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praying for those that must continue to fight.*

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- 2) Next Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place
- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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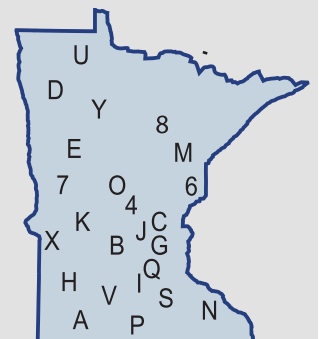
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying a ride in the brisk fall weather. The leaves have been absolutely beautiful! I've been traveling around the state, visiting chapters when I can fit the meetings into my schedule.

It's time to get out and vote! Following the elections, make sure to congratulate the newly elected officials. Invite them to your chapter meeting. It's a good idea to invite those who are still in office too. Bikerday will be here before you know it. Let them know that we'll be visiting when the legislative session begins.

Soon it will be time to start chapter and state officer nominations. Are you ready to step up and help your chapter? Is it time to get involved with a state committee? Remember, many hands make light work.

Several chapters are planning food and toy drives this holiday season. Let's support each other and get to know people in other chapters. (Yes, I know that many of you already do this - it's greatly appreciated!) Don't forget to have fun!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

– Jane



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Can you believe it we just got done with Halloween and are staring Thanksgiving in the face, where did ' this summer go?

As for what's going on in the world of A.B.A.T.E, the rally seemed to go well and once again made a profit for the year. We are looking at starting the new A.B.A.T.E Young Rider Scholarship program. We have a few people that have been working on this and like anything when you take on a new venture it doesn't happen overnight. It will take a little time but I know it will work out well.

Let's not forget about Bikerday at the Capitol. We will get a little more info as we get closer to the event. It always feels rewarding when you've been to the capitol and been able to talk to your representative or senator or both.

Also let's not forget about A.B.A.T.E University, which will be held in Alexandria again at the Holiday Inn. We will have some great speakers, good times with old friends and new, and let's not forget about the Auction, Jail and Bail, and Trike Races.

Till next time,

– Jim





Letter to the Editor:

In the 1970s and early 80s, motorcyclists were under attack. Media blitzes informed the general public that choppers and bikers of all kinds were a threat to the national security. Legislation was passed to "keep us safe." In Minnesota and around the country, several people rose up to defend our motorcycling lifestyle. One of those folks was Jim Dahling.

Jim was a tireless defender of the rights and safety of motorcyclists. His passion for motorcycling was contagious and easily spread to everyone he met. His negotiating skills made friends out of even his most staunchest opponents.

Jim Passed away recently. He will be greatly missed by the motorcycling community. God Speed, Jim Dahling

– Mack Backlund, Lake Chapter

Letter to the Editor:

Jess Cooper here, I wanted to share a couple of my firsts with our great A.B.A.T.E organization. I have been involved in our local Chapter, Heart of The Lakes for a few years now and I had been kicking around the idea of attending a Meeting of the Minds for a minute but hadn't ever gotten to one until this past September. I want to thank my youngest spawn (Deidrik) for being a large part in making that happen by being selected for the MRF A & E Board's Young Activist Scholarship, he informed me that he would not be attending alone, and I was his company. So, with a little discussion (and a little arm twisting from him ha-ha) the decision was made—we were not only going to our first Meeting of the Minds, we were packing up the bikes and riding the 546 (that turned into 636, thank you (GPS,och) miles there. Most of you may be thinking, yeh, big deal so you are riding, we all do, and I get that...you see although I have ridden a motorcycle of some sort a good chunk of my adult life, I have never managed to leave the state on one, as rider or passenger. Trust me, when the kid proposed this, I had a TON of arguments as to why we should just take my car! But the kid's logic, no scratch that, passion for riding won out and man, I am glad he has the brass enough to know when to NOT let Mom win. The Gods granted us a fantastic, unhindered trip there and back (Thanks Dale and Jay for letting us tag along on the interstate! (another first). And I hope

he always smiles when he thinks about when Mom and I rode to the Meeting of the Minds.

As soon as we arrive at the motel in Des Moines, we are greeted by a few fellow Minnesotans, great to see familiar faces. We get our bikes tucked away and walk into the lobby and I think to myself. . . "Holy bat balls, there is a mess of bikers here, what an awesome turnout!" We get all settled into our room for the weekend and head to the Meet and Greet. As I am sitting there listening to all the introductions of the Board members and the many different state reps and what they (each state) have been working on and or accomplished throughout the year, I started to realize just how big the organization is AND how very important each state's A.B.A.T.E. organizations are. Best I can describe my take on it all is that without one the other would be hard pressed to get our visions realized on both levels.

The kid made it through his Scholarship acceptance. For one who has forever channeled the soul of an old farmer and has always been able to talk to everyone in all settings with no issues, I found it a little humorous to see that if you toss him on stage in front of 150ish bikers, he gets a bit nervous. Proud of the kid, and very glad that he has chosen to step up to continue to ensure the freedom of all bikers and motorcyclists alike. Speaking of stepping up, I also want to thank the kid for asking me to attend the M.R.F. A&E board meeting where we both took the plunge and are now working with Paulette, Mitch, Lane, and the rest of the crew to further the education and awareness.

It was verra hard for me to not feel like a verra small minnow in a bigger pond. BUT jump back to all those bikers that I mentioned that I saw upon my arrival, THEY took the time to walk up, introduce themselves to me and the kid, and ask our opinions on the issues that were being addressed, and they were genuinely interested in our opinions.

You may be asking yourselves why I refer to others as bikers and not myself, simply explained, I have not earned that title, and I am just a gal who has always had a bit of an untamed side and absolutely loves the feeling (that I can't quite figure out how to put into words that would do it justice) that I get when I am rolling down the road on a bike. They are the people, along with our local and state A.B.A.T.E. people that will show me and the kid how to ensure that ability to keep that feeling will stay as free as possible. These men and women made it so very easy to forget that small minnow feeling.

If you haven't been, I would hands down recommend attending a Meeting of the Minds, I cannot convey in writing what you can take away from it.

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By now most of you are aware that we are in the process of resurrecting an old program called Young Riders. From what I understand, it was tried years ago but it never went anywhere. One of the reasons it was unsuccessful was that there were never any incentives for young riders to get involved. This is something that will be changed to make the program a success. We are currently in the process of securing funding to provide scholarships for young people to take rider training courses and at the same time get some exposure to A.B.A.T.E. of MN. There should be more detailed information in this Road Noise issue under the Young Riders header.

With Education eventually being responsible for handling the scholarship funding, I am looking to formulate an Education Committee. If you are interested in being a part of that committee, please contact me at education@abatemn.org or just simply give me a call.

I'd like to take a moment to write about the "Start Seeing Motorcyclists" campaign and concept. This has become country wide over the years. I believe it is an important campaign and it is our duty to continue to educate other motorists to keep an eye out for us. There is, however, another side to that proverbial coin. It IS the other motorists' responsibility to watch out for us, but what are we doing to be seen? Too often us as motorcyclists forget that we have responsibilities also. If I ride through a curve, hit some grass clippings and slide into the ditch, do I point the finger at the property owner? Or do I point the finger at myself for not paying attention to the current road conditions? The question I pose to each of you, is are we educating ourselves enough and training ourselves to be better riders? This is simply some food for thought and perhaps a different way of thinking. Catch ya next month.

