



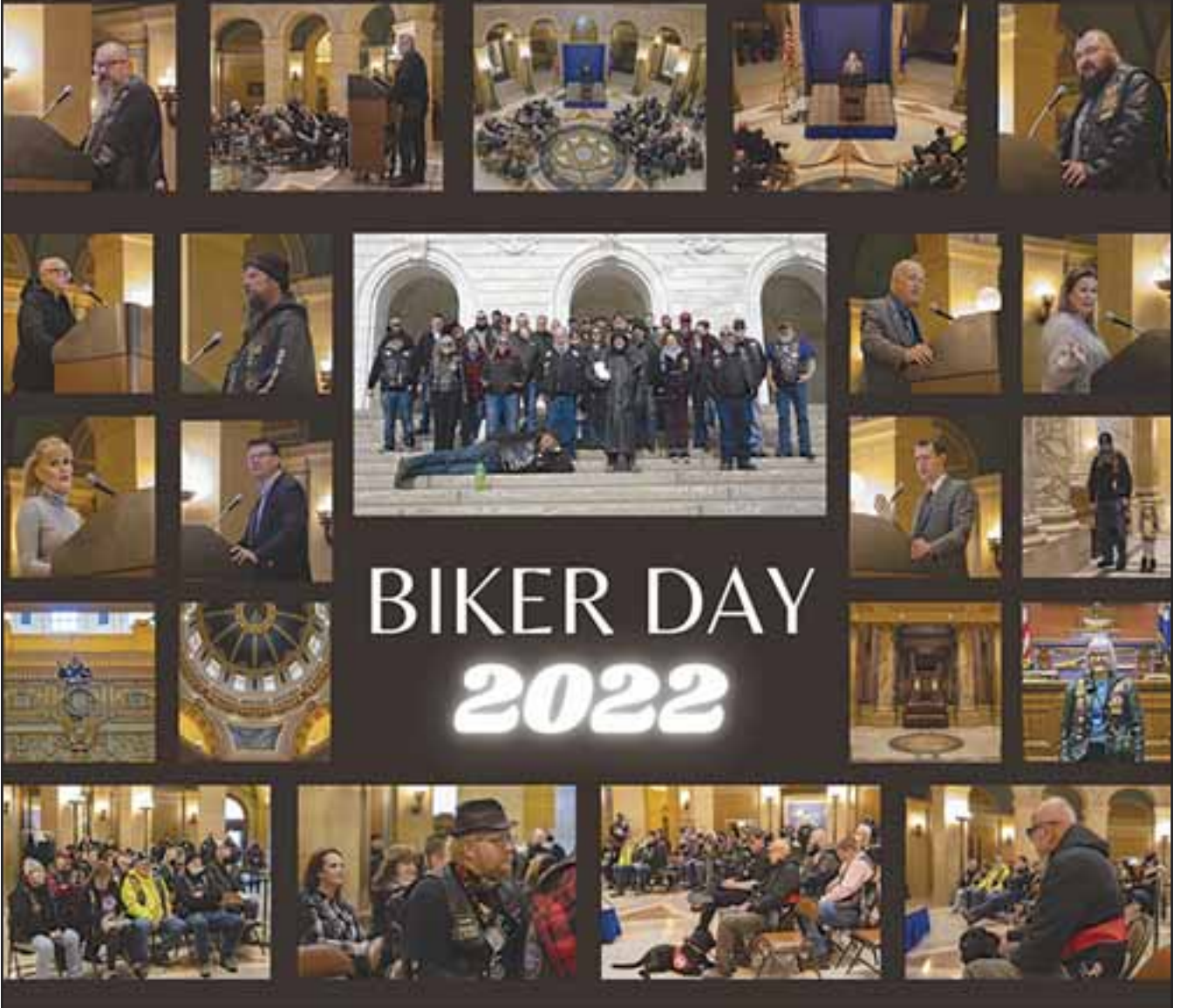
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- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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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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Congratulations to all our A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota officers! Thank you for stepping up to help us in our fight for motorcycle rights. I look forward to working with all of you.

If your chapter is having a fundraiser, and you are placing an ad in the Road Noise, please also copy our Webmaster. She will place the flyer on our website. Did I mention - we have a new Webmaster! Please help me welcome Kimmer! She spent several years as our Road Noise Editor. After taking a break, Kimmer has decided that she is ready to take on a new challenge. She will be working closely

with Mack during the transition.

As I write this article, there is about five inches of ice in my driveway near the door. Hopefully, by the time you read this I'll be able to get a bike out of the garage and do some riding. I'm looking forward to a few long rides and feeling of freedom that comes with the wind in my face.

What's your plan for keeping our freedom of the road? Are you contacting your legislator to let them know how you feel about legislation that's on their desk? Don't assume that they know how you feel. Voice your opinion - politely.

As time allows, I'm trying to get out and visit the chapters. Don't be surprised if I show up at a meeting or party.

Hope to see you soon!

– Jane



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Well, it's April, do you have your thousand plus miles on for the year? I do, but I guess going to Texas to ride is kind of cheating.

This is the start of the riding season time for us all to get out and ride. But be careful, we need to watch out for the loose gravel and our rusty driving skills, I know it always takes a few miles to get back into the swing of

things for myself.

A.B.A.T.E. U is on our doorsteps and I hope you all have your reservations, but better yet do you have your chance to win a lot of cash or a new motorcycle? Get your raffle ticket!

And it's kind of funny, as long as it takes for spring to get here, it seems like in a blink of an eye we are back to Fall, I hate to say it but that's how it feels sometimes, so get out and ride, ride, ride.

Congratulations to all the old and new officers that were elected, and I hope to see you all at A.B.A.T.E. U.

– Till next time, Jim



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Happy Spring! So nice to see warmer weather and bikes on the roads again.

A.B.A.T.E. University is this month and is full of great seminars again this year. If you are a new Chapter Treasurer, make sure to attend my class on Saturday morning for information useful in your new role. I will be available for any questions and will bring forms to that meeting too.

– See you in Alexandria! Mitch



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Bikerday 2022

Thanks to all that attended the most important day in the year for us. Your sacrifice is appreciated.

Biofuels

HF3520, SF3873 Biofuel standard minimum modified, technical changes made, reports required, and exemptions established. This has just popped up recently on our legislative radar. This states that the minimum biofuel standard contains at least 15% by volume. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota opposes these bills.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Call to Action March 10, 2022

RE: HF 3520

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members, we need your help!

We are opposing House Bill 3520 A bill for an act relating to commerce; modifying minimum biofuel standard; making technical changes; requiring reports; establishing exemptions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 239.791, subdivisions 1, 2b, 2c, 3, 7, 8, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 239.791, subdivision 2a. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and The Motorcycle Riders Foundation advocates for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard including the following actions:

- The Indefinite and universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of ethanol on motorcycles as well as targeted consumer education programs.
- Where higher blends are available, ensure separate pumps (i.e. no blender pumps) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines.

Please reach out to your State Legislator.

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

– Gary Goracke

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As I write this report, I am finishing up the last of the maintenance on my motorcycle and getting packed for my first experience at Daytona Bike Week. It will also be my first time putting my bike on a trailer in order to ride it later. It is a weird feeling, yet inevitable with the crazy winter storms we've been enduring.

What I am looking forward to the most, besides riding new roads, is meeting up with Bill Shaffer (former head of the task force) who is semi-retired in Florida. It will do me good to see him again.

The next task force meeting will be a week after this report is due. As I have stated before, we will be introduced to the new head of the task force, Jay Bock. I truly hope it will be an in-person meeting. There is so much to be lost without the face-to-face dynamic while discussing important motorcycling issues.

Rider training courses begin next month.

Course registration has been up and ready for a couple months now. I encourage all of you that ride to take a course this year. Personally, I average about 2 training events per year. This is not because I don't know how or have forgotten how to ride. It is because I believe it is important to keep my riding skills sharp and continually reinforce muscle memory. It has got me out of dangerous riding scenarios on more than one occasion.

