Congratulations

Mack Backlund
A.B.A.T.E. of MN 2023 Regal Noble Award
Presented April 2023 by State Coordinator Jane Doyle and Assistant Coordinator Jim Oru

American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education of Minnesota, Inc.
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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. It is the shared interest 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 motorcycling 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.

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

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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Motorcycles provide fuel efficient transportation for commuting, touring, and relaxation; and
WHEREAS: Motorcycles relieve congestion and reduce wear on our roadways; and
WHEREAS: Increased awareness of motorcyclists by motorists can reduce the number of crashes on our roadways; and
WHEREAS: Observance of Motorcycling Awareness Month calls attention to the promotion of safe motorcycle operation, motorcycle rider training, and improved motorcycle licensing efforts; therefore;

Be it resolved that American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota Proclaims;

The Month of May 2023 as:
Motorcycle Awareness Month in the State of Minnesota

Jane Doyle
Jane Doyle, State Coordinator
Warm weather, sunshine, cool evenings and rain... sounds like riding season to me!

From the chapter reports that I receive, most of you are organizing some fantastic events. I wish you all good luck, good weather and great attendance! I will do my best to attend as many events as possible.

Keep using - and checking - your ZOHO email accounts. It makes it much easier to set up groups.

And please help any new officers with ZOHO accounts that they will be responsible for monitoring.

Ride safe!

Jane

Well, I hope all the snow is gone in your yard, people say it’s been one heck of a long winter. For myself I missed two months of it, so it wasn’t so bad for me. It was fun to get back and make it to A.B.A.T.E University. It’s always fun to get together with old and new friends, the old part was meant for Frank.

I would like to welcome all the new incoming officers and welcome back the returning officers, I hope you were all able to make it to your classes at A.B.A.T.E University.

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2023 raffle, there were some great prizes, and like they say cash is king, but a new motorcycle doesn’t hurt either.

As we get started with our new year, and you can spare a little time, don’t forget there’s a lot of committees that could use a little help. Just to name a few, our rally is coming up, we always need volunteers for that, also, ways and means, gambling, A.B.A.T.E University, and publications.

It also sounds like the young riders is moving right along. Thanks for everybody’s help with that.

Til next time

Jim
In April I mentioned a few pieces of legislation we should be aware of,
- SF 1598 Digital Fair Repair Act. HF 1137
- SF 2132 Motorcycle ground lights.
- SF2573 Motorcycle sales tax fix HF2376
- HF2365 Motorcycle sales tax SF2395

I also mentioned we have reached out seeking support for an anti-motorcyclist profiling bill.

In addition to these issues mentioned we have had a new one popup:
- HF2361/SF2321.
It looks like they are interested in starting an ADVISORY COUNCIL ON TRAFFIC SAFETY, HF2361/SF2321. These are all things we need to be aware of.

So here are some questions for you.

Have you written your legislator about any of these issues?

Do any of these potential law changes effect motorcyclists?

Do any affect you?

Have you taken the time to become familiar with them?

If you have questions about these topics, have you reached out to Gary, Mack, or myself to get your questions answered? And the big question is do you think your next-door neighbor is going to take care of this for us?

It's up to us if we don't care, others will decide for us and we may not like what they decide.

We have had a few people taking part, I distributed patches and rockers to members of eight chapter at the April Board meeting Freedom First, Heart of Lakes, Lake, Metro, Northeast, Rolling Prairie, Tri-County, Way West. Thanks to members of these chapters for making an effort to support legislation that is favorable to motorcyclists.

Please think about taking part, take a few minutes and write your legislator about our issues. When you write state what you want, why you want it, how it benefits you, or others. State facts, tell the truth, be courteous, be brief, and ask for a reply.

If you write and get a reply on any of these or other issues, please submit the reply for your W2R patch/rocker We will file the information, track support or opposition and will get your patch/rocker to you.

Forward a copy of your reply correspondence to the Write to Ride Manager along with the A.B.A.T.E. member's name and chapter name. Requests should be sent to:
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Or e-mail to
Write2ride@abatemn.org

If you have questions please reach out, we will do what we can to get answers.

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Dial-A-Ride
Nothing new to report

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No Report Received

May 2023
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
Call to Action!

The last two months I talked to you about a great motorcycle freedom fighter’s plan of five steps to freedom. The first steps of Sputnik’s path to motorcycling freedom were somewhat simple. Register to vote, vote, and communicate with your legislators. Now it’s time for step three.

Step Three: Work the Campaign

This month I will share Sputnik’s third step, which requires some work on your part. Now that you know which of your elected officials align with your views, it is time to help them. Putting up yard signs takes a little effort. But any candidate will tell you this is a high priority for them. You might think yard signs are a dumb way to get your message across, but they work!

As Sputnik said “You will show yourself as willing to go the extra mile. You are also freeing up other workers and cash to be used by the candidate elsewhere.”

And if you help in this area, you will be held in high regard. Being politically successful is all about building relationships. I often hear from A.B.A.T.E.‘s legislative friends in St. Paul how one or more of our members helped with their campaign. They never forget it!

If you know anyone who would like more information on helping a candidate’s campaign, please have them call me.

Next month: Sputnik’s Fourth Step to Freedom.
Buddy Bears have been delivered. Let’s try and get all our bears out there again. Inventory carry over from last year is 142 bears and the state is holding those for emergencies. If anyone needs some of these bears, contact Jane.

Chapters that ordered and received bears are:

East Central, Flatlanders, Glacial Ridge, Heart of the Lakes, Lake, Southeast LC, Metro, North Star, Northwest, River Valley, Rolling Prairie, South Central, and Way West. Thank you for stepping forward and helping to distribute bears to kids in trauma. Bears can be donated to any 501c3. We can also give bears to police departments as well.

Remember to get receipts signed when delivering and send them to Dan Matzdorf; 4080 Lotus Drive, Minnetrista, MN 55331. Inventory needs to be reported quarterly, by the 5th of the month, before the B.O.D.’s. Inventory can be emailed to: gambling@abatemn.org.

Frank

I am very happy to report we are moving ahead. Membership cards are printed and mailed, a welcome letter drafted and mailed, and patches are mailed to those that had not previously received them. An addition has been made to the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website, under Links/Resources there is a tab added for Young Riders. If you click that link it will take you to a short description of what Young Riders is about, a link to the Yong Riders Facebook page and a printable copy of the Young Riders membership application. You will also find a link to the picture of a quilt Jane has made to giveaway in a free drawing for Young Riders at A.B.A.T.E. U. By the time you read this we will know who won.

Some updates have been added to the Young Riders Facebook page, and the email address youngriders@abatemn.org is operational.

The poker chip with the QR code and Young Riders contact links will be delayed a little while. I had hoped to have them for A.B.A.T.E. U but unfortunately that will not happen, but we are making progress. At this time joining will still require a paper printed application but be patient, we are doing our best to get that updated to an online application. As stated in previous reports we are trying to get most of our communication with Young Rider members through electronic platforms.

In April, Stephanie sent a Birthday card out to a Young Rider member. A practice we plan to continue. Not sure if this will continue through US mail or change to digital methods but we will continue to recognize members birthdays. We have begun collecting suggestions for favorite ride routes that we can share. We will be able to make routes available so Young Riders can work with one another to plan rides.

If we know of rides being planned those of us in A.B.A.T.E. may be able to plan a picnic or some other type of activity along the route that we can share. We will be able to make routes available so Young Riders can work with one another to plan rides.

We still need to have discussion of possible ways to add financial support for Young Riders. We will have some activities we are not able to fund with charitable gambling dollars. We can consider special advertising options; supporter donations or other suggestions people may have. Young Riders like other opportunities will have a financial need that needs to be met and managed.

Most importantly this month I want to thank all that are making this happen, committee meeting attendees, our website manager, publications committee, and marketing director. You know who you are. Take time to enjoy the accomplishments.