*"Learning acquired in youth
is an inscription on stone."*
-Indian proverb

- Big Jon

NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

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These opening statements are quotes from the September Road Noise reports. The first is from Jane A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Coordinator, "I would like to set the record straight. A.B.A.T.E. of MN is NOT OPPOSED to electric bikes or cars! We simply oppose mandates "the second is from my NCOM Article "If a manufacturer chooses to build an EV and a consumer chooses to buy and drive an EV so be it, why would I let that concern me. That said if our government tells me that I can no longer buy or drive my gasoline powered vehicle new ball game."

What is happening now, we are seeing the news that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that governs motor vehicle emissions for the state. They adopted new rules that will require 35% of the new cars sold in the state are electric or plug-in hybrids by 2026, with that percentage rising to 68% by 2030 and 100% by 2035.

That's right a MANDATE that in less than fifteen years new gas burning cars will no longer be for sale in the country's largest state. Other states, have already signaled that they would follow California's lead. Minnesota is one of the states to adopt California clean car standards. When will this carry over to motorcycles? Will the sale of new gasoline powered motorcycles be ban by 2035?

What is your position, do you support these mandates? Does the candidate asking for your vote support these mandates?

In addition to gas-powered vehicles recently making the news Autonomous vehicles are making headlines as well. The following comments are taken from NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited for NCOM by Bill Bish,

"MOTORCYCLIST KILLED BY SELF-DRIVING CAR

"A motorcyclist was killed on I-15 in Draper, Utah when a Tesla crashed into the back of the bike," reported Fox13 News in Salt Lake City on July 24, adding that "the driver of the Tesla said he had the 'auto-pilot' setting on...he told police he didn't see the motorcyclist."

"Wow, and even in a driverless vehicle, the 'I didn't see the motorcyclist' gets a rider killed," commented NCOM Board Member Ed Schetter "Such an incident stresses our need to protect our space on the road, as I pointed out in my presentation," said Schetter, a veteran of the auto industry and Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio. "I wonder who the biker's family gets to sue? The Driver? Tesla? The Software Company? Sometimes you just shake your head."

Do you think the upcoming election is important? Do you think staying informed is important?

SAVE THE DATE - 2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX

Next year's 38th annual NCOM Convention is now scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so plan ahead to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers' rights activists from across the country for a weekend of learning, sharing and camaraderie!

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Classes we are planning on offering this year are:

- Do's and Don'ts if in a crash
- Rights During Search and Seizure
- Internet Safety
- Stop the Bleed

Start getting your old shirts together to donate to the

hotel staff and anything else to the "New to You Table" in with Products.

I would like to see each chapter bring at least one item for the auction. Don't forget about the chapter challenge. Forms will be handed out at the January B.O.D. I will start taking orders for the A.B.A.T.E. University 2023 T-shirts in January.

We will not be doing trike races this year. We are going to be setting up a Triathlon. Keep watching the Road Noise for more details.

Get out and sell those tickets!! Any questions please reach out!

– Thanks, Stephanie



In the third quarter 2022 we had a member from Tri-County, participate in the W2R program, that was the only correspondence I received. A little disappointing with elections taking place that we did not have a great number of members writing candidates and documenting their replies. I will note that at the Tri-County FREEdom event held mid-October we had two candidates for the Minnesota House of representatives attend. Both of these candidates are motorcycle riders and we had the opportunity to explain why we would like them to support our position on several legislative issues. Have you been doing the same, taking time to meet withH candidates?

As stated last month I will try to publish information concerning motorcycle related bills of current concern, bill number, a brief description, committee assignment, authors, and party of authors. Last month we talked about HF3520/SF3873 Biofuel related bill.

This month I would like to address
HF 895 / SF1428 Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage requirement for motorcycles.

I have deleted much of the bill text but the portion of concern is shown below. The bill is relating to insurance; requiring underinsured and uninsured motorist coverage for motorcycles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 65B.48, subdivision 5.

(c) An owner of a motorcycle that is registered

or required to be registered in Minnesota, or that is operated in Minnesota by the owner or with the owner's permission, must provide and maintain uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage may be provided by an insurance contract that complies with section 65B.49, subdivision 3a, or by qualifying as a self-insurer in the manner provided under subdivision 3.

In the House it is assigned to the Commerce Finance and Policy committee and the Authors are Youakim, Stephenson, Long, Elkins, (DFL).

In the Senate it is assigned to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy it has (1) Author Latz (DFL).

There was not a hearing conducted on this bill in the Senate. The bill was heard in House committee and I had the opportunity to testify and on behalf of A.B.A.T.E. I testified against passage, against the MANDATE. Unfortunately, the bill did pass. It passed on a strictly partisan divided vote.

I would like to share a summary from something printed in the May 1989 Road Noise

"The four bones of any organization are:
The **WISHBONES** - They spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
The **JAWBONES** - they spend their time talking not doing.
The **KNUCKELBONES** - who knocks everything other try to do.
The **BACKBONES** - they get to work and carry the load for the others."

What bone are you now, what bone could you be?

– fe

YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

FRANK ERNST



Years ago, we, A.B.A.T.E. had a program called YOUNG RIDERS. It has not been talked about or had any activity I am aware of since about 2004 so many of you may not be familiar with it.

The patch shown was created at that time. The program was planned to provide activities and opportunities to attract younger people to A.B.A.T.E. The people trying to get this started had some good ideas and plans but just couldn't get it going. Some of the problems at that time may have been finding funding, communication methods, activities of interest, marketing avenues and possibly others. A few of us, State Coordinator Jane, Assistant Coordinator Jim, Gambling Manager Dan, New Education Chair Jon, a member of the staff at Bikers Lawyers "Ginger," and I met recently and will be putting things in place to re-introduce YOUNG RIDERS.

Here is information to explain why this will succeed now when it did not previously and some reasons, we feel it is something we should pursue. First what has changed now that will help it succeed? Funding! We will have youth activities and opportunities that can be funded with Gambling \$\$\$. Communication! We now have internet, Facebook, and all the other social media tools available. Everyone has a computer and or smart phone now days and we will have the help of someone that knows how to reach them "Ginger," Activities! The first and most important will be to create a scholarship program for Motorcycle Riders Education, the beginning riders' course, intermediate riders, course and possibly beyond. Marketing! A.B.A.T.E. now has Harmony a marketing director. In addition, I have had some preliminary discussions with the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force, representatives from the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center and the representatives from the rider training providers about these scholarships. I have been told they would expect the scholarships could be promoted on their web sites and Facebook pages. These are some of the reasons this program will succeed now!

Some things still being considered, do we want to break this out and create a separate C (3) still using the A.B.A.T.E. name? Ages of those we would direct our efforts to? Rider training programs we would provide funding for? Motorcycle safety center programs or independent programs as well? What young people need to do to apply for scholarship? Write a request explaining why they want training, just send request or other? What portion of the tuition do we pay 100% or just part? How do we pay, do we pay up front or reimburse? Would there be membership fees? Would we provide space in Road Noise, or have a separate communication for YOUNG RIDERS? What other types of events for YOUNG RIDERS would we consider being involved in, motorcycle races, hill climbs, motocross? Would local chapters consider hosting events? Another thing we will be looking at very closely is our risk, liability, exposure and how we protect ourselves?

We A.B.A.T.E. have talked about getting younger people involved in A.B.A.T.E. for years but how many things have we done to attract them? Now we suggest helping pay for rider training is one step in that direction we need more. Do you have ideas or are there events in your area that would interest YOUNG RIDERS? We plan to have the scholarship program in place for the 2023 rider training season do you know someone that could benefit?

The next question I want to answer is what's in it for A.B.A.T.E. How do we benefit from YOUNG RIDERS & SCHOLARSHIPS?