The easiest way to sign up is to google "rider training course". Click on "Rider Training Course-Minnesota Department of Public Safety." Continue to click down the rabbit hole until you have scheduled a course. Good luck and remember to make good choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Big Jon



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Here is some news from around the country,
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U.S. MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

New motorcycle sales in the U.S. continued to rise across all segments last year, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) announced. While bike sales continue to improve, it's also worth noting that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw enrollment in its basic rider courses grow significantly in 2021 as well, so it's good news all-around with more riders on more bikes.

"In addition to strong sales, we are seeing strong demand for riding training and education," said MIC president and CEO Erik Pritchard. "The Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw an estimated 48% increase in enrollment in 2021 over 2020." **BUMPER YEAR FOR BIKING DESPITE REPEATED COVID THREATS**

Amidst the doom and gloom of both winter weather and the lingering effects of the global pandemic, it may come as a surprise that 2021 was one of the strongest years for motorcycling in well over a decade, with new bike sales worldwide on an upward swing and more people joining the two-wheeled fold.

Anecdotal evidence from training schools here and across the pond reflected a huge surge of people wanting to get into motorcycling and now the latest data confirms it.

Ducati reports that 2021 was their best sales year on record, up globally an impressive 24% on 2020, which was heavily impacted by Coronavirus, but also a massive 12% up on 2019.

And it's not just Ducati celebrating success either, with BMW announcing 2021 was their best-ever year of global sales-jumping 14.8% from 2020.

STUDY SHOWS THAT ETHANOL IS WORSE FOR THE CLIMATE THAN GASOLINE

Analysis of corn-based ethanol production from end-to-end yields some potentially bad news for this biofuel. While riders have long understood that ethanol can have ill effects on our bikes, a new study published in the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences" found that it may have other downsides, too.

Ethanol was supposed to be environmentally advantageous as compared to gasoline, but in the study, researchers dove deeper into how the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard's outcomes were measuring up to the country's goals. Instead of simply limiting its observations to any one part of the corn-based ethanol production and consumption processes, researchers gathered data on all parts of the ethanol production cycle.

Upon taking important things like land use changes, fertilizer increases, and the like into account, researchers reported findings that corn-based ethanol is 24% more carbon-intensive than gasoline production. If these numbers are even remotely accurate, it's concerning.

DANES FACE MOTORCYCLE CONFISCATION FOR 'INSANE' RIDING

Danish authorities are confiscating three motorcycles a day for what the authorities are claiming is 'insane' riding. The rules first came into force in March 2021, and in a nutshell, allow the police and authorities to enforce much stricter penalties for what is deemed to be dangerous and illegal riding or driving. Up to and including the offender's vehicle being seized, with seized machines sent off and sold at auction!

The scheme isn't just aimed at residents of the Nordic beauty spot, those travelling in and through the nation are also liable. FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) reports that anyone touring in or through, holidaying, or on business in Denmark, using two wheels or four is liable to be hit with the same penalties.

The system seems to be working too, as FEMA reports that in the first six months after the new rules came into force, the police seized a total of 510 vehicles, while 623 charges have been filed in 586 cases involving "insane driving."

Join us at A.B.A.T.E. University where we will hear NCOM board member LTF (Legislative task Force) member Ed Schetter discuss the "Demise of the Gas Powered Vehicles."

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STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next meeting(s):

April 22nd Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

May 21st Eagles Club, Litchfield, 11:30 am

Thank you to everyone that came to the last meeting.

We have a winning design for our flyer. Shelly Deutsch submitted the design and will receive two free weekend passes for this year's State Rally. Thank you for submitting your design, Shelly.

T-shirt designs are due to me at randprochazka@frontier.com by April 22nd so that we can vote on the winner at our meeting. We now have a new category for sponsorships, Trade Sponsorship. Please be sure to thank these businesses for their continued support of our State Rally. Steffes Auction, Farm-Rite, Schlauderaff, and KLFD Radio.

Please note the price changes for admission to this year's State Rally. Camper fees have increased to \$50 for the weekend as well as Advanced Tickets \$40, Gate \$50, Non-Member \$70, and Day Passes \$25. With these price increases, all events during the State Rally will be FREE to participate in, i.e., bike games, bike show, tattoo contest, fashion show. The MRF Chili contest will continue to be a donation to participate.

We are still looking for vendors for the Rally. Please submit information on vendors to Snoopy at snoopyluv.sindt8@gmail.com.

Please bring your friends to the Minnesota State Rally. There are some nice cash incentives if we reach our attendance goals in 2023, our 35th Anniversary.

Thank you to our good friend Jim Orn for securing the registration trailer from Steffes Auction. Jim is one of those guys you want working on things behind the scenes to make things run more smoothly. We appreciate all that you do for the State Rally and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota as a whole. Thank you, Jim.

We will have sign-up sheets at A.B.A.T.E. U for working security and registration shifts during the State Rally. Hope to see all of you in Alexandria,

– Randy



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Upcoming Event(s)

April 22nd - April 24th

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Make sure you have your room reserved. Poolside, Pool view & Court view rooms are \$114.99. The rest of the rooms are \$109.99. Please verify room rates when you book your room.

Keep selling those tickets and bring the unsold tickets with you to be turned in.

All pre-orders for A.B.A.T.E U shirts need to be turned in by April 7th to me.

Don't forget about auction items!

If you are doing some spring cleaning and you find some old A.B.A.T.E. U shirts, please bring them for the staff to wear that weekend. They really enjoy wearing them. Don't forget about the "new to you" table in the products area while you are doing that spring cleaning!

Hope to see everyone there!

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

– Thank you, Stephanie Christensen

EDUCATION

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Can't wait to ride again. Before your first ride make sure you have done all the service required on your bike after it was in hibernation for the winter. Let's get out there and educate people by giving Share the Road classes in your area. These classes help make us safer on the roads of our great state. It's what we are about, Awareness, Training, and Education. If your chapter is interested in starting a class let me know and I can help.

– Ride Safe Ride Free, Paul



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Spring is coming! I've been looking through so many old photos of Chapter parties that it makes me want to hit a few! There have been some amazing Chapter parties over the years that I've been to. Sadly, the Northome parties that Northstar had are no longer happening and they were fabulous! Since then, I have to say that the best spring party is the Spring Ride In which Northwest Chapter has in St Hilaire every May. Those guys really know how to throw a bash!! Now, you might disagree with me and say that your Chapter has better ones.

Okay...prove it. I'm looking for the flyers, the posters, and the pictures of the best bashes that Minnesota A.B.A.T.E. has to offer! I do admit that the pics I have of Central Chapter are by far the kinkiest. So many sex toys, sex dolls and nudes! Wow! Doesn't make those the best parties, but you guys win hands down (and hopefully covering something with those hands staying down) for the kinkiest pics so far.

Please date the pics and get names on them. Twenty or thirty years from now, we want people to be able to look at the shots and know who they were. C'mon, who has the BEST of the BEST party in Minnesota?

– Cheers, Becca, State Historian



MRF REPORT

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No Report Received

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Next meeting(s):

April 10th, Hasty Truck Stop, Hasty, 1:00pm

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Next meeting(s):

April 10th, Hasty Truck Stop, Hasty, 2:00 pm

May 8th, Via Phone, 11:00am

Spring, time to ride! Remember there is still going to be sand and salt on the road, drive cautiously.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is this month, great place to keep up to date with motorcycling changes and enjoy reconnecting with each other after our winter months.

Please keep sending in Veteran, Business, Member and Motorcycle of the Month articles. Our files are empty.

Congratulations and Thank You Kimmer for taking on our A.B.A.T.E. website!



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Well, A.B.A.T.E. U. is later this month and I hope to see a lot of you there. I will have some new things and some old things.

Remember to bring your gently used motorcycle apparel and I will try to sell it for you.

I will have a sign-up sheet for anyone that wants to work a shift or two at the State Rally in Products. I greatly appreciate any and all help so that I can enjoy the sights and sounds of our State Rally also.

Please submit your T-shirt design for this year's State Rally to randprochazka@frontier.com by April 22nd so we can vote on the winning design. Winner gets two free weekend passes to this year's State Rally.

As always, if you have ideas, concerns, comments, etc., please email me. If you need something for a silent auction or want State Products at your event, please email me.

– See you in Alexandria, Kari

Remembering the Good People That We Meet Along the Road of Life

About a half a dozen years ago, Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride was blessed with \$3000 in donations from our friends at the Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association (MBWA), the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA), the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association (MMBA) and Illinois Casualty Insurance Company. We decided to use the donation to print and give away "Einstein" t-shirts as a way to promote our organization and our message.

We sent out Requests for Proposals (RFP's) to nearly every silk screening and garment embroidery company in the Twin Cities that we could find. We explained that Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride was a non-profit and that we provided free rides for impaired motorcyclists, their passengers and their motorcycles. Many of the companies that we contacted did not respond. A handful responded with quotes that offered nothing in the way of a "deal" and were quoting prices that were more retail than wholesale.

And then, I received a phone call from the owner of Wentworth Screening in Northeast Minneapolis. She introduced herself as Sharon and explained that she and her husband had been in business for about 25 years, starting out in their basement, then their garage and finally into their current location. She invited me to their location so that she could find out more about what we were looking for in the way of t-shirts so that she could give me a quote.

I drove over to their shop and instantly knew that this was who I wanted to do business with. Sharon showed so much interest in what Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride was all about that I assumed that there was some personal connection by her or her husband David or possibly her twin boys Matt and Steve with motorcycles. I was surprised to find out that there was no connection at all. Sharon and her husband just really, really liked what our non-profit was all about and wanted to become supporters of us.

Most of the other quotes ranges from \$10-\$12-to-\$15 per shirt, meaning that our \$3000 could purchase between 200 and 300 garments. I asked Sharon, as I had with the other businesses, "How many shirts can we get to give away for \$3000?" and when she answered "About 600," I was shocked! I reiterated that we were looking for a good quality t-shirt, in various colors and sizes, ranging from S to 5XXL, printed on both

side in a single color ink and she repeated, "About 600 shirts." I asked her how could she offer that many shirts working with our budget and she said "Because my husband and I are going to do them at cost." Once again, I asked her "Why?" and she replied "Because we like what Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride is all about."

Remember, this is a business with absolutely no connection to motorcycling or motorcyclists that was literally giving us "the shirts right off their backs."

Obviously, we found our t-shirt vendor for that year - and for the next year - and for a third year, before COVID interrupted our donation pipeline from our benefactors in the liquor and insurance industries. In those 3 years we received \$9000 in donations and Sharon and her husband David printed nearly 2000 t-shirts for us to give away.

In June of 2021, I received a phone call from Sharon telling me to come over and meet the new owners of Wentworth Screening. She and her husband had sold the business and were retiring. They sold their house in South Minneapolis, spent the summer and fall near Green Bay which was where Sharon's family lived when she was growing up and in December, Sharon informed me that she and David were settled in their retirement home in Costa Rica. I was so happy for them.

And then, via Facebook, on January 13th of this year, I learned that Sharon had passed away peacefully, in her sleep. Way too young (she wasn't even 60 yet). I never expected to have Sharon and David as friends through a connection with motorcycling and Dial-A-Ride, but I am so grateful that I met this incredible woman and human being and business. They say "You meet the nicest people on motorcycles" and I met one of the nicest people I have ever known because of motorcycling.



**God Speed, Sharon -
Rest in Peace**

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Saturday April 23, 2022, 9:00 AM
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to orderJane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance & Welcome .Edgar Burke & Holiday Inn Staff
InvocationEdgar Burke
Roll CallMichele Legried
Agenda approval / changesJane Doyle
Secretary Report - January 2022Michele Legried
Treasurer's ReportMichelle Backlund
Appointment of Election JudgesJane Doyle

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative DirectorGary Goracke
Motorcycle PAC of MNMark Senn
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)Frank Ernst
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)Jay Hickok
Write to RideFrank Ernst

COMMITTEE REPORTS

*(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes
for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)*

A.B.A.T.E. UniversityStephanie Christensen
EducationPaul Tjepkes
GamblingDan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear ProgramSharon Polman
Membership and Member RetentionShelly Deutsch
ProductsKari Duncan
PublicationsTammy Winkels
RallyRandy Prochazka
Ways and MeansKristie Orn

OTHER REPORTS

State OfficeShelly Deutsch
MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)John Nelson
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task ForceJon Fernholz
Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and Confederation
of Clubs of MinnesotaJane Doyle and Frank Ernst

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Budget Approval
Bikerday 2022 Recap
Email Server Update
A.B.A.T.E. Manual Update
Webmaster Announcement

NEW BUSINESS

Heartland STEAM recap
State Officer Election Results
Announce Chapter Officers and Presentation of Awards

OFFICER REPORTS

TreasurerMichelle Backlund
SecretaryMichele Legried
Northwest District DirectorEdgar Burke
Northeast District DirectorMichelle Scannell
Southeast District DirectorVirgil Legried
Southwest District DirectorJon Smith
Assistant State CoordinatorJim Orn
TrusteeMack Backlund
State CoordinatorJane Doyle

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**GAMBLING
REPORT**

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The A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets are starting to come in and appears sales are going well. Keep up the good work! We have also had a good response to chapters spending down their gambling funds. However, there were still a couple that didn't come back to us with a request and the Gambling Committee had to make an executive decision on how to spend it. Don't worry, it went to great causes!

Also, please use patience when sending me something via Certified USPS Mail. I have been informed that the USPS will not deliver to my door as they cannot see it from the road/mailbox. That means at least a two-day delay and that is only if I have the time to run to the post office. Last year I received a couple of sold ticket packages the day before leaving for Alexandria. If that were to happen this year, they would not make it into the drawing.
**PLEASE SEND THEM EARLY OR
USE A DIFFERENT SERVICE!**



**BUDDY
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ROAD NOISE



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 th 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



WE ASK THAT ALL HOSPITALITY ROOMS BE CLOSED FROM
2:15 TO 6:00 PM TO ENCOURAGE CLASS PARTICIPATION

A.B.A.T.E. University T-Shirts

Standard short sleeve T-Shirt and women's V-neck options

Please pre-order by April 7th

Contact Stephanie to order your shirt

763-443-4732 or smc2930@gmail.com

Veteran of the Month

*"Home of the Free
Because of the Brave"*

Commander Sergeant Major John Hokkanen (Ret) United States Army and Army Reserves

CSM Hokkanen served in the United States Army and Army Reserves for over 30 years. John started his active military career in 1972 attending basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After training, he was assigned to the 4th Supply and Transportation Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado. Strong leadership qualities and potential elevated him to the rank of Sergeant within 3 years and earned him attendance to the 4th ID NCO Academy. After completion, John had a successful tour in Frankfurt and Bamberg, Germany from 1977 - 1980.



Before his departure from active duty in 1981, John's successful active career was filled with strong leadership traits and a true dedication to soldiers and families. After a short break, CSM Hokkanen began his Reserve career with the 56th Material Management Center (MMC), Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Success in his assignments elevated him to Staff Sergeant in 1985 and to Sergeant First Class in 1991.

CSM Hokkanen transferred to and filled various roles in the 6th MMC from 1993 - 2001. In January of 2003 he was elevated to the rank of Command Sergeant Major and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 340th Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 85th Division where his leadership and guidance played a key role in the mobilization to support the deployment of over 10,000 soldiers to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. After his retirement from the Reserves he continued to support our community as a MN DOT snow plow operator. He has been a member of Tri-County Chapter for over 6 years now and has participated in the Write to Ride program and Buddy Bear deliveries for the Chapter. Honor and respect to my great friend and above all else . . .

THANK YOU for your
service to this amazing
FREE country.



Chapter Grapevines



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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I have had a bad week at work (see photo).

