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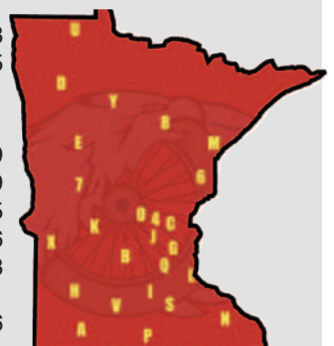
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss 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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*Happy New Year!*

Bikerday - are you ready to attend? Have you registered? We really need to fill the rotunda this year. Both the Senate and House buildings are expected to be open. There has been a HUGE turnover of legislators, and we need to meet them. Please show up and introduce yourself. Let them know that we are concerned about motorcyclist's rights. Also, make sure you utilize the talking points that are published on the website so that we deliver a unified message.

A.B.A.T.E of MN officer elections - is it your turn to run for an office? Nominations start this month. Holding an office at the chapter or state level is a great way to get involved and meet people. Many hands make light work! Let's work together, share information and have a little fun at the same time!

See you soon!

— Jane

**SEE  
YOU AT  
BIKERDAY  
FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup>!**



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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's, I know we did celebrating a friends birthday and retirement party in Outing, Minnesota with their New Year's Eve firework show on the lake.

I hope everyone is trying to make it to Bikerday at the capitol. We have some new Senate and House members so we need to talk to them and let them know who we are, and how we feel about bikers rights. I have found over the years sometimes it just takes a small group to make a big difference. The people we have elected are unsure in some areas and need a little bit of guidance. I know sometimes life throws us a curveball and we're unable to attend, but at least give it a try, you would be amazed at how receptive the elected people are and take interest in what we do. They are willing to discuss matters with us. Don't be intimidated, they get up every morning and put their pants on one leg at a time just like we do. Now they might be wearing a suit and we will be wearing our leathers, but it's all the same.

A.B.A.T.E U will be here before we know it. Mark your calendars, April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be great speakers, silent auction and live auction, triathlon, and Jail & Bail where you can lock up your best friend, wife, or girlfriend. Just remember to pick them up at the end of the evening,

And for an ending, the next time, I'm writing my article. I will be somewhere in Texas in February and March, riding my Indian motorcycle.

Till next time,

— Jim



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Happy New Year!

Looking forward to a great year. Hopefully be riding soon!

While the snow is here, there are lots of great fundraisers going on. Pick one that you have not attended before and check it out. You are sure to have a good time.

Any questions or concerns with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances, contact me.

– Mitch



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Think about taking a little vacation trip touching about ½ a dozen states, riding the Rockies then arriving in the deserts of Arizona. Taking part in a couple days of exciting conferences of interest for those of us in the motorcycle community. Then take a couple extra days and visit another ½ dozen states riding home.

### **2023 is your opportunity SAVE THE DATE - 2023 NCOM CONVENTION IN PHOENIX**

Next year's 38<sup>th</sup> annual NCOM Convention is now scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona,

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### **Bikerday 2023**

Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>. Registrtrtion is online. Please go online and register soon. This is our most important day as Bikers to let them know we are still here and our issues.

### **Elections**

It is not too late to congratulate our elected officials in winning their race. Here is a sample letter that you can send out:

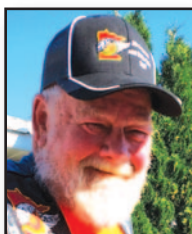
Dear: \_\_\_\_\_

I wanted to drop you a quick note and congratulate you on your elec/on victory. I look forward to contacting your office and working with you on subjects that are important to me. One of those issues is motorcycle safety and motorcyclist rights.

Once again, Congratulations and best of luck.

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

– Gary Goracke



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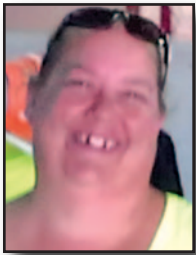
Happy New Year!

Next Rally meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm in Mankato at the Eagles.

– Randy Prochazka

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Happy New Year!

Nothing much new to report other than its time to make plans to attend Bikerday at the Capitol. Tell your boss you need the day off so that you can attend. We need all hands on deck!!

If you need something special for you or your chapter, please email me at [products@abatemn.org](mailto:products@abatemn.org) or text me at (507)830-0644.

Prices will have gone up by the time you get this, so I plan to hand out an updated price list at the January B.O.D in Mankato.

– Kari Duncan, State Products Manager



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January 8<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

February 12<sup>th</sup>, phone meeting, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 21<sup>st</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Mankato, 9:00 am

February 1<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday, State Capitol

Happy New Year!

And winter is here. Can't do much outside so keep an eye on the calendar of events for fundraisers that you could attend to help make the winter pass faster. As always we are still looking for each Chapter to send us a Veteran, Member, Business or Motorcycle of the month.

– Tammy

## YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

**FRANK ERNST**



We still need more participation; we need more ideas for activities that will be of interest to Young Riders.

Let's invite young people to Bikerday. Bikerday is a good civic learning opportunity for young people. They can witness how government works first hand. This may be an a chance for some that have interest in becoming Young Riders. A chance to be part of the legislative process.

We are working on finalizing membership levels and developing an application form. We expect we will have three membership levels. Those that are at a pre driving age. Those that are old enough to drive but too young to be A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members and those that are old enough to be A.B.A.T.E. members but still want to participate with Young Riders.

We have Young Riders patches ready and will try to finalize the outline for membership. We plan to have a membership application ready so we can accept membership applications by the January board meeting.

Will your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren be the first to apply?

We still need your help, your ideas, your participation. Think about taking part!

Thanks,

– fe



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Hello and good bye to all! It's a New Year and time for change!

As of today I'm retiring out of the Historian position and leaving it for someone who has more time and energy to devote to the job. It's been really interesting... even fascinating at times, to go through the files

and learn so much more about the organization.

I've really enjoyed working with Jane again. She is one of the most interesting and honest people I know and is an amazing leader. I have to thank her personally and the organization in general for the opportunity to serve you as a Historian and wish you all well as A.B.A.T.E of MN goes forward.

Enjoy the ride!

— Becca McCollum



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I would like to apologize for my last report being almost identical to the November report. I typically have the last month's issue with me when I write the next month's report and I had the wrong Road Noise issue next to me. Fortunately, there was nothing new to report. Like Monte Ohlrogge used to put in his task force reports, stuff happens.

Our last task force meeting was held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Right off the bat we received some good news. Driver Vehicle Services (DVS) has found a replacement for Deb Carlson who has retired. Deb was a DVS advisor to the task force for many years and was a very knowledgeable, helpful, and valuable resource to the task force's mission. Brad Hickerson has been chosen to replace Deb and we are looking forward to working with him.

We discussed this year's motorcyclist fatality statistics, which was at 82. I have beat this topic up quite a bit in my reports, so I will leave it at that for now.

Next was a media and literature update. For the second consecutive year, there will be no motorcycling awareness insert in your tab renewal mailing. This is again, due to another staffing issue within the Department of Public Safety (DPS). On a positive note, the DPS is very close to hiring a Public Informa/on Officer. That role will hopefully be filled by the next task force meeting and will be working directly with the task force.

A proposed draft for a Motorcycle Safety Month Proclamation was discussed during the meeting. This proclamation, if approved by the office of communications, would be published prior to May of 2023.

The last item we discussed was the 2022 rider training overview. This includes an enormous amount of statistical information such as rider surveys, rider demography, location success, etc. If you are interested in any of this information, please reach out to me so I can spare everyone else some very dry reading. I would assume the most important thing for you, is that all the state rider training courses will retain the same price structure for the 2023 riding season. That's all I have for now. The next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

— Big Jon





**2022**  
**will go**  
**down**

**in history as the**  
**DEADLIEST YEAR**  
**for MINNESOTA**  
**MOTORCYCLISTS**  
**in more than**  
**40+ YEARS**

**Preliminary 2022 numbers indicate 80 fatal motorcycle crashes in Minnesota with 82 deaths**

**The RECIPE for DISASTER includes:**  
**Excessive Speed + Impaired Riding +**  
**Inadequate Rider Experience and**  
**Training + Unlicensed Motorcyclists +**  
**Lack of Proper Riding Gear**

Year	Fatal Motorcycle Crashes	Minnesota Motorcyclist's Fatalities	Minnesota Motorcyclists Injured	MN Licensed Motorcycle Operators	Minnesota Registered Motorcycles
1982	72	70	2,381	264,134	159,345
1983	70	73	2,678	252,808	155,502
1984	59	62	2,590	256,836	153,851
1985	75	77	2,500	272,317	151,449
1986	63	66	2,152	282,087	141,261
1987	51	51	1,853	288,424	134,590
1988	57	58	1,817	293,347	128,956
1989	37	37	1,617	290,001	123,308
1990	46	50	1,605	292,074	120,081
1991	38	40	1,357	296,624	117,492
1992	29	28	1,288	290,722	116,124
1993	33	34	1,151	291,756	114,548
1994	41	43	1,324	293,164	113,337
1995	32	35	1,063	295,849	113,981
1996	39	42	1,046	297,102	112,551
1997	23	24	916	298,863	113,443
1998	41	40	987	301,992	118,275
1999	30	29	991	307,009	122,676
2000	34	35	1,039	311,825	132,352
2001	41	42	1,094	317,421	142,882
2002	47	47	1,071	327,604	149,360
2003	58	62	NA	335,862	161,793
2004	50	50	1,251	346,169	174,195
2005	61	59	1,319	353,460	185,087
2006	70	70	1,413	360,143	197,735
2007	60	61	1,498	369,623	209,591
2008	71	72	1,505	380,232	224,625
2009	47	53	1,200	387,159	226,675
2010	44	45	1,296	394,083	229,912
2011	43	42	1,248	398,092	232,274
2012	51	55	1,454	404,967	237,278
2013	59	60	1,143	409,943	235,909
2014	44	46	1,117	414,346	236,040
2015	58	61	1,232	414,782	238,243
2016	54	54	1,153	416,967	227,746
2017	52	53	1,046	416,693	223,443
2018	57	58	913	414,580	223,849
2019	43	44	840	412,104	216,773
2020	64	64	926	412,104	216,773
2021	68	69	998	397,023	245,799
2022	80	82	NA	NA	NA

Totals 2,092

2,143

54,072

Data Collected from Minnesota's  
DPS CRASH FACTS publications



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Happy New Year!

I hope you got to spend time with your loved ones during the Christmas Season!

Did you give an A.B.A.T.E. Membership to anyone? Never thought of it? Well, how about starting the new year out with a brand-new membership?

State numbers are in, we are up 34 members! Baby steps.... Totals are 1406 singles & 1660 couples, totaling 3066. This month 10 chapters had no changes, not great, but hey, no loss!

The Chapters with the largest increase this month are South Central with a +6, next is Freedom First Riders with a +5, and a 2-way tie with a +4 going to River Valley & Lake Chapter. Only 2 chapters had a loss on members.

Keep in mind memberships are going up starting April 1<sup>st</sup>! So, let's get out and use up the old tri-folds & tear-offs!

We will be handing out the new packets in April, make sure your Chapter Rep's grab some!

Keep on Keepin' on!

– Shelly Deutsch  
Membership & Retention



## A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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### April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Standard and King Rooms - \$115.99 + tax

Pool view, Poolside and Court view - \$125.99 + tax.

Call and make your reservations now (320) 763-6577. Remember courtyard and poolside rooms fill quickly. If you don't get the room you want, put your name on a waiting list in case someone cancels.

Please contact me if you are interested in taking one of these classes:

- First Aid/CPR
- Stop the Bleed
- Road Guard
- Conceal and Carry

If there is NOT enough interest these classes will be canceled.

If any chapter or individual would like to sponsor Triathlon Game Equipment, Triathlon Trophies, First Aid/CPR Instructor Fees or Tourniquets to be handed out for any individual who attends Stop the Bleed class.

We have one individual that has already stepped up and sponsored one of the Triathlon Games. Thank you to this individual!

– Thank you, Stephanie



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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**No report received.**





I am disappointed to say publishing recent election results in Road Noise did not work out. You can find out who will represent you in the upcoming session by going to

<https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/legislators> then under other information - who represents me enter -your complete address, city and state.

You can find a state wide list of elected Representatives and Senators that will take office in January at <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hinfo/leginfo/eledir22.pdf>

Some very important things to think about... "Bikerday" This is an important year! Legislative leaders say that the upcoming legislative session will be in-person, the first time since the start of the Covid threat. This may be the first time in several years many of us will have the opportunity to meet those that represent us in their office. This is the first time that many of the members elected in 2020 and all the new members elected for 2023-2024 will be at the Capitol full-time and accessible to our groups. 68 new members, 1/3 of the House and the Senate were elected. They need to hear from us. We expect new members will have a great deal of interest in groups hosting lobby days. That's us!