- Better trained riders on the street, saves lives, promotes the education statement in A.B.A.T.E.
- Creates a connection, a relationship, and attracts future members, and younger members
- Selling point for promoting A.B.A.T.E. and encouraging others to join
- Talking points when speaking to legislators, demonstrates we are taking action to train more riders.
- Creating relationships, there may be other organizations that would help fund rider training or other youthful events.
- We would possibly be eligible for federal grants?

What do we need from you? We will be looking for people that have ideas for things that will interest the YOUNG RIDERS, people that want to help make it fly, if not you, who? Thanks for taking the time to read this. If you have comments, opinions, ideas, or concerns or if you are the one that wants to volunteer to help make this a success, please let us know.

– fe



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Bikerday 2023:

2023's Bikerday at the State Capitol is scheduled for February 1st. Registration will be online soon. Please watch for emails and check the state Facebook site. The four district directors will once again be setting up the buses.

Elections

The candidate survey was in the October Road Noise. If your candidate is not listed, that means they didn't fill out the form and get it back to me. Listed here are the five 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 underinsured 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 underinsured 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?

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

– Gary Goracke



GAMBLING REPORT

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We had another great year of raffles done by the Gambling Committee and those chapters that seem to have this down to a science. If any of you other chapters want to do a raffle let me know and we'll help you get it done. Handing that check out to a worthy cause sure makes it worth the effort.

Hopefully, I haven't received the tickets yet at the time of this writing, you all have your initial A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets. Two years ago, we sold out and last year only 20 tickets short! Let's see if we can match 2021's effort and sell out again!



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November already, not sure I'm ready to stay in for the season yet, but like my bike, I always feel cold and covered up and don't get to see my friends like I want. Not like I did much of that this summer, I but I did get to two rallies and the Meeting of the Minds.

Office work has been interesting to say the least this summer, my thumb typing is getting to be pretty good. New Procedure Manuals were printed and handed out at the October B.O.B., so Presidents, please check with your rep's and get your copy and put it in your binder!

The website seems to be working right now, so feel free to use it again!

Like always, PLEASE use legible handwriting and

zip codes! If you receive a renewal postcard and all info on it is correct, no need to fill anything out, just put the card and your check in an envelope and mail to the MAPLETON office address!

See you down the road,

– Shelly Deutsch, State Office Administrator

No Reports Received



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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The task force met again since my last report. During the meeting, we discussed formulating a Motorcycle Safety Month proclamation from the task force for next May. A sub-committee of sorts was created to come up with a draft for the task force members to review. I, along with some others, volunteered to be on this committee.

We also discussed mandatory attendance requirements for task force members. With the pandemic fading away, Jay would like to see more in-person participation from the members. Of the six meetings per calendar year, four meetings will be in-person with a virtual option, two meetings will be virtual only (winter months), and every member shall be required to attend one of those meetings in-person. As most of us experienced during the pandemic, there is a group dynamic that is lost in the cloud of virtual meetings. It's time we got that back.

Next, we discussed the current motorcycle crash fatality statistics. As I write this there are

78 fatalities as opposed to the 67 in 2021. I won't get too deep into this topic like I did last month. If you are interested in a copy of the latest report, contact me at mnmsatf@abatemn.org or call me.

The 2023 Motorcycle Safety Center budget was discussed further during the meeting. As I wrote before, we are looking at approximately \$300,000 more this time. With this increase of funds, we are looking to add/replace 12 motorcycles to the fleet and hire more rider coaches. What may end up being a struggle, is the availability of motorcycles to purchase and the labor to provide the training. Everybody can find toilet paper now, but as we all know, supply chain issues and labor shortages are creating problems for a variety of things.

Lastly, the task force was given a run down on this year's rider training season. As I've written about before, the main thing holding back training is the availability, or lack thereof, of rider coaches. Seven new coaches were hired and trained this year. The budget is proposing for the hiring of 25 more next year. If you are interested in exploring this, please contact me and I will get you pointed in the right direction. That's all I have for this month. Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

– Big Jon



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Hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving and remember to thank a Veteran this month and throughout the year.

– Mitch



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November? Where is the time going? I hope everyone got some good riding in this season. Did you get out for the Fall Colors & the cool rides? I hope you did!

As for me, after my accident, I'm still not able to grip. . . a few more weeks will tell if surgery is needed, fingers crossed, (if I could) I don't.

Well, here are the October figures guys, the State Singles are at 1400 and Couples are at 1626 for a total of 3026. Again, down another 62!

The Chapters with the biggest increases are Tied for 1st is Sand Dunes, South East LC, and Way West all with an increase of +8! In 2nd place, another tie going to Heart of the Lakes and Flatlanders with an increase of +7.

I'm thinking it's maybe time for a change, I have already talked to Jane about this, so I will leave this up to someone new. Maybe we can do something different to get new members or even keep the ones we have...

Keep on Keepin' on

– Shelly Deutsch, Membership & Retention



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Next Meeting (s):

Sunday, November 13th, phone meeting,
11:00 am

Sunday, December 4th, Tammy's Place, 1:00 pm
Sunday, January 8th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

We hope with the help of the Voter's Guide in October's issue you were all able to make an informed decision, and that you Voted.

Check out the Calendar of Events for fall rides and fundraisers and help support all chapter's of A.B.A.T.E.

The Road Noise committee is still looking for all Chapters to help fill the Veterans, Member, Business and Motorcycle of the Month folders.

Happy Thanksgiving from your Road Noise Committee.



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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The Ways & Means Committee met at the Ugly Bar on October 2nd. We had a few new people show up. We looked through the reports and paperwork that Mitch presented. All was in order. We were done in less than an hour. Thanks to everyone that came.

The next meeting will be on January 8, at the Ugly Bar in Montrose at noon. Come and join us.

– Respectfully submitted, Kristie



MRF REPORT

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No Report Received

Motorcyclists in general and Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride in specific lost an avid advocate, visionary leader and untiring supporter and volunteer of all –things motorcycle. I first met Jim more than 20 years ago when Frank Ernst and I were invited down to Bellechester, MN to talk to the members of the Association of Independent Riders (A. I. R.) about becoming early supporters of Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride. Jim understood the importance of the work that Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride was setting out to accomplish and under Jim's leadership, A. I. R. took responsibility in making sure that motorcyclists in Goodhue County and the surrounding area always had a safe alternative to riding while impaired. We thank you Jim for all that you and Jill did in supporting us all of these years. You will be sorely missed by all that knew you. Rest in Peace



James Anthony Dahling

April 2, 1954 ~ October 2, 2022 (age 68)

OBITUARY

James Anthony Dahling, of Fridley, formerly of Bellechester, passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

Jim was born on April 2, 1954, to Vernon and Lucille (nee Reuter) Dahling in Zumbrota. He was educated at St. Mary's Catholic School in Bellechester and was a 1972 graduate of Goodhue High School. He attended technical college in Rochester and Bemidji, acquiring an associate degree as a Machinist. He worked in Red Wing as a machinist at Behrens and then took a position with the City of Red Wing where he worked for over 20 years. He was promoted from garbage collector to mechanic to Operations Foreman of the public works garage during his time with the city. Jim was active in his local AFSCME Union and held leadership roles in his local and in MN AF-SCME Council 65 serving as Council President for many years prior to joining the Council as a staff member. He was a Union Business Representative for AFSCME for the last 17 years prior to his retirement in 2017. Jim resided at the home farm his entire life until he moved to Fridley, MN to be close to family, as his health failed.