Now that the elections are done. Officers ... the President runs the meeting. Sergeants ... control order at the meetings. If people are talking, go over to them and ask politely to restrain from talking or take it out of the room. No one should ever raise their voice (unless they are soft spoken). All attitudes should be left out of the meetings.

– Trashy , Jon W. Smith



SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting (s):

April 1st, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm



The picture shows our members at Biker Day, we see Reggie Folkers, President Todd Homan, and Rep Jerri Prins. Guys, we appreciate you!

May 6th, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

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

Elections have been held, votes tallied and submitted. Our good friend, Paul Tjepkes joined our March meeting. We all enjoy seeing Paul, and love hearing his ideas.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend A.B.A.T.E. U. But hope that it is a huge success, with productive meeting outcomes, and of course lots of fun for all!

We are toying with some fundraising ideas. But post Covid, it feels like starting fresh. F'n Covid!

Some of our members were able to attend Bikerday at the Capitol. Thanks for taking time off your jobs and making the trip. You guys rock.

Let's all keep the Ukrainians in our prayers and hearts, along with our troops, their families, and all of those that the bat crazy demons are endangering. Let's just pray for our world, in these crazy times. Let our children and grandchildren grow in a peaceful world.

Keep our military and families in your prayers.

– BAM

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting (s):

April 9th, Darfur Lounge, Darfur, 4:00 pm
May 14th, Village Inn, LaSalle, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 14th, Washout, St. James Rest Area, 8:00 am
May 14th, Ditch Cleanup, Camper World, Madelia, 1:00 pm
June 4th, Summer Kickstart Run

Thank you to all that came to our Chili Feed. I hope you had your fill of your favorite Chili and that you enjoyed your time in Southern Minnesota.

Elections were held last month, and these are the results: President Randy, Vice-President Don, Secretary Kari, Treasurer Donna, Chapter Rep Shelly, Sargeant at Arms Tom, Kent, Barb, Nikki, Dale, Dave. Congratulations to you all and thank you for stepping up.



A.B.A.T.E. U. is later this month and I am excited to have a little get away with my biker friends. It sounds like there will be a lot to learn and plenty of fun to be had. If you haven't been to A.B.A.T.E. U. before, you should really consider joining in the fun. You might learn something, and you will make a few new friends while you are there.

Coming up for us is our Summer Kickstart Run to be held on June 4th. More details will be available next month.

I think that is all for now. See you in Alexandria,

– Giggles

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting (s):

April 2nd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
May 7th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
June 4th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
June 18th, DJ June, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 8:00 pm - 12:00 am

Greetings People. As I write this the weather forecast for the following weeks have a lot of 50-degree days coming up. Spring is on the way.

On June 18th our Chapter is going to host a DJ night at Heidi's Bar in Sedan. This is a no cover charge event, we will have a membership table set up, and food and drinks available from the bar. Come on out and enjoy the night with us.

Congratulations and Thank You to those elected in the recent election, both State and Chapter.

Finally, welcome to our newest member ... Harmony Lillie.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Stay safe.

– Hives

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

April 6th, Eagles, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
May 4th, Mugshots, Cosmos, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 22nd - 24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 4th, Bike Show, Mugshots, Cosmos, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
June 18th, Fun Run, more details to follow

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!!! Yee Haw...riding season is upon us. I know we are all anxious to get out there for some much needed, wind therapy. Please be safe and remember that the roads are still full of salt, sand, and bike swallowing potholes.

Our 2022 elections are completed, and I want to personally congratulate all the South Central Officers (new and returning). Vice President - Gina "Silver Foxx" Maningoine, Chapter Rep - Doug Louris, Treasurer - Judy Wiehr, Secretary - Ingrid "Silly Girl" Cohen, Sergeant at Arms - Tad Lothert, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Carl Melin, Bill LaPlante, Curt Schmitz and David Wiehr.

I am honored and excited to have been elected as South Central's President and look forward to serving our Chapter. I have some big boots to fill! Replacing Brad "Pops" Latham will not be an easy task. Although Brad will continue to be an active member, his leadership will truly be missed. As I have said before, the unity and success of a chapter does not rest solely on the people sitting at the head table. It takes every active member to achieve this. Fortunately for me, I will be leading the best



Bikerday 2022



South Central Officers

family in the state.

There are a lot of exciting chapter events starting to happen throughout the state. Please get out there and support them. Mark your calendars and join us for our annual Spring Fling Bike Show May 14th. Look for the ad in this issue of the Road Noise for more information.

Throw Kindness Around Like Confetti!

– Dougie Cohen, President

BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Event(s):

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

No Report Received

WAY WEST

Upcoming Event(s):

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

No Report Received

LAKE

Upcoming Event(s):

April 2nd, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

May 1st, Missile Park, St. Boni, 1:00 pm *Note time change

June 11th, Dave and Becky's, Big Stone City, SD, 3:00 pm

July 9th, Smoker's, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 1st, Hwy Clean Up, St. Boni, 11:00 am

May 14th, Lake Chapter Spring Run, Cokato

May 22nd, Lake Chapter Advanced Motorcycle training

May 28th, Lake Chapter Memorial Run

The focus of the March meeting was the officer elections. Congratulations to the Chapter Officers for 2022. President - Smoker, Vice President - Rick VanHorn, Treasurer - Maureen O'Hern, Secretary - Dale Morin, Chapter Rep - Scott Trout, Sargent of Arms - Gaida, Nikki, April, Karen, Blythe and Mike Jencks. We appreciate you all stepping up to keep Lake Chapter going. LCWD!!!

The patches in memory of Dan Arne are available and, in a manner, Dan promoted, Scott and Gaida paid for them and all donations received will be donated to True Friends in Dan's honor.

Our Spring Run will leave Cokato on May 14th for a great route, I'm sure. Thanks to everyone who helped set this up.

Motorcycle training classes are set for May 22nd. If you are interested, contact Sherry at lefty245@aol.com.



Having fun at the March meeting!

A.B.A.T.E. University is this month, 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.

Summer is almost here, and we have some great destination rides for the June and July chapter meetings. Hope to see you there!

- Later, Mitch'n

Improve Your Skills

Lake Chapter has openings for anyone interested in taking one or both of the Motorcycle Training Courses this year in May.



Intermediate Rider Course
Saturday, May 14, 2022
Hennepin Technical College
Brooklyn Park, MN
\$30.00 per person with a Class of 10
9am - 2pm

Advanced Rider Course
Sunday May 22, 2022
Hennepin Technical College
Brooklyn Park, MN
\$50.00 per person with a Class of 10
9am - 5pm

Please contact Sherry at (952) 292-5806 by April 14th, 2022

Chapter Grapevines



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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As I write this, I haven't received my March Road Noise, so am just winging it. I hope that as you read this at least you have the bike uncovered, tires checked, service done, and a good coat of wax applied.

I am in the process of reorganizing the River Riders Chapter and have meetings scheduled for April 17th. This chapter is non-compliment for not holding meetings. If anyone outside of this chapter wishes to help out, the meetings are at 1:00 pm at Trappers in Lino Lakes, or of course you can contact me directly. I still have quite a limp, but am working hard to get back to my "norma.l"

Ride safe and see you all at A.B.A.T.E. U!

– Pedro

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

April 17th, The Village, Pine City, 2:00 pm

May 15th, Doc's on 23, Askov, 2:00 pm

June 19th, Ryder's, Henriette, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 15th, Jack Pine Riders road side clean up, 11:00 am

June 16th - 19th, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Summer Hummer, Greenwood WI

June 30th - July 2nd, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona, Iowa

July 8th - 10th, 16th Annual Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson

August 5th - 14th, 82nd Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota

Congratulations to all new and returning chapter and state officers.

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

Featuring live music, camping, vendors, bike games, human games, auction, bonfires nightly, memorial ride, and more. For more information call Duane at (320) 515-0232.

Last chance to buy your A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. First prize is \$20,022 cash, second prize is a 2022 Indian Super Chief motorcycle, third prize is \$5000 cash, fourth prize is \$2022 cash, fifth prize is \$2022 cash. Raffle will be held at A.B.A.T.E. U. on April 23rd. Text Bill at 651-587-7625 for tickets, or contact any J.P.R officer.