Frank
Hello fellow bikers!

Well, the snow is melting but not fast enough for me. I want to get out and ride but there is still too much snow in Southwestern Minnesota for me even to think about getting my bike out. Not to mention all the mud, sand and salt interfering with my plans to ride.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Did you get your buttons at A.B.A.T.E University?

I hope you enjoyed yourself at A.B.A.T.E University and got in on all the great classes that were offered. The committee puts a lot of thought and effort into getting classes planned for us to attend.

If you are new to A.B.A.T.E, please reach out to any committee member if you have ideas to help promote A.B.A.T.E or ideas on things we can do to make it better. I know I struggle with trying to find things that you are interested in, apparel and accessory wise. I hope that I am meeting your needs as best I can with our state products.

Next up are all the fun summer fundraisers. If your chapter has the need or want for products to be at your event please let me know as soon as you can. My summers fill up fast with all the Chapters events and with my vacation time. I try to make sure most of my vacation time coincides with chapter events so I can be there when needed.

I think that is all for now, please keep sending you ideas for new state products and I will do my best to get what is requested.

Shiny side up,

Kari

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Education

It can be a little confusing, but Education is overseeing the Young Rider’s Scholarship program, so I want to give you an update on where that's at.

From what I’ve been told, the link system I was hoping to get set up for the scholarship registration process created problems with the antiquated A.B.A.T.E. of MN website. I believe the wheels are in motion to have a new website constructed sometime after the April Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. I am currently caught in a holding pattern regarding the launch of the scholarship program.

In the meantime, I have submitted final draft copies of the scholarship ad page and application page to the DPS and MNSCU college system to continue their respective vetting processes. I have also completed a successful trial run of registering and paying for a student to take the beginner rider course. The way we have it set up is for all communication emailed from the college to the student will also be sent to the payer (me). I wanted to verify that when the student and I both receive the invoice, A.B.A.T.E. of MN’s financial information is kept confidential. In this trial run my girlfriend Kristy posed as the student so that I could review her emails as well as mine. It went well, now I just have to email the college to cancel the class, so I get my money back.

Another project I am currently working on is updating the Education Chair section of the Operations Manual. We need to add duties surrounding these new scholarship programs and district rider training events. I also think it’s time we got rid of references to things like VHS tapes and transparencies as teenagers in a Share the Road class wouldn’t even have a clue what they are. I have reached out to Darryl Holman for updating suggestions since he is currently teaching these classes and is quite familiar with the materials. Keep safe out there and enjoy the warm weather, you deserve it!

“It education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” - William Butler Yeats

Big John

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State Rally Report

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No Report Received
The legislative team has been hard at work getting bills released. A big thanks to Mack Backlund and Frank Ernst for all the help you have provided.

The following are bills that have been introduced as of 4/10/23. The following was listed last month in the Write to Ride report that Frank sent in.

**SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light.** Authored by Senator Coleman (48 R) and four others. No companion bill at this time.

**SF 2573 Motorcycle sales tax.** Authored by Senator Hoffman (34 DFL) and one other. Companion bill HF 2376 Authored by Representative Petersburg (19B R) and three others.

**HF2365 Motorcycle sales tax.** Authored by Representative Harder (17B R) and one other. Companion bill SF2395 Authored by Senator Gruenhagen (17 R)

**SF 1598 Digital Fair Repair Act.** Authored by Senator Kupec (04 DFL) and four others. Companion bill HF 1137 Authored by Representative Fischer (44A DFL) and 19 others.

Mack is watching SF 1598 very close and has some questions and concerns. If you are thinking about writing on this, I suggest you have a discussion with Mack first.

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

Thanks!

**Legislative Report**

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May? Oh my gosh! It was winter for so long, it’s hard to believe we made it here already!

The memberships were really coming in fast for the last few weeks, but now has slowed down a bit. I think people were getting in before the price hikes.

Memberships are up +82! That is Awesome! Now with the warmer weather & the bikes are out, bike nights are filling the calendar, let see if we can get some new members beside renewals.

The numbers for April 2 are 1490 Singles, 1724 Couples for a total of 3214.

The Chapters with the biggest increases are Jack Pine Riders with a +15, Tie for 2nd was Lake and North East with a +14 each, and next was North Star with a +12. Way to go everyone!

Remember, if everyone signed up just one new member, we could double our Membership List! Keep on Keepin on!

**Ways & Means Report**

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**Kristie**
Hello everyone,

Did you enjoy going to Minnesota Bikerday? If you didn't make it, did you write letters to your Senator and Representative about our talking points? Well you can do it again. The difference is being in Washington DC on May 15th and 16th. Like Mack says this is one of the most important days as a motorcyclist. With boots on the ground in Washington DC we will be trying to meet with all eight Representatives and both Senators. It would be nice to have representation from all eight districts. If you are not able to make the trip to DC please write and let them know our concerns.

One of the main talking points that will be discussed is: Autonomous Vehicles. Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV).
- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data reporting incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists’ perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.

Don’t forget, along with our own Minnesota young riders program, the MRF A&E has the Young activist Scholarship.

2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education Young Activist Scholarship applications are now open.

Each year the MRF A&E seeks young people, under 30 years of age, who are active in their local SSMROs to apply for our Young Activist Scholarship Award. Among the rewards, successful applicants will receive a trip to the 2023 MRF Meeting of the Minds including airfare, hotel room, and a one-year membership to the MRF. Is there a deserving candidate in your organization? If so, encourage them to apply. The application form and related requirements can be found at www.mrfae.org. Go to the headings under Young Activist Scholarship. Applications must be completed and mailed by July 1st.

Again, if you have an event or meeting that you would like one or more of the MRF Rep or Assistant Reps to be at please let me know so that we can be sure to be there.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Jay Hickok

As I write this report A.B.A.T.E. University hasn’t happened yet. I want to thank everyone for coming this year. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for next year.

Thank you,

Stephanie

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As I write this report A.B.A.T.E. University hasn’t happened yet. I want to thank everyone for coming this year. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for next year.

Thank you,

Stephanie
Hopefully by the time this reaches you, we have warmed up. Ugh! These Minnesota Winters!

While going through records, I came across something I found interesting. And with May being Motorcycle Awareness Month, I felt I should share this. This is not the total document, however, I think it will bring the point to our organization.

*Presented by Jazz at the S.E. District Meeting, Sept. 19th, 1993 - Owatonna*

These are some thoughts I would like you all to think about.
- Did you set some self goals when you became an officer?
- Have you met your goals?
- Do you set a good example?
- Are you Involved?
- Chapter Functions
- Other Chapters Functions
- State & District Functions
- Chapter Committees
- State Committees
- Are you Happy, Satisfied, Depressed or Frustrated?
- Why?
- Chapter Participation
- Fundraiser Participation
- Burnout
- Are you involved in government?
- Write letters / Make phone calls/ Attend BikerDay at the Capitol
- Do you promote A.B.A.T.E.?
- Are you involved in any good PR promotions? Such as Wash Out, Adopt-A-Highway, Toys for Tots, etc.
- Do you promote Dial-A-Ride?
- Do you promote other Chapters Events?
- Are you proud of your Chapter or just content?
- Are you proud of A.B.A.T.E.?

Thank you Jazz! For letting me share this. I really appreciate it!

This document from Jazz was dialed down a little bit for printing purposes, but I found it very interesting and I hope you did too. Let’s keep asking ourselves these questions.

Ride Safe!

Gaida “Gator” Trout

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Things were busy this past month preparing for the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle. I would like to thank everyone for your help and working overtime selling those tickets. Gambling was able to make some meaningful donations again this month. We had the pleasure of helping the Patriot Guard Riders, helping a member of our community with a hardship, and with the leadership of Sharon buying a few Buddy Bears for you to distribute (thank you Sharon!).

We were also able to write out checks to the winners from another very successful Heart of The Lakes Pool and Dart Tournament Raffle. Thank you to HOTL for making another outstanding event to help support the causes that we feel so strongly about.