He is an avid motorcyclist, traveling and riding many a mile with his soulmate Jill. He was a member of the Association of Independent Riders, St. Croix Valley Riders, and ABATE. He was a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2021. He was a three-time national champion in his class drag racing motorcycles. Jim shared his love of motorcycling and his belief in motorcycle safety by being a motorcycle safety instructor for the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus of Bellechester and the Democratic Party, where he ran for State Representative in the 1970s. He represented Wabasha County DFLers at two National Democratic conventions.

Jim is survived by one sister: Ruth Loia of Roseville, MN and his companion: Jill Kielblock of Saint Paul, MN, his two nieces: Lisa (Craig) Thompson of Eagan, MN, Mary (John) Neuman of Eden Prairie, MN and one nephew: Christopher (Kathryn) Dahling of Rosemount, MN. He is further survived by his great nieces and nephews: Abby, Matthew, Jack and Michael Thompson, Emma and Katelyn Neuman, Isabella, and Elizabeth Dahling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Gerald Dahling, sister-in-law Edell Dahling, brother-in-law Lou Loia and one nephew, David Dahling.

Funeral services will be held at the Mahn Family Funeral Home-Larson Chapel in Zumbrota on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Randy Swenson will officiate, and music will be provided by Katie Jane Cummings. Terry Heimer will provide a eulogy.

Visitation will be held at the Mahn Family Funeral Home-Larson Chapel in Zumbrota on Friday, October 7, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. and again on Saturday one hour prior to services.

Burial will follow in the Belvidere Union Cemetery, rural Bellechester. A luncheon and celebration of Jim's life will be held at the Zumbro Falls Golf Course following the burial. Jeffrey Vincent will conduct graveside services.

Pallbearers will be Colin Atkinson, Terry Heimer, Kevin Lee Kautz, Rich Majerus, George Mietzner, Rick Nelson, John Neuman, and Craig Thompson. Honorary Pallbearers include Members of the Association of Independent Riders, Walter Binder, Christopher Dahling and Neil Stehr.

This is a biker funeral, casual dress, jeans and leather are expected.

Memorials preferred to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Education and Awareness (MRF A&E) at PO Box 581, Big Lake, MN 55309.





Jazz received the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jazz is a former A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Coordinator and a former Motorcycle Club President.

Job well done Jazz and thank you!

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The story this month is not of an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota veteran, but it is a story that is told too often.

Casey James Irby

Casey joined the Army in 2006. During a 13-month deployment, he acquired PTSD and brought it home to Texas with him.

On March 9th, Casey was at home in his living room with his wife and oldest daughter. It was there that his PTSD got the better of him. PTSD had him believing that he was back in the war zone and that he needed to clear this house. He took on that mission.

In a room where just one night earlier he had talked down another Veteran with a gun to his head from killing himself, Casey held his gun to his wife's head.

He believed he needed to kill her and the other occupants. Elisha and her oldest daughter bravely managed to calm the situation down.

As the crisis continued in the living room, Casey's son, pictured here, was in the next room. Terrified, he listened to the surreal conflict that no young boy should ever have to hear, but it got worse.

Sadly, when Casey snapped back to reality – a reality that was in many ways worse than his imagined scenario – he realized what he had done. In the adjacent room, his son heard a gunshot and Dad was dead. He was spared what his mom and sister saw firsthand.

On March 9th, 2021, Casey James Irby, a 33-year-old Veteran, ended his life inside his home. He left behind his wife, Elisha, and a family of four girls and one boy.

Credit to www.onceasoldier.org for this story

Friday November 11, 2022 is Veterans Day

Let's be thankful for our veterans, Thanking them for the battles they have fought and praying for those that must continue to fight.



Chapter Grapevines



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Greetings Southeast District.

*The following is the report I submitted for the October Road Noise
but for some reason it didn't get published*

Here it is October already. Our summer is gone, fall is in the air, and riding season is slipping away. As for this riding season, the weather has been good, but the motorcycle fatalities have not. As I'm writing this, we are on a pace to surpass each of the last two years in motorcycle deaths and again this year one has hit close to home (outside of my A.B.A.T.E. family) for me.

We, as A.B.A.T.E. members, sit in chapter meetings, B.O.D.'s, around tables at A.B.A.T.E. U and talk about what we can do to decrease fatalities. We say people in cars need to get off their phones. So, we as A.B.A.T.E. members went to the legislature, along with other groups, and helped push for the Hands Free Bill to get passed and succeeded. Was there a drastic decrease in fatalities? No, but there hasn't been a drastic increase either, so I would say it is a success.

I am of the opinion that rider training is one of the key solutions to the fatality issues in our state and seeing that the "T" in A.B.A.T.E. stands for TRAINING, we as ABATE members, should be setting the example. We should all be taking at least the intermediate or advanced course every couple years to keep us from getting complacent as we get older and to hone our riding skills.

After having my endorsement for 38 years I started taking rider courses in 2020 and can honestly say that today I can maneuver a bagger in situations that four years ago I may or may not even have attempted on a light weight bike. Also, one of the exercises in both the intermediate and advanced courses has helped me avoid serious collisions in roundabouts twice. With this all being said, I am challenging each and every A.B.A.T.E. member to take a rider course in the near future. You just might learn something.

On another note; the pre-trial hearing in Benny Roemer's case in August was postponed until October so there isn't any news on that front. Also, the Dodge County courthouse remains closed to the public indefinitely.

November Report

As of September 29th, we have had 78 motorcycle fatalities in Minnesota which is better than a 10% increase over 2021's total and we still have riding season left. In a conversation with a legislator about what can be done through legislation to reduce this number the question was asked "How many freedoms are you willing to lose?" So, my question to you is, are you willing to give up your/our freedoms as motorcyclists in the name of safety or do you/we want to be responsible for your/our own safety? If keeping the freedoms, which sounds better than losing our personal choices to mandates, then here's where you/we can start. #1) Don't ride impaired, #2) Ride within your current skills and #3) Take a rider course or two to improve your skills.

With all of this being said I'm going to double down on my challenge from last month and put this out there. I will personally refund the tuition fee for the first three A.B.A.T.E. members in good standing that take the MNDPS Intermediate or Advanced rider course and after completing it can look me in the eye and honestly say they didn't learn a single thing, didn't take a single thing away from it and it was a complete waste of time. The only catch is that you haven't taken either class in the last five years.

– Virgil



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s):

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

December 11th, Eagles Club,
Mankato, 12:00 pm

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

Upcoming Event(s):

January 21st, January Thaw

Dance, Eagles Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm

Now that we are in the middle of the "ber" months, let's hope the Farmer's Almanac is wrong. I'm already looking forward to the next riding season.

Until then, our chapter is looking forward to our January Thaw Dance. We have Fat City Allstars booked for the entertainment. With the Board of Directors meeting in town the same weekend, I hope we can see many of you along with our wonderful supporters from the community. It's always a good time! I'm sure the silent auction will have plenty of items to suit anyone's flavor.

Thank you to everyone that came and helped with our fall ditch cleanup. It's always nice to see new faces along with the regulars to help the process go smoothly.

Pay attention to your Road Noise calendar of events and get out and support our fellow chapter's fundraisers. Every little bit helps. Also look for upcoming dates for Bikerday at the Capitol and A.B.A.T.E. U.

Be careful as winter slides in and make sure you don't!

– Big D, president

Happy Thanksgiving!



STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting (s):

November 12th, Reggies, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

December 10th, American Legion, Owatonna,

1:00 pm

January 14th, American Legion, Owatonna,

1:00 pm

Hope everyone had a fund and spooky Halloween and enjoyed the change in color of the trees. Have a bountiful Thanksgiving as we count the results from the election.

See you at the meeting. Be safe and ride free.