Next roadside cleanup will be on May 15th. Meet at Marge's Pub and Grill in Brook Park at 11:00 am. Looking forward to a great turn out, thank you to all who help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events... also be sure to check your sister Chapter's Grapevine's for more events.

For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website: <http://www.jackpineriders.org> or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

METRO

Next Meeting (s):

April 12th, check our website or Facebook page for the exact location, 7:00 pm

May 11th, check our website or Facebook page for the exact location, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 11th, TACO NIGHT, Casa Rio Tex-Mex, Anoka, 4:30 - 8:30 pm

May 29th, MetroMorial Day fundraiser, Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley, 12:00 - 6:00 pm

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 spring and summer.

Calendar sales continue to be strong. 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 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 6th 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 or purchase them in person at A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria.

This year's annual chapter fundraiser, which is



We would like to introduce our newly elected chapter officers; President - Nick, VP - Marcia, Treasurer - JJ, Secretary - Allysa, Chapter Rep - Ron, Sgt-at-Arms - Brian and Gregg.

scheduled for Sunday, May 29th from noon to 6 pm at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley is now officially known as the MetroMorial Day Celebration. Advance sale tickets are \$15 and \$20 at the door. The ticket includes pulled pork sandwich, loaded baked potato, roasted sweet corn, free beer and pop, live music, vendors and antique vehicles. We handed out flyers at the January B.O.D. and will be handing out another round of posters and complimentary tickets to each chapter at A.B.A.T.E. U in Alexandria.

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

NORTH EAST

Next Meeting (s):

April 6th, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

May 4th, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Still seeing below zero temps and I'm just about over it. By this time our annual fundraiser, The Bunwarmer, will have taken place and hopefully was as successful as last year. Our last meeting was well attended and the yearly chapter election was held. I'm happy to announce that we have a full roster of officers with no one doubling up, thanks to everyone who volunteered to run for office.

A quick legislative note; Two bills to

pre-emptively stop state agencies from restricting the purchase of vehicles and utility machines based on fuel type have been introduced in the Minnesota state House and Senate. The bill numbers are SF3056 and HF3206 and are worded so that no state agency can prevent you from buying a vehicle or utility machine solely based on the fuel it uses. The state of California has already passed bills outlawing the use of gas engines in the near future so it can and has happened elsewhere. You can go to the MN.GOV website and look up the bill numbers to see for yourself. Please contact your state elected officials to express your support for both of these bills so you can maintain your ability to purchase the vehicles and utility machines that you choose.

— Stay warm, Ride safe, Ed

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

April 3rd, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

May 1st, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 7th, Sand Dunes Chapter Ride

June 25th, Summer Thunder Ride

Hello to All Members and Friends of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota,

Fantastic showing for our Heart On fundraiser. The parking lot was full and vehicles found overflow parking next door at the bowling alley. Thank You All for volunteering to make this fundraiser a great success again.

Jim Pierson, our Products Volunteer, has many new products in the works. Painter's Hats will be arriving soon. Contact Jim for details or come on out and support and show off our chapter products to other Riders!

Experienced Riders Class being planned for the Spring. We need 12 volunteers for our own class with instructors held privately. Let President Bob know if you are interested.

A.B.A.T.E. U Chapter Challenge for East Central's donation will be \$500 again this year.

We are in need of a Chapter Dial-A-Ride volunteer for weekend duty, May - Oct. Let Pres. Bob know if you are interested.

Summer Thunder Ride has a date set for June 25th, mark your calendars.

Passport Run books are available for \$20. \$10 goes to our chapter. Run will be held May-Oct.

President Bob McChesney wanted to pass along a big Thank You for the generous donation made to the East Chapter in Memory of Tom Torell, a fellow Biker. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

— Your V.P. Jim
Jim LaSpisa and Tim Jensen had a membership table at the EC 56 MC Swap Meet.



CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

April 3rd, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

May 1st, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 22nd, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 21st, Granite City Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse Run, Stoney's, Rockville, KSU at 11:00 am

June 11th, 8th Annual Ride for Heroes - to benefit Avon Fire Dept, Stoney's Bar, Rockville

August 25th-28th, 4th Annual Central Chapter Biker Bash, Halfway Jam Property, Royalton

We all hope you had a fun winter. With the snow melting make sure you ride slowly with all the sand on the road (especially around corners).

This summer the Central Chapter has a bunch of fun activities which we would love people to attend. First event is the Granite City Chapter of B.A.C.A. run. This is their first annual 100-mile ride. The ride starts at Stoney's Bar with sign up starting at 10:00

am and KSU at 11:00 am and finishes up at the VFW Post 4847 in St Cloud. This is open to the public.

Second event is Stoney's 8th annual Ride for Heroes. This year the ride will benefit the Avon Fire Department. Sign up starts at 9:30 am and finishes at 11:00 am. It's usually a large turn out so it takes time to get everyone signed up. KSU 11:30 am. It's \$20 per person and goes for a great cause. Includes a hog roast, live and silent auction after the ride, and also a band. The ride starts and ends at Stoney's Bar in Rockville. If you are a certified road guard, please contact James prior to the ride at 320-292-7900. No fee charged for those who road guard.

Third event is our 4th annual Central Chapter A.B.A.T.E. Biker Bash. This year we changed location for more room. The new location is 16004 Hwy 10 NW in Royalton (old Halfway Jam location). Must be 18 years and older. We are looking for vendors. Please have them contact George at 320-260-0468. RV camping please contact Ron 320-290-7586. Please check out the Central Chapter Facebook page for lots more information.

— Sincerely, THE D.L.S.

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s):

April 3rd, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 7th, Sand Dunes chapter Spring Ride, KJ's Refuge, Orrock

The weather is getting better by the day and many of us are clicking away the miles. I hope you're in that group.

With the end of winter comes chapter elections and A.B.A.T.E. U, which I hope you attend. I'm confident the sheer wealth of knowledge you can gain will have you planning to attend for years to come.

I want to take a moment to introduce the 2022 Sand Dunes Officers:

~President, Chad Marchand
~Vice President, "Evil" Bob Gerhart
~Chapter Representative, Tiffany Gerhart
~Secretary, Alexis Barlow
~Treasurer, Angie Webb-Darwin
~Sargent at Arms, Tammie Black, Tamra Webb, Virginia Erickson, Jena McAlpine, Mike Olkives, Sam Marshall

If you see any of these members, be sure to thank them for their efforts and dedication. They are all here to help enable YOU, the members, to grow this chapter. I am extremely optimistic that this team will knock it out of the park. But we cannot do it without our members. Come to meetings, share your ideas, and please, step up and

volunteer when you see a way to help.

Our next chapter event will be our spring ride, May 7th, kickstands up at 11:00 am from KJ's Refuge in Orrock. This ride is the day before Mother's Day and in that spirit, we will be donating 10% of all proceeds to Motorcyclists of Minnesota PAC, or MOM-PAC.



Young winners from last year's Bike Show and Rodeo.

We are also encouraging members to treat their mothers, or mother-in-law, to a day of riding. If your passenger is your mom, or mother-in-law, she will ride for free.

Until next time, ride safe.

RIVER RIDERS

SAND DUNES

UP NORTH

No Reports Received

CLASSIFIED ADS

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A logo for "Meeting of the Minds" featuring a large eagle with spread wings. The eagle is perched on a globe. The text "MEETING of the MINDS" is at the top in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the eagle, it says "Hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa". The logo is surrounded by orange stars. At the bottom, it says "38th Annual" and "SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2022 DES MOINES, IOWA".

MEETING of the MINDS
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Room guest rate \$119/night. Cut-off date: September 7, 2022
Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 250, Highland, IL 62249
Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 8, 2022): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)
Registration rate after Sept. 8, 2022: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)
Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.
Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

Chapter Grapevines



NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

A.B.A.T.E. U. is just around the corner! It will be **good** to see everyone this year! It will be **good** to listen to the speakers and get some new knowledge for the year! It will be **good** to hear the stories of the people I haven't seen in a long time!! **See YOU there!**

I want to say THANK YOU to ALL the outgoing and incoming Officers. **Thank You** for taking the time out of your day to stand up for my freedoms of the Road. Thank you for helping **Your Chapter** keep the wheels rolling in the right direction. Thank you for trusting me to this position for another year.

Let's take the time as we ride our motorcycles down the road to invite friends and family to join our cause.

There are a lot of good people sitting behind the desks at the Capitol that want to help us. Without communication from us They won't know what we need. Take time to get to know your legislators. There are a bunch of seats up for election this year. Find out who represents you and get to know them. Trust me it helps.

As I write this, I just got done snow blowing my motorcycle shed out so I could get some maintenance done so it will be ready for the long ride to Washington, DC in May. I have never been to our nation's Capitol. I am looking forward to seeing the Capitol and talking with the people that help pass the laws. Looking forward to meeting new friends. If you want to ride along look me up.

Reading last year's traffic stats saddens my heart. We are losing way too many people on the roads. Please ride safe. Take time to do a Safety Course. I try to do one every year to refresh my riding skills. It helps!

Take care and ride free!

– Edgar

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

April 30th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 21st-22nd, FFR Bike Show

Greetings FFR members,

We had a great turn out at Apol's. We signed up a bunch of members and a big thank you for everyone that showed up.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up April 22nd to April 24th at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. We will be having a hospitality room once again Friday and Saturday evening. Please come out and join us.

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):

April 8th, TBD

May, TBD

Hello fellow riders,

We are getting closer to our favorite time of year. Soon we can get out the bikes and light em up.

I am sure we have all had enough winter.

Well, another Bikerday has come and gone.

Our Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart tourney was held on March 5th and our raffle winners are as follows:

Lexie Bliss, Detroit Lakes	\$1000
Mike Behrens, Detroit Lakes	\$500
Jesse Manecke, Fosston	\$500
Paul Hanson, Audubon	\$250
Matt Wallick	\$250
LeAnn Burke, Ottertail	\$250
Missy Moran, Ponsford	\$250
Vern Lehman, Perham.	\$250
Dan Glawe, Detroit Lakes	\$250
Dave Jopp, Frazee	\$100
Pat Burke, Hancock	\$100
Bethan i Mueller, Detroit Lakes	\$100
Jody Langman, Madison	\$100
"Mort" Mortenson, D. L.	\$100



Heart of the Lakes Dart Winners: 1st Place Casey Hansen, 2nd Place James Laninger, and 3rd Place Jason Willie.



Heart of the Lakes Pool Winners: 1st Place Brandon, 2nd Place Cali and 3rd Place Mike B.

Interesting to note, out of 600 tickets sold, ticket number 1 and ticket number 600 won.....Also, out of 15 winners, John Vaida sold 7 winners!! Congrats to all our winners and thanks to all who supported our annual fundraiser! Winners of the Pool and Dart tourney will be coming later.

– Keep thinking Warm...Littlebear

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting (s):

April 12th, Skippy Finn's, Badger, 6:00 pm

May 7th, Skippy Finn's, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 22nd-24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria
Borderland chapter 23rd annual Membership
Drive, Skippy Finn's, 6:00 pm

Hello Borderland!

I am hoping that by the time you read this, the snow up here is disappearing fast. Soon we will be riding! We are now looking forward to another

great A.B.A.T.E. U and a successful chapter membership drive-fundraiser. We will have door prizes, great food, silent auction, membership drawing, and games of skill for Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota. \$10 and free for new sign ups. Make sure you are there for a great time!

We also congratulate our 2022 chapter officers and we thank you for your commitment!

Well, we certainly are experiencing another challenging year. Inflation through the roof, a terrible economy and that pain at the pump! Wow! Hang tuff and ride safe.

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim

NORTHWEST

Next Meeting (s):

April 2nd, Rod's (potluck), 3:00 pm
May 7th, St. Hilarie Park, 11:00 am,
Ride to follow, weather permitting

Upcoming Event(s):

May 27th-29th, SPRING RIDE-IN,
St. Hilaire

Greetings All,

First, a special thanks to The Spot in Red Lake Falls for hosting our Winter Social. Despite the weather, the place was packed. We also want to thank Paradise Falls Motel for offering a special rate for guests attending the Social.

Elections took place at our March meeting. The following were the results.

President: Greg McGlynn

Vice President: Shawn Carlson

Chapter Representative: Wayne Violette

Secretary: Tiffany Jones

Treasurer: Jessica Shimpa

Sargent at Arms: Don Conrad, Gary Johnsrud, Dan Farder, Larry Shimpa, Ben Hand & Scott Grochow

THANK YOU ALL FOR SERVING!

Our Spring Ride-In is fast approaching. Please



Pictured from left to right (back row): Don C., Greg G., Gary J., Shawn C., Dan F., Larry S., Ben H., (front row): Tiffany J., and Jessica S.

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

NORTH STAR

Next Meeting (s):

April 9th, Wilton Liquor Store, 5:00 pm
May 14th, OP, Blackduck, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

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

The warm weather is slowly creeping upon us, ready for the upcoming riding season.

Congratulations to all new and returning officers. At The February meeting we talked more about the July B.O.D. This B.O.D. is scheduled for July at the Grant Lake campground in Wilton.

At the last meeting we discussed helping at the Beltrami County Fair for the grandstand events August 10th to the 14th.

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Greetings Southeast District,

Yes, I'm still here, just haven't had much to report in the last few months.

As most of you in Congressional District 1 know, our Representative Jim Hagedorn passed away from cancer in February. There will be a special election to fill his seat for the remainder of his term on August 9th, 2022, with the primary being held on May 24th, 2022. Representative Hagedorn had signed on to the Anti-Profiling resolution in the US House before his death, but with his passing his name was removed. We need to keep this in mind when electing his successor and try fill his seat with a candidate that is motorcycle friendly. The election in August is important but the primary in May is equally important because of all the people throwing their hat in the ring for this short term (five months) and there are some doozies, so do your homework.

Also, closer to home, we have had a redistricting so you may or may not be in a different congressional district with a new to you Representative and maybe a new Senator. With these changes statewide there already has been statements made by some of our longtime allies in St Paul that they will retiring and not running for reelection due to the changes in the district borders. This means that we'll have to get our talking points in front of all the people that will be running for those seats and see who is motorcycle friendly and who is not.

The weather is warming up and the bikes are coming out so even if you won't admit it, you're a little rusty, a lot excited, and the cages aren't used to us being there. So, in the words of the sergeant on Hillstreet Blues....BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!

– Virgil

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s):

April 17th, The Shed Bar & Grill, Ridgeway, 11:00 am

May 15th, Isle of Dreams (the old golf course),

Spring Valley, 11:00 am

June 19th, Elsie's, Caledonia, 11:00 am

Upcoming Events(s):

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

May 21st, 1st Annual Ride for Buddie Bears, American Legion, Rochester, registration 10:00 am, ride leaves at 11:00 am

IT" S ALMOST RIDING SEASON---WHOO HOO!
Can't wait for it to get here. Hopefully by the time you get to read this that nasty cold and white stuff is GONE.

Bikerday at the Capitol was held February 16th and the turnout was very disappointing. From our chapter of 140+ members, only six went and three of those were officers. 17 members total from the Southeast District attended. In fact, attendance in general was poor with maybe 50-60 people in attendance. It's kind of hard to get our point across on our concerns when there is so very few of us that show up to voice concerns and fight for our rights. The crap the Governor is trying to pull is not only for motorcycle riders but for the general public too. In essence, this affects all Minnesotans, and everyone needs to be aware. There are some very important bills being looked at and this was a time to make our opposition or support for these bills heard. We are asking members and even non

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members to write letters or emails to their legislators regarding these bills. The information needed to write the letters or emails is on the website. Hopefully, next year will be a better turnout.