Also, seek out someone from Freedom First Riders as they are having a couple of 50/50 raffles at their annual bike show in Alexandria and selling tickets!
**Member the Month**

**Ron Lischeid**

Despite the fact that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota doesn't have a 'Paid Up for Life' membership category, Metro Chapter member and long-time Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride board member Ron Lischeid figured out a way to become what might be A.B.A.T.E.'s only 'Lifetime Membership'. Taking advantage of the opportunity to renew for multiple years at the old annual membership rates prior to the April 1, 2023 rate increase, Ron is now able to boast that “my current A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota membership is paid up until 4 days before my 100th birthday.” Ron is now paid up until 1/31/2048 (his 100th birthday will be February 4th, 2048). And in the unlikely event that he doesn't live for another 25 years, Ron won't have to worry about not leaving anything to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota when his will and testament is read. While many A.B.A.T.E. members past, present and future may pass away with active memberships, Ron is perhaps the only A.B.A.T.E. member with a pre-paid membership that will ensure that he is an active member at the time of his eventual passing. And if it appears that he will outlive George Burns or Betty White, Ron is prepared to add additional years of membership at the then-current rates.

**Bike of the Month**

**1973 Hodaka Wombat 125**

Few motorcycle brands can claim as many unique model names as the mighty Hodaka line: Dirt Squirt, Road Toad, Super Rat, Thunder Dog, Combat Wombat (and the Super Combat Wombat!), and this 1973 Hodaka Wombat 125. I have owned this bike for over 35 years and it never fails to impress me. As original as you will see outside of a show or auction, this tough little bike always starts with one kick and is fun to ride. Bikes like these taught thousands of kids how to ride. And now A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is doing the same with the Young Riders Program. Let’s keep paying it forward!

Mack Backlund
Lake Chapter
Hi All,

Chapter elections are over and new officers are getting ready to hold their first meetings. A.B.A.T.E. U is over for another year, spring is here, and the riding season is fully in front of us!! This will be my last article for a while as I did not run for re-election. Please give Chad all the support and help you can, as you gave me. I think the district is in very good shape and in capable hands. I will still be available for questions and help as needed. The district has been in contact with a Minnesota state snowmobiling organization to combine forces to help fight for our fuel and engines. This will be very interesting to follow, stay tuned. Ride safe, be careful, ride sober, and keep your head on a swivel.

Pedro

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Sand Dunes

Next Meeting(s):
April 30th, KJ’s Refuge, Orrock, 5:00 pm
June 11th, KJ’s Refuge, Orrock, 10:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
May 20th, Sand Dunes Spring Ride and Scavenger Hunt, KJ’s Refuge, Orrock, registration at 9:00 am with kickstands up at 10:00 am
June 11th, 3rd Annual Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo, KJ’s Refuge, Orrock, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

A.B.A.T.E. U is behind us and our new officers are hard at work. The Ride Committee is putting the finishing touches on our Spring Ride and Scavenger Hunt while our Rodeo Committee is hard at work bringing everything together to make our 3rd Annual Rodeo and Bike Show the best one yet. I find myself saying it a lot, but what really sets our chapter apart is the sheer talent, ability, knowledge, and skill our members bring to the table.

This will be the last grapevine submission I am writing for the chapter. I have enjoyed bringing you all the news of this chapter’s triumphs and achievements for the last two years. You have all made it beyond easy to brag about you month after month. I hope we can all make the experience equally as rewarding for our incoming president, Mike Olkives.

When I took on the role of President, I did not feel I was the best person for the role. But that it was the best way to help my chapter. I was definitely lacking in some skills which I was able to develop while helping the chapter to grow. I feel like Mike has some of those skills I was lacking and has a strong and healthy vision for the chapter. I am extremely excited to see what’s ahead for Sand Dunes.

I’ll end this grapevine by saying THANK YOU. Thank you for allowing me to serve this chapter and to share in the success. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand, an ear, or some advice. I am extremely proud and humbled that I got to be a part of such an awesome group of people.

Thank you,
— Chad Marchand

Up North

Next Meeting(s):
May 14th, Bernie’s Main Dry, Keewatin, 4:00 pm
June 11th, Knucklehead’s Bar, Hill City, 4:00 pm

We will be gearing up to go on a lot of rides this summer. As we all know, there is something going on every weekend. Let’s all be safe out there.

— Chris Parks, Up North Chapter President
Next Meeting(s):
May 21st, Marge’s Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm
June 18th, End Zone Bar & Grill, Rutledge, 1:00 pm
July 16th, Village Bar & Grill, Pine City, 1:00 pm
August 20th, Blue Moose, McGregor, 10:00 am
September 17th, Marge’s Pub & Grub, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 21st, Jack Pine Riders road side clean up,
Meet at Marge’s Pub and Grill, 11:00 am
June 15th–18th, A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin Summer Rally
Hummer, Greenwood, Wisconsin
June 29th-July 1st, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Ride, Algona, Iowa
July 7th-9th, 17th Annual Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson
August 4th-13th, 83rd Annual Sturgis Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota

Congratulations to all new and returning Chapter and State officers.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of our newly elected Chapter President, Dave Dronin. (AKA "The Jack Pine") Dave was a charter member of Jack Pine Riders, and served as J.P.R.'s first President. Dave served as President for approximately 8 years. He was an active member, brain child of the Upper Kettle River Shakedown, a brother to many, a friend to all, and a close personal friend as well. Dave will certainly be missed around these parts. May your next shot of Jack Daniels or the beverage of your choice be in remembrance of The Jack Pine. Ride In peace, Dave. There will be a celebration of life for Dave held at Dave’s home, 27302 Leese Road, Finlayson, on June 10th at 2:00 pm. There is also a memorial ride for Dave on June 10th as well. The ride leaves the Finlayson Muni at 10:30 am sharp.

By now the winners of the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle have been announced. Hope you were one of the lucky ones.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. With warmer weather, it’s time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists. Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that shouldn’t stop them from using caution.

We have begun planning our 17th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. There will be live music, camping, vendors, bike games, human games, auction, bonfires nightly, memorial ride, and more. Check this issue of Road Noise for the poster.

The next roadside cleanup will be on May 21st. Meet at Marge’s Pub and Grub in Brook Park at 10:00 am sharp. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all that help out with this worthwhile endeavor.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events and also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events. For updated chapter/events and information, log on to our website: http://www.jackpineriders.org
Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus
Hello all,

Still six feet of snow on both sides of our drive-way, I’m totally over this winter. Our 34th annual fundraiser, The Bunwarmer, took place on April Fool’s Day and was a great success. We had our third highest attendance and everyone had a great time. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and to the many people who donated their time and the many quality auction items we had to offer. We appreciate the support from everyone who came, some from several hours away. Without your support we wouldn’t be able to continue.

By this time A.B.A.T.E. U will have come and gone, it’s always a good time. We look forward to seeing everyone from around the state as well as hearing what the upcoming year holds for the organization. We’re especially interested in the new Young Riders program and see great potential for future if everyone pitches in to do their part in promoting it.

That’s about it, the bike will be out by the time you read this and none too soon.

— Ride Safe! Ed

Pierson, Chapter Rep Tim Jensen, Sgt at arms Travis Gilson, John Everett, Larry Wilson, Jeff “Captain” Johnson, Darlene Krutsch and Maris Schilling.

Thank you all for volunteering and also returning for another year of service to our chapter.

Thanks also to outgoing President Bob McChesney for his dedication and years of service. He was presented a plaque made by Tim Jensen. In the past, Bob had officer meetings at his home the Friday night prior to the chapter meeting and Toni always made sure we had a hot meal. Thank you Bob and Toni!

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

— VP Jim
Metro

Next Meeting(s):
May 9th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
June 13th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
July 11th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 28th, MetroMorial Day Celebration,
Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley

Plan on attending one of our monthly Taco Nights at Casa Rio in Anoka (Monday, May 8th, Monday, June 5th and July 10th) between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. We also have Sunday Brunch events scheduled every other month throughout the spring and summer months. Watch the Metro Chapter webpage (www.metromn.com) or our Facebook page for dates and other information about chapter activities and news.

The Metro Chapter once again manned an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota membership booth at the annual Donnie Smith Bike Show. Foot traffic past our booth was good and we were able to sign up some new members. Due to the annual dues increase that took effect April 1st, we were also busy renewing memberships for existing members from many chapters. Many members, aware of the upcoming increase elected to renew for multiple years. We introduced and sold a number of new items, available for sale as part of our chapter products display.

All of our Chapter Officers were re-elected to another year in office. Chapter members were happy with the direction that the chapter is heading and wanted to keep the current leadership team in office for at least another year to continue to work towards our goals of increasing membership, encouraging participation and engaging members.

Plans are well under way for our annual fundraiser, MetroMorial Day, which will be held on Sunday, May 28th from Noon to 6:00 pm at Route 47 Pub and Grub, 7820 University Ave NE in Fridley. Advanced sale tickets are available for $15 per person ($20 at the door the day of the event) which includes food, beer, pop and live music by the Virgil Caine band. Food is available from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, music from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, a bike show with awards at 4:00 pm and various vendors throughout the afternoon. The highlight of this year's event is our First Annual Besties/Beasties Furry 4-Legged Biker Dog and Cat Beauty and Talent competition featuring dogs and cats that ride with their owners. Event attendees will vote on the contestants in a number of categories and awards will be presented to the winners. Rumors that the Metro Chapter has "Gone to the Dogs" are all true. MetroMorial Day will truly be a family-friendly event for bikers of today and future bikers of tomorrow.
Howdy Folks,

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!!!!!

Every Year I try to take a Rider Course to refresh my riding skills. Every time I take one I learn something. Take the time....

Also time to check the muffler, belts, and the blinker fluid!! TIRES Are VERY important!

I enjoy this time of year. It’s when the trip planning comes to mind. Nothing better than seeing the country on a motorcycle. Interesting to see how folks do things in their area. It’s amazing how many people have never heard of A.B.A.T.E of MN. When ya meet a new friend, see if they know about A.B.A.T.E. Each year our membership falls. Take time to get the expired to rejoin.

Hoping that by the time your reading this the snow in my yard is gone!! I did what most bikers do. I blew the snow away from the toy shed door so it melts faster!!

See Ya On The Road!

TAKE CARE And RIDE FREE — Edgar

Borderland

Next Meeting(s):
May 6th, Skippy Finns’, Badger, 3:00 pm
June 11th, Spring-Steel Island, Warroad, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 6th, Borderland Chapter 24th Annual Membership Drive, Skippy Finns’, 4:00 pm
May 16th, Borderland Adopt a Highway ditch pickup, meet at Byfuglien Trucking, 4:30 pm ‘til done

Happy Spring Borderland!

So, on April 7th we were plowing out after a snowstorm with a low of 2 degrees, and on April 11th we had bikes on the street for our chapter meeting! Sully was riding his old iron and you are in our prayers bro!

We now would like to welcome all new members and 2023 chapter officers. Prez: Jarod M (Mags), V.P. Pat Sullivan (Sully), Secretary Amy Carlson, Treasurer Amy C, Chapter Rep Tim S and Sargeant at Arms Bruce B, Justin L, Lee H, Christy S, Tim M, and Ryan G. Last, we want to thank Lee Heaton for his many years of dedication to the Borderland Chapter and congratulate him as our chapter trustee and we will never forget our wonderful Deb Heaton that we lost.

Now we are looking forward to the riding season and our Membership Drive. It’s $10 for a great meal and a lot of good silent auction items to bid on. New members eat free. There will be games of skill to support our Motorcycle P.A.C. of MN and door prizes to make things fun!

A.B.A.T.E. of MN and the MRF are doing such great work at state and federal levels for our motorcycle rights, but we must fight for our constitutional rights. Every biker must do that and, in our state, we need one senate person crossing the line and just a few in the house. Can we save Minnesota? Can we save our Republic? This is the question. Ride safe and don’t take any freedom for granted.

— Twistin’ da wick, Tim
Heart of the Lakes

Next Meeting(s):
May 21st, Sunnybrook Park, Wadena, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 20th, Chapter Road Guard and Advanced Rider Course, Detroit Lakes

Hello to all,

It looks like it’s time for getting back to the highways and byways for another year. Make sure to check your rides over well for safety and proper function. We have plenty of hazards out there already, let’s not have our own oversight be one of them.

Many events and gatherings are on the horizon. Make it a point to try at least one new one. A new adventure, with new memories, and maybe new friends. There’s a lot of places to go and limited time, choose accordingly.

Don’t forget to thank those in your chapter who were elected to officer positions. Not all are willing to be in that position. Please let them know that their serving in these roles is appreciated.

Well, I have had my small rant for another month. Safe travels to you all. Go see some country.

— Later, Littlebear

North Star

No Report Received

Northwest

Next Meeting(s):
May 6th, Snow Sled, Gentilly, 11:00 am; Ride to follow, weather permitting.
June 3rd, The Deuce, Erskine, 11:00 am; Ride to follow, weather permitting.

Upcoming Event(s):
May 26th-28th, Spring Ride In, St. Hilaire; Check our Facebook page for details.

At our April meeting we started finalizing the details of our Spring Ride In. Free camping, 2 nights of live music, and memories to last a lifetime. We hope to see you for the best weekend of the summer!

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Freedom First Riders

Upcoming Event(s):
May 20th, Bike Show, Runestone Community Center, Alexandria 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
May 21st, Bike Show, Runestone Community Center, Alexandria 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

FFR’s 15th annual bike show, a fundraiser for A.B.A.T.E. of MN. is open to the public May 20th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and May 21st from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for $10 admission, which is good for both days.

Bike registration is May 19th from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, May 20th from 7:00 am to 9:00 am with 11 bike classes: 1st, 2nd an 3rd places for street performance, custom, stock, stock plus, chopper, old school, classic, vintage, bagger stock, bagger stock plus, Rat, Fans choice, outstanding vendor, committees’ choice, veterans best paint, fallen members, best of show. Full bar by FFR, food by B3 cooking, Friday vendor set up, bike registration, B3 welcome party. Saturday events within the show: 10:00 color guard, 12:30 loudest bike contest, 2:00 GCC dyno shootout, 3:00 tattoo contest, 7:00 pm at the Eagles in Alexandria join us for the Grant County Choppers after party. Sunday events 12:30 beard contest, 2:10 FFR 50/50 drawing, 2:20 - FFR 50/50 drawing, 2:30 trophies and awards. Contact: Ms. Patty (320)766-3983 with any questions.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

— Double G
Hello All!

Here we are coming into a new riding season, snow is melting, sun is getting warmer, and we are starting to hear the sweet roar of the bikes on the highway!

Here at River Valley, some of us were getting ready to attend A.B.A.T.E. University for the first time along with others who have been attending for years. We are also geared up for our 33rd Annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade, which is coming up fast on Saturday, May 6th.

We were joined by one of our newest members, Andrew...welcome! Karen Nellen came and told us about the “Young Riders Program.” She would like any input on ways to get our younger riders, ages 16-18, more involved in A.B.A.T.E. We were also joined by three guests from the local Christian Motorcycle Association Chapter. They have an event coming up soon, so stay tuned for further information on our Facebook page for this and many other events coming up.

Also, a big Congratulations to our River Valley Chapter’s newly elected 2023 Officers!(See photo below): Frank Neagle (President), Anthony Crandell (Vice President), Erin Fredricks (Chapter Rep), Slick Duban (Treasurer), and Jeana Carey (Secretary). Also, Tracy Heideman, Lori Sotebeer, Holly Dashem, Leslie Jacobson, Jason Jacobson, and Trevor (Sergeant-at-Arms)!

With all this said, I want to wish everyone a fun but safe riding season to meet up with old friends and meet some new ones.

— Papa Frank, President

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**Straight River**

**Next Meeting(s):**
May 13th, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm
June 10th, Muni, Medford, 1:00 pm
July 8th Reggie’s Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
May 7th, Blessing of the Bikes, Fairgrounds, Owatonna, 10:00 am
May 21st, Breakfast Brunch Fundraiser, American Legion Post 149, Morristown

Hope you had a great Easter. Warm up is finally here. Hopefully we’ll see many at A.B.A.T.E. University. Be safe and ride free.

— Zoomer
Tri-County

Next Meeting(s):
May 4th, Cy’s Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm
June 1st, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm
   (6:30 pm food)
July 6th, Augusta Ball Park, 7:00 pm
   (6:30 pm food)
August 3rd, Augusta Ball Park, 7:00 pm
   (6:30 pm food)

Upcoming Event(s):
May 6th, Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride,
   The Dog House, Carver, 10:30 am registration & 12:00 pm kickstands
May TBD, Highway Clean Up, check your chapter emails

Our April meeting was hosted by Paul and Gerry and it was a blast! Gerry made quite a few delicious dishes and other chapter members brought theirs to share. Way too much great food everywhere you turned. My son Evan, a Young Riders member, celebrated his 15th birthday at the meeting. He wanted the Young Riders patch printed on his cake and it turned out amazing! After the meeting and celebration, some of the chapter went on a horse drawn carriage ride while soaking up the warm sunny weather. I also got a chance to ride Paul’s 1959 Cushman scooter. A big thank you to Paul and Gerry for hosting a wonderful day!

The 7th annual Tri-County Carver Bike Ride will be happening right around the time you receive this issue of the Road Noise. Be sure to come out and join us for a great day of motorcycle riding, door prizes, free food, and supporting our motorcycle rights activities.

Highway clean-up will be in May. My apologies, I dropped the ball on that one and forgot to get it on the agenda for discussion. We will have it on the agenda at the May meeting, so please keep an eye out for your chapter emails coming in.

This might be my last grapevine report as Gerry has stepped up to take it over. Submitting three Road Noise reports every month gets to be a lot and it certainly is nice to be able to share the load when things begin to weigh you down. Thank you, Gerry!!! Time to ride, I’m outta here.

— Big Jon

Due to lack of space, the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2023 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program Information is not included in this issue.

You can find it on pages 28 and 29 of the April 2023 edition of Road Noise.
Flatlanders

Next Meeting(s):
May 20th, Kurt and Alicia Wallace’s home, Geneva, 4:00 pm
June 24th, Buff’s Farm, 10:00 am
July - no meeting

Upcoming Event(s):
May 20th, Washout south of Albert Lea at Northbound I35 Rest stop, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
June 24th, Border Blast, Buff’s farm, 11:00 am registration, 12:00 pm ride

March meeting we had elections.
President - Da Buff
Vice President - Kipp Fuller
Treasurer - Cali Vokoun
Secretary - Christy Fuller
Chapter Rep - Tony Roe
Sargeant at Arms - Stacy Roe, Kurt and Alicia Wallace, Ben Gerholdt, Mike Stinehart, Julie Stuart
Check out Flatlanders Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of MN Facebook page for events and info.

– Da Buff

Southeast LC

Next Meeting(s):
May 21st, Mabel American Legion (114 S Main St, Mabel), 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
July 21st, Summer Party, Isle of Dreams Bar and Event Center, watch for future advertising.

Hi everyone:

Well, here we are again. I hope everyone had a great Easter. That last month sure went fast. I don’t know who upset Mother Nature but could you please go apologize to her and maybe give her flowers so we can get warmer weather. It’s riding season.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are postponing our May Motorcycle Awareness Ride until next year. We are very sorry we had to do this, but we have decided we cannot possibly pull this together in the short time we have. However, we are planning a summer party in July (The Summer Shenanigans Party). We are planning bikes games, a short ride, food trucks, music, vendors, and free camping. So, plan to come and join in on the fun.

The chapter voted at the March meeting to give $150 each to Toys for Tots, the MRF Awareness & Education, and Dial-A-Ride. There were many great organizations that we could have donated to. It was a very tough decision to pick the three we did.

Our 2023 officer elections were held on March 19th. The new and returning officers are: President Ryan Smith, Vice President Jerome While, Treasurer Darlene Krebbs, Secretary Terry Panek, Chapter Rep Terry Panek, and Sargent at Arms Ricky Panek, Tiny Vandemark, and Kim and Gary Zwart. We welcome the new officers and thank the returning officers for their continued service.

We welcome all new members and thank all of those who renewed their memberships and are excited to meet you or see you at our monthly meetings. On a side note, don’t forget membership fees increased on April 1st to $30 for singles and $50 for couples.

I think that is all for now. So, until next month I bid you farewell.

– Terry

State Representative Patty Mueller came to show her support and spoke at the Flatlanders March meeting.
Well, this is my last time writing this as SWDD. I have had a great time being your SWDD. I want to thank all the chapters for putting up with me. I know that the district is in good hands. I especially want to that all the Officers, both past and present. Because of you and your dedication, A.B.A.T.E. and our freedoms as bikers live on. Now on to the future and the new officers. Remember that this is a volunteer organization. Don’t let the position go to your head. If you drive people away, they won’t come back ever. Keep the meetings moving and smooth. Don’t let attitudes get the best of you. Sergeants keep the meetings in order. No raising of voices needed. A low-key smooth meeting goes a long way.

Southwest District Director

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South Central

Next Meeting(s):
May 3rd, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm
June 7th, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm
July 5th, Off Center Tavern & Grill, Clara City, 7:00 pm
August 2nd, Riverside Tavern, Forest City, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
May 6th, Bike Show, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
May 15th – 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC
May 31st, Ditch Clean-up, Odd Fellow’s Park, 6:00 pm
June 24th, Fun Run, LaPlante’s, Litchfield, registration 10:30 am

By now we have had our annual Food Drive to collect items for our local food shelf. We also do this to help promote May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in our community.

If you see this in time, please join us for our Bike Show on Saturday, May 6th. Register your bike from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Voting is from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, winners will be announced at 4:00 pm. We will have burgers, vendors, and door prizes will be given away every half hour. DJ music is provided by our own South Central member’s Jam It Anyway Entertainment, Donnie Manuel.

Our Fun Run - Membership Drive is Saturday June 24th at the LaPlante’s property. Anyone can join the ride and have both meals for $20 so bring your friends! This includes the camp out overnight for A.B.A.T.E. members. We will have games and prizes for the stops. If you cannot attend the ride, members can come later for supper and the overnight, only $10. Registration is at 10:30 am, kickstands up at noon. See the flyer in this Road Noise for location details.

Above is the picture of our 2023 officers. It’s great to have some new faces this year.

Hope I got to see you at A.B.A.T.E. U, thank you so much to everyone who works so hard to put on this appreciated event!

Ride Free & Safe, finally! It’s been a LONG WINTER.

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary
**Southwest**

**Next Meeting(s):**
May 5th, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm
June 2nd, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 21st - 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND
May 15th - 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

Well, well, well! Can we truly believe that the ugly winter has passed us, and spring has arrived? Let's not hold our breath, as we can remember when the nasty ice storm nailed us, in April, and all hell broke loose! Power outages, roads closed. But on a positive note, that stuff doesn't last very long.

Hope your Easter was blessed and safe. The word safe passes my lips often. Being in love in being in the wind, causes the hypersensitive parts of my mind to realize that some people are blind to seeing us, and especially this year the road conditions are less than great! Just read that a sink hole in Minneapolis opened and is a biggen! Until we get some good old April showers to clean the sand, salt, and other debris off the street corners and main driving areas, we must be smart. No one is impressed by "that guy" who must be flying down the city street, like he's going to a fire (or a free food handout) and then he wipes out at the corner a few blocks away. We all need to set an example for the rest of those out there, by being sensible.

Hoping A.B.A.T.E. U was well attended, and everyone had a good time.

Our group is still milling around some planned rides, as fund raisers. For updates, see our Facebook page

Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Thank a former member of the military for their service. You can identify many by the cap they wear. I do it often and haven’t had even one get pissed. They usually smile broadly with pride for the recognition.

— Stay SAFE, BAM

**Buffalo Ridge**

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 21st - 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND
May 6th, Tap Takeover, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
May 15th - 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

**Rolling Prairie**

**Next Meeting(s):**
May 13th, St. James Golf Course, St. James, 3:00 pm
June 3rd, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 9:00 am

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 21st - 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND
May 13th, Washout, St. James Rest Area, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 13th, Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup, 1:00 pm
May 15th - 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC
June 3rd, Summer Kickstart Run, registration 10:30 am - 11:45 am, ride leaves at 12:00 pm

Hello fellow bikers,

It was so nice to see all of you at A.B.A.T.E. U. I hope you had a great time. I know I did.

We are getting ready to do our public service by washing windshields and cleaning up the ditches in our area. We are also planning our Summer Kickstart Run to be held on June 3rd.

Please follow us on our Facebook page Rolling Prairie for any updates to the information listed here.

— Ride safe until we meet again, Lunch Lady

**Glacial Ridge**

**Next Meeting(s):**
May 6th, Heidi’s Bar, Sedan, 6:00pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
April 21st - 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND
May 15th - 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

Hey all,

Well, if you are like us, you are more than ready for this winter to be over. Planning summer events for this summer is getting more challenging as the older we get, the busier we all seem to be.

By the time you read this, A.B.A.T.E. U will be done.

Planning rides for this summer is something we are doing. Duffy’s Ride is on our agenda as well as a campout or two. We would love to see other people join up chapters to go on rides with, even if they are not part of A.B.A.T.E., we want to show them what fun we are! Planning rides is great but spur of the moment rides is good, too. Send out messages and see who can join you, it’s all about getting out there.

Be safe and we’ll see you soon!
WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):
May 6th, Theodore Slen Park (swimming pool park), Madison, 12:00 pm followed by ditch pickup up after and ride to APOL’S

Upcoming Event(s):
April 21st–23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND
May 15th – 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

Spring is here! It’s really here. Phew... starting to wonder. What a glorious sight to see motorcycles back out on the road. Keep your head on a swivel, the deer are crazy in numbers and out and about, along with turkeys.

A.B.A.T.E. U is done, I hope you learned something new and had a good time.

— Keep your knees in the breeze, Gypsy Mama

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):
May 7th, American Legion, Mound, 3:00 pm
June 3rd, Missile Park, St. Boni, 3:00 pm
July 8th, Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
April 21st – 23rd, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND
May 6th, Great Minnesota Washout, Hasty rest area, 9:00 am - noon
May 6th, Tri-County Chapter Motorcycle Run
May 7th, Ditch pick up, St. Boni Community Center, 11:00 am
May 15th – 16th, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC
May 27th, Memorial Run, American Legion, Hopkins, 9:00 am to Ft. Snelling, 12:00 pm for remaining sites
June 10th – 11th, Lake Chapter motorcycle training courses
June 17th, Lake Chapter Spring Run, Red Lodge, Waverly

The April meeting went well. Thanks to the SOS for hosting. Sorry I couldn’t be there. Just too much work to do. But the end is in sight, so I should be getting out a lot more!

Our May meeting is scheduled for Sunday so members can attend the Tri-County run. Should be a fun weekend.

Our chapter Memorial Run, will be held on May 27th. This run is very important, so please attend if you can. The last stop will be at Mike Jencks house.

Then the Spring Run is June 17th and will start at the Red Lodge in Waverly and end at the home of Scott & Gaida Trout. Should be another great day.

The motorcycle training courses have been scheduled for June 10th and 11th. There is no cost to our members who take these courses. But there is a limit for each class, so let someone know if you are interested.

All this talking about runs is making me crazy looking at all the snow that is still here as I write this. Hopefully it will be gone soon.

Buddy Bears should be here by the time you are reading this. Watch for distribution dates.

That’s all I have for now. Best wishes to Smoker for a full recovery.

— Later, Mitch’n

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2023 MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run

A huge thank you to everyone who worked hard signing up stops and sponsors for the new 2023 passport. We have 155 stops this year, our biggest book yet!

Congratulations to Way West who submitted the most entry forms this year, 43! Followed by, South Central 28, Freedom First 25, and Flatlanders 20.

Passports are available to purchase from your chapter $20. Remember, $10 goes to your chapter, $10 goes to the state. Passports can be sold to anyone, even non-members.

We hope you enjoy using the passport to plan your routes this summer and the discounts listed for passport customers. Get your book signed at each stop you visit, if you want to turn in your book at the end of the season to enter the contest for prize money in November.

We'd also like to thank and recognize our 126 sponsors of the 2023 Passport Run below. This list is sponsors only, you'll have to buy a book to see all the stops!

If you have any questions about the 2023 Passport Run, please contact the committee:
Trashy Smith ............612-708-9328
Joe Ruby .............605-949-1366
Ingrid Cohen ....763-516-7029

*Note: All Towns are in Minnesota; other states are designated.

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Asshole Garage & Tires
Avon Cabin Café
Belgrade VFW
Bellingham Legion Post 441
Bend In The Road
Bergdala Harley Davidson
Big Stone American Legion
Blair’s Pub & Grub
Bleachers Sports Bar & Grill
Bloomington Prairie
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Bud’s
Burtrum Cabooze
Cenex Convenience Of Prinsburg
Cenex Convenience Of Raymond
Chalet Lounge
Cheers Bar
Cheers of Waltham
Conger Bar & Grill
Cosmos Motorcycle Supply
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Curly’s
D.Michael B.’s
Danvers Liquor Store
Darfur Lounge
Dar’s Goof
Daves River Valley Harley - Davidson
Deb’s Sidewalks Bar & Grill
Ding Dong Café
Dog House Bar & Grill
Donners Crossroads
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Herradura’s
Heroes Sports Bar & Grill
High Mountain Supper Club
Hill’s Unique Gifts
Hilltop Bar & Grill
Hollandale Three in One
Bar & Restaurant
Honkeys Bar & Grill
Horseshoe Bar
Hunters Bar
Jim & Judys
KA-DE Shack
Kingston Mini-Mart
Lac Qui Parle County VFW Post 1656
Leaf Valley Mercantile
LeRoy’s Bar & Grill
Litchfield Eagles Club Pub
Little Sauk Legion
Lumpy’s Bar
Manannah Hilltop Tavern
Mapleview Bar
Marvin Bar
Moonshine Bar & Grill
Morton BP
Mustang Bar
Mutty's Bar & Grill
Neißen’s Bar
Neißen’s Riverside Sports Bar
Off Center Tavern
Old 16 Bar & Grill
Old Mill Bar & Grill
Old Northrop Bar
Windom
Montevideo
Redwood Falls
Buffalo
Faribault
Brownsdale
Gary, SD
Geneva
RJ’s on 5th Ave Bar & Grill
Twin Brooks, SD
Hartland
Ortonville
Sedan
Litchfield
Canby
Clear Lake, SD
Hector
Dawson
Herschel
Shafer Saloon
Wells VFW Post 1778

Hollandale
Legion Post 622
Grove City
State Line Bar & Grill
Lake Lillian
Stoney’s Bar
Myrtle
Taco Gringo
Alexandria
TB3’s Bar & Grill
Broten
The Cologne Corral
Kingston
The Derby Inn
Madison
The Filling Station Bar
Garfield
The Hitching Post
Cottonwood
Litchfield
The Pump 2.0 (Bar & Grill)
Long Prairie
The Sticks Bar & Grill
Maynard
The Tavern
Grove City
The Village Pub Lounge
Aurora
The Wharf
Marvin, SD
Trasyh (Jon W Smith)
Princeton
True North Transport Inc.
Morton
T’s Metal Works
Sauk Centre
Valley Inn
Clear Lake, SD
VFW Post 1914
Gaylord
VFW Post 936
St. Peter
Viking Land Harley Davidson
Clara City
Village Inn
Welcome
Wells VFW Post 1778
Parker’s Prairie
Northrop
Woody’s Bar
Windom
Osakis Municipal Liquor Store
Osakis
Osakis
Osakis
Cologne
Pounders Bar & Grill
Punt Companies
Red Goat Bar & Grill
Red Oak Bar & Grill
Reds Bar
Refuge Bar
Long Prairie
Rose City Bar & Grill
Route 47 Bar & Grill
Route 65 Pub & Grub
Sauck Centre Fleet Supply
Scotty’s Black Lab Tavern
South Shore, SD
Scaddy’s Bar
Duluth
Kimball
Coles
Osos
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Ortonville
Ortonville
Brooten
Princeton
Clear Lake, SD

South Shore, SD
St. Francis
Gary, SD
Rockville
Clearwater
Freeborn
Cologne
Blue Earth
Clarkfield
Marshall
Hector
Milion, SD
Madison
Starbuck
Hayfield
Corona, SD
St. James
Alexandria
Austin
Eisen Valley
St. James
Alexandria
Sauk Rapids
LaSalle
Well
Wilmot, SD
Wood Lake
26 May 2023
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Roger Hoffman .................................................. R
Jim Snitka .......................................................... R
Mike Solsten ....................................................... R
Shannon / Denise Ostby ........................................ R
Richard Mosher .................................................. R
Keith Bitzer ......................................................... R
Martin Bluestein ................................................ R
Jeff Newton ........................................................ R
Boyd Olmstead .................................................... R
John Bolek .......................................................... R
Jeremy Grindeland ............................................... N
James McDonald .................................................. N
BUFFALO RIDGE
Janice / Wayne Petersen ......................................... R
DJ Person ........................................................... R
CENTRAL
Dennis Hommerding ............................................. R
Raymond / Donna Mae Lehmeier ................................ D
Don / Diane Hommerding ........................................ R
Dale Morin .......................................................... R
Ryan / Brenna Janisch ............................................ R
Ray P Davis / Lori Davis .......................................... R
Angie Webb-Darwin / Chad Marchard ....................... R
Evan B Komar ...................................................... R
Kevin / Shannon Branchaud ...................................... R
Michael Klug ......................................................... R
Matthew Udovich ................................................ R
Eben Du Plessis .................................................... N
Jason Heaton ........................................................ N
David / Dana Beam ................................................ N
Brian Sanden ....................................................... N
Marcus J Henne .................................................. N
Ken / Lisa Melrose ................................................ N
EAST CENTRAL
Jeffrey “Captain” Johnson ....................................... R
Rachel Minnix ......................................................... N
FLATLANDERS
Greg / Kara Boughy .............................................. R
Carol Williams ..................................................... R
Frank “Oozy” Voeltz / Rebecca “Vixen” ....................... R
Steve / Becky Petersen ........................................... R
Nick Krebsbach .................................................... N
Benjamin Gerhardt ................................................ N
Sebastian / Harlee Vokon .......................................... N
James Haid .......................................................... N
FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS
Jeff Beattie .......................................................... R
Bob / Brenda Jespersen ........................................... R
Butch / Donna Jackson ............................................. R
Derek / Taryn Strickler ............................................ R
Scott Nelsen / Penny / Treena .................................. R
Ted Warren .......................................................... R
David D. Rochefort ................................................ R
Scott Richter / Stephanie Johnson ............................... N
Rus Oolog ............................................................ N
Bob Watson .......................................................... N
Kevin Swadel ......................................................... N
Jesse LeGrand ...................................................... N
Chris Clarkshaw ................................................... N
GLACIAL RIDGE
Mark Ross ............................................................ R
Robert M Rooney .................................................. R
David John / Sandra Fahje ....................................... R
Dan “Hives” Bursaw ................................................ R
Jim Halvorson / Julie Hemen .................................... R
Ronald / Maria Johnson .......................................... R
Heidi Olson ........................................................ N
Mike / Angela Movrich .......................................... R
Kenneth E Horsman .............................................. N
Patrick Natehe / Tina Haider .................................... N
Josh Blomgren ........................................................ N
John Drever ........................................................ N
Ethan Allen ........................................................ N
Nicholas Morden .................................................. N
Jill Mortenson ........................................................ N
HEART OF THE LAKES
Gary Kertsher / Cindy Kunz ..................................... N
Lacy Schmidt ........................................................ R
John A Nelson ....................................................... R
Mike / Ruth Ramsay ............................................... R
Mark N Goertz ...................................................... R
Dan / Jessica Cooper ............................................... R
Ethan Black .......................................................... N
John Hanson ........................................................ N
JACK PINE RIDERS
Don / Angela Schultz ............................................. R
Dereel / Jean C. Jensen .......................................... R
Rick / Patty Volk .................................................... R
David Zaun .......................................................... R
Jeremy Soder / Ann Lang ......................................... R
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Scott Ledin / Renee Muscovitz ................................ R
Shawn / Lisa Bromen ............................................ N
Tammy Guss ........................................................ R
Wayne Horan ....................................................... R
Matt Lewis ........................................................... R
James Beckman ...................................................... N
Terry Kepler ........................................................ N
Gina Horton ........................................................ N
Erick / Katie Storebo ............................................. N
LAKE
Jim Kosse ............................................................ R
Jody / Penny Winkle .............................................. R
Elwood / Laura Armstrong ....................................... R
Lee / Michele Plante ............................................... R
Todd / Davis Riba ................................................ R
Keith “Smoker” Efron / Blythe Bucher ....................... R
Jim / Ann Brown ................................................... R
James / Rosa Kreitlow ............................................ R
Mike Jends .......................................................... R
Steve Wong .......................................................... R
Monte / Jodi Ohrigoge ............................................. R
Dale Morin ........................................................... R
Patrick Sr / Lori Gilles ............................................ R
Sheryl Immel / Joe Goty ......................................... R
Kevin / Michelle Wells ........................................... R
Jeremy / Tammie Black ......................................... R
Richard Adams .................................................... R
LeRoy / Kizzy Zarnke ............................................ R
Brian Hannig / Danita McDowall ................................ R
Shawn / Angel Mackenzie ....................................... R
Nathan Winkle ...................................................... R
Nicholas H / Roxane Espiriti ..................................... R
Colleen Cox ........................................................ R
George Kappas .................................................... R
Scott John / Holly Add ........................................... R
Jeff / Claire Swenson ............................................. R
Terry / Kelli Steeleng ............................................. N
Kevin / Mindy Finn ............................................... N
Randy Deters ........................................................ N
Steve Johnson / Holly Lader ..................................... N
Troy / Nicole Lanie ................................................ N
Vance Meiniqnt ..................................................... N
METRO
Jay Pedersen ....................................................... R
Ron Lischeld ........................................................ R
Stephan / Sandra Stano .......................................... R
Don / Christine Napurski ....................................... R
Rick Wandmacher ................................................ R
Dean / Laurie Wymaw ........................................... R
James Frechette ................................................... R
Doug Vale ........................................................... R
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Ron Soppeland ..................................................... R
Stephen D Waste ................................................ R
John Ewer ........................................................... R
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John Markovich .................................................... R
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Bill / Barb Hathaway .............................................. R
Darik Stense ........................................................ R
Dennis Hatch / Sandra Cape ................................... R
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NORTHEAST
Russ Stehlihus ..................................................... R
Mark Neid ........................................................... R
Robert Berg ........................................................ R
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Christine Iverson ................................................ R
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Anthony Larsen .................................................... R
Rick Lahnit .......................................................... R
Brian / Milijasa Viele ............................................. R
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Jeff Osborn .......................................................... R
Cindy Eljen / Bob Bowes ........................................ R
Bruce Olson ........................................................ R
John McIntyre ....................................................... N
Brady Waldoch .................................................... N
George Andrews .................................................. N
NORTH STAR
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Lance Edelman / Melanie Carlson ............................ R
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RIVER VALLEY
Bob / Sheri Olson ................................................ R
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Joe Dietz ............................................................. R
Thomas Goebel .................................................... R
Lester Windschilt ................................................ R
Dan Larson / Tracy Heideman ................................ R
Kelli Wells ........................................................... R
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Laura Sutter / John Johnson ................................. R
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Diane Torgesen .................................................... R
Robert Nelson / Cheyenne Sanford .......................... R
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Kari Duncan ........................................................ R
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Richard J / Terry D Mahon ..................................... R
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Kris / Maria Schneeberg ....................................... R
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ROLLING PRAIRIE
Thomas / Kari Duncan .......................................... R
Jon W “Trashy” Smith ........................................... R
Dale A Hansen ..................................................... R
Cory / Amy Lorenz .............................................. R
Dan Leidig / Shelly Deutsch ................................... R
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NORTHEAST
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SOUTH CENTRAL
Robert Melin / Lisa Nistler ..................................... R
Bill / Kristy LaPlante ............................................. R
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Marilyn Cairl ........................................................ N
Lori Meggers ........................................................ N
Gale Wright ........................................................ N
Patrick Ourednik ................................................ N
SOUTHEAST LC
Steve Amdahl ..................................................... R
Tom Mitchener .................................................... R
Milt / Shannon Paulsen ......................................... R
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Lyme Brooks ........................................................ R
Jim “Pitsey” Pitts .................................................... R
Shanan Gruenhagen ............................................. R
Michael Smith / Stacia Round ................................ R
Larry Churchill / Brenda Marks ............................... R
Brady Binstock .................................................... N
Bob Thomas ........................................................ N
Todd Dorsey ........................................................ N
Tim Poczin ........................................................ N
TRI-COUNTY
Leisa Carston ..................................................... R
Monte Thue ........................................................ R
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Ron Robinson ....................................................... R
Gerry Simon ........................................................ R
Randy Winkenauer .............................................. R
Anthony Dentz .................................................... N
Daniel / Jade Kerzel ............................................. N
UP NORTH
Bob / Staudohar-Johnson ...................................... R
Ted Johnson ........................................................ R
John Koltermann Sr .............................................. R
Milleden (Sim) Simunovich .................................... R
Bennie / Pete DeNucci ........................................... R
Jim Irving ............................................................ R
Steve Chupurdia / Barb Petersen .............................. R
Dusty Palm ........................................................ R
Eric / Amy Larsen ................................................ R
Daman / April Heinkel .......................................... R
Chris Campbell / Roddy Black ................................ R
Karla Wheeler ...................................................... N
Jamie Freiheit ........................................................ N
John Shallow ...................................................... N
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John / Sheila Hynnek ............................................ N
CLASSIFIED ADS


The Classified Section is open to all members of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. The ads are free of charge and run for a three month period. Photos are acceptable as room permits. No business ads will be accepted.

Send Your Classified Ads to: roadnoise@abatemn.org or mail to Road Noise 16550 226th Ave NW Elk River, MN 55660
A.B.A.T.E. of MN Lake Chapter's

Have some fun this spring!

SPRING RUN

Saturday, JUNE 17

Ride begins at:
RedLodge Grille
104 Summerfield Dr., off Hwy 12.
Waverly, MN

Tickets: $10
Registration at 11:00
Ride departs at Noon

For more information, call Scott Bitzer:
763-286-0136

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Food & Bar Available
$10 Good for both days

May 20-21, 2023
Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3
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11 Classes of Bikes
Loudest Bike Contest
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Sand Dunes
A.B.A.T.E.

Tickets and donations to A.B.A.T.E. of MN are not tax deductible. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the KYSA.

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Lake Chapter has openings for anyone interested in taking one, or both Motorcycle Training Courses this year in June. Improve your skills!

ABATE of MN Lake Chapter is sponsoring all attendees however there is a REFUNDABLE $30.00 deposit required at the time of registration. Deposit will be returned upon attendance. If you sign up, SHOW UP!

**Intermediate Rider Class**
Saturday, June 10, 2023
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Advanced Rider Class**
Sunday, June 11, 2023
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Both will be held at Hennepin Technical College
Brooklyn Park, MN

Classes are limited to 10 riders per class – Act Now!

Please contact Sherry at 952-292-5806 by May 31, 2023 or if you prefer send email to Sedgett50@gmail.com
Bar Stool Racing
Beer Bobbing
Bike Games
Camping
Music
Tattoo Contest
Vendors
Taste of Summer at the Hummer
A Wine / Beer/ Cheese / Sausage Tasting
Must Be 21 With Valid ID to Enter
Absolutely No Pets Allowed

ABATE OF WISCONSIN

ABATE of WI
Summer Hummer
June 15 - 18, 2023

5th Annual Fun Run, Membership Drive and Campout
5th Annual Bike Run

Everyone welcome, you do not have to be an A.B.A.T.E. member to join us on this ride

$20/per person includes light lunch before ride, score card, Burger/ Chips following the ride

Registration begins at 1030am
Games-Prizes-Fun

Ride will begin and end on Private Property
27910 670th Ave Litchfield MN 55355

Saturday June 24th 2023 Kickstands Up at Noon

Can’t join us on the ride- that’s ok come for the music and campout $10 fee does not include burger.
Music/campout on site for A.B.A.T.E members following the ride

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32 May 2023
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
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2023

DIRTY ROTTEN BIKERFEST

Pre Sale $15  Gate $20

Saturday May 6th  Princeton, MN
Gates Open 11am

Multiple Vendors  Live Music All Day  Full Service Bar
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Tattoo Booth  Epic Entertainment  Overnight Parking
And so Much More!!!  Everyone Welcome

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17TH ANNUAL  JULY 7-8-9 2023
A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA PRESENTS:
THE UPPER KETTLE RIVER SHAKEDOWN
LIVE MUSIC AND ACTIVITIES

Friday Lineup
12pm-3pm Crosswinds Band
4pm-8pm Hungover and Hellbound
9pm-1 Bad Jack

Saturday Lineup
10:30 Am Sharp
Memorial Ride leaves
12pm-8pm Gypsy Wagyn
4-8pm The Groove
9pm-1 Chain Lightning

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:
BEER GARDEN,
BEAN BAGS ALL DAY,
CAMPING,
FOOD,
VENDORS, TATTOO,
HUGE BONFIRES NIGHTLY!

SATURDAY ONLY ACTIVITIES:
BIKE GAMES, HUMAN GAMES,
RING TOSS,
AUCTION, MOTORCYCLE SLED PULLS,
APPLE PIE CONTEST & TATOO CONTEST

Admission: Gate Price $25. • Advance Sale Ticket: $20
All tickets include camping. (RV $35 extra. No Hookups)
• Day Pass Available. • No Refunds. Rain or Shine.
All donations to ABATE of Mn. are not tax deductible.

GATES OPEN 9AM. FRIDAY!

DIRECTIONS:
Near Finlayson, MN. From the I-35 Banning Junction (exit 195)
turn west go 1/2 mile to Old Hwy 61
then turn north, go 1/2 mile to Leese Rd  MUST BE 18+
Watch for Signs

For more info: Duane Tchida (320) 515-0232 Jackpineriders.org

NO PETS!
NO GUNS!
CARVER MOTORCYCLE RIDE

HOSTED BY TRI-COUