

We also don't want to lose the members who either like those politicians/public figures or work with them. Everyone has the right to their opinion, but A.B.A.T.E. is about motorcycling and maintaining the laws and policies that impact riders.

If the present follows the past, as history generally does, either we need to learn from our errors or repeat them. We went through this same sort of scenario in the early 2000's when we had membership up around 5000 members, now we are around 3400.... Think about it.

An article discussing tact by a tactless person,

– Cheers, Becca McCollum



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The task force was informed just after the January B.O.D. that the Department of Traffic Safety finally hired Bill Shaffer's replacement. His name is Jay Bock and he has been involved in the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center since 2004. First as a rider coach then as a rider coach trainer. He is well-regarded in this community and will be able to step in with a good understanding of how the program works. He will also be able to bring a fresh perspective to the leadership of motorcycle safety efforts in Minnesota. In addition, he has an extensive financial management background which will be an advantage in working with the complicated funding involved with this position. I look forward to meeting him at the March meeting.

At the January meeting the task force was debriefed on the upcoming rider training season and a recap of last season's rider training surveys. There is no change in rider training course fees this season.

There will be special event training in Roseau this year and a bigger training range has been added to the Moorhead site. Advanced MN is considering starting up rider training courses in 2023. With rider training options in the northern part of the state declining in the last few years, it is encouraging to hear reports of re-expansion.

The BRC curriculum change has now

taken effect. Classroom time has been eliminated and that portion will be all done online. 30 minutes will be added to the first day of range time to complete paperwork and go over a few in person exercises.

The task force also received a media and advertisement report. This task force position is waiting to be filled. The impaired riding, rider training, and motorcycle awareness campaigns will be launched at the appropriate times this upcoming season. Prior to this meeting, I had gotten reports from multiple sources saying that there was no rider training advertisement insert in their motorcycle tab renewal mailing. As I did not see one myself, I was prepared to ask, but it was brought up before I could do so. They simply were not printed. The position of the person responsible for getting the total number of inserts to be printed had just been filled and that information was not communicated to the printing company.

Do you all remember back when you had to pull a ticket at the DMV and wait for your number to come up to be served? It's a good thing they don't have that anymore because they might struggle to find someone to fill the position of the worker whose job it is to reload the numbered ticket rolls when they're out. Nobody would get served. Upon finding out the rider training inserts had not been printed, there was a concern raised about Dial-A-Ride materials. It has been confirmed that those have been printed.

The next task force meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm at St. Paul College or via Microsoft Teams. Make good choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Big Jon

## STATE RALLY REPORT



**RANDY PROCHAZKA**

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### Next meeting(s):

March 26<sup>th</sup>, VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

Not much to report this month.

Sign-up sheets for Registration and Security shifts will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U. Flyers and advanced tickets will also be available. Tickets will also be available online. Tickets Prices for this year are as follows:  
Weekend pass at the gate-\$50.00  
Advance weekend pass-\$40.00  
Single day pass-\$25.00

All events are free to participate in except for the MRF Chili Contest, which is a donation. Pre-Rally MRF Fundraiser will be on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

T-shirt designs need to be into me randprochazka@frontier.com by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will vote on the winning design at our meeting in Alexandria. The winning design will receive two free weekend passes and bragging rights.

See you at the next meeting.

– Randy

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next meeting(s):

March 13<sup>th</sup>, Phone Meeting, 11:00 am

April 10<sup>th</sup>, Hasty Truck Stop, Hasty, 2:00 pm

Spring is just around the corner! So, as we wait check out the Calendar of Events and other Chapters' fundraisers and support them and our organization too.

Also remember to talk to the place where you have your meetings and fundraisers and let them know that by being a Business of the Month, they would be receiving some free advertising.

The Road Noise Committee is looking for pictures from Bikerday; send in your pictures in jpg format.

Our Committee is still looking for people to help with getting this publication together each month, it's a good way to be involved with A.B.A.T.E. Talk to anyone on the Committee if interested.

Send all submissions for the Road Noise to roadnoise@abatemn.org

– Thanks, Tammy

## PRODUCTS REPORT



**KARI DUNCAN**

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Hello fellow bikers,

I am getting things ordered for A.B.A.T.E. U. Come see what I have found for you.

Please print clearly when filling out forms to order badges and business cards. Or have your Chapter Secretary email your information following elections.

"New to You" will be available at A.B.A.T.E. U, so bring your gently used motorcycle apparel and I will try to sell it.

I am once again looking for help before, during, and after our State Rally. Please see me at A.B.A.T.E. U to see how you can help. I will have sign-up sheets available.

As always, if you need products, have an idea, or are having an event please email or text me and I will do what I can to help you out.

See you at A.B.A.T.E. U.

– Kari

# MN A.B.A.T.E. PASSPORT RUN

Reminder to all chapters we need your pre-order count of how many passport books you would like to receive for the Passport Run. This is the number of books (best guess) you would like to sell for your chapter throughout the season. We ended up with about 150 returned, unsold books at the end of 2021, and would like to get a more accurate count for ordering this year so we can cut printing costs.

Remember, this is a great fundraiser for A.B.A.T.E. and for every passport you sell, \$10 goes back to your chapter. And you can sell to anyone, not just members. Please give your pre-order count to the Passport Committee by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Your passport books will be

available for pick up at ABATE U.

