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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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Thank you to everyone who worked to help make our State Rally a wonderful event. Your efforts were very much appreciated!

We have some exciting things happening right now. There are some new people heading committees. We are looking at re-starting some programs, and starting some new programs. How nice would it be to have some more money in our budget to help fund programs and increase our budget for marketing?

Imagine if we had free stuff to hand out at our membership tables? Would you like to see some A.B.A.T.E of MN can koozies or bandanas at membership tables? I'm eager to see what we can do with more money in our budget if the chapters approve the membership increase at the October Board of Directors Meeting!

It's almost election time. Do you know how you're going to vote? Have you actually contacted the legislators who are running for office? Remember, TV commercials do not necessarily tell the whole story. Statements are often taken out of context. Check the voter's guide to see how they stand on motorcycle related issues.

See you soon!

- Jane





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Well, we made it through the rally and like I told you I'm sure I had fun and yes I did.

Not much this month. I have a son getting married in our backyard and reception next-door at Powder Ridge, just got done having supper with my son's mother-in-law to be and had a few beers.

Getting ready for A.B.A.T.E University which is our next big event happening in April, not to mention all the chapter fundraisers over the course of the winter,

Let's not forget about Biker Day at the capitol. This is an election year and we want our representatives to know who we are.

Sorry, but I have to go I feel like I've been planning this wedding for the last year,

Till next time

– Jim



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Fall is here and so is great riding weather. Hope you are getting out and enjoying the fall colors. Remember to have tri-folds handy for those riders that don't know about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. We seem to be one of the best kept secrets in the state!

The budgeting process will be starting soon. If you have any comments or concerns, let me know.

- Mitch



STATE RALLY REPORT

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I'm not going to give the final gate figures out here, you'll have to wait until the Rally meeting at the October B.O.D.

We did try a couple of things at the Rally this year. One thing was every chapter had to raise their Chapter Banner on the front fence. As far as we could tell, only one chapter did not have anyone at the Rally. We did hear good things on this, so we may do this again!

If you have any ideas to help "your" Rally to improve, please bring them to the B.O.D!

- Randy Prochazka, Rally Chair

2022 Rally Raffle Winners

Marcus Arveson, Lithcfield -----\$2,022
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The 50/50 Winner

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Hello everyone,

November is fast approaching, which means it time to know who you are voting for. This election is very important when it comes to motorcyclists. There are some writings on the wall that could mean that our livelihood as motorcyclists is at stake. We are seeing more and more autonomous vehicles on the roads, small combustible engines are beginning to fade away, and more electric vehicles are being produced. These are three topics of concern that could end our right to be on the roadway as motorcyclists. Legislators could say that because the autonomous vehicles can't see motorcycles they shouldn't be on the roads. Legislators could say that between small engine's fading away and the use of electric vehicles that they don't have to produce the 91 octane fuel that motorcycles need. These are some of the topics that were discussed at Meeting Of The Minds in Iowa. In the November issue I will have the key talking points that were discussed and what we will be targeting in the next legislative session.

I want to thank everyone that came out to the State Rally and partook in the chili contest. Thank you to those that entered their chili



MRF Reps at the State Rally.

and all those that sampled and voted for the best overall, hottest, and most unique. See winners on page 32.



Congratulations to the winners. Paul Flick from River Valley for best overall, Shelly Deutsch from Rolling Prairie for most unique, and Randy Prochazka from Rolling Prairie for hottest.

Remember that if you have a meeting or event that you would an MRF rep to attend, please reach out to us so that we can make sure to be there.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Jay Hickok, MRF State Rep



As I stated in my last report, I am going to publish some information concerning bills that have been introduced and are a concern to motorcyclists. I know many of you have followed some of these closely and are well informed, but for those that have not I will be including information that may be helpful.

First, let me say this was the second/last year of the biennium in the Minnesota Legislature. Any bills that were introduced but not passed will need to be introduced again next session if they are to progress. At that time, they will be assigned new bill numbers and may have modified language and different authors.

To help readers that are not familiar with reading bills, understand as you look at the language text if it has a line striking through it that language is being deleted and language that is underscored is being added. The language not stricken or underscored would remain as is. I will be providing the bill number and the body, House or Senate it was introduced in.

"HF3520/SF3873" HF3520 is a House bill (HF), SF3873 Senate bill (SF). Typically, we refer to a bill in the House or in Senate and then to the companion bill in the other body. As I provide information I will include the short description of the bill, the names and political party of the authors in each body, the committee the bill is assigned to in each body and our position on the bill. I will publish the first part of the information concerning the bill taken directly from the legislative web site. This will not be the entire bill but hopefully enough information

to help you get an understanding of the changes being proposed.

HF3520/SF3873

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. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 239.791, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1.
Minimum biofuel content required standard.
(a) Except as provided in subdivisions 10 to 14 18, a person responsible for the product shall ensure that all gasoline sold or offered for sale in Minnesota must contain contains at least the quantity of biofuel required by clause (1) or (2), at the option of the person responsible for the product: 15 percent conventional or advanced biofuel by volume.

In the House it is assigned to the Commerce Finance and Policy committee and the Authors are Sundin; Lislegard; Frederick; (DFL) Anderson; Haley (R). In the Senate it is assigned to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy it has (1) Author Westrom (R)

For additional information on this bill go to https://www.leg.mn.gov

A.B.A.T.E. opposes this change, do you know what position the candidate for House or Senate in your district has taken on this?

If readers have recommendations on how I can make this information more helpful please let me know.

Be informed

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Hello bikers in training! I say that because whether you realize it or not, you are training every time you take that beautiful or ratty bike out for a ride. It's referred to as muscle memory. It may be a good or a bad riding habit, but the more you repeat it, your body will start doing it automatically.

The next task force meeting is September 22^{nd} which is after the Road Noise publication deadline, so I don't have much to report other than motorcycle crash statistics. Personally, it sucks to write about these statistics. Sometimes it feels like I'm telling people what they should be doing with their own ride, but that is certainly not the case. I am simply getting the information out to all my fellow motorcyclists so that you can make your own educated decisions.

Motorcycle crash fatalities are trending upward across the country, so Minnesota is not alone. It looks as if we may surpass last year's total (67), as we are currently at 66. Of those 66 fatalities, 69% were in a single vehicle crash, 36% were negotiating a turn, and 69% were not wearing a helmet. Oops, did I say the "H" word? Personally, I only wear a helmet during rider training (required), extreme cold weather, heavy rain, or states that require it. Every rider must make their own decisions on how to keep their crash risk to a minimum. It would be a disservice to the members of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota if I didn't share these statistics.

Until next time.....Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

- Big Jon



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Candidate Survey: Check out the survey in this issue. We will also be posting this on our website and will keep it updated. If your candidate has not answered, have them contact me to get it done.

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

- Gary Goracke



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Hello A.B.A.T.E. family,

I just got home from our State Rally and figured I'd better sit down and write this before I forget to send it in.

I want to thank all the volunteers that stepped up at the Rally, but I especially want to thank Liz, Kyle, Ingrid, Michele, Dale, Nikki, and Tammie for helping me in products. I am truly grateful for all of your help so that I could enjoy so much of the Rally this year. To those that offered to help, thank you. There is always next year.

Now, on to other things. With the October B.O.D. coming up in a few weeks I want to remind you that if your chapter needs anything, please email me at least one month before the B.O.D. and I will bring it and give to your Chapter Rep. Some things I have on hand while others I have to order and I will need time to do that

Also, if you are having an event and want state products to sell at your event or need auction items, please email me and I will do what I can. As always, if you have ideas, questions or concerns do not hesitate to email me and I will do the best I can to help you out.

I think that is all for now. See you in Little Falls for the B.O.D. in a few weeks.

- Kari, State Products Manager

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Another Rally has passed, and I sure got educated on

that plank race. Some might even say I got schooled....yikes! Like they say, if you don't succeed, try, try again. Perhaps I'll get some planks of my own and practice for next year. I just got set up on the ZOHO server, so if you have questions or need to send me information you can do so at education@abatemn.org.

As I touched on last month, there are some interesting ideas floating around about getting young riders involved in rider training and creating interest in A.B.A.T.E. of MN. It is not hard to see that A.B.A.T.E. of MN is an aging organization. We need to find ways to create interest for the younger generation to get involved with A.B.A.T.E. if we want our mission to carry on beyond our years. If any of you are interested in brainstorming and pooling ideas on this subject, we will be having a meeting at Norm's Wayside in Buffalo on October 27th at 6:00 pm. The first round of ice water is on me. I hope to see you there!

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."

-Clay P. Bedford

- Big Jon

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GAMBLING REPORT

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Hi everybody! Can't believe the season is winding down, but October is one of my favorite times to get out for a ride!

I want to thank everyone who sold tickets before and at the State Rally. Also, a special shout out to the Orn's, Burke's and Jess for helping at the Rally Raffle table. The gambling committee can't do this without the help of those who really step up.

This year's winners were Marcus Arveson from Litchfield, \$2,022.00, Bonnie Blatchford from Detroit Lakes \$2,022.00, Dick Orn from Kingston \$922.00, Jason Miller from Detroit Lakes \$922.00, Brian Miller from Albert Lea \$922.00, Julia Ovick (via Liz) from Pine City \$922.00. The winner of the 50/50 was Jacob Henrang from Lake Park. His winnings were \$1,080.00

The next gambling meeting is October 14th at the B.O.D. in Little Falls at 6:00 pm.

Let's finish out this season safe and see you all in Little Falls.



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I hope you all had fun at the MN State Rally!

We need to remember to write clearly on your applications, I will do my best to decipher the scribbles... if I can't read it correctly, you may not get your card...

I have been bringing the returned mail to the B.O.D meeting and handing out to the reps, hopefully someone will know the person and be able to get these cards to the correct person to get me an updated address.

Other than that, not much more to report on.

See you down the road....

- Shelly Deutsch, State Office Administrator



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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MEMBERSHIP

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First and foremost, did you make it to the MN State Rally?

The September 2 report again, is down.... Singles are at 1426, Couples are 1662, total 3088... that's down another 14.

The highest increase this month is Straight River with +6 members, 2nd highest is Tri-County with +4, and in 3rd is a 4-way tie, all with +3 members, Northwest, Heart of the Lakes, Lake, & Southeast LC.

One chapter had a loss of 11...

Thanks for your hard work everyone!

Keep on Keepin on!

Shelly Deutsch



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Next Meeting (s):

October 2nd, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm November 13th, Phone Meeting, 11:00am

No Reports Received from:



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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DIAL-A-RIDE

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Chad Marchand

Sand Dunes

Member since April 2017

- ~Substitute Chapter Representative for Central Chapter for part of 2019.
- ~Sand Dunes Chapter Representative 2020.
- ~Sand Dunes Chapter President March 2021 to present.
- ~MRF Member 2019 to present
- ~A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Member 2021 to present.

Chad first joined A.B.A.T.E. as a Central Member in 2017 and then joined Sand Dunes also in 2020. The 2017 rally was his first and something he doesn't miss. The rally ride that year was his first ride with A.B.A.T.E. and is something he looks forward to every year. He felt very honored, humbled, and nervous



to be able to lead the ride this year. His greatest contribution to our organization has been being a part of rebuilding the Sand Dunes Chapter. The chapter's successes are a product of the members, and is just proud to be one of them.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Saturday October 15, 2022, 9:00 AM

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Little Falls, MN

CALL TO ORDER
9:00 AM Call to order Jane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and WelcomeKent Verner
Invocation
Roll callMichele Legried
Agenda approval / changes Jane Doyle
Secretary Report - April 2022 Michele Legried
Treasurer's ReportMichelle Backlund
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LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Director	ary Goracke
Motorcycle PAC of MN	.Mark Senn
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	Frank Ernst
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	.Jay Hickok
Write to Ride	Frank Ernst

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)
ABATE UniversityStephanie Christensen
EducationJin Fernholz
Gambling
Buddy Bear ProgramSharon Polman
Historian Becca McCollum
Membership & Member Retention Shelly Deutsch
Passport RunJon Smith
Products
Publications
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OTHER REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

ABATE Manual Update Increase Membership Dues

NEW BUSINESS

Young Riders Program

OFFICER REPORTS

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Treasurer	Michelle Backlund
Secretary	Michele Legried
Northeast District Director	
Southeast District Director	Virgil Legried
Southwest District Director	Jon Smith
Northwest District Director	Edgar Burke
Assistant State Coordinator	Jim Orn
Trustee	Mack Backlund
State Coordinator	Jane Doyle

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ADJOURNMENT

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Board of Directors Meeting October 14 - 15, 2022

Hosted by Central Chapter, Northeast District

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WOW! How time flies. We formed Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota 20 years ago.

Motorcycle PAC of MN is a federal and state non-profit Political Action Committee (PAC) whose only objective is to support the advancement of motorcycle rights and subsequently personal freedoms. We raise funds and then use those funds to meet this objective.

You might ask, HOW DO WE SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND PERSONAL FREEDOMS?

It's pretty simple. We use the funds we raise to gain access to and then establish close relationships with national, state, and local policy makers who are responsible for adopting policies and laws which can dramatically affect our rights and freedoms, and can potentially have positive or detrimental effects on a lifestyle we hold near and dear. There have been, and there continue to be, many assaults aimed at limiting or taking away our personal rights and freedoms.

While grassroots political involvement is important, in today's world, lobbying and contributions help assure access and an ear. We have been very effective over the past 20 years in establishing close relationships, which once formed, have passed the test of time. These close and longstanding relationships, on both sides of the aisle, have effectively assured and kept intact many of our motorcycle rights and freedoms. We have remained diligent and vigilant. We have never tooted our own horn much, we just get it done.

Right now, one of the biggest and most

severe assaults in the history of our country is taking place to limit, undermine, and take away our personal rights and freedoms. We need everyone's help. We all need to step up in every way possible. Personally give to the PAC. Hold fundraisers and raise funds for the PAC. Make others aware of the PAC and its work. As discussions proceed for the first time in many years to increase membership fees, please advocate and support an increase from \$2 per year, to \$5 per year, to be automatically designated to the PAC, unless of course someone chooses to personally object. To put it in perspective, that would be the cost of one beer to help protect your rights and freedoms for an entire year. We encourage, and request, every A.B.A.T.E. chapter to include the PAC in your fundraising activities. We need and deserve everyone's support.

I haven't seen all the survey results yet but I can pass on who our friends are that are running for office. These are office holders or candidates that support us on our issues and deserve your vote on November 8 to further motorcycle rights and will vote to protect our personal freedoms which have been disappearing quickly.

Congressional Races:

Congressional District 1: Brad Finstad Congressional District 2: Tyler Kistner

(supports our issues and vows to protect our personal freedoms) Angie Craig (supports our issues)

Congressional District 3: Tom Weiler Congressional District 4: May Lor Xiong Congressional District 5: Cicely Davis

Congressional District 6: Tom Emmer

Congressional District 7: Michelle Fischbach Congressional District 8: Pete Stauber

State Officer Races:

Attorney General: Jim Schultz Secretary of State: Kim Crockett State Auditor: Ryan Wilson

More later after the surveys are in.

- Mark Senn

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

Minnesota Candidate Survey Results

For the 2022 November 8th Elections

Survey results received by September 10th, 2022

Note: If your candidate is not listed, they did not respond to the questionnaire. Contact them to find out why. For survey results received after the deadline, check the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website for updates.

Thank you to Gary Goracke and Mack Backlund for collecting and compiling the survey data.

Candidate Questions

- 1. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes adults should have the choice to wear or not wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, which is the current Minnesota law. Do you support adult motorcyclists who are properly licensed and endorsed to choose their riding gear?
- 2. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes motorcycles are a viable part of the transportation mix. Increasingly, motorcyclists feel singled out by law enforcement because of their appearance, apparel, or because they are simply riding a motorcycle. Will you support legislation that would require additional training for law enforcement to limit the practice of profiling motorcyclists?
- 3. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes in fair taxation. Motorcyclists who transfer a title for a motorcycle which is ten years old or older and valued at less than \$3,000, or have a motorcycle that is 20 years old or older who ask for a "Classic" specialty plate, pay a much higher rate of sales tax than an automobile meeting those criteria. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota feels this is wrong and has introduced legislation to have motorcycles on an even scale with automobiles. Motorcycles cause almost zero damage to our roads and should not be taxed at a higher rate than cars and trucks. Will you support this type of legislation?
- 4. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes in keeping our current insurance laws. Each year there are proposed bills that would require all Minnesota motorcyclists to carry uninsured and under insured insurance. This is opposed by a broad coalition of Minnesota motorcyclists. There are many insurance options in addition to the liability requirements that may be of benefit to a motorcycle rider, but these policy additions should be the motorcyclist's option. Most riders already have uninsured and under insured insurance but the extra cost of this insurance could make motorcycle riding too expensive for some, especially younger riders. Additionally, the passage of any legislation may have unintended consequences. Riders who face large increases in motorcycle insurance may choose to not purchase insurance at all. Are you in favor of keeping the current insurance laws in place?
- 5. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota opposes vehicle sales mandates. Some states, including Minnesota, are attempting to mandate a high percentage of new vehicles sold must be plug in electric or electric hybrid. Not knowing how these mandates would affect the sale of new motorcycles, this is a great concern to the motorcycling public. Motorcyclists oppose mandates that remove choice concerning make, model, style, fuel type, or other options of new vehicles considered for purchase. Are you in favor of stopping these mandates?

Federal candidate survey results can be found at ABATEMN.org

2022 Minnesota State Offices

GOVERNOR	PARTY	1	2	3	4
Scott Jensen	R	YES	YES	YES	YES
ATTORNEY GENERAL	PARTY	1	2	3	4
Jim Schultz	R	YES	YES	YES	YES

2022 Minnesota Senate

District	Candidate	Party	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Comments
3	Andrea Zupancich	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
4	Dan Bohmer	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
4	Rob Kupec	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
5	Paul J. Utke	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
6	Steve Samuelson	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
7	Ben DeNucci	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABATE SUPPORTER
13	Jeff Howe	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	#2 MAYBE
15	Gary Dahms	R	YES			YES	YES	
17	Glenn Gruenhagen	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
19	Kate E. Falvey	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
20	Steve Drazkowski	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
21	Bill Weber	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
23	Gene Dornink	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
25	Bill Rood	G	YES	NO	YES			
25	Ken Navitsky	R	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	
26	Eric M. Leitzen	LMN	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
27	Andrew Mathews	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	
29	Bruce Anderson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
32	Kate Luthner	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	?	
32	Michael Kreun	R	YES	OPEN	YES	YES	YES	
34	John Hoffman	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
36	Heather Gustafson	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
41	Tom Dippel	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
43	Andrew Thomas Schuler LMN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		
43	Ann H. Rest	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
49	Steve Cwodzinski	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
55	Pam Myhra	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	

2022 Minnesota House of Representatives

District	Candidate	Party	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Comments
01A	John Burkel	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
01B	Debra (Deb) Kiel	R	YES	YES		YES		
03A	Rob Ecklund	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
03B	Mary Murphy	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
05A	Krista Knudsen	R	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	#2 Need More Evidence
05B	Gregg Hendrickson	I	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Has MC Endorsement
07B	Matt Norri	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
11A	Jeff Dotseth	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
11A	Pete Radosevich	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
12A	Paul H. Anderson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
14A	Bernie Perryman	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	Has Endorsment
15B	Paul Torkelson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
15B	Tom Kuster	D	?	?	?	?	?	
16A	Dean Urdahl	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
17B	Bobbie V. Harder	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	Rider
19A	Brian Daniels	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Biker Family
19B	John Petersburg	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	-
20A	Pam Altendorf	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	A.B.A.T.E. Supporter
20B	Steven E. Jacob	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
21B	Marj Fogelman	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
22B	Brian H. Pfarr	R	YES		YES			
23A	Peggy Bennett	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	#2 Yes if Training is Reasonable
23B	Thomas A Stiehm	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
26A	Stephen James Doerr	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
26A	Gene Pelowski Jr.	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
26B	Gregory M. Davids	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
29A	Joe McDonald	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
30B	Paul Novotny	R	YES	OPEN	YES	YES	YES	
32B	Donald W Raleigh	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
33A	Patti Anderson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
35B	Jerry Newton	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
38A	Michael "Mike" Nelsor	ı D	?	?	?	?	?	
39B	Mike Sharp	R	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	
40A	Ben Schwanke	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
40B	Allen Shen	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	
41B	Shane Hudella	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	
45B	Lorie Cousineau	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
47A	Bob Lawrence	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
47B	Kelly Fenton	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
48A	Jim Nash	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
48B	Greg Boe	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
51A	Ryan Wiskerchen	R			YES	YES	YES	
52B	Cynthia Lonnquist	R			YES	YES	YES	
54B	Brendan Van Alstyne	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
56A	Joe Landru	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rides
57A	Greg Henningsen	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
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NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks!!

Just writing this a couple days after YOUR State Rally! This was an amazing time!

First off, I would Like to thank **everyone** that made this Rally happen! The whole weekend I never talked with anyone that wasn't having a good time!!

Next WE need to communicate with our elected officials to see how they think. It amazes me every year how much our legislature helps US out. **We need to talk with them!**

Until Next Time. TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE!

- Edgar

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

October 8th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm November 12th, Knights Pub, Osakis, 6:00 pm December 10th, Eagles Club, Alexandria, 6:30 pm

Greetings FFR members,

The rally was a great success and fun was had by all. Thanks that all came out and attended. We had a decent size crew out there this year and would welcome more of you to join us next year. And who knows there may even be some unicorn sightings again next year.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.





NW Chapter Annual Food and Toy Run!

Northwest

Next Meetings:

October 1st, Carol's Cozy, Brooks, 10:00 am October 29th, Greg McGlynn's, 3:00 pm (November meeting)

BORDERLAND

No Report Received

HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s):

October 14th,

Scrappy's, 42324 Long Lake Road,

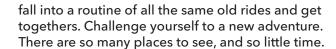
Ottertail, 7:00 pm

November 18th, Jess and Rory's, 42463 County 14, Richville, 7:00 pm

December 9th, TBD, 7:00 pm

Greetings fellow riders,

Looks like it is time to check out some fall colors and look back on some of our good times from the summer. Did you get out and try something or somewhere new this year? If not, maybe you can still squeeze in one of those bucket list trips. It is easy to



I hope you all enjoyed YOUR state rally. Catch some great fall rides and keep it safe out there. Take a new road.

We will see ya in the wind.

Littlebear

NORTH STAR

Next Meeting(s):

October 8th, Fozzie's Smokin Bar-B-Q, Bemidji, 5:00 pm

November 12th, Becida Bar and Grill, Becida, 3:00 pm





SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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No Report Received.

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting (s):

October 8th, Manthey Park, Owatonna, 1:00 pm November 12th, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm December 10th, American Legion, Owatonna, 1:00 pm Glad to see all that made it to the State Rally. Nice to see friends, listen to good music and have a laugh around the campfire. Looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Be Safe and Ride Free.

- Zoomer



TRI-COUNTY

No Report Received



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RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s):

October 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm November 13th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 8th, Fall Ditch Cleanup, 10:00 am January 21st, 2023, January Thaw Annual Fundraiser and Dance Party

Here we go headlong into October. With that in mind, please note we changed the date for the Fall Ditch Cleanup to October 8th at 10:00 am. We will have a get together at Erin and Anthony's afterwards.

The state rally was a blast! Three unicorns helped turn it up Saturday evening and give it a different flavor! Fun was had by all! It also helped spark some new, fun ideas for next year's rally. Please consider joining the rally committee to help us plan a new and exciting event next year.

Our January Thaw is now in the early stages of planning. Please come help us plan our big event. The January Board of Directors meeting is the same Saturday. It will be our privilege to host the meeting again this year. We will definitely need help.

I do have a call out to Way West Chapter. We went garage saleing and were fortunate to find some Sweating to the Oldies VHS tapes in reasonably good condition. We'll be sure to send 'em to you for your training regimen.

As always, keep it shiny side up!

- Big D, President

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s):

October 22nd, Cheers of Waltham Bar & Grill, Waltham, 2:00 pm November 19th, Wells VFW Post 1778, Wells, 2:00 pm

After our August meeting we delivered Buddy Bears to N.R.H.E.G. School, Glenville Fire, Wells



Security: River Valley



Litchfield Security

Ambulance, and Winnebago Fire. We stopped in Emmons and delivered a \$500 check to friends of the chapter that the wife has cancer.

On September 24th we held Summer's Done Run and our meeting. There was camping with fire and music Friday and Saturday night. Saturday morning had meeting. In afternoon we did Summer's Done Run. When we got back there was yard and bike games, silent auction, good food, and music.

Check out Flatlanders Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, on Facebook for meetings, events, and info.

- Da Buff

SOUTHEAST LOWER CORNER

Next Meeting (s):

October thru March, Americal Legion Post 92, Rochester, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

October 14th-15th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D. meeting, Country Inn and Suites, Little Falls

Hi All,

When you read this, it will be one step closer to that awful season that shall not be named. The fall colors should be pretty making for some really scenic riding, and I hope everyone gets a chance to get out and ride and enjoy the fall colors.

It's been fairly quiet this month, but we have a lot of irons in the fire and the next few months as well as next year are going to be extremely busy. We are planning a fundraiser on January 21st, a rider awareness ride in May, and a Buddy Bear Ride also in

May or early June. More details to come in future Grapevine articles.

We had the privilege of having Jane Doyle joining our August meeting. It was really great to have her there as she explained and clarified many things from the Board's perspective for the Chapter members.

The Chapter passed the hat at the August meeting and raised \$280 to be donated to the family of John (Goose) Larson who recently lost his life in a motorcycle accident. John's brother and nephew were present and accepted the donation on behalf of John's wife and children.

Welcome to all new members and don't forget to come to the monthly meetings the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00. Be sure to check your Road Noise for locations.

Also, thank you to all who have renewed their memberships and we look forward to seeing you also at the monthly meetings.

- Ride safe, Terry





SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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No Report Received.

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

November 5th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm December 3rd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm January 7th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 3rd, Santa Day, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm December 10th, Glacial Ridge Christmas Party, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 1:00 pm

Greetings People,

Well, the State Rally has come and went, and some of you will be getting in the last rides of the year, while others are deer hunting, or wishing spring was next month. Personally, I like the winter months, but I am always ready for spring to arrive, so I can

get out and ride again.

Next month, December 3rd at Heidi's Bar in Sedan we will be having Santa Day from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Bring out the kids, or just come to visit. It's always a fun time. Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 pm we are having our Christmas Party. Feel free to come out and join us.

Remember to do your pre-winter maintenance on your bikes, so you'll have less to do next spring.

Finally, if you know of anyone interested in keeping our motorcycle freedoms, and not being told what we can, and cannot do, let them know about us. Encourage them to join A.B.A.T.E. and come to a couple meetings to see what it's all about.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be safe.

- Hives



LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

October 1st, Chris Kalway's home, Howard Lake, 3:00 pm

November 5st, Madigans, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 1st, Ditch pick up, St. Boni, 12:00 pm February 4th, Grounded Hogs fundraiser

What an awesome State Rally! Lots of friends, good food and great entertainment. Thanks to everyone who helped put this event on and make plans now to attend in 2023!

Our meeting was well attended. Lots of new and "old" faces, some visitors, plus a few members from out of state that were here for the Rally. A big thanks to Destiny for standing in as our flag. There is always one in the crowd. LCWD!!!

At the meeting we voted as a chapter to approve the dues increase. Gaida showed us a couple new products, so if you have not already seen them, come to the next meeting to see what we have. Remember these can make great Christmas presents.



We will be checking into a Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters event this fall. Watch your e-mail and Facebook for details. Also looking into setting a date to bring a donation to True Friends, the organization that runs Camp Courage and Camp Friendship, and see if we can have a bike show next summer. The camp bike shows were something that Dan Arne loved and all donations from his memorial patch sales have been set aside to give to True Friends.

We renewed the Lake Chapter MRF sustaining membership and added a special donation to be brought to the Meeting of the Minds conference.

Reminder that nominations for the Steven J. Kreitlow award need to be submitted to the President by November 1st.

Planning has started for the Grounded Hogs fundraiser. Advance tickets will be available at the October meeting. Make plans to be there and bring a few friends! This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride.

We will be donating to the Toys for Tots program in December. Hopefully have a date set soon. Funds from our gambling account will be requested and any personal donations can be brought to the October and November meetings.

That's all for now. Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

- Later, Mitch'n

SOUTHWEST

No Report Received

BUFFALO RIDGE

No Report Received



SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

October 5th, Valley Inn, Eden Valley, 7:00 pm November 2nd, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm

December 7th, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm



RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE HERE

Twine Ball Day.

November 26th, Toys For Kids, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 6:00 pm

South Central had a blast at the rally, huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard all year long, and to everyone who volunteered their time throughout the weekend!! Especially Shelly Deutch, Randy Prochazka, Trashy and his Warriors, I know I'm forgetting some names, please forgive me!

As I write this, we will be completing our Fall Ditch Clean Up, and planning our Toys For Kids drive on November 26th. See the ad in this month's Road Noise and save the date, we hope you'll join us! If you would like to donate any silent auction items,

please contact Kirsty LaPlante at (320) 282-6851.

Hope to see you at the BOD this month!

Ingrid Cohen,
 SC Secretary



Rally Bike Show: Brian Rick



Rally Tatoo: Bobbi Jo Johnson



Rally Bike Show: Brian Schemmel





Coconut Tiger Rally









WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

October 1st, Wood Lake City Park, Wood Lake, 12:00 pm November 5th, Old American Bike Barn, Ortonville, 12:00 pm

Well, another State Rally is in the books. Attendance was down it seemed, but it was one for the books! What a blast.

This Chapter stepped up with security, putting on two days of bike games, participating in them, the fashion show and...what about that Cinderella comeback in the tug of war for the win!!

Way West you're the best and we keep getting stronger, because of all you!! I'm proud.

October meeting will be discussion on the proposed membership dues increase. Now is the time to speak at our October meeting, so I know how to vote on your behalf at the October board of directors meeting.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Gypsy Mama





















ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

October 1st, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 4:00 pm November 5th, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 4:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Fall Ditch Cleanup TBT Christmas Party TBT Rolling Prairie is still recovering from the State Rally, with most of the chapter on the committee we are pooped out.

While at the Rally, did you go to the MRF's Chili Contest? Randy & Shelly both won trophies. Randy's hottest again, Shelly most unique, she put Pineapple in hers!

- Shelly



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

KENT VERNER

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Hi everyone!

I just returned from my first A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally. I had a great time. It was 200 miles each way riding by myself, great weather, lots of time to think, all well worth it. I spent most of my rally time volunteering, selling ice off the golf cart with Chad and two shifts in the registration trailer. I don't know why everyone doesn't volunteer at least one shift. I got to see the entire property, many times, and see everyone and meet a bunch more. The time just flew by. Please consider giving up a couple of hours next year. Some members were really worn out by the end.

Fall is approaching, end of season rides, fall colors rides, and the October B.O.D. in Little Falls. Plans are well underway for the April B.O.D. and A.B.A.T.E. University. Make plans now for both. Accident numbers are way too high this year with most being preventable. Ride safe, ride sober, and see you in October.

Pedro

NORTH EAST

Next Meeting (s):

October 5th, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm November 2nd, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Cold weather already, where did the summer go?

The Northeast Chapter would like to thank Pete Radosevich for attending our August meeting. He is running for Minnesota House of Representatives, District 11a, and is the DFL endorsed candidate. We appreciate the time he took out of his busy schedule to join us and discuss his positions on motorcycle related issues.

By the time you read this, our annual Chic's Memorial Billboard Run will have taken place. This ride is co-sponsored with A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin region 6B and is used to purchase motorcycle safety billboards in Duluth and Superior Wisconsin. This event takes a lot of time and planning, but it's well worth it when everyone in the area comments on the bright yellow 'Look for Motorcycles' signs.

Many of you may have noticed that the Northeast Chapter has been hosting various political figures from both sides of the aisle at recent meetings. While we don't endorse specific candidates, we feel it is very important to know where they stand on motorcyclist issues and to establish good working relationships with these individuals. We believe that this has been very worthwhile as we've seen our posts shared on several of the candidate social media sites and have been contacted with follow-up questions after our meetings. This would indicate that we made an impression and is good for name recognition of A.B.A.T.E. in general.

- Ride safe, Ed

UP NORTH

Next Meeting (s):

October 9th, Calumet Saloon, Calumet, 4:00 pm

Hello everyone,

I hope that you are well and have enjoyed the riding season. Next month is very important to motorcyclists. The midterm elections are coming up and it is very important that you know who you are voting for when it comes to motorcycle legislation. People keep saying that there is not a lot going on legislatively when it comes to motorcyclists, but the time is coming.

In California they are in the process of banning small combustion engines. Other states are seeing more and more self-driving vehicles, also known as autonomous vehicles. These two issues can greatly affect our livelihood in the near future. They could mandate that motorcycles are a recreational vehicle and not be allowed on the roadways anymore. That is where we as A.B.A.T.E. members need to step up and get these topics heard by our legislators, that we won't allow this to happen.

As for our chapter, it concerns me that we are trying to have meetings and our members are not coming. Is it the day of the week? Is it the time of the meeting? Is it the location? Or is it the leadership? Please feel free to get ahold of me through text or email as to what we can do to keep this chapter going. There have been two other chapters in the iron range area since A.B.A.T.E. was formed. I hate to see this be the third failed chapter in this area.

We are scheduled to have our next meeting on October 9th at the Calumet Saloon at 4:00 pm. I hope to see you there.

- Jay Hickok, Up North Chapter President









JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

October 16th, Ryders Saloon, Henriette, 2:00 pm November 20th, Doc's Sports Bar and Grill, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm December 18th, Bogey's on Main, Hinckley, 2:00 pm January 15th, Bears Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm February 19th, Maverick's Saloon Bar & Grill, Beroun, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 18th, Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party, Bogey's on Main, Hinckley

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the loss of three Jack Pine Rider members over the past few months. Bob Castle, Les Bjerke and Ricky Ratzlow. All were very fine people, very dedicated and very active members. Their contributions to the Jack Pine Riders and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will be greatly missed. 'Till we meet again, Ride in Peace.

Our December meeting will be followed by the

Annual Christmas Party. There will be food, drinks, white elephant and more! All are welcome.

The next roadside cleanup will be in May 2023. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

Special thanks to Jack Pine Riders Ice and wood delivery service at the State Rally. Dial-A-Ride had a few calls and showed what a valuable service they offer. Great job everyone.

Some of the best riding of the season is still ahead. Enjoy the fall colors. Get out and take it all in. Always keep safety in mind.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines 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

CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

October 2nd, Stoney's Bar, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 1st, Central Chapter Fun Run, BPM BOUJA Feed, Stoney's Bar, Rockville October 15th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D., Little Falls

Welcome to Fall, my fellow motorcycle riders. Keep riding safe and enjoy the fall colors. Let's keep supporting A.B.A.T.E. rides and events. And we will see you at the B.O.D. meeting in Little Falls.

Stoney's Bar had another motorcycle ride September 10th. This year proceeds went to Veterans on the Lake. The annual BPM Bouja feed and Central chapter Fun Run is coming up. We have a few stops at small town local taverns and play games and talk trash. It's a great time and hope you will come help us out. We gave away some cool little gifts and have fun.

Ride Safe Everyone,

- The Machine

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EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

October 2nd, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am November 6th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

October 14th-15th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D., Country Inn & Suites, Little Falls

Great Job by all volunteers at Hay Days. Thank You All for your time and help. Sled Pull at the State Rally was a great success. Tim & entire crew did a great job. Thanks again for East Central Chapter help at the registration trailer on Friday night.

November we are planning Frozen Turkey Bowling at the St. Francis Legion, date T.B.A.

On a personal note, Thank You All for signing a get well card for me after my motorcycle wreck. It really means a lot. In good time I will be back on my feet. Please send road noise contributions to Jim LaSpisa at laspisajim@gmail.com

Any website contributions to Red Braastad at eastcentralabate@usa.com

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

Your V.P. Jim



Photo by Chad Marchand

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s):

October 9th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm November 13th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm December 11th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm January 8th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm

Well, last month I commented about our State Rally being behind us, it wasn't. That just means this month I get to talk about all the awesome that our members brought to their Rally.

We had members who took part in the fashion show, bike show, bike games, and lots of volunteering. Selling ice, wood, shuttling people and gear, setting up the stage, assisting state products and many of the other jobs that it takes to make the Rally happen. Our members took home wins in the bike games, fashion show, bike show, and at least four of our members earned their volunteer patch.

Our showing at this Rally is a great example of how far we have come in the last two and a half years and how our members have built this chapter into a force that's not going away. You guys look at roadblocks and challenges, overcome them, and make it look easy.

I'll end this Grapevine by mentioning a personal highlight from this year's Rally. Due to a storm in Darwin, lower membership for the Boy Scouts, and an injured road captain, an announcement was made that the Rally Ride was cancelled. People were not happy, but accepted it.I couldn't. Our Rally is the one time of year the weather is good and our whole organization is together. I feel it's important that we do this ride every year. I took the time, made the calls, had the conversations, and did a pre run.

Saturday morning, after the bike blessing at 10:00 am sharp, the State Rally Memorial Ride left the fairgrounds. The ride was shorter since there was no breakfast, but thanks to Peter with the Meeker County Sheriff's Department everyone on the ride returned safely.

I was very honored, and humbled to lead this ride. I hope you all feel the same honor and humility every time you contribute and achieve for A.B.A.T.E.

- Until next time, ride safe.



Ride and Keg Push photo by Nick Capra.

MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run

We hope you have enjoyed using the 2022 passport this summer! We have one month left for this Passport Run season. All money for sold passports and any unsold books need to be turned in by November 1st.

If you would like to turn this into us in person, plan with your chapter ahead of time for your chapter rep to bring the money and unsold books to the October BOD on Oct 15th. Otherwise you can mail it into the address listed inside the passport.

If you are participating in the prize money contest, your signed passport must be postmarked and mailed to the address listed inside the passport by November 1st.

Dear business owner or manager.

Thank you for supporting this A.B.A.T.E. fundraiser!

Also in this month's Road Noise is the new Entry Form for the 2023 Passport Run season next year. Help us sign up stops and sponsors for the new book! If you would like to see more stops in your area, it's up to you to go to your favorite business to get them signed up. The form explains everything they need to know about how the passport run works and how to send in the form. Help them out by offering to send in the form and fees for them! All entry forms and fees must be postmarked and mailed to the address on the form by February 15th, 2023.

We are still looking for someone to join the Passport Run Committee and help out with admin duties. This strictly a volunteer position. Computer skills with Word and Excel spreadsheets are a plus. If you are interested please contact Ingrid Cohen.

Don't forget to join our Facebook group MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run for more details throughout the year.

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



6th Annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Fun Run

2023 Entry Form

Hello, my name is Jon Smith and I'm a member of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Passport Run Committee. We are in the process of creating the 6th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st - Nov 1st, 2023. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed a sponsor of this event, as a stop inside the book, or both. As a passport run stop the people will come in with their passport and want you to sign and date the book. They must make a purchase first, which means more business for you! Sponsors will be listed in the front of the book, advertised on Facebook, and in our Road Noise publication. The fees help cover the cost of printing, ads, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event please include those with your entry form and fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold through thousands of ABATE members to anyone all across Minnesota! Recognition will be given to the business that receives the most

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

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Chapter NameChapter Member
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
10/1/22	Central Chapter Fun Run BPM BOUJA Feed	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	
10/1/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	3:00 PM
10/1/22	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick up	St. Bonifacius	12:00 PM
10/1/22	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalway's home, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
10/1/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Carol's Cozy, Brooks - Ride to Follow weather permitting	10:00 AM
10/1/22	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	4:00 PM
10/1/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	Wood Lake City Park, Wood Lake	12:00 PM
10/2/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's Bar, Rockville	12:00 PM
10/2/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
10/2/22	Publication Committee Meeting	The Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
10/2/22	Way and Mean Committee Meeting	The Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
10/5/22	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
10/5/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Valley Inn, Eden Valley	7:00 PM
10/6/22	Tri-county Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
10/8/22	Freedm First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM
10/8/22	North Star Chapter Meeting	Fozzie's Smokin Bar-B-Q, Bemidiji	5:00 PM
10/8/22	River Valley Fall Ditch Clean up	CHS overflow lot	10:00 AM
10/8/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Manthey Park, Owatonna	1:00 PM
10/9/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
10/9/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	5:00 PM
10/9/22	Up North Chapter Meeting	Calumet Saloon, Calumet	4:00 PM
10/3/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	Park Tavern, St. Louis Park	7:00 PM
10/11/22	A.B.A.T.E. of MN Oct. BOD	Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, Little Falls	7.00 F W
10/14/22	Gambling Committee Meeting	BOD in Little Falls	6:00 DM
10/14/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Scappy's, 42324 Long Lake Rd, Ottertail	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
10/14/22	A.B.A.T.E. of MN Oct. BOD	Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, Little Falls	7.00 FIVI
10/16/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henriette	2:00 PM
10/16/22	Southeast Lower Corner Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	
10/10/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Cheers of Waltham Bar & Grill, Waltham	11:00 AM 2:00 PM
10/22/22	Northwest Chapter Meeting		
11/2/22	<u>'</u>	Greg McGlynn's home	3:00 PM
11/2/22	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
11/5/22	South Central Chapter Meeting Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Mugshots Bar & Grill, Cosmos Heidi's Bar, Sedan	7:00 PM
11/5/22			6:00 PM
	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigan's, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
11/5/22	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	4:00 PM
11/5/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	Old American Bike Barn, Ortonville	12:00 PM
11/6/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 PM
11/12/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Knight's Pub, Osakis	6:00 PM
11/12/22	North Star Chapter Meeting	Becida Bar and Grill, Becida	3:00 PM
11/12/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's, Owatonna	1:00 PM
11/13/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
11/13/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ'S, Orrock	5:00 PM
11/18/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Jess and Rory's,42463 County 14, Richville	7:00 PM
11/19/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 1778, Wells	2:00 PM
11/19/22	Southeast Lower Corner Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 PM
11/20/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's Sports Bar and Grill, Hinckley	2:00 PM
11/20/22	Southeast Lower Corner Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 AM
11/26/22	South Central Chapter Toys for Kids	Eagles Club, Litchfield	6:00 PM
12/3/22	Santa Day	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	2-5:00 pm
12/7/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots, Cosmos	7:00 PM

NEW & RENEWALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

BUFFALO RIDGE	LAKE	ROLLING PRAIRIE
Stan HansenR	Gaida Trout R	John Fedder F
Dave / Liz HerzogR	Tom Bermel R	John / Mariah Kelly F
Dustin / Wendy Kvistad R	Scott Trout R	David / Lynette Leinenweber F
Derek Heald R	Ronda HoaglandR	SAND DUNÉS
Bob / Beth Gutierrez N	John / Gloria Dewey R	Michael Thompson F
Jerry Wolff R	Rick / Myra Van HornR	Leslie "Razz" Rogers /
CENTRAL	Trevor DietmanN	Michelle Adams
Keith / Sheila Jacobs R	Earl HilandN	Bobby /Rozie Stephens F
Tad / Twilla Oskey N	Paul SoltvedtN	SOUTH CENTRAL
John BradshawR	Shad / Noma Skinner R	Del Liebrenz F
Emily BjellandR	Bruce / Betsy BerthiaumeR	Troy Olson /Joyce Compart F
Zach TaberR	Scott Erickson	Mark /Donna Beckstrand
Paul HoeschenR	Dan / Carol BitzerR	Destiny Ulrick F
James Halupczok /	Jim HolcombeR	Evan Wentzel
RoseyAnn AndersonR	Scott Bitzer/ Christine Kalway R	Daniel / Gretta CramF
Mitchell MurphyN	Jeffrey SchefersR	Sarah Henderson
EAST CENTRAL	Mark LePage R	
Bob Broich R	Kelly Ahner R	SOUTHEAST LC
Mark HaugeN	Luke HolcombeN	Gary / Kim ZwartF
Steve/ Kathy Jensen	METRO	Eugene / Tiffany Schneider N
Roger / Linda Ball	David "Doc" KaneR	Scott EggertF
Dave/ Laura Hesse	Tyrone JaramilloN	Bradley Prasil /Renae Smith F
Paul Bagley	Randall Esswein /Jodi Doyle R	Scott / Tara Hogy
FLATLANDERS	NORTHEAST	Ace / Elle Browning
John KrellR	Mark LaPlant/Brigid LaPlante R	SOUTHWEST
FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS	NORTH STAR	Terry Stern
Steve / Chasity Arnold	`Nelson /Robyn PickettN	Norman / Cheryl Gries
Steven / Mary Sampson	NORTHWEST	STRAIGHT RIVER
HEART OF THE LAKES	Joseph / Jessica Shimpa R	Mark Anderson
Tom Russell	Mark SupernoisN	TRI-COUNTY
Michael Carter R	Steve TischmanR	Alan / Joyce Steinhoff
James ScottR	Ben / Ashley HandR	John Wachholz
Jason Wehking R	Sarah Bentley N	Marsha Millonig
Michael / Ashley IversonN	Jeff / Lori Vigstol N	Ben Johnson
H Lyle / Sheryl J Mahnke N	RIVER VALLEY	Adam / Heidi Johnson
JACK PINE RIDERS	Anthony "AJ" MeisingerR	UP NORTH
Anita KetolaR	Dan Larson / Tracy Heideman R	Lonna Spector
Duane Tchida /Judy Soder R	Robert Sullivan R	WAY WEST
Mike Lynch	Shelly Swanson N	Jason HamreF
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	Aaron / Leah Zimmerman R	James Tonn/ Autumn Hinman F
	Action / Lean Zimmerman	Jerry Taylor



A Note to All:

As most of you already know, this was Spanky's and my last year as vendor coordinators for the A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally. This is a tough position for us to give up; but, after 12 years of getting vendors into our State Rally, we have decided to pass the torch to someone else. We will still be around to help out when needed, or (who knows), maybe even as a vendor. Thank you Fred Pawelk and Deb Kviz for stepping up to the task. We have a lot of confidence that you will do a great job as well.

We would also like to thank the chapters who sponsored a few of our vendors, and the individuals who connected us with vendors, especially a tattooist. We had over 25 combined vendors this year...more than we have had in years.

It has been a privilege working with all those, (past and present), involved in Rally preparations. Through the ups and downs, we have felt appreciated by the Rally committee members and the Rally attendees each and every year.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you.

See ya all at next year's Rally

Sincerely,

Snoopy & Spanky Lorie & John St. Clair



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Prochaka of
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Most Unique
by Shelly
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- Finer Meats / Mr. Potatohead Minneapolis
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- Sled Pulls Braham

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- Tri County Chapter Savage
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- Doc's Sports Bar & Grill Sturgeon Lake
- Glacial Ridge Chapter Glenwood
- Kimmer Lake Chapter
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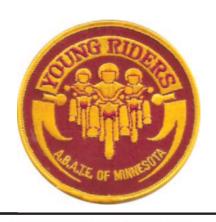


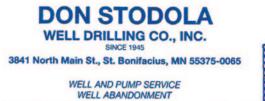


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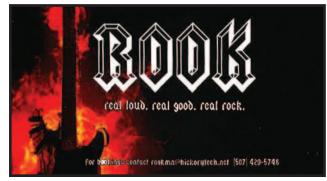
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