In December, we decided to pass the hat for two meetings and the donations received would go to a local family in need from the tornado damage in December. There are two families in the Preston area that the donations could go to. The total proceeds received will be divided between the two families. The hat was passed at the February meeting and \$304.33 was received. A BIG THANK YOU to all that donated. The hat will need passed again at the March meeting. Rick Benesch and some members will personally present the checks to these families.

The meeting dates and locations are set up through July. The April meeting falls on Easter Sunday. This is an important meeting as it will be the first meeting with the new officers. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting as scheduled on April 17th at 11:00 at The Shed in Ridgeway.

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s):

April 30th, TB-3's, Freeborn, 1:00 pm

May 21st, Kurt and Alicia's, Geneva, following Washout, 4:00 pm

Greetings Flatlanders!

By now elections have concluded. A big thank you to everyone who accepted nomination and congratulations to everyone elected. It's reassuring to see officers already serving step up and want to do it some more, and it's encouraging to see people run for the first time. It is vital to have people like them who are willing to serve. As a past officer myself, I can wholeheartedly attest that it is an incredibly rewarding experience. Kudos to you all!

In that vein, some things should be noted. Cali has served as Chapter Treasurer for several years, and she ran for office again. Thank you, Cali for your continued dedication.

Dan, you aren't running, but you must be recognized. You have come so far, and you do so much. Hats off to you for your dedication and enthusiasm, and to your dynamo wife, too. You and Arvilla are icons for what A.B.A.T.E. is all about. Thank you doesn't cover it.

As the seasons change and riding season begins, the number of events and possibilities explode

May 21st is our 1st annual RIDE FOR BUDDY BEARS hosted by the Southeast LC Chapter. Cost is a free will donation with all donations going toward purchasing Buddy Bears. We will meet at the American Legion Post 92 in Rochester at 10:00 am with kick stands up at 11:00 am and end there as well. All stops are posted on the flyers and include: The Shed in Ridgeway, Elsie's in Caledonia, The American Legion in Mable, and Isle of Dreams in Spring Valley. There is food at all locations and gas stops at all locations except for The Shed in Ridgeway. This is open to all including non-A.B.A.T.E. members and all makes and models vehicles are welcome—bikes, cars, trucks or whatever goes down the road. This will be held rain or shine.

Memberships are slowly increasing and for that we are very grateful. WELCOME to all new members and THANK YOU to all that renewed your memberships. Looking forward to seeing you and meeting you at our monthly meetings.

LET'S RIDE and stay safe,

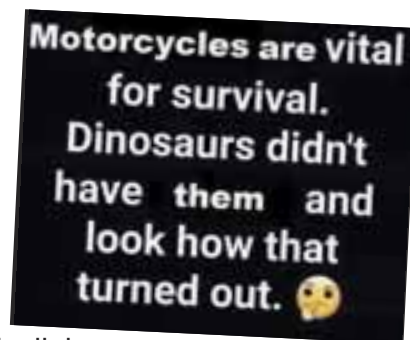
– Terry

for the coming months. The Passport Book has become one of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's "next big things" and is reaping benefits. Keep the Passport Book in mind for your putts around Minnesota and neighboring states this year.

Another A.B.A.T.E. year is drawing to a close. Nothing is constant except change. While some of the same old issues continue, new ones always seem to pop up. An excellent way to stay current on the issues which affect motorcyclists and those who love them is membership in A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. We know it. We need to spread it, and we need to remain strong and vigilant.

Because I have served at the request of President Dan, who declined nomination for another year, this is my final Grapevine submission. I wish all the best to everyone serving in any capacity for the coming year. My only advice is don't be afraid to ask your predecessors if you have any questions. They would be honored. We're all in this together.

– Together we stand, Linda



TRI-COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

April 7th, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska,
Fundraiser Committee at 6:30 pm, meeting
at 7:00 pm

May 5th, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, Fundraiser
Committee at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

June 2nd, Memorial Park, Shakopee, BBQ at
6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 22nd-24th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

May 7th, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride,
Registration at 10:30 am, Kickstands up
at 12:00 pm

It was great to finally get back to the Capitol again! It is OUR house, and to have it closed to us for so long was just simply an infringement on our Constitutional rights and the democracy that we live by. Unfortunately, not all of the Capitol was open to the public so we couldn't meet one-on-one with our legislators as usual, but we had quite a few come down to speak in the rotunda. I actually got up and spoke at a moment's notice about the Motorcycle Safety Task Force. That will be the last Bikerday I attend without some bullet

points ready in my pocket in case I am called on to speak again. Just another learning experience for me... thanks Mack.

Chapter Officer elections have concluded, and the results are as follows: President: Jon Fernholz, Vice President: Terry Olson, Treasurer: Kristy Luhman, Secretary: Katie Gilloffo, Chapter Rep: Scott Steinhoff, Sergeant at Arms: Mark Warner, Leisa Carston, Mike Pharr.

A BIG thank you to all Officers who have served this past term and also to those that have stepped up to serve in the year to come. Your dedication and tireless work is invaluable!

Don't forget to come out and support Tri-County Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, and Motorcycle PAC by participating in the Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride on May 7th. Lots of door prizes and free food!

I'm leaving for Daytona Bike Week in four days, so I better get packing.

As the snow melts and the roads dry off, don't forget to kick it down two gears and grab a handful of throttle!

– Big Jon



Big Jon fumbling
at Bikerday (left).

Top Right:
Representative
Greg Boe at
Bikerday 2022.

Bottom Right:
Representative
Jim Nash at
Bikerday 2022.



STRAIGHT RIVER

No Report Received



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

April 10th, Eagles Club,
Mankato, 12:00 pm

May 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato,
12:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

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

May 7th, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 14th, Spring Ditch Pickup

June 11th, Mike Berg Memorial Ride

Hello All!

Here we are, finally seeing the end of a long winter and looking forward to another great riding season. Our Chapter has a couple items on the books already and will be adding more. Our Annual May Motorcycle Awareness Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th with a Fun Run to follow. The parade lineup starts at noon with kick stands up at 1:00 pm. We will be lining up at the Mankato City Garage at the corner of Hoffman and Victor following the same route as previous years and ending up at Spring

Lake Park. Hot dogs, chips, and refreshments will be available. The Fun Run this year is in memory of John Brantner. Stops will be announced the day of the parade. You will be going at your own pace and cards will be drawn at the last stop and winners announced.

Spring ditch pickup will be Saturday, May 14th. We will meet at 10:00 am in the CHS parking lot in LeHillier. All are encouraged to come and help. The more hands available the faster it goes.

The Mike Berg Memorial Ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th. Route planning is still in the beginning stages. We will be ending at the Prairie Saloon in Kasota. Fat City Allstars will be playing a street dance there that evening. If anyone is interested in helping plan the day,

Committee meetings are always held an hour before our regular meeting. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up to take an officer position in A.B.A.T.E. Congratulations to everyone elected!

As always, keep it shiny side up. I look forward to seeing everyone in the wind this summer.

– Big D, President

NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

BIG LAKE

Brad Barthel R
Pattich / Christie O'Neil R
Roger / Jennifer Sawyer R

BORDERLAND

Keith Bitzer R

JACK PINE RIDERS

Derrell / Jean C. Jensen R
Scott Ledin / Renee Muscovitz R
Rick Ratzlow R

BUFFALO RIDGE

Greg Fischer N
Richard J / Terry D Mahon N
Janice Petersen N

CENTRAL

John Burg / Denise Gerads R
Duane "Chris" / Holly Christian R
Lance Edelman R
Mitch Fiskness R
Don / Diane Hommerding R
Josh Jacobs / Jessica Grace R
Kenneth / Janell Peterson R
Jess Richter R
Dana Salisbury / Liz Scudder R
Jay C Stiles R
Laura Topp N
Matthew Udovich N
Dan Zrucky N

EAST CENTRAL

Steve Bolduc / Brandy Gentle R
Mark / Deb Braastad R
Jeffrey "Captain" Johnson /
Karen Semmler R
Terry / Heidi Johnson N
Jim LaSpisa R
Adam / Jo Lawrence R
Jim / Vicki Palmer R
John Rasmussen R
Brian / Cassie Reichart N

FLATLANDERS

Bill Anderson / Shelly Martin R
Jim Kimberline / Krissy Beyer R
Nick Krebsbach N
Mark Reynolds R
Debra Sawyer / Greg Luscombe N
Bryan Schultz R
Bryan Traynor R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Mike Adensam R
Mark / Ivanna Buchite R
Dennis Gangl R
Richard Hertwig R
Bob / Brenda Jespersen R

Mike / Melissa Jibben R
Todd Thompson N
Landyn Zimney N

GLACIAL RIDGE

Mike Pesta R

HEART OF THE LAKES

Mark Berby R
Paul Gentz R
Robert S Gerhart R
Justin / Kristina Grotjohn R
Rory / Jessica Olson R
Shawn Weatherhead R
Ted (Trey) Williams III R

LAKE

Dean Abbott N
John Amdor III R
Danny / Laura Armstrong R
Nick Birosch R
Richard Bohach R
Nicholas H Espiritu /
Roxeann Eccles N
Mike Jencks / April Murch R
Audra Koel R
Evan B Komar R
Jim Kosse R
Greg Lehno N
Ron Lischeid R
Daniel P / Lorna M Lyrek R
Jochen Muller N
Barney Nowak R
Richard Oglesby R
Laurie Otten R
Rod Quist R
Shawn / Linn Roberts R
Barry Roehe N
John / Jennifer Russell R
Jeffrey Schefers R
Jody / Penny Winkle R

METRO

Mitchell Allenson R
Cynde Aydt R
Nick / Marcia Capra R
Sammie Goebel R
Jim LaSpisa R
Kevin Saliblad R
Greg / Alyssa Schommer N

NORTHEAST

Darryl Hale R
Brad / Judy Beckman R
Jill Kielblock R
Milt / Shannon Paulsen R
Ryan / Crystal Smith R

NORTHWEST

Don Conard R
Brian Gagner R

RIVER VALLEY

Steve / Karen Appel N
Riley Appel N
Ava Clare Clark / Gerald Orville R
Holly Cooke N
RD Currier N
Brigitte Glienke N
Kevin Isaacson R
David Liesenfeld R
Ricky Melvin R
Ronald Smisek R
Scott Tuchtenhagen / Julie
Julie "Squeaky" Voight /
Jeff Buck R
Bill / Wendy Wark R
Steve / Lisa Zoubek R

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Clark Berry N
Teri Brunsvold R
Cody Fedder R
Ken / Barb Lease R
Cory / Amy Lorenz R

SOUTH CENTRAL

Mark / Marti Berggren R
Scott Karg N
Jeffrey J / Wendy R Klehr R
Jason Lantz N
Bill / Kristy LaPlante R
Robert Melin / Lia Nistler R
Brian Schommel R
Curt / Amie Schmitz R
Mike Stoffer R

STRAIGHT RIVER

Kathleen Dirksen R

TRI-COUNTY

Brent Richard Aretz R
Bryan Dybing / Pauline Jacobs N
Ronald / Sue Ernst R
Christopher Paumen N
Mark Senn R
Mark Warner R

UP NORTH

Ron Bishop R
Phillip / Angie Mihoover N
Barb Staudohar / Ted Johnson R
Don Wood R

WAY WEST

Sandy Caskey R
Larry Johnson R
Tina Pitman N
Paul J Rice R
Paul Tjepkes R

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Date	Chapter	Location	Time
4/1/22	Heartland STEAM	Springfield, IL	
4/1/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore School, 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
4/2/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	VFW, Madison	12:00 PM
4/3/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
4/3/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
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, Minnesota	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	Cy's Bar and Grill, Shakopee	7:00 PM
4/7/22	Tri-County Fund Raiser Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Shakopee	6:30 PM
4/8/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Dave "Scappy" Lindquist's, 42324 Long Lake Rd, Ottertail	7:00 PM
4/9/22	Northstar Chapter Meeting	Wilton Liquor Store, Wilton	5:00 PM
4/9/22	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Dafur Lounge, Dafur	4:00 PM
4/10/22	Publication Committee Meeting	Hasty Truck 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 Truck Stop, Hasty	1:00 PM
4/11/22	Metro Chapter Taco Night Fundraiser	Casa Rio Tex-Mex, Anoka	4:30-8:30 pm
4/12/22	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 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	River Riders Chapter Meeting	Trappers, Lino Lakes	1:00 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	Gambling Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 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
5/1/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
5/1/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Shawn Weatherhead's, 45465 445th St, Perham	5:00 PM
5/1/22	Lake Chapter Hwy Cleanup	St. Boni	11:00 AM
5/1/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Boni	1:00 PM
5/4/22	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
5/4/22	South Central Bike Show	Mugshots, Cosmos	7:00 PM
5/5/22	Tri-county Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Shakopee	7:00 PM
5/5/22	Tri-County Fund Raiser Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Shakopee	6:30 PM
5/6/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
5/7/22	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	5:00 PM
5/7/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/7/22	May Motorcycle Awareness Parade	City of Mankato Public Works parking lot	12:00 PM
5/7/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting	St. Hilarie Park ride to follow	11:00 AM

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
5/7/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	Pool Park Shelter (tentatively), Madison	12:00 PM
5/8/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/11/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
5/14/22	Lake Chapter Spring Run	Cokato	
5/14/22	Northstar Chapter Meeting	OP, Blackduck	5:00 PM
5/14/22	River Valley Spring Ditch Pick up	TBD	
5/14/22	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Village Inn, LaSalle	3:00 PM
5/14/22	Rolling Prairie Ditch Cleanup	Camper World, Madelia	1:00 PM
5/14/22	Rolling Prairie Washout set up	St. James Rest Area	8:00 AM
5/14/22	South Central Bike Show	Mugshots, Cosmos	11 - 4:00 PM
5/15/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's on 23, Askew	2:00 PM
5/15/22	Jack Pine Riders Road Side Clean Up	Marge's Pub and Grill, Brook Park	11:00 AM
5/15/22	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Isale to Dreams, Spring Valley	11:00 AM
5/21/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	TB-3's, Freeborn	
5/21/22	Flatlanders Chapter Washout	Following Meeting	1:00 PM
5/21/22	Freedom First Riders Bike Show		
5/21/22	Granite City Chapter of B.A.C.A. Bikers Against Child Abuse ride	Stoney's, Rockville	10:00 AM
5/21/22	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	11:30 PM
5/21/22	Southeast LC Ride for Buddie Bears	American Legion Post 92, Rochester	
5/22/22	Freedom First Riders Bike Show		
5/22/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's on 23, Askew	2:00 PM
5/22/22	Lake Chapter Advanced Motorcycle Training		
5/28/22	Lake Chapter Memorial Run		
5/27/22	Northwest Spring Ride	St. Hilaire	
5/28/22	Northwest Spring Ride	St. Hilaire	
5/29/22	Metro Memorial Day Celebration	Route 47 Pub and Grub, Blaine	
5/29/22	Northwest Spring Ride	St. Hilaire	
6/2/22	Tri-county Chapter BBQ	Memorial Park, Shakopee	6:30 PM
6/2/22	Tri-county Chapter Meeting	Memorial Park, Shakopee	7:00 PM
6/4/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
6/4/22	Rolling Prairie Summer Kickstart Run		
6/11/22	8th Annual Ride for Heroes	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	9:30 AM
6/11/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Dave & Becky's, Big Stone City, SD	3:00 PM
6/11/22	Mike Berg Memorial Ride		
6/12/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Dan and Jess Cooper's, 13721 450th Ave, Frazee	
6/16/22	A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/17/22	A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/18/22	A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/18/22	Glacial Ridge hosts DJ Night	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	8:00 PM
6/18/22	South Central Fun Run		
6/19/22	A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
6/19/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryder's, Henriette	2:00 PM
6/19/22	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Elsie's, Caledonia	11:00 AM
6/25/22	East Central Summer Thunder ride		

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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 2nd-September 5th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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