We are still looking for someone to take over secretary duties on the committee. Ingrid will help them transition into the role; this is strictly a volunteer position. Please contact Ingrid if you are interested.

We hope you are excited for the new Passport Run season and are looking forward to all the new stops!

Passport Run Committee:

- Trashy Smith 612-708-9328
- Joe Ruby 605-949-1366
- Ingrid Cohen 763-516-7029



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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I hope you all are getting to see some sunshine and are thinking spring is getting close! Getting away to spend a week on the beach sure did wonders for me and my body!

The memberships are slowing crawling up, we had an increase of five members from January's figures. State numbers are as follows, 1,571 singles and 1,840 couples with a total of 3,411. For the most part most Chapters are staying even. The Chapter with the most increase this month was Way West with an increase of nine, way to go! Second

place went to Southeast LC with an increase of seven, AWESOME! We had a tie for third with an increase of five between Central and River Valley, great job everyone! Lowest decrease this month was a Chapter who lost six this month.

I noticed a lot more memberships coming through the office in the past couple of weeks. Are some Chapters having a close race at election time? Whatever the reason, we need to keep them coming in!

Use the membership lists handed out at the B.O.D., if you haven't seen one lately, ask your Chapter Rep to dig it out of their briefcase! We need to make use of these, otherwise, why are we printing them?

Keep on Keepin' on!

– Shelly Deutsch

*Rider Training Course Schedule  
See Page 29!*





## WELCOME TO ABATE U 2022 MOTORCYCLISTS: A DYING BREED??

### Friday, April 22

6:00-7:00 pm	Gambling Meeting	Courtroom 3
7:00-8:00 pm	Pre-Board Meeting	Courtroom 3
8:00-9:00 pm	State Rally Meeting	Courtroom 3
7:00-8:00 pm	Smarter Than a 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader	Rec. Area
9:00-11:30 pm	Games – A.B.A.T.E. Fundraiser	Rec. Area

### Saturday, April 23

8:00 am-8:45 am	Officer Training	See list on conference room doors
9:00 am-1:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Courtrooms 1-2
2:15 – 2:50 pm	Insurance: From a Lawyers Perspective	Courtrooms 1-2
3:00 – 3:50 pm	The Demise of the Gas Powered Vehicle	Courtrooms 1-2
4:00 – 4:50 pm	Unintended Consequences	Courtrooms 1-2
5:00 – 5:50 pm	MC/MRO Know the Difference	Courtrooms 1-2
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Live Auction	Courtrooms 1-3
9:00 pm	Raffle Drawing	Courtrooms 1-3
9:15pm - ?	Trike Races – Jay/Stephanie	Courtrooms 1-3



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## *Because you didn't submit your motorcycle:* **CYCLE OF THE MONTH**



### **Robin Hood**

**Turquoise, 2 speed cycle**

**Purchased April 25, 1969 for \$46.77**



#### **Owner: Charm Bolgrean, Lake Chapter**

Given to Charm by a neighbor. Complete with original sales receipt from Daytons, assembly instructions and replacements parts sheet. Robin Hood Cycle Co. Ltd bicycles is an English manufacturer made in Nottingham, England. Acquired by the Raleigh Bicycle Company in 1906, many of whose bicycles were imported into the United States. Best known for their three-speeds, they were an economy line for Raleigh.

## **MEMBER OF THE MONTH**

### **Donna Prochazka** *"Cuddles"*

#### **Rolling Prairie Chapter**

I would like to nominate Donna Prochazka or as she is known to some "Cuddles," for member of the month. She can be found driving the support vehicle for the Rolling Prairie Chapter's rides, selling registration at our rides, signing up new members, doing her shifts at registration at our State Rally, or riding around behind Otis on his Harley. She and her husband have been very active since joining A.B.A.T.E. at our local Chapter level and at the State level. She is the Treasurer for Rolling Prairie. Thank you Donna for all you do for A.B.A.T.E.





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# Chapter Grapevines



## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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**No Report Received**

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

March 20<sup>th</sup>, Rochester American Legion

Post 92, Rochester, 11:00 am

April 17<sup>th</sup>, The Shed Bar & Grill, Ridgeway,  
11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

March 20<sup>th</sup>, Officers' elections at the March meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Chapter sponsored ride, American Legion Post 92, Rochester. ALL ARE WELCOME—members, non-members, bikes, cars, trucks, even busses.

Let that snow melt fast.

As you are reading this, spring is just a few weeks away. Many, as well as myself, are getting antsy for the riding season to get here and here's wishing everyone a great riding season. There were 67 motorcycle related deaths last year. Let's work hard to cut that number way down. BE SAFE OUT THERE.

Also, as you're reading this, Bikerday at the Capitol has come and gone. A big THANK YOU to all who made it to the Capitol. It was nice to see everyone who made it. Hopefully, our voices were heard, and our concerns listened to. This not only affects motorcycles but many issues also affect the general public too. Let's continue to make noise to get the attention of those at the state level and make them listen to us. It takes all of us to make a difference in your rights as a rider. Make sure you are participating in the motorcycle

profiling survey. This only takes a few minutes and is very important to those of us that ride motorcycles. This survey can be found at [motorcycleprofilingproject.com](http://motorcycleprofilingproject.com) and is a yearly thing.

The fundraiser that was being planned with the Straight River Chapter is on hold for now as life got in the way and time got away from us. We are still looking at doing something next fall or during the winter months. I will keep you updated on this.

Our Chapter will be purchasing Buddy Bears to hand out to the local volunteer ambulance services in southeast Minnesota. This is a great way to get our name out there and to bring attention to the many great things A.B.A.T.E. does.

Don't forget March is the month for Officer elections. If you don't like how things are being done, get involved and make changes. Now is the time to make your voice heard.

Sending a great big welcome to all new members and a big Thank you to all members who renewed their memberships. We like to put names with faces so don't forget to come to the monthly meeting. Dates, times, and locations (for the summer riding season beginning in April and ending in September or October—weather permitting) will be posted in the Road Noise as well as on our Chapter Facebook page.

Hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

— Terry

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

March 13<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club,  
Mankato, 12:00 pm  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club,  
Mankato, 12:00pm



## Upcoming Event(s):

April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday  
Inn, Alexandria  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

Hello All!

Well, here we are coming up on spring and riding weather...hopefully. With any luck Punxsutawney Phil is about as accurate as the weatherman.

A big thank you to all of you that helped out and participated in our January Thaw Fundraiser. And a huge shout out to the Planning Committee that got it all together. Also, a resounding thank you to all our Sponsors and to all the individuals and businesses that donated. Without the continued help and participation year after year we would not be able to make it a successful event.

We are currently in the process of planning our May Motorcycle Awareness Parade. The parade is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to encourage Chapter members to get involved with the planning process. Committee meetings are an hour before the regular meeting. Let's hope we have another gorgeous day like we did last year.

Spring Ditch Cleanup is just around the corner as well. More details to follow.

Please encourage anyone you know to join A.B.A.T.E. We are continually fighting for our rights as bikers. Informational tri-folds are available from just about anyone. Every membership helps!

See you all in the wind soon. As always, keep it shiny side up.

– Big D, President



**River Valley January Thaw Fundraiser**



## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

March 12<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Owatonna,  
1:00 pm (Elections)  
April 9<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna,  
1:00 pm

Howdy Straightjackets,

This will be the last meeting to get nominations for officer positions. Please think about stepping up and help the Chapter to grow.

Don't forget to support our sister Chapters by attending one of their fundraisers.

Your Pres.

– Spanky

# FLATLANDERS

## Next Meeting(s):

March 19<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Alden, 3:00 pm  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, TB-3's, Freeborn, 1:00 pm

Greetings, Flatlanders.

First off, kudos to everyone who stepped up and accepted nomination for office. It would be impossible for the Chapter to survive without you. Good luck to everyone!

The next big thing coming up is A.B.A.T.E. U., scheduled for the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Alexandria. Everyone is welcome and Officers are especially encouraged to attend. New officers in particular will find their respective classes informative and helpful for understanding their positions. And the B.O.D. meeting helps members see the bigger

picture and what's happening in other Chapters and at the State level.

In conjunction with A.B.A.T.E. U., raffle tickets, raffle tickets, raffle tickets! Only 800 printed so get 'em/ sell 'em before they're gone.

As I write this Grapevine, I am listening to a howling wind, and snow is on the way. Though it's hard to believe right now, when it reaches mailboxes, spring will be just around the corner. I hope it will actually feel like spring soon thereafter. As always, check the Flatlanders Facebook page for motorcycle related events and updates.

Together we stand.

– Linda

(See a "Blast from the Past" below:)



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# TRI COUNTY

## Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD, Fundraiser Committee  
at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

May 5<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD, Fundraiser Committee  
at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride,  
Registration at 10:30 am, kickstands up  
at 12:00 pm

By the time you read this Bikerday at the  
Capitol has come and gone. I hope it was a  
successful event.

Don't forget to book your room for A.B.A.T.E.  
U if you plan on attending this year. I always

have a great time.

As the snow begins to melt and we start  
getting our beloved motorcycles ready, save  
the date for our annual Tri-County Carver  
Motorcycle Ride. Lots of door prizes to win  
and free food at the end as usual. It is on  
Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 10:30,  
kickstands up at noon.

By now Chapter elections have happened  
and I would like to thank all the Officers that  
have served over the last year. Your  
contributions to this organization have  
been invaluable. I also look forward to what  
happens this year, the possibilities are  
endless.

For now, just itchin' to ride.

– Big Jon



**Representative Jim Nash at a previous Bikerday.**



# Chapter Grapevines



## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Here it is March already and this is election time for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Over the last few years, I have been honored to be your Southwest District Director. I'm looking for your vote for another year.

Currently, Bikerday at the Capitol is already over. I hope the ones that could get there, went. If you couldn't I hope that you took the time to write your Senators and Representatives. It is especially important this year being an election year that we stay in contact and let them know how we feel about the job that they are doing. If we don't stay after them, they will forget all about us and our issues.

I hope that all the chapters got their Passport stops sent in, so in April at the B.O.D. we can distribute the Passports to the Chapters to sell, remember you don't just sell to your membership. You sell them to every motorcyclist that you encounter. This is the money maker for the Chapter and for the State, so get out there and sell them.

As riding season comes into view look at your Road Noise and all the events that the Chapters are having, get out there and support the other Chapters and in turn they will support your Chapter.

Think spring and get ready to ride and enjoy.

– Jon W. Smith "Trashy"

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## **GLACIAL RIDGE**

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

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

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

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

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

Greetings People,

There have been no additions to the nomination list for officers for the Chapter. Meaning that everyone sitting at the table now will be there for the upcoming year.

Thank you to the people for deciding to keep their positions.

Winter is winding down and it's time to go out and make sure you don't have to replace anything on your bike now so you don't have to wait till early or mid-summer to get what needs to be replaced, thus keeping you from getting out and enjoying the ride you should be on but couldn't.

Remember that A.B.A.T.E. U. is happening next month.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be safe.

– Hives

## BUFFALO RIDGE

### Next Meeting (s):

April 6<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota,  
6:30 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter has been busy working out plans to do a Mock Accident involving a vehicle/motorcycle accident. We are hoping to accomplish this during Motorcycle Awareness in May. More information will be provided on this in upcoming issues of the Road Noise.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

– Dustin Kvistad, VP

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## SOUTHWEST

### Next Meeting (s):

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,  
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,  
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Community Center,  
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

Covid has messed up so many plans, and our soup/chili feed (contest) has been cancelled. If there's a rescheduled time and date, you will see it here!

Election of officers will take place in April.

Let's be patient, wait for the pandemic to end, springs arrival, and then LETS RIDE!

See you on the road! Let's make A.B.A.T.E. U. even better than ever!

Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Especially during these unpredictable times.

– BAM

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting (s):

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Ormsby Clubhouse, Ormsby,  
3:00 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Darfur Lounge, Darfur, 4:00 pm

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Village Inn, LaSalle, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

March 25<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed Prep, VFW, St. James,  
9:00 am

March 26<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James,  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Washout, St. James Rest Area,  
8:00 am

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Ditch Cleanup, Camper World,  
Madelia, 1:00 pm

Well, it's that time of year again. The smell of Chili is in the air. Come on out to the VFW in St. James on March 26<sup>th</sup> and get your fill. We will be serving from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm or until gone. Silent Auction ends at 8:00 pm. All items need to be paid for and picked up that night. Hope to see a lot of you there.

We are also in the planning stages of our Summer Kickstart run on June 4<sup>th</sup>. More details will come as we finalize them.

Our Fallen Friends Memorial Run will be on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Well, I think that is all for now. Until next time,

– Giggles



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## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

**No Report Received**





**Lake: Bowling for Kids**

## LAKE

### Next Meeting (s):

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Lake Chapter Advanced Motorcycle training

TBD, Lake Chapter Experienced Motorcycle training



**Grounded Hogs Party: Rosa's Quilt**

We had a good turnout for the February meeting. Helped that it was right before our annual fundraiser. The Grounded Hogs party was a huge success!! Had a good crowd, the food was awesome as usual, and of course the band kicked ass!! Rosa's contribution to the auction was a highlight too. She is an incredible seamstress and we are so lucky to have her in Lake Chapter. What a great time. Hope you were there. If not, make plans to attend next year.

There was a problem with the vendor for the patches in memory of Dan Arne, so they are still in the works. Nikki Arne was presented with the Member of the Year award. Thanks for all you do!

At the meeting it was approved to be a Gold Sponsor for the 2022 State Rally. We are working on a Spring Run and will have more details at the next meeting.

**Lake: continued on page 22**



## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting (s):

March 5<sup>th</sup>, The Pump, Milbank, SD,  
12:00 pm (voting meeting)

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hints of spring and exclamations of winter in one day. We're getting closer to our riding season. Get your bikes tuned and ready, take a riding course, invite a friend to a meeting.

Our March meeting is our voting meeting for officers at the chapter and state levels. Make your vote count.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is around the corner. It's an educational and fun time all around. If you have something to put on the silent auction, bring it with or send it with someone who is going. Get your rooms or come for the day.

Way West oversees the bike games again this year. We will have both Saturday and Sunday to run games, so that is exciting.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

– Gypsy Mama

## Lake: continued from page 21

Please consider taking one or both of the group motorcycle training classes in May. If you are interested, contact Sherry at [lefty245@aol.com](mailto:lefty245@aol.com).

We had fun at the Bowling for Kids event. Thanks to Sand Dunes chapter for participating. We raised \$1,170 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Minnesota and they were very thankful and look forward to next year.

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up soon and our chapter will host a hospitality room again. Bring a dish to share if you can. Auction items are also needed. Dial-A-Ride materials will be distributed that weekend, so start thinking of bars that may want this information.

Chapter and State Officer voting will take place at the March meeting. Nominations are as follows: President - Smoker, Vice President - Rick VanHorn, Treasurer - Maureen O'Hern, Secretary - Dale Morin, Chapter Rep. - Scott Trout, Sgt at Arms - Gaida, Nikki, April, Karen, Devin, Blythe and Mike.

– Later, Mitch'n



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Happy March Bikers!

Riding season is just around the corner and I'm ready, hope you all are too. March is election time for A.B.A.T.E. Chapters. If you don't vote, no complaining for one year! I want to thank all of you that stepped up to run for either a chapter or state office. I appreciate each and every one of you. It can be rewarding, but mostly thankless. March means A.B.A.T.E. U. is just around the corner, get your room reservations now. I've said it before and I'll say it again, this year's program is going to be the most important one in most of our history. With all that is going on in Europe right now, you need to be informed and aware that these issues are just a year or two from becoming YOUR ISSUES.

I will be spending more time on the road stating in February, visiting chapters, still limping tho. Be safe and see you down the road.

– Pedro

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## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting (s):

March 20<sup>th</sup>, Doc's on 23, Askov, 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):

April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, J.P.R. Upper Kettle River  
Shakedown, Finlayson

It's time again for chapter elections. Elections will be held at the March meeting. You must be a current chapter member to vote. If you need to renew your membership, you can do so at the March meeting.

We also have begun planning our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Now is the time to bring your thoughts and ideas to the chapter meeting.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets.

First prize is \$20,022.00 cash, second prize is a 2022 Indian Super Chief motorcycle, third prize is \$5000.00 cash, fourth prize is \$2022.00 cash, fifth prize is \$2022.00 cash. Text Bill at 651-587-7625 for tickets. Or contact any J.P.R officer.

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 Roadnoise 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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

– The Grapevine Jesus

## **EAST CENTRAL**

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

March 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis,  
11:00 am

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

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

Hello members and friends of A.B.A.T.E.  
Minnesota.

March can usually come in as a Roaring Lion and leave us like a Quiet Lamb. We'll SEE! Ground Hog Day has come and gone with the bad news of 6 Weeks more of Winter. Look at the bright side, at least it's not 6 more MONTHS of Winter. Phil is a liar, nothing more than a Tree RAT! Something to Shoot at for Target Practice.

Chapter officer elections will be held at the March meeting. Our President, Bob McChesney, has asked members for any interest in going to a Rider Safety Course this year. We need 12 members who want to sign up for our chapter session with the possible Pine City location. Please email or call Bob if interested. No Date and Time has been set yet.

Our Brat Stand for Buddy Bears as of now is not looking good for July. CUB has worries over Covid Virus. Hopefully we get the green light later towards summer.

The aluminum can collection has gone well. Please bring crushed cans to the meeting. Money raised goes to our Rider Education Fund.

Thanks to all volunteers at our Heart On Chapter Fundraiser and to our Fundraiser Chair Toni McChesney for all her help in planning this event. All donations are greatly appreciated. Remember Volunteers make this all happen! Again Thanks!!

Have you made a room reservation with the Holiday Inn in Alexandria for A.B.A.T.E. U? Tell them you are with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota for a block of rooms available, 320-763-6577. If you want a t-shirt they are sold pre-order only

with Stephanie at 763-443-4732. Tell her your size and the cost should be \$20. Call her and verify.

Web contributions may be sent to Red Braastad at eastcentral@usa.com

Grapevine contributions may be sent to Jim LaSpisa at laspisajim@gmail.com

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

– Your V.P. Jim

## **NORTH EAST**

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

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

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

March 26<sup>th</sup>, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

Starting to see light at the end of the tunnel, at least longer days. Not much to report. A lot of things going on in the international front as far as motorcycle legislation. Check out the MRF.ORG website for some in depth analysis of what's on the horizon.

Our annual fundraising event, the Bunwarmer, is back to its original time of year. Come by and see us on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the River Inn in Scanlon. We'll have a great band, games and giveaways, as well as silent and live auctions. The best fun you can have for \$10 (plus donations). More information can be found on our Facebook page.

– Stay warm, Ride safe, Ed

*A.B.A.T.E.  
University  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>*



## METRO

### Next Meeting (s):

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Donnie Smith Bike Show,  
St. Paul River Center, look for the  
Metro Chapter Booth

April 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland S.T.E.A.M.,  
Springfield, IL

April 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 29<sup>th</sup>, MetroMorial Day Celebration,  
Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley

Watch the Metro Facebook page for announcements about future Monday Taco Nights at Casa Rio Tex-Mex restaurant in Anoka and Sunday morning Brunches at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley during the winter and early spring.

We sold out of the original printing of 2022 Metro Chapter calendars featuring many splendid photos from the 2021 A.B.A.T.E. Motorcycle State Rally in Litchfield over last Labor Day weekend and are well into our second printing. The calendar is good for 16-months (through April 2023) so even though you didn't purchase one before the start of the year they still will serve you well if purchased now. Calendars are \$20 each (purchase 5 and we throw in a 6<sup>th</sup> calendar for FREE) and we also still have a few 'collector editions' of the 2021 calendar for only \$5 each. Ordering information is on our chapter website at [www.metromn.com](http://www.metromn.com).

Plans are underway for the MetroMorial Day Celebration 2022, our annual chapter fundraiser which is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley. We handed out flyers at the January B.O.D. and tickets are printed and available for purchase.

Our Master Sgt-at-Arms, Brian Ladoux, is currently planning a schedule of monthly chapter group rides and other social events for chapter members.

Chapter Officer Nominations were taken at the January and February chapter meetings with elections at the March 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

## CENTRAL

### Next Meeting (s):

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

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

May 1<sup>st</sup>, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

August 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Biker Bash, Halfway Jam,  
Royalton

Sick of the weather? Welcome to the club! But it's Minnesota, so give it ten minutes and it will change... It goes from negative 30 and then the next day it's 40 degrees. Don't worry, we're over the hump and getting closer and closer to warmer bike weather. That's what keeps our spirits up!

Reminder, elections will be held at the March meeting.

Central Chapter's new Biker Bash location is the Halfway Jam property in Royalton. We are looking for vendors, so please contact our President Keith Jacobs or our VP Travis Rolfes.

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 members.

Remember we all have the common goal, fighting for our motorcycle rights and freedoms. So be present and get educated at the upcoming biker events!

*\*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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## SAND DUNES

### Next Meeting (s):

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Spring Ride, KJ's Refuge, Orrock,  
11:00 am

June 12<sup>th</sup>, Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo,  
KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Hopefully by the time you read this the snow is gone and you're getting some miles in. If not, let that be your excuse to get out and support A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

We have our spring ride planned for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Kickstands up at 11:00 am from KJ's in Orrock. This ride is the Saturday before Mother's Day. If you bring your mother, or mother-in-law as a passenger, SHE WILL RIDE FOR FREE! Keeping with the mom theme we will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Motorcyclists of Minnesota Political Action Committee, MOM-PAC.

We are busy planning and extremely excited to bring our Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo back this year. It will be June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at KJ's in Orrock. Bring your bikes, bring your family, and bring yourself. You won't want to miss it.

Our next meeting is Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at KJ's in Orrock. This is our yearly chapter election. If

you want to be more involved, please come to the meetings. Our success relies on the outreach and work our members put forth. No matter how little or how much, it all helps us achieve great things.

– Until next time, ride safe.

### *Youth testimonial;*

My personal experience with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has been overall pretty welcoming. Of course, this varies from chapter to chapter, but my personal experience with Sand Dunes Chapter specifically has been great.

Most of the events are family friendly for kids of all ages. Kids are also allowed to come to monthly meetings and if a parent or guardian is on an event committee, they are allowed to bring their kids as well.

Nobody looks at you or your kids weird for being there, in fact in lots of cases when talking about a future event the kids will be asked to chime in with ideas to draw in more of a crowd of kids.

I won't deny the fact that part of the meetings can be pretty boring from a kid's perspective but the events are more than enough entertainment to make up for it.

– Alyx Gerhart, age 15



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

**EDGAR BURKE**

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Howdy Folks,

BIKERDAY at the Capitol! It has been a weird year as we all know. We still need to communicate with our elected officials. If you made it, please take time to write your politicians and Thank them for their support. If they don't see things your way, take the time to talk with them and see if you can politely convince them to agree.

A.B.A.T.E. U. Is NEXT! This again will be an awesome time!! Get your room reserved and sign up for classes. If you are an officer, PLEASE take time to go to the officer class and get the proper training for that office.

I Would Like to THANK ALL past officers for what they have done. And also, would like to THANK ALL those that stepped up to support this great organization!!!

I would also like to THANK YOU guys and gals for believing in me and supporting me for another year.

*Take care and ride free!*

EDGAR

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## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

March 26<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Alexandria 6:00 PM

April 30<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Alexandria 6:00 PM

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> FFR Bike Show

Greetings FFR members,

We had a great turnout for our January meeting. Bikerday has gone and passed. Thanks to the Chapter Members that made an effort to be there.

Winter is almost done, within the next 4 to 8 weeks we will be riding again. This is a great time to do a complete check over of your bike. We need to be safe out there and if you can't do a safety check on your bike yourself, there are plenty of shops out there that will do it for you.

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



## HEART OF THE LAKES

### Next Meeting(s):

March 11<sup>th</sup>, Playtime Sportsbar, Perham,  
7:00 PM  
April 8<sup>th</sup>, TBD

### Upcoming Event(s):

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart  
Tournament, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes.  
Pool at 2, Darts at 5 :00 PM

Hello to all!

Hope that your winter season has not been too rough. The weather has sure had trouble making up its mind. But we should be headed back toward some better weather soon.

By the time you see this, Bikerday should be over for another year. We will have to see how the modified format for this year works out. There are still letters and e-mails and such to let our senators and reps know what we would like them to support. Hopefully things will be back to regular schedule next year.

The Annual Heart of the Lakes Chapter POOL and DART Tourney is on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sandbar in Detroit Lakes. Come on out to play, have some food and enjoy the band after.

Well, not much else to say.....

– Til next time, Littlebear

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## BORDERLAND

No Report Received

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## NORTH STAR

No Report Received

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



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Northwest Chapter

## NORTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Greg's (potluck), 3:00 PM  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rod's (potluck), 3:00 PM

### Upcoming Event(s):

May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, SPRING RIDE-IN, St. Hilaire

Greetings All,

First, a special thanks to Jessica Shimpa for offering to be the administrator for our Facebook page! Check out all her updates at <https://www.facebook.com/Northwest-Chapter-of-ABATE-33530462450/>. Thanks to our past admins for all their time!

Thanks to the Mentor Municipal for hosting our February meeting. Officer nominations took place and it was nice to have fresh faces nominated. Thanks to the current Officers for a job well done! Voting will take place at our March meeting.

Our Spring Ride-In is fast approaching.

Please attend our up-coming meetings as many important details will be discussed. As always, please bring a friend to our events! New membership is crucial.

– Tiffany

# Get ready for the riding season by signing up for a safety course

## Rider Training Course Schedules and Registration

All locations offer MSF Basic Rider Courses and Intermediate Rider Courses

For specific site phone numbers: 800-407-6677

Click on a site to register



2\*-These sites offer the MN Advanced Rider Course and the MN Expert Rider Course

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2022 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2022 State Rally, to be held September 2<sup>nd</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

As part of our Sponsorship program we are offering generous recognition, advertising, vendor space, and passes for the participation of you, your employees and customers in our event.

**There are five levels of Sponsorship:**

### Diamond Sponsorship

**The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000**

It includes:

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

### Gold Sponsorship

**The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000**

It includes:

- Medium signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your Company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine
- Waiver of vendor fees to set up at the Rally
- Your company name and a half page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Six free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

### Silver Sponsorship

**The Silver Sponsorship is \$500**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a quarter page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

### Chrome Sponsorship

**The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Two free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

### Copper Sponsorship

**The Copper Sponsorship is \$100**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- One free weekend pass to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

Although A.B.A.T.E. is a not for profit organization and contributions are not tax deductible, you may be able to deduct this investment in your company's advertising budget. Check with your tax professional.

Partnering with us will make the 2022 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2022 Rally is 2,000.

Our members are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who support those businesses who support them. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota please visit our website at [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org).

**For more information, please contact:**

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532

Email: [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

*Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon!*

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is  
August 1, 2022**



# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2022 State Rally Sponsorship

## Sponsor Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: ☐ DIAMOND ☐ GOLD  
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*Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your ad/business card*

## Recruiting Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Promotional Tickets

☐ Mail tickets to Business Contact

\* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2022

☐ Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Identification will be required

Quantity given: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Michelle Backlund

16550 226<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

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Sponsor Receipt

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2022 State Rally Sponsorship

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Inc. thanks you for your support!*

If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund

(763) 263-1532 or email [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2022

If you don't receive your tickets by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 contact Michelle Backlund

**Visit our website at: [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
3/2/22	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
3/2/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots, Cosmos	7:00 PM
3/3/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	6:00 PM
3/3/22	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/3/22	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	6:30 PM
3/4/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore School/Community Center	7:00 PM
3/5/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3/5/22	Heart of the Lakes Pool Tournament	Sanbar II, Detroit Lakes	2:00 PM
3/5/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Hollywood Roadhouse, New Germany	3:00 PM
3/5/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg's potluck	3:00 PM
3/5/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	The Pump, Milbank, SD	12:00 PM
3/6/22	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:30 PM
3/6/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
3/6/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
3/7/22	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force Meeting		5:00 PM
3/8/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
3/11/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Playtime Sportsbar, Perham	7:00 PM
3/12/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
3/13/22	Publication Committee Meeting	via Phone	11:00 AM
3/13/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/19/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Alden	3:00 PM
3/20/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's on 23, Askew	2:00 PM
3/20/22	Southeast LC Chapter	Rochester American Legion	11:00 AM
3/25/22	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed Prep	VFW, St. James	9:00 AM
3/26/22	Bun Warmer	River Inn	
3/26/22	Donnie Smith Bike Show	St. Paul River Center, St. Paul	
3/26/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	5:00 PM
3/26/22	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	5-8:00 pm
3/27/22	Donnie Smith Bike Show	St. Paul River Center, St. Paul	
4/1/22	Heartland STEAM	Springfield, IL	
4/1/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
4/2/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/2/22	Heartland STEAM	Springfield, IL	
4/2/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
4/2/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod's (potluck)	3:00 PM
4/3/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
4/3/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	5:00 PM
4/6/22	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:30 PM
4/6/22	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
4/6/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/7/22	Tri-county Chapter Meeting	Location TBD	7:00 PM
4/7/22	Tri-County Fund Raiser Committee Meeting	location TBD	6:30 PM
4/8/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
4/9/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna	1:00 PM
4/10/22	Publication Committee Meeting	Hasty Ctruck Stop, Hasty	2:00 PM
4/10/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
4/10/22	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Hasty Ctruck Stop, Hasty	1:00 PM
4/12/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/17/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	The Village, Pine City	2:00 PM
4/17/22	Southeast LC Chapter	the Shed Bar & Grill, Ridgeway	11:00 AM
4/22/22	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/22/22	Dial-a-ride BOD Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	4:00 PM
4/22/22	State Rally Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	8:00 PM
4/23/22	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/24/22	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/30/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	TB-3's, Freeborn	1:00 PM
4/30/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM
5/1/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
5/4/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots, Cosmos	7:00 PM
5/5/22	Tri-county Chapter Meeting	Location TBD	7:00 PM
5/5/22	Tri-County Fund Raiser Committee Meeting	location TBD	6:30 PM
5/6/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
5/7/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/7/22	Motorcycle Awareness Parade		
5/7/22	Sand Dunes Spring Ride	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	11:00 AM
5/7/22	Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride	Registration @ 10:30 am	12:00 PM
5/14/22	Rolling Prairie Ditch Cleanup	Camper World, Madelia	1:00 PM



# NEW & RENEWALS FOR JANUARY 2022

## BORDERLAND

Bob / Amanda Brierly ..... N  
Jason Fuller ..... R

## BUFFALO RIDGE

Ken Pesch / Brenda Alley ..... R

## CENTRAL

Terry Behm ..... R  
Mike Diethelm ..... R  
Aaron Fenzel/ Melissa Hansen ... R  
Christian Hendrickson/  
Mary Lindburg ..... N  
Dale Morin ..... R  
Ronald / Sherry Rolfes ..... R  
Dan / Kelly Willard ..... R

## EAST CENTRAL

Scott Krinke ..... R  
Thomas / Donna Mevissen ..... R

## FLATLANDERS

Missy Farr ..... N

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Eric / Liz Schultz ..... R  
Penny Trenc ..... R

## HEART OF THE LAKES

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Doug Feela ..... R

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Russell "Gonzo" Jensen ..... R

## LAKE

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Ron Lischeid ..... R

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## NORTHWEST

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Alan "Joker" Wentworth ..... R

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Dale Morin ..... R

## SOUTHEAST LC

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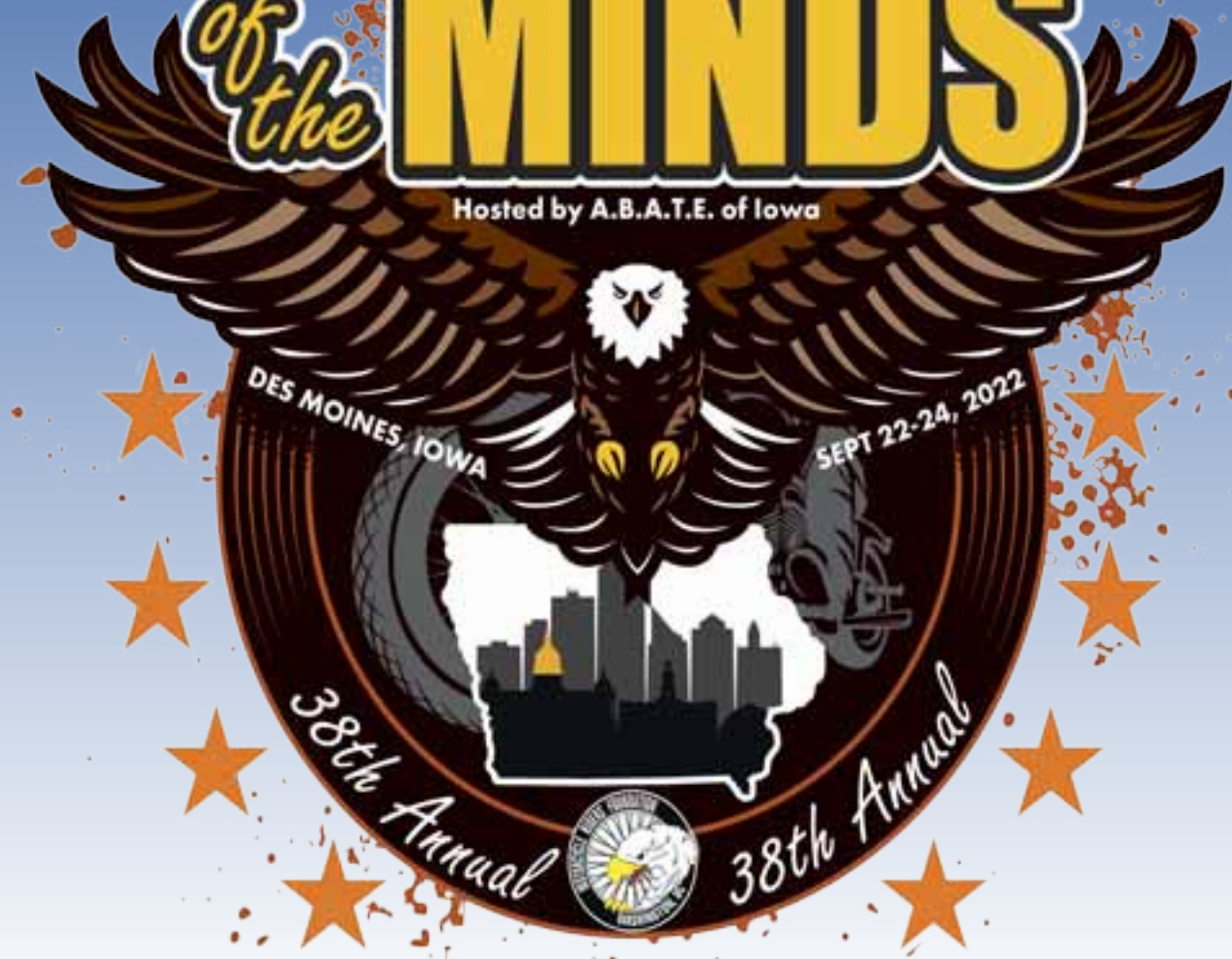
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