A note I received from former House member now Senator elect Kelly Morrison "Minnesotans elected a unified state government for the 2023-2024 biennium: DFL majorities in the House, Senate, and a DFL Governor". The first time we have had a unified state government since 2012. We need to communicate the concern of motorcyclists to this group so they

understand the importance of our issues.

I would like to share a few tips from my December NCOM report as a reminder. Make an appointment, let your legislator know when you're going to be at the Capitol so he or she can arrange to spend some time with you. (This is why we need you to register for Bikerday at the capitol).

When you have an appointment be on time, be prepared, and go as yourself but be respectful. Remove or cover anything on your vest that is offensive. This is not the place for the @&%! Jane Fonda patches. Remember: we are not dealing with people from inside our community.

Another very important item treat legislative assistants the same as a legislator, they influence the legislator's decision, don't offend them. When speaking about a pending piece of legislation be informed know the House or Senate file number and status of the bill. If the bill has been heard, passed or failed we should know that and address the issue appropriately. If we had the legislators support, be sure to say thank you.

Important, be aware of changing terms we may encounter. When speaking to legislators or assistants, pronouns, gender identity, birth mother, transitioning, other mother, other father. These are terms and expressions that many, including myself, are not accustomed to dealing with. These may be important identity terms for some of the people we meet. Agree or disagree but also be respectful of other people, they have a reason for and a right to their opinion. If it is not specifically related to the legislative issue, we are visiting don't let it influence your actions.

If you write and get a reply, please forward it so you will get your W2R patch and/or rocker and so we can keep a record of the positions of your legislator on our issues

Got questions let's talk.

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## EDUCATION

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I have a few updates on our share the road program. As I talked about in my last report, Darryl Holman is planning to give a "train the trainer" presentation(s) at the January B.O.D. This will be given at the Eagles Club where the B.O.D. is being held. Unfortunately, we have not nailed down dates and times yet. It will likely be on Friday before the pre-board meetings begin or after the B.O.D. on Saturday (or possibly both). I have purchased 20 USB thumb drives, through gambling funds, for Darryl to load the Share the Road presentations on. These will be checked out to those that are currently or want to begin giving these presentations in classrooms. For those of you that already have thumb drives with this presentation on it, please bring them to the B.O.D. so Darryl can download the updated version for you, or you can get one from me.

I also have a few updates concerning the Rider Training scholarship program. We are currently in the middle of drafting a scholarship registration form and figuring out how it will interface with the colleges sign-up pages. The model of how this will work is as follows. The student will fill out the scholarship registration. We then take all that information and register the student for the desired class along with payment. What remains to be seen is whether we will have to transfer this information manually or our IT wizard, Ginger, can program a way for it to happen electronically. My hope is that by the time you read this we have got that all figured out.

Since they are so closely intertwined at this time, the Education committee and Young Riders committee have been conducting combined meetings for the foreseeable future. We are always looking for people that are interested in this to get involved. Our Marketing Director Harmony Lillie has been a part of the meetings and has agreed to be the secretary for the combined meetings. Thank you for stepping up, Harmony! That's all I've got for now.

– Big Jon



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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**Next Meeting(s):** January 8th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm



## MRF REPORT

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**No Report Received**







## GAMBLING REPORT

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Happy January! Well, I'm already sick of the cold and snow and counting the days until spring arrives. In the meantime, Gambling is busy making donations and trying to move those A.B.A.T.E. U tickets.

In the past month we have made donations to Dial-A-Ride, Toys for Kids, Toys for Tots, medical expenses for a friend in need and dedicated funds to support educational expenses to help improve biker safety.

So, if you want to help and you haven't requested A.B.A.T.E. U tickets to sell, give me a call or email and I'll get those tickets out to you.



## STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas Season!

It's been pretty quiet in the office these past few months....

Chapter nomination packets went out to the Chapter Presidents on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, if you want an absentee ballot, please email the state office BEFORE February 5<sup>th</sup> so I can get you on the list. If you are a multi-chapter member, please let me know which chapter is your home Chapter.

See ya down the road!

– Shelly Deutsch, State Office Admin

# Veteran of the Month

## Mike Olkives

Our Veteran of the Month, Mike Olkives, is a member of the Sand Dunes Chapter, previously with the Metro Chapter. Mike has been with A.B.A.T.E. of MN since August 2020. Mike served as Sergeant of Arms with the Sand Dunes Chapter, and proudly rides a 2020 Indian Springfield. Mike served in the military from 1976 through 1980 as Security Police in the U.S. Air Force. Mike's wife, Lynn Olkives, served in the U.S. Air Force as well for 18 years as Senior Master Sergeant. Lynn passed away on April 2, 2020 from cancer, which later was determined to be related to the Burn Pits in the Middle East.



***Mike, we Thank You for your service  
and send our condolences on the  
loss of your wife.***

## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

### THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



### John Colline Post 622

**3073 Bridge St NW  
Saint Francis, MN 55070  
(763) 753-4234**

**Welcomes You**

## American Legion Post 622

*American Legion Post 622, in St. Francis, has been home to East Central Chapter monthly meetings, events i.e. Hearts on, Turkey Bolwing, and all rides which start out from this post. American Legion Post 622 is also home to American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion and American Legion Riders. We kindly thank the Post 622 for kindly hosting A.B.A.T.E. East Central Chapter, and servicing our events.*

## BIKE OF THE MONTH



### Ryan Olson

## 2018 Ducati Cafe Racer

Ryan's accomplishments include many awards for Best European Motorcycle at many prestigious bike/car shows as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place honors in the European/Sportbike category, at the Sand Dunes A.B.A.T.E. Rodeo/Bike Show this summer.



**January  
B.O.D. Meetings  
will be held at the  
Eagle's Club  
in Mankato.**

# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Board of Directors Meeting January 20 - 21, 2023



**Hosted by River Valley Chapter, Southeast District**

Hilton Garden Inn,  
Mankato, MN

- 20 Civic Center Plaza  
Mankato, Minnesota 56001
- (507) 507-1111
- MKTMD\_GM@hilton.com

Mention A.B.A.T.E. of MN  
to get a room rate of \$109 + tax  
per night for 2 queen beds.

**RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY,  
THE HOTEL WILL FILL FAST!**



## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Saturday January 21, 2023, 9:00 AM Eagles Club, Mankato, MN

### CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to order .....	Jane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome .....	Virgil Legried
Invocation .....	Edgar Burke
Roll call .....	Michele Legried
Agenda approval / changes .....	Jane Doyle
Secretary Report – Oct. 2022 .....	Michele Legried
Treasurer's Report .....	Michelle Backlund

### LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Director .....	Gary 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 University .....	Stephanie Christensen
Education .....	Jon Fernholz
Young Rider's Program .....	Jon Fernholz
Gambling .....	Dan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear Program .....	Sharon Polman/Isaac Barlow
Historian .....	Becca McCollum
Marketing .....	Harmony Lillie
Membership and Member Retention .....	Shelly Deutsch
Passport Run .....	Jon Smith
Products .....	Kari Duncan
Publications .....	Tammy Winkels
Rally .....	Randy Prochazka
Revisor .....	Bob Gerhart
Ways and Means .....	Kristie Orn

### OTHER REPORTS

State Office .....	Shelly Deutsch
MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride) .....	John Nelson
Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force .....	Jon Fernholz
Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition and Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota .....	Jane Doyle and Frank Ernst

### OLD BUSINESS

Bikerday 2023 update & donations  
New computers for State Office and State Secretary

### NEW BUSINESS

ABATE Proclamation  
Chapter Product Inventory Request from State Treasurer  
2023 Proposed Budget (April 2023 through March 2024)  
By-law Proposals  
State Officer Nominations

### OFFICER REPORTS

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Happy New Year to all. Winter holidays are over and we are that much closer to spring and the 2023 riding season. My riding may be cut a little short this next year. But time, PT, injections, and another knee surgery will tell. I am seeing ads for the Donnie Smith Show and got me to thinking. I really miss the International Bike Show. It was a great January gathering to get ready for riding.

I hope you saw the article by Jon Fernholz, our Education Chair, in the December Road Noise. They have offered to hold an intermediate rider's course in each of the four districts. Watch for more info. What a great idea to get rid of some bad riding habits and learn some better techniques for riding safer. Please don't forget the January B.O.D. in Mankato on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Start making plans for A.B.A.T.E. U in April. The B.O.D. will be held, great experience to watch how it all comes together. Free classes will be held along with fee classes if there is enough interest. See Stephanie's articles for more updates. This weekend is well worth your time.

Please think about inviting your newly elected legislators to a chapter meeting to get to know them and have them see what we are about. Bikerday is just around the corner. Make plans to take the day off, get on a bus, and come to the Capitol. Registration is on the website. Stay warm and safe.

– Pedro

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## CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

January 8<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's Rockville, 12:00 pm  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 28<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Party, Stoney's, 4:00 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Thank you to everyone who showed up for Stoney's Toys for Kids benefit. That is why we do this, to help others out. Thank you so much.

We have our Holiday Party on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January at 4:00 pm. Please have a current membership card and RSVP. Ugly sweater contest will be held that night too. Don't worry, I will win anyway. Also, will be a band. So, let's all celebrate the holidays with friends and family.

Please contact officers if you can make it or even on Central Chapter Facebook Page.

Ride Safe Everyone,

–The DLS

## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, Bunwarmer party, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all, Christmas come and gone already!!?

Not too much to report this time around. The Northeast Chapter held our annual white elephant gift giveaway which is always fun and breaks up the same old meeting format that we

all get used to. By the time you see this, we'll be into 2023 and getng ready for our first officer nomination meeting for the upcoming chapter election cycle.

We've set the date for our annual Bunwarmer party, which is March 25<sup>th</sup> at the River Inn in Scanlon. We'll have more informa/on in the next newsletter, such as the name of the band and available room blocks.

That's about it, pretty slow right now.

Happy New Year!!

– Ed

## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

January 10<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Season's Greetings from the Metro Chapter. Where did 2022 go? Seems like just yesterday we were talking about the 2022 State Rally calendars and here we are now talking about the 2023 State Rally calendars (photo below).



Not wanting to sound like we are bragging, but this year's calendar REALLY is the best one yet. And in addition to the calendar, we are also offering a USB/USB-2 Flash drive with even more photos than are available on the calendar. Pricing on the calendars remains unchanged from previous years - \$20 each. If you purchase 5 calendars, you also get your choice of either a 6<sup>th</sup> calendar or a flash drive for FREE! During the

month of December, each Chapter President was sent a complimentary copy of the 2023 calendar to take to their next chapter meeting, pass around and show to their members. Calendars can be ordered online or by filling out an order form and mailing it to us. There is information about ordering in Road Noise. The Metro Chapter website is [www.metro-mn.com](http://www.metro-mn.com) or our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/190580868718741>.

The Metro Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd.

We are in the process of getng ready to man the A.B.A.T.E. membership booth at the Donnie Smith Bike Show at the St. Paul Rivercentre, March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and say HELLO.

We are going to be rolling out a new program in 2023 to hopefully increase participation with the Metro Chapter specifically and with A.B.A.T.E. activities in general. Watch our grapevine reports to learn how these efforts are working out.

Elections are around the corner. Nominations are starting at our meetings now. If you are interested in becoming a candidate, get in touch with any of our chapter officers or just come to one of our meetings to let us know in person.

**2022 <---- Out with the OLD  
and 2023 <----> in with the NEW**

## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

January 15<sup>th</sup>, Bears Den, Bruno,  
2:00 pm

February 19<sup>th</sup>, Maverick's Saloon Bar  
& Grill, Beroun, 2:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
B.O.D., Mankato

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the State  
Capitol

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University,  
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the January and February meetings. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

Thank you to all that attended the Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party. Keep in mind, you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non-members are encouraged to stop by and see what we are all about.

Next roadside cleanup will be in May. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all.

For more events, check the Road Noise Calendar of Events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter's 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.

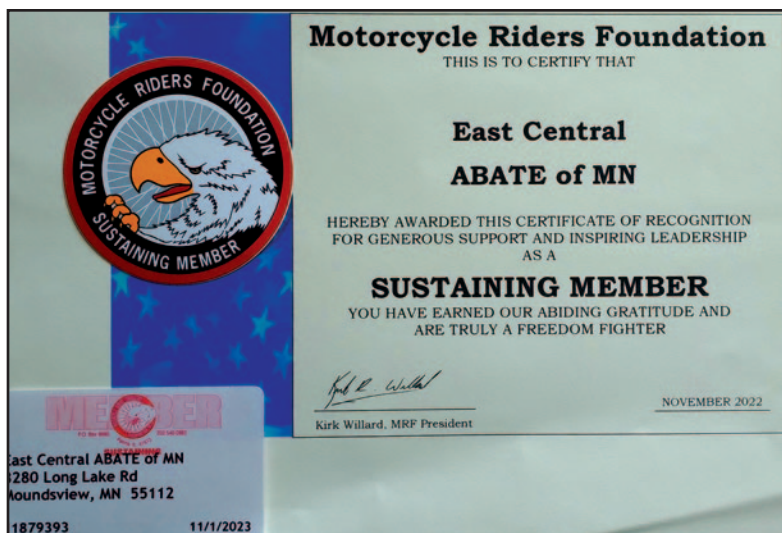
– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

## SAND DUNES

No Report Received

## UP NORTH

No Report Received



## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

December 11<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis,  
11:00 am (Make note of date change)

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D.,  
Hilton Garden Inn, Mankato

January 21<sup>st</sup>, River Valley Chapter Winter Thaw Dance,  
Eagles Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm  
(Sober rides are made available by Dial-A-Ride to and  
from the Eagles Club to the Hilton Garden Inn. Safe  
Sober Ride!)

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol

The time has come for chapter officer nominations. Try to step up and volunteer for a position. Ask our President Bob about what positions we need filled.

February 1<sup>st</sup> is Bikerday at the State Capitol. Register by January 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org). It's an important part of our organization to make a strong showing to talk with our Representatives and Senators. Appointments for time to talk with them will be made in advance. We need a good head count for this. Please ask your fellow chapter members to take time off work or rearrange their schedule so they can attend.

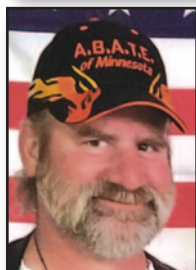
On behalf of East Central Chapter, I would like to welcome former members of River Rider's Chapter and invite them all to our meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion in St. Francis. Our regular meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month, except for this particular month.

Try to sign up a friend, or someone that's new to motorcycling!

– Your V.P. Jim



# Chapter Grapevines



## NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks, Happy New Year!

Winter is not a time to forget about motorcycle issues. There will be many new people filling seats at the Capitol come January. BIKERDAY at the Capitol will be one of the biggest days as far as a motorcyclist is concerned. Bring a friend, bring a family member. Power in numbers...

Both State and Chapter Officer nominations will be going on soon. It's unbelievable the amount of talent I see in this organization. The only way to get change is to concentrate on that spot. Is it time to step up and take charge? I personally have never felt that the position what ever it is has been boring, They ALL have been fun and educational.

Two last statement's: **BIKERDAY A.B.A.T.E U**

Praying you had a Blessed Christmas.

— TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE, Edgar

## BORDERLAND

### Next Meeting (s):

January 10<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finns', Badger, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Happy New Year Borderland!

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas season and I pray for your good health and safety in 2023! Our tentative date for our Groundhogs party and meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified on time, place, and location. We now have the great A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets to buy and sell so contact me; 218-689-7969. Last month we donated \$ to the Roseau, Eagles Aerie/Auxiliary. We also thank our members that brought Buddy Bears to; Karlstad, Middle River, and Newfolden fire and rescue!

Now, with great sadness and remorse, I have to remind and inform you that our Minnesota

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## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

**No Report Received**

## NORTH STAR

**No Report Received**

legislature is now a one-party rule, and our Gov. and AG didn't change, and they were re-elected. Wow! There is certainly something wrong with this picture that I see. We will now be forced to bring our tithes to the false climate change god more than ever before and this definitely has an effect on our motorcycle rights going forward. Not to mention the threat on our bill of rights in general. This is why we must get down to Bikerday at the Capitol. I know that our guys down there support us from our district, but you run into folks that maybe do not. It's always good talking to them as well. Anyway, make sure you register before January 15<sup>th</sup>. Freedom and liberty are too great to just take for granted! I know our members feel the same about this freedom thing and we thank each other for that. Have a great new year!

Twistin' da wick, Tim

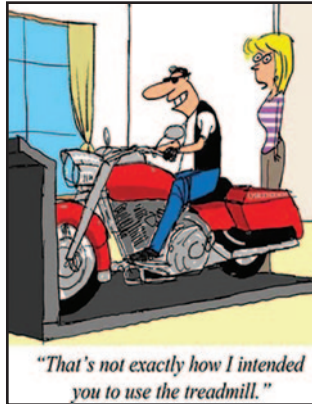


December meeting at The Deuce in Erskine.

## NORTHWEST

**Next Meeting (s):** January 7<sup>th</sup>  
Broadway Station, St. Hilaire,  
3:00 pm  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, The Deuce, Erskine,  
6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, Winter Social, The  
Deuce, Erskine, Come join us for  
food and live music!  
Check Facebook page for details.



Cartoon provided by Northwest Chapter

## HEART OF THE LAKES



### Next

#### Meeting (s):

January 13<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD,  
February 10<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD,

Hello to all,  
Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. It looks like it's time to start into a new year again with all the runs and events.

Let's all plan to make this year a year of first visits to places we always wanted to go but never got to. See new people, places, make new friends. Heck, bring some of your old friends with you. Make it a group adventure. Those are always fun and memorable. Shared adventures with friends can be enjoyed round the fire or elsewhere for years to come. Remember to LIVE! Get out and get you some!

– See ya around, Littlebear

## Southeast District



### Flatlanders Summers Done Run.

## FLATLANDERS

#### Next Meeting (s):

January 28<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post #264,  
Glenville, 2:00 pm  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post #1377,  
Alden, 3:00 pm

#### Upcoming Event(s):

January 28<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Officer Election  
Nominations  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Officer Election  
Nominations

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual A.B.A.T.E of MN. Passport Fun

Run 2023 Entry Forms are out in the back of your Road Noise. Get out and sign-up places before the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Bikerday at the Capitol will be on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Bus for the Flatlanders will leave from Owatonna Walmart parking lot. Register for Bikerday by January 15<sup>th</sup>. There are many newly elected in the capitol after the elections. Time to show them numbers and what we stand for.

Board of Directors Meeting is January 20-21 at the Hilton Garden Plaza in Mankato.

River Valley Chapter's January Thaw Dance is January 21<sup>st</sup> in the evening after the B.O.D.





## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

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Greetings Southeast District,

As I'm writing this I'm trying to find something upbeat to say but it's escaping me at the moment so here goes.

Firstly, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November the case against the man that hit Benny Roemer came to a conclusion. The results unfortunately did not meet our hopes or expectations. The defendant was convicted of misdemeanor CARELESS DRIVING and an additional charge of misdemeanor OPERATING ATV ON ROADWAY was dismissed. Back in April of 2022 the original was felony CRIMINAL VEHICULAR HOMICIDE - OPERATING A VEHICLE IN A GROSSLY NEGLIGENT MANNER plus a few other charges including the dismissed OPERATING ATV ON ROADWAY. He received a fine of \$1000 plus fees, 100 hours of community service in lieu of 90 days stayed and probation. All of this is the result of charges being amended, plea bargaining and not going to trial.

Both Benny's family members and the defendant had the opportunity to write letters and address the court which they both did. I have a copy of the defendant's letter and I will share it with any of you that ask to see it in person. I will not be publishing it here or emailing it to anyone. Secondly, in case you haven't heard, 2022 looks like it's going to go down as the deadliest year in 40 years for Minnesota motorcyclist fatalities. 82 deaths in 80 fatal crashes. We need to do better people!

Oops, I finally thought of something upbeat to write about.

Bikerday is coming up February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Please make arrangements to attend. Take the day off, register, come to the Capitol and bring a friend or two that ride. It can't be stressed enough that this is going to be the most important Bikerday in recent history with all the new legislators and one party having control of both houses and the governorship.

With that evil white stuff on the ground get out to the chapter fundraisers and support your own chapter and your sister chapters. You never know you might have some fun!

Virgil



## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

January 5<sup>th</sup>, Mark Warner's house, 7:00 pm  
(food 6:30 pm)

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chapter elections

Thank you everyone that came out to our Christmas party/meeting in December. We had 22 people attend! The pizza was delicious as usual, along with all the desserts that members brought out. There are always a few laughs involved with the white elephant gift exchange too.

We tried a new idea at the December meeting with the goal of keeping the meetings streamlined and condensed, so as to not repeat all the information every month and focus on new and or time sensitive information. Please keep in mind that some meetings may be longer than others depending on the amount of topics that need to be reported on. The December meeting ran 24 minutes! Thanks to everyone that kept their reports concise and respectful of other people's time.

Chapter nominations will open up at our January meeting with Chapter elections taking place during our March meeting. Would you like to step up your game and try something new? Perhaps try a new role in Tri-County. We are a volunteer organization that is always looking for new volunteers. I hope you all got through the holidays safely with your sanity still intact. Keep your traction and try your best not to slip.

– Big Jon



**Tri County Christmas Party 2022**



**White Elephant Exchange.**

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## STRAIGHT RIVER

**No Report Received**

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**SEE  
YOU AT  
BIKERDAY  
FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting (s):

January 15<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post #92,  
Rochester, 11:00 am  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post #92,  
Rochester, 11:00 am  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post #92,  
Rochester, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, B.O.D. meeting, Hilton  
Garden Inn, Mankato  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, Southeast LC Chapter  
Fundraiser, American Legion Post #164,  
Stewartville, 5:00-10:00 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol  
April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. meeting & A.B.A.T.E.  
University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>—Heartland STEAM, Bismark, ND

Greetings All:

It is getting to be a very busy time for our chapter over the next few months as we plan and prepare for our fundraiser to be held in January at the Stewartville American Legion. Still in need of volunteers, food donations, silent auction items and swap meet (motorcycle parts) items. This is open to the public so bring family and friends. After that, we will be moving into planning our Motorcycle Awareness Ride in May. More information on that to come in the next few months.

The election did not go quite as planned but it is what it is. We just have to work that much harder to get our name and mission out there. We can do this with lots of letter writing and talking to legislators and the general public.

NOTE: Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, dues are going up as the increase in dues was passed at the October B.O.D. Dues will be \$30 for singles and \$50 for couples.

Welcome to all new members. Please don't forget to attend our monthly meetings; time and dates are listed above. Also, thank you to all members who renewed their memberships and again don't forget to attend our monthly meetings.

January is when we start nominations for the officer positions. If you want to see a change, please feel free to nominate yourself or others. This is your time to make the changes you would like to see made. We will have nominations again in February and elections in

[www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)

March.

Four more months until riding season.

– Bye for now, Terry Panek

## RIVER VALLEY

### Next Meeting (s):

January 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 21<sup>st</sup>, January Thaw Dance/Fundraiser  
and B.O.D. Meeting  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We are definitely looking forward to what the new year has in store for us.

Our January Thaw dance is on top of us. The culmination of all the months prep and planning. With the Board of Directors meeting intertwined it made for some busy times. A huge thank you to everyone that stepped up to help make both events a success. I know we are looking forward to seeing some of our A.B.A.T.E. friends from around the state.

As of our January meeting, nominations will be open of chapter officers. Please consider stepping up to help lead our organization into the future. There will be positions to fill. Voting will be at the March meeting.

Coming in February, please take time to consider attending Bikerday at the Capitol! We have a lot of new faces in the capitol leading us into the future. We need to make contact with these new representatives as soon as and as much as possible! Bikerday is a very effective tool to make our presence known. Bikerday is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please register by January 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org).

A.B.A.T.E. University is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Please consider attending. It is always a good time. New officer training will be done along with many other informative meetings. There is something for everyone!

May will bring motorcycle awareness back to the forefront as we start planning our annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade. The parade will be Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. A motorcycle fun run will follow. As the details come together, we will get them published for everyone to see.

See you soon! – Big D, President





## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Hey everyone, Happy New Year, I hope you all had a great Christmas.

I hope that everyone has made plans to attend Bikerday. It is very important that we make a good showing this year because there are a lot of new Reps there. We must protect our rights. Remember I am not running for District Director this year, so someone needs to step up and do our District proud.

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, January 4th, Niesens Bar, Biscay

Wednesday, February 1st, SOS, Cokato

Wednesday, March 1st, Mugshots, Cosmos

Happy New Years My Brothers and Sisters!

It's that time of year again for the first phase of general elections. With nominations starting this month we really need to consider who wants to and who we want to lead, support, and represent our chapters. This is often taken way too lightly. There are huge responsibilities that come with all the officer positions both for those seated at the head table and our Sgt. of Arms. Every election time I hear... I will stay

(current position) if nobody else wants to do it, or I'll give it a shot if someone nominates me, etc. The officer's jobs can be demanding and will most definitely take up some of your free time. Volunteering to serve your chapter in an officer's role can also be a great experience and very rewarding. I encourage and praise anyone that is willing to step up and accept the challenges of any of our elected positions. I just ask that before accepting a nomination, that you research the position by reading the duties and responsibilities of that position and talk with the current officer to ensure it is right for you and the chapter. You know yourself better than anyone else, your skills, strengths, traits, fears and shortcomings. You also know your A.B.A.T.E. family. It would be great to have a dozen names to choose from on a ballot this year.



**Toys for Kids 2022.**

Thank you to all those who attended our annual Toys for Kids event. We had another great turnout. A Special thank you to our hostess, Kristy LaPlante, and everyone who volunteered their time!

– Douglas Cohen, President



## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

January 7<sup>th</sup>, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

January 15<sup>th</sup>, Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, McPete's, Big Lake, 12:00 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the State Capitol  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, Grounded Hogs fundraiser, Township Hall, Rockford

We had a good turnout for the December meeting. Thanks to Dave's Town Club who gave us a separate room for the meeting. It worked out great.

We got our 15 seconds of fame on KARE 11 again when we made our Toys for Tots donation. Thanks, Smoker, for being the spokesperson. Got A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota some great PR.

Lake Chapter calendars are going fast and Gaida got more of the bourbon glasses. So be at the January meeting to get yours if you haven't gotten them already.



**Kimmer**

We will be Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if you want to participate or sponsor someone who is bowling.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser is next month. Advance tickets are available, and we need auction items. Items can be brought to a meeting or on the day of the event. Bring a dish to share too. I always look forward to the great spread we put out. It goes fast, so get there early.

Bikers inside the Beltway is scheduled for May. If you have never attended this awesome event,



### KARE 11 Toys for Tots donation.

maybe you should make plans to be there this year. It can be a great ride if you have the time.

Nominations for chapter officers will start in January. Let someone know if you are ready to step up. The 2022 Member of the Year award will be presented at the January meeting too. See you there.

That's all for now, hope to see everyone at Bikerday on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to register so an appointment with your legislator can be made in advance.

– Later, Mitch'n

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## SOUTHWEST

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

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## BUFFALO RIDGE

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol



## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

January 7<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Biker Day at the Capitol  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed/Contest,  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, DJ Mr. Wonderful, 8:00 – 11:00 pm

Greetings People,

This one is going to be short because I've got a nasty cold, along with a bad headache.

In December we had our Santa Day, which turned out pretty good, with approximately 55 kids coming through. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great day. Our Christmas party was to be the following weekend, but was cancelled, due to people being ill.

On February 11<sup>th</sup> our chapter is having a Chili Feed/ Contest from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. There will be 10 contestants, with prizes going to top two best overall, and top two spicy. There will also be a Craft and Bake Sale going on during the afternoon. A \$5.00 donation per bowl, eat as many as you like. There is no charge to sample the chilis during the contest. From 8:00 pm till 11:00 pm Mr. Wonderful will be providing his DJ services. So come on out enjoy the day and stay for the music. We'd love to see you.

Keep your knees in the breeze. Be safe.

– Hives

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## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting(s):

January 7<sup>th</sup>, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed Meeting, LaSalle, 3:00 pm  
February 11<sup>th</sup> Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield,  
4:00 pm  
February 11<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed Meeting, Buckshots  
Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 3:00 pm  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, St. James, 2:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

January 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, Board of Directors  
Meeting, Eagles, Mankato  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Biker day at the Capitol  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James

Happy New Year!

Don't forget Chapter nominations start at the January meeting and continue into the

February meeting! If you want to be nominated, come to the next meeting. Also know what will be expected of you for the position you are interested in. Voting takes place in March, but if you want an absentee vote, let the State Office know BEFORE February 5th.

The Chili Feed Committee meetings are being held one hour prior to Chapter meetings. Come, and help with our fundraiser. Start looking for donations for the silent auction too!

– Shelly

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## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting(s):

January 7<sup>th</sup>, Legion, Bellingham, 12:00 pm  
February 4<sup>th</sup>, The Sticks Bar & Grill, Madison  
(the old After 5), 12:00 pm  
March meeting chapter elections

### Upcoming events:

January 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, January BOD, Mankato  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol  
April 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U / B.O.D., Holiday  
Inn, Alexandria  
April 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, Heartland Steam, Bismark, ND

Greetings All!

Way West has been busy. We had a Hotdish Fundraiser that was a success, delivered Buddy Bears and had a VERY successful Toys for Kids Drive! We delivered toys to six counties and sponsored two families in crisis. Huge shout out to all who donated!!

February 1<sup>st</sup> is Bikerday at the Capitol. Let's have a good turnout to this! It's our time as bikers to voice our concerns with our elected officials!!

Chapter elections start in January. Step up and run for office!

A.B.A.T.E. U is around the corner, good classes, and camaraderie!! Make sure you book your rooms; they'll fill up fast.

*"Hey, River Valley, are you still knitting or are you ready for a twine challenge?"*

I hope your holidays were filled with love and laughter.

Keep dreaming of having your knees in the breeze,

– Gypsy Mama

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# Way West Chapter





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
1/4/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Neisens Bar & Grill, Biscay	7:00 PM
1/5/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Mark Warner's House - Food at 6:30 pm	7:00 PM
1/6/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
1/7/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 936, Alexandria	4:00 PM
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
1/7/23	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
1/7/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Broadway Station, St.Hilaire	3:00 PM
1/7/23	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	LaSalle Village Inn	3:00 PM
1/7/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	LaSalle Village Inn	4:00 PM
1/7/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Legion, Bellingham	12:00 PM
1/8/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
1/8/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
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	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	McPete'Sports Bar & GRills	2:15 PM
1/8/23	Ways and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
1/10/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 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	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bears Den Bruno	2:00 PM
1/15/23	Lake Chapter Bowling for Big Bother's/Big Sisters	McPete's, Big Lake	12:00 PM
1/15/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Rochester	11:00 AM
1/17/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	LaSalle Village Inn	4:00 PM
1/20/23	A.B.A.T.E. of MN, BOD	Hilton Garden Inn, Mankato	
1/21/23	A.B.A.T.E. of MN, BOD	Hilton Garden Inn, Mankato	
1/21/23	River Valley January Thaw Dance	Eagles Club, Mankato	7:00 PM - 12:30 AM
1/21/23	Southeast LC Fundraiser	American Legion, Stewartville	5:00 PM
1/28/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Glenville	2:00 PM
1/28/23	Central Chapter Holiday Party	Stoney's, Rockville	4:00 PM
2/1/23	Biker Day at the Capitol	State Capitol, St. Paul	
2/1/23	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
2/1/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	SOS Clubhouse, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/2/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/4/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
2/4/23	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs Fundraiser	Township Hall, Rockford	
2/4/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Township Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/4/23	Northwest Winter Social	Duece in Erskine	6:00 PM
2/4/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	The Sticks Bar and Grill, Madison	12:00 PM
2/5/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
2/10/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	
2/11/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 936, Alexandria	6:00 PM
2/11/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Chili Feed	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
2/11/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter DJ	Hiedi's Bar, Sedan	8-11:00 PM
2/11/22	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	Buckshot's, Buttrfield	3:00 PM
2/11/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Buttrfield	4:00 PM
2/12/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/12/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Phone Meeeting	11:00 AM
2/14/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/15/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
2/18/22	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Alden	3:00 PM

# Chili Feed & Contest



Who: Glacial Ridge

What: Craft and Bake sale

Where: Heidi's in Sedan

When: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10 contestants and prizes for top 2

Come out and vote for your favorite chili

## NEW & RENEWALS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

### BUFFALO RIDGE

Wesley Cole .....R  
Bob McLean .....R

### CENTRAL

Steven Gribas .....R  
Kenny Huckenpoehler/  
Shannon Pooler .....R  
John / Joyce Lynch .....R  
Adam Struffert .....R  
Joe Winkels .....R

### EAST CENTRAL

Isaac / Alexis Barlow .....R  
Bob McChesney .....R

### FLATLANDERS

Dan / Arvilla Bye .....R  
Jeremy Mauserth .....R  
Steve / Kris Murley .....N

### FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Kandy Ahlers .....R  
Sheldon Edberg /  
Wendy Weickert .....R  
Mark A / Barbara Helgeson .....R  
Julie Ollman .....R  
Missy Patterson .....N

### HEART OF THE LAKES

David Lindquist /  
Shannon Swenson .....R  
Chance Stoeker .....R  
Rob Thiel / Crystal Lesko .....R

### JACK PINE RIDERS

Dave Dronen .....R  
Joe Kunze .....R

### LAKE

Gene / Charm Bolgrean .....R  
Michael "Pugs" / Karline Clark ....R  
Keith May .....N  
Peter Miessen .....R  
Kathy Lynn Moreland .....R  
Bill T Nelson / Marianne W .....R  
Fred Pawelk / Debra Kviz .....R  
Dale Schultz / Sheila Smith .....R  
Patricia VanDusen .....R  
Eric Witstine .....R

### METRO

Mark / Evie Berger .....R

### NORTHEAST

Bob Saice / Kim Mead .....R

### NORTH STAR

Jeffery / Joanne Finley .....R

### RIVER VALLEY

Becky Compert / Rich Oliver .....N  
Dennis Nolte / Terri Fischer .....R  
Kerry Rasmussen .....R  
Lisa Rodriguez .....N

### ROLLING PRAIRIE

Wendell Else .....R  
Harry Hale .....R

### SAND DUNES

Clint Silver .....N  
Dean / Tamra Webb .....R

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Badboyscustom .....N  
Miriam Ackman .....R  
Charlie / Mary Ardolf .....R  
John / Gina Maningoine .....R  
Brian / Catherine Rick .....R  
Daryl / Nancy Tritabaugh .....R

### SOUTHEAST LC

Angel / Heidi Ramirez .....R

### TRI-COUNTY

Gerry Berger/ Paul Kleaver .....R  
Peter S / Joely Krippner .....R

### UP NORTH

Dave Schultz / Joanne Baker .....R  
Jeff / Tina Serich .....R

### WAY WEST

Keith / Julie Adelman .....R  
Kevin Backstrand .....R  
Michael Hanson .....R  
Donna Kastet /  
Norman Lauinger .....R  
Jacob / Martha Thell .....R

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2023 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2023 State Rally, to be held September 1<sup>st</sup>-September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

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

**There are five levels of Sponsorship:**

### Diamond Sponsorship

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

It includes:

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

### Gold Sponsorship

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

It includes:

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

### Silver Sponsorship

**The Silver Sponsorship is \$500**

It includes:

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

### Chrome Sponsorship

**The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250**

It includes:

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

### Copper Sponsorship

**The Copper Sponsorship is \$100**

It includes:

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

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

Partnering with us will make the 2023 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2023 Rally is 2,000.

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

**For more information, please contact:**

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532

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

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

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is  
August 1, 2023**



# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2023 State Rally Sponsorship

## Sponsor Information

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

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

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

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## Recruiting Member

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

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

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

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

## Promotional Tickets

☐ Mail tickets to Business Contact

\* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2023

☐ Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

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

\* Identification will be required

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

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

Mail to: Michelle Backlund

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Sponsor Receipt

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2023 State Rally Sponsorship

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

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

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

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Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2023

If you don't receive your tickets by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 contact Michelle Backlund

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# Passport Run Committee

## ***Congratulations to the 2022 MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run contest winners!!***

1 place: stops 140 Tom Dettmann

6 place: stops 23 Dan Leiding

2 place: stops 74 Mike Frost

7 place: stops 23 Shelly Deutsch

3 place: stops 64 Tad Lothert

8 place: stops 16 Mike Hanson

4 place: stops 63 Brenda Lothert

9 place: stops 12 Darold Bailey

5 place: stops 46 Brian Schemmel

10 place: stops 10 Leann Ruby

## ***Congratulations to the Most Frequent Stops, we had a 3 way tie:***

Red Goat, Watkins

Riverside Store & Tavern, Forest City

Eagles Club, Litchfield

Please help us sign up stops and sponsors for the 2023 MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, you can make a copy of the entry form to use that's listed in this Road Noise. Stops and Sponsors can also sign up for multiple years on the form.

If you would like to see more stops in the book that are located in your area, go and sign them 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 mail 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

### ***Passport Run Committee Contacts:***

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 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

Jon "Trashy" Smith  
ABATE Passport Committee  
809 Jackson St  
St. James, MN 56081

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Fill Out One:

Check # enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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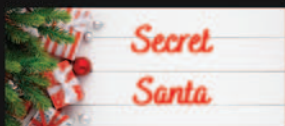


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