– Zoomer

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s):

October thru March will be at the Rochester American Legion, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

January 21st, SE LC fundraiser, American Legion,

Stewartville, 5:00 pm

May, Rider's Awareness Ride, Rochester.

More to come on this.

Hi All,

Well, it's getting to be that time of year again. That awful time when we have to put those rides away for the winter-UGH. We are still able to ride some down here in southeast Minnesota, but I bet way up in the northern part of the state, you are pretty much done for the season.

It's been quiet for the last few months. But now we are starting to gear up with the planning of our upcoming events. As I mentioned above, we are planning to have our chapter fundraiser on January 21st at the Stewartville American Legion from 5:00 pm-10:00 pm. We are planning a silent auction, motorcycle parts swap meet, music, and of course food. So, mark your calendars and come and have fun with us during those long dreaded days of winter. We are also planning a Rider's Awareness Ride in Rochester. We are planning on having several events and demonstrations as well as vendors. We're hoping for a great turn out for both events but especially for the Rider's Awareness Ride. We need to get the public to be aware that motorcycle riders are out on the roads also and to please be watching for them.

We have some special guests coming to our October meeting. Steve Drazkowski (running for a senate seat) and Steve Jacobs (running for Steve D's house seat).

We picked up a few new members at our August and September meetings and we welcome these new members and hope to see you at our upcoming meetings. We also thank those who renewed their memberships and again hope to see you at the upcoming meeting.

Well, as usual I'm a little long winded. Sorry about that.

Hope everyone has a VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

– Terry



TRI-COUNTY

Next Meeting (s):

November 3rd, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7 pm

December 1st, Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 7 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

November 8th, Elections, Get out and vote!

December 1st, Chapter Christmas pizza party
Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska, 6:30 pm

Hey freedom fighters! First off I want to let everybody know that the Tri-County grapevine for last month's Road Noise was submitted and received on time, but not published. There was some snafu that happened to a few of us that submitted pieces on time. Oh well, stuff happens.

Sorry for missing the October chapter meeting. Kristy and I had scheduled a vacation months in advance and I forgot to suggest a meeting date change until the September meeting. I am happy to hear that business was conducted as usual in our absence.

I'd like to send out a big THANK YOU to everyone that came out for highway clean up this year. We had a good turn out so it went relatively quick. Stay warm and ride until the snow flies!

– Big Jon



FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s):

October 22nd, Waltham Park - Alternate for
bad weather: Cheers Bar Waltham, 2pm
November 19th, VFW, Wells, 2pm
December 17th, TB3's, Freeborn, 4pm

Here it is November already, where did the summer go? Hope everyone had the opportunity to put on some miles this riding season and to support the Chapter Fundraisers across the state. Speaking of fundraisers, we held our 4th Annual Summers Done Run on September 24th and it was so much fun. There was a great ride on Saturday, amazing food, great music, a silent auction and camping available for the weekend. I can say that we raised some money which is the point of a fundraiser, but even more importantly we made memories with old friends, new friends and friends that have become family. There really is nothing better than this. For those of you who missed it, hopefully we will see you next year and for those of you who came. . . Thank you!! It was wonderful to see you and spend time together.

A.B.A.T.E. is truly more than an organization that fights to maintain the freedoms that motorcyclists have and to gain new ones. We are a very social group too that loves to meet new people, celebrate each other, and support each other. A.B.A.T.E. is a family, so for those of you who have never been to a meeting...consider stopping in, for those of you who's memberships are about to expire...renew. There is nothing better than knowing that there are people out there who have your back!!

Peace and Love Always

– Hugs, Michele Legried
State Secretary, A.B.A.T.E. of MN, Inc.



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Hello everyone, sorry about missing last month's Road Noise. For those that made it to the Rally I want to thank you, for those that didn't why?

Well, here it is November already and the year is getting close to ending. Just remember to get out there and vote. As a citizen it is your right. I also feel that it is your duty to vote for who you feel can do the best job at representing the American citizen. Not other countries. When I look at a politician, I look at every view that he/she talks about. What I mean by that is all of our rights. We do not need bigger government, we do need less spending, less taxes. The constitution is what makes this country great, and we need to hold them accountable to it. If they are not true to it then they won't be true to us. That's my soap box.

Remember to hand in your passport booklet. We are ready to hand out the forms for next year's run. Get them out and back to us ASAP. Remember also I am not running for SWDD next year, so anyone interested be sure to get to the January B.O.D.

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

November 5th, Old American Bike Barn,
Ortonville, 12:00 pm

December 3rd, The Pump, Milbank, SD,
12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

November 12th, Way West Hotdish Fundraiser,
The Refuge, Odessa, 11:00 am until gone
Toys for Kids runs through the end of November

Greeting's members,

Well, the temps have turned the corner and we are headed for bike hibernation. . . ughh.
Where did summer go? I hope you got to ride and see all the fall colors.

On November 12th, please come and support the chapter in its hot dish fundraiser at The Refuge in Odessa. It's the last day of hunting, so, hopefully, we'll get some hungry hunters!

Thanks for all who helped in the final ditch cleanup of the season.

We'll be headed to the B.O.D. in Little Falls this Friday, so make sure you come to the November meeting for new announcements.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

– Gypsy Mama

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

November 2nd, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota,
6:30 pm

December 7th, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota,
6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 7th, Christmas Party & Gift Exchange,
City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota, 6:30 pm

Greetings Freedom Fighters!

Our chapter is staying vigilant on the tenants of A.B.A.T.E.: Awareness, Training, and Education. We immediately jump at the chance to teach our version of Share the Road Class.

Unfortunately, we did not have a quorum at our October meeting but were joined by a surprise guest which led to over an hour of great conversation and feedback! We will try again in November.

– Until we meet again, Kris Gruhot

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

November 2nd, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos,
7:00 pm

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

Upcoming Event(s):

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

Unfortunately, our favorite season is coming to an end. As always it seems to have gone by so fast. While we prepare our therapeutic chariots for their long winters nap let us not be sad but be happy for all the memories it has brought us over the past few months.

A.B.A.T.E. falls under the sub definition of family (a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation). A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's family tree branches are strong and span the entire state. We are a unique organization that while we continue to fight for our right to ride free, we have a special bond with all our brothers and sisters. Sometimes I think, what will I miss the most riding or being with my chapter family. Fortunately, although not probably as often we can still be together during the winter. I encourage this as there are still plenty of opportunities to spend time together. There are many fundraisers throughout the winter months like our Toy's for Kids Event on Saturday, November 26th (see flyer in this issue) and other chapters events. Get out and support them, enjoy time with your biker families and continue to make memories.

Please continue to attend the monthly meetings. I look forward to them and am always anxious to see my brothers and sisters and get my hug fix.

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

November 5th, Chili Feed Committee meeting,
Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 1:00 pm

November 5th, Buckshots Bar & Grill,
Butterfield, 2:00 pm

December 10th, Chili Feed Committee meeting,
VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm

December 10th, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 10th, Christmas Potluck & White
Elephant Gift exchange follow the meeting

Just like everything else it's been a struggle to get members to meetings, but we do get things done!

Last month we did our Fall Ditch Cleanup, we thought we were going to be able to move to our new location, but MNDOT didn't get our sign moved yet. The new location will be closer to St. James, starting at the overpass near Olsen Diesel going to nearly the Rest Area on 60. Thanks to those who came out to help!

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SC Fall Ditch Clean Up

Remember our fight for freedom doesn't get put on hold just because there is snow on the ground. So, when you hook up the battery tender and put in the fuel additive to your soon to be sleeping beauty don't be sad. Instead look at her and think OMG that was funny when or that was crazy shit when and man, that was the greatest time because happiness is living every day and we are so lucky and blessed to have each other to share it with.

*"It Takes 37 Muscles to Frown, 17
Muscles to Smile...and Only 7 to
Twist the Throttle!!!"*

P.S. If you have items to donate for our Toys for Kids silent auction, please contact Kristy LaPlante at (320) 282-6851, we appreciate the help!

– Dougie Cohen, President



Next month starts the Chili Feed Committee meetings, please come an hour prior to the meeting and join in on the committee, it is a lot of work, but it is fun doing it with friends!

– Shelly Deutsch

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

November 4th, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

December meeting will be included with the Christmas Party. Details will be in the December Road Noise and on the Facebook page.

We will clean the ditch near Lismore in the near future. Probably after a frost, to kill off some of the biting bugs that are tortuous right now. Those that usually turn up for the cleanup will receive a phone call or text with details.



September's biggest event was the marriage of Jerritt and Kerry Prins beautiful daughter Tracy to Taylor Anderson in the Hill City, South Dakota area. What a beautiful event!

Please keep our military personnel and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Keep our beautiful country in your prayers, as well. We all know that things are a little rough right now.

– BAM

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

November 5th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

December 5th, 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, Christmas Party, Heidi's Bar, Sedan,
1:00 pm

Greetings People, fall is here, for its brief moment, and some of you may have put your bikes to rest for the winter. Me on the other hand will put on more clothes, and ride till there is snow on the road.

On December 3rd Glacial Ridge will be hosting Santa Day at Heidi's Bar in Sedan from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Bring out the kids to see him and get their picture taken, along with their choice out of our toy box, and a treat bag. There will also be hot chocolate, cookies, and coffee for the adults. Or just come on out for a visit and see the kids having a fun time. See our advertisement in this issue.

January starts the nominations for who you would like to be seated at the officer's table. So, now's the time to think of who you feel can best do the job, or if you would like to be seated there, let someone know, as you can't nominate yourself.

In February, on the 11th, Glacial Ridge will be having a Chili Feed. More details on that next month.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be Safe.

– Hives

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

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

December 3rd, Dave's Town Club, Delano, 3:00 pm

January 7th, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm

February 4th, Rockford Township Hall, 3:00 pm

March 4th, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 15th, Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters,
McPete's, Big Lake, 12:00 pm

February 4th, Grounded Hogs fundraiser

We had a great October meeting. Nice weather, good friends, and great food. Chris is one of the best cooks I know! Thanks to both Chris and Scott for hosting the meeting. I also want to thank those who showed up to clean Hwy 7. This is great PR for the chapter, and I love seeing our sign when coming through St. Boni.

We have scheduled our annual Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters on January 15th. Let me know if you want to participate or sponsor someone who is bowling.

Planning has started for the Grounded Hogs fundraiser. Advance tickets are available, and I am sure it is going to be awesome! So, 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 November meeting.

That's all for now. Don't forget to VOTE on November 8th.

– Later, Mitch'n



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Happy Fall All.

As I'm writing this article, I have a million things running thru my head. Last weekend I spent two nights in the cities after a 50-hour work week. Saturday, I attended an Accident Scene Management eight-hour course sponsored by the SCVR. It was my second time taking the beginner class but still well worth it. In my opinion, an officer from every chapter should take this course. I stayed overnight Saturday night to be able to attend the East Central Chapter meeting on Sunday. That Chapter has it together. Next weekend, as I'm writing this, is the October B.O.D. A few new items to discuss, a recap of the Rally, and seeing friends.

As you're reading this, we are getting ever closer to state government elections. I hope you have done your homework and A.B.A.T.E. supporters are elected. With that being said, we are nearing the election season for A.B.A.T.E. State and Chapter officers. Please step up, it's not that hard and it is greatly needed. Enough for now. Be safe if you are still riding and ride sober.

– Pedro

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

November 20th, Doc's Sports Bar and Grill,
Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm

December 11th, 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

Our December meeting will be followed by the Annual Christmas Party. There will be food, drinks, white elephant and more! All are welcome.

Next roadside cleanup will be in May. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all For more events, check the Road Noise Calendar of Events and 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

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NORTHEAST

Next Meeting (s):

November 2nd, the Chalet, Hermantown,
6:30 pm

December 7nd, the Chalet, Hermantown,
6:30 pm

Hello all,
Cold weather already. Where did the summer go?

The Northeast chapter would like to thank Natalie Zeleznikar for attending our October meeting. She is running for Minnesota House of Representatives for district 3B and is the GOP endorsed candidate. We appreciate the time she took out of her busy schedule to join us and discuss her positions on motorcycle related issues, and we found her to be very favorable to many of the issues that A.B.A.T.E. stands for.

Our annual Chic's Memorial Billboard Run took place on September 17th. The weather wasn't good at all, but we still had enough riders and donations to pay for six billboards, which is great. 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



**Joe and Penny Danger won the awesome Billboard Run Plaque award.
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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

CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

November 6th, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm
December 4th, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

We will come up with something.

What a summer it was. Yep, that's right "WAS". It is fall and I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable four months of summer. We would like to thank everyone who help come on motorcycle runs this year. We finished up the

year by riding the Lee Betz Memorial Ride that helped raise money for vets. Then the other weekend we had our Central Minnesota Fun Run. Thanks to everyone who came out for those rides.

The last few weeks we lost two members of our group, both to motorcycle accidents. Please be careful out there, otherwise we will talk next month. Peace out.

Ride Safe Everyone,

– The Missing Link

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s):

November 13th, KJ'S Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm
December 11th, KJ'S Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm
January TBD, KJ'S Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm
February 12th, KJ'S Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm
March 12th, KJ'S Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 20th, Spring Ride, Time and location TBD

I'm seeing first snow as I write this hoping it won't stick and that we'll still be riding by the time you're reading this.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our Not a Poker Run....Run. Rides like this do not just happen. It takes planning, time and effort. Lots and lots of effort. Your ride committee went above and beyond. They devoted their time to meet, plan, pre-ride, and put everything in it's place. Our ride captain Steve Bechtold went out the day before, in the rain to sweep the gravel from several intersections to help keep our ride safe.

We are planning to have a holiday party for our members in January. We had a lot of fun bowling last year and are planning to do so again. I'll have more details about that in next month's Grapevine.

We are always looking to get our members more involved. Do you want to help plan a ride, party, or

event? Do you want to volunteer and be a part of YOUR chapter's success? Come to a meeting. Ask questions. Share your suggestions and ideas. None of this happens without you.

– Until next time, ride safe.

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

November 6th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am
December 4th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

November 26th, Frozen Turkey Bowling, Legion, St. Francis, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
December 17th, Chapter Christmas Party, Bob and Toni's house, 12:00 pm
February 11th, Heart On Fundraiser, Legion, St. Francis, Time TBD

Grapevine contributions to V.P. Jim LaSpisa at laspisajim@gmail.com

Website contribution's to Red Braastad at eastcentralabate@usa.com

Make a meeting with the East Central Chapter sometime. Attendees can win prize drawings at each meeting.

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

– Your V.P., Jim

METRO

Next Meeting (s):

November 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
December 13th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
January 10th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Now that the State Rally is behind us, the Metro Chapter will be busy getting the 2023 Calendar ready for sale, featuring many great photos taken at the recently completed A.B.A.T.E. State Rally. This full color, 16-month calendar is being produced as a fundraiser for our chapter for the third year. It features photos taken by Metro Chapter President Nick Capra. We are also talking about making the full set of photos that Nick took at the Rally available for sale on a thumb drive this year as an alternative to the calendar.

After holding our monthly meetings once every three months in St. Louis Park during the past year, the chapter voted at our September meeting to make the VFW in Coon Rapids as our monthly meeting site moving forward.

The Metro Chapter is happy to announce that in addition to fundraising dinners that we have been

hosting in the past at Casa Rio Mexican Restaurant in Anoka, we will be adding a new monthly fundraising Spaghetti Social starting on October 26th at Sunsets Grill, 8466 Hwy. 65, Spring Lake Park, between the hours of 4:00 to 8:00 pm. We will continue to host a Sunday morning Breakfast Buffet at Route 47 Pub and Grub, 7820 University Ave NE in Fridley, with the next one scheduled for Sunday, November 27th from 8:00 am until noon.

During the next several months, we will be planning for our participation at the annual Donnie Smith Bike show March 24th - 26th at the St. Paul River Center, our third annual MetroMorial Celebration on Memorial Day weekend and attendance at Bikerday at the Capitol. We will also be discussing ways to recruit new members to our chapter and then how to get them involved and engaged in our monthly activities. Speaking of monthly meetings, our upcoming meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. We hope to see both old and new members at our meetings.

Keep Safe - Enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays - Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



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HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting (s):

November 18th, Jess and Rory's house, 42463 County 14, Richville, 7:00 pm
December 9th, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm
January 13th, TBD

Howdy fellow riders,

Another year is slipping towards lower temps. The fall colors have been pretty awesome to see. Time is here to think about preparing for storage, checking out the off season get-togethers, and starting to plan for next year's trips.

Did you go somewhere new this year? Did you try going to another chapter's party/fundraiser? The sand is running through the hourglass quicker than bargain burritos through your colon. Make a plan, do that thing you always wanted to. LIVE your life! I am sure that many of you have lost friends and loved ones in the past few years. We don't know the time or circumstances of our last hours, so live like it could be today! Squeezing out the joy for today.

—Littlebear



Freedom First Riders 2022 Fallen Members Ride



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NORTHWEST

Next Meeting (s): December 3rd, The Deuce, Erskine, 3:00 pm



BORDERLAND

Next Meeting (s):

November 15th, Skippy Finn's, Badger,
6:30 pm

Hello Borderland!

Since I didn't have a grapevine report in October, I first want to tell you our state rally was great and thanks to all! We also had a fun Fall Colors - Buddy Bear run to Baudette and International Falls! It was good talking to those EMS and Fire folks and thanking them for their service in our communities, and they were so thankful for us A.B.A.T.E. members bringing those bears. I know Bob must have put on 600 miles that day and Bruce, not much less. It was fun riding with Bruce, Bob, and Lee.



Now mid-term elections are here and when you read this election day is just a few days away. Some have already voted but for those of you who haven't . . .Vote for the candidate that truly adheres to our original constitution. If you are totally unsure about how to vote I suggest don't vote at all. . . Of course I am not preaching to our great Borderland choir but to those whom might be a little out of tune; sharp or flat, and of course I am not talking about any one of our great A.B.A.T.E. chapters or their members. You never know who might find a Road Noise and read it. We see in our A.B.A.T.E. of MN candidate survey that our District 1-A House Rep. John Burkel is on board with all of our motorcycle rights issues.

For one reason or another our State Senator, Mark Johnson was not in that survey. I have talked to Mark many, times and I can assure you that Mark supports us on all of our motorcycle rights issues. We will see what happens in this mid-term election cycle in our state and across our county. Pray for America and a huge thanks to the poll watchers in each state!

Last I am thinkin' that even though our bikes are resting a bit now, there will be one more little ride in November! I remember taking a motorcycle ride then playing golf and then sitting in the dear stand that evening. Isn't freedom and liberty great! It could go away! Pray and fight for our sovereignty!

– Twistin' da wick, Tim

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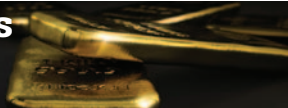
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- North Star Chapter - Bemidji
- Punt Companies - Prinsburg
- Red Goat Bar & Grill - Litchfield
- Straight River Chapter - Owatonna
- Todd's Rod Shop - Lowry
- Tri County Chapter - Savage
- Way West Chapter - Madison
- Borderland Chapter - Roseau

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
11/2/22	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:30 PM
11/2/22	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
11/2/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM
11/3/22	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar & Grill, Chaska	
11/4/22	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
11/5/22	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
11/5/22	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	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed Committee Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	3:00 PM
11/5/22	Way West Chapter Meeting	Old American Bike Barn, Ortonville	12:00 PM
11/6/22	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's	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	7:00 PM
11/12/22	Way West Fundraiser Toy's for Kids	The Refuge, Or-dezza	11:00 AM
11/13/22	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Phone	11:00 AM
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
11/15/22	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:30 PM
11/18/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Jess and Rory's, 42463 County 14, Richville	7:00 PM
11/18/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	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 LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 AM
11/26/22	East Central Frozen Turkey Bowl	American Legion, St. Francis	12:00 PM
11/26/22	South Central Chapter Toys for Kids	Eagles Club, Litchfield	6:00 PM
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12/4/22	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
12/4/22	Publication Committee Meeting	Tammie's Place	1:00 PM
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12/7/22	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:30 PM
12/7/22	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Christmas Party	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:30 PM
12/7/22	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
12/7/22	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mugshots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM
12/9/22	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Sandbar, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
12/10/22	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Alexandria	6:30 PM
12/10/22	Glacial Ridge Christmas Party	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	1:00 PM
12/10/22	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James	4:00 PM
12/10/22	Rolling Prairie Pot Luck & White Elephant Gift Exchange	to follow Chapter Meeting	5:00 PM
12/10/22	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed Committee Meeting	VFW, St. James	3:00 PM
12/10/22	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
12/11/22	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's Refuge, Orrock	5:00 PM
12/11/22	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
12/13/22	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
12/17/22	East Central Christmas Party	Bob & Tony's House	12:00 PM
12/17/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	TB3's, Freeborn	4:00 PM
12/18/22	Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party	After Meeting - Bogey's on Main, Hinckley	
12/18/22	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bogey's on Main, Hinckley	2:00 PM
12/18/22	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 AM
1/7/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
1/7/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
1/8/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
1/8/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
1/8/23	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
1/10/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
1/13/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	7:00 PM
1/14/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
1/15/23	Lake Chapter Bowling for Big Bother's/Big Sisters	McPete's, Big Lake	12:00 PM
1/15/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bears Den Bruno	2:00 PM
1/15/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 AM
1/21/23	Southeast LC Fundraiser	American Legion, Stewartville	5 - 10:00 pm
1/21/23	River Valley January Thaw Dance	Eagles Club, Mankato	7:00 PM

NEW & RENEWALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

BORDERLAND

Nathan /Renay Anderson R
Jason Black R
Timothy Herzog /Hunter Sullivan N
Chris Koland N
Allen Larson N
Joshua / Kaylea McFarlane N

BUFFALO RIDGE

Jesse / Amanda Warnke R

CENTRAL

Justin Airhart N
Tracy Aldrich R
James / Pauline Anderson R
Jennifer Dalton N
Brian / Kristen Eisenschell N
Robert "Jake" Jacobson/
Sandra "Sonnie" Jacobson R
Ryan / Brianna Janisch R
William / April Shaffer R
Barry Shaw R
Richard York / Misty Boyer R

EAST CENTRAL

George / Mary Bazoff R
Tony / Cindy Hovind R
Darrick Miller R
Barb Perry R
Paul / Cindi Vogel R

FLATLANDERS

Meghan / Ben Baumann R
Nicole Dault N
Charles / Theresa Halsey N
Loney Halsey Jordan James N
Dalene Hanson R
Ronald / Theresa Holt N
James McGee R
Michael / Agnes Stinehart R

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Drik Bergquist R
Daniel M Glynn R
Sherri Helmbrecht R R
Joey Jibben R
Brian Johnson R
Terry / Rachel Narveson R
Matthew Jon Ruby R
Michael Smith R

GLACIAL RIDGE

Kevin Bommersbach N
Pat Burke R
Todd Lund /
Glenamarie Williamson R
Robert "the Hitman" Sturges R
John Swanson R

HEART OF THE LAKES

John Bowerman N
Nickolas Bowerman N
James Brune R
Leroy Cook R
David / Sunshine Devine R
Jacob Heurung N
Jesse Jepson R
John Lauinger N
Carl Pieper R
Martie Zueger R

JACK PINE RIDERS

LeAnn Anderson R
Dennis Castle Sr. R
Russ Doenz R
Ed / Rebecca Melzark R
Alexis Philipp N

LAKE

Pamela Anderson N
Hugh Scott Brown R
Keith Coe N
Colleen Cox N
Jim Floring R
Rev Hillstrom /Barbara Hillstrom .. R

Dee Huikko R
Kimmer Robertson/ Joe Dawson .. R
Mark Titus R
Dave / Jeanne Truax R
Todd Everett Vail /
Jennifer M Grotte R
Curt Valen Barb Valen N
Kelley Vandeppeer R

METRO

Lisa Brandt N
Jennifer Crill R
Jane Doyle R
Gary Feidt R
Gary Feyen R
Amy Grey R
Greg Griswold R
Michele Handing R
Jeff Schieman N
Bill Schmidt R
Edward Waste R
Janice Watts R

NORTHEAST

Chuck Hakes /Leah Hanson R
Richard /Anna Montgomery R
Troy Ter Meer R

NORTH STAR

Lydia Collier N
Heather Mystic N
Jerry Rex Jeri Scovel N

NORTHWEST

Chris Boeger / Lizzie Haug N

SAND DUNES

Elijah /Amber Behrends N
Brad Erickson R
Jeff Graves /Kathy Murray N
Harrison Irwin N
Adam Madsen / Laura Hogue R
Chris Mahan R
Chris Moore / Hallie Jones R
Kim Parchem N
Dean Salonek R
Terence Thielen R

RIVER VALLEY

Josh Beyer / Tiffany Hewitt R
Mike / Deb Burgess R
Gloria De Santiago R
Howard Domeier R
Steven Duban R
Bernie Eichstadt/ Kimberly Stage . R
Paul / Tonja Flick R
Eric Hiermeier R
Holly Kienholz R
James / Tanya Mathews N
Trent Messner R
Robert Nelson /Cheyenne Sanford R
Tiffany Rusten N
Chris / Lisa Schlueter N
Glen Zollner R
Ronald Zenzen R

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Scott Bouman N
Arley Finnigan N
Chris Kelly Alicia Taylor R
Mark Loots N
Janet Maras R
Mark / M.J. Winslow N

SOUTHWEST

Denis Heemskerk R

SOUTH CENTRAL

Antonio Alvarez Jr N
Greg / Michelle Anderson R
Melanie Brouwer R
JT Butcher R
Mark / Kristi Carlson R
Lance / Rachelle Christie N
Tate Clark N

Craig Cram R
Simon A Cram N
Doug / Mary Desens R
John Dietel / Shannon Arndt R
Milan Godejahn N
Beau Golberg R
Mike Heacock/Talana McGinn R
Chad / Jennifer Heggstad R
Kenneth E Horsman N
Grady / Noel Huggett R
Ted Jafuett N
Mark Jensen R
Steve Johanneck R
Joey Lang N
Jonathan Lease R
Rod / Lore Lewerenz R
Ryan / Amy Mathews R
Scott Mattson R
James/ Deb Nowak R
Bobbi Jo Robinson R
Daniel Russell N
Paul Schilling R
Wes Schilling R
Mike Schmidt R
Michael Tapp R
Travis Thull N
Chad Duane Webb N
Jeremy / Stephanie Westphall N
Brandon Wiehr R
Kole Wulf N

SOUTHEAST LC

Jeff Doberstein N
Lyle Duxbury R
Mickel Frisch N
Robert / Amy J Jackley N
Josh Larson N
Donald Nelson R
Ethan Snyder R
Craig Ugland R
Jerome White /Ranae Rohe R
Jordan Youngs R

STRAIGHT RIVER

Steven /Kari Casper R
Roger French R
Virgil / Michele Legried N
Roger May / Catherine Buck R
Chris "Keys" Nagy R
James Nelson R

TRI-COUNTY

Jon Fernholz / Kristy Luhman R
Dale Larsen R
Kevin Menzel R
Chuck Roehrich N
Barrie Scott / Ann Schumack N
Ryan Westphal N
John/ Allison Worley N

UP NORTH

James Rahnasto R

WAY WEST

John Barklea /Shian Klinghager .. N
Phil Blake R
David Blaszak N
Nancy Blue R
Tom Dettmann R
Jamie Guetter/Annmarie Joachum N
Jason Honetschloger R
David Howard N
Michael / Rebecca Johnson R
Dean Jones /Elizabeth Jochum ... N
Andrew "AJ" Kirby R
Kelly Navarro N
Adam Richter N
Corey Thompson /Sara Stewart ... N
Shannon Young N
Pamela Zahnow N

**A.B.A.T.E.
PASSPORT RUN
GUIDELINES
2023**

****Must be 18 to Participate****

Duration: May 1st – Nov 1st

SPONSORS/STOPS:

- **Entry Forms for businesses must be mailed to the address on the form by Feb 15th.** Offer to mail it in for them, or give them a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Flyers will be available to print and hand out to businesses to hang up for being a sponsor and/or a stop.
- Sponsors and stops can be any type of business: bars, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, there must be an actual physical place to stop at, and stops must be stationary (no traveling trucks) and open all summer long.
- Recognition will be given to the business with the most frequent stops.
- Fee is \$25.00 each for a sponsor or a stop, both is \$50.00. They can sign up for multiple years, indicate on form.
- Stop Fee: \$10 goes to chapter, \$10 to state, \$5 to printing costs, Sponsor Fee: for prize money & printing costs.

PASSPORT SALES:

- Passports are \$20.00 each - \$10.00 to chapter, \$10.00 to state.
- Passports can be sold to anyone, does not have to be ABATE member.
- Chapters are responsible for all sales. If you have a business selling books, you are accountable to collect the money and unsold books to turn in by the deadline.
- Checks are payable to ABATE only (no personal or chapter names). DO NOT HOLD CHECKS all summer long, watch the date of the check and please mail them in right away.
- **Passports will be available to the chapters at ABATE U to sign out and start selling throughout the summer.**
- **Please contact Joe Ruby at 605-949-1366 as soon as possible to pre-order the number of passports your chapter would like to sell.**
- **All Passport specials are only valid until Nov 1st.**

CONTEST:

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

All entry forms, passports and money **must be postmarked by the deadlines** and mailed to:
Jon "Trashy" Smith, 809 Jackson St, St. James, MN 56081

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**

Dear business owner or manager,

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 stops!!

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

Name of business _____

Street address _____

City _____ County _____

State & Zip _____

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Hours _____

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Send check or money order made out to ABATE or cash to the address below **before Feb 15th, 2023.**

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If you would like to sign up for multiple years, please indicate that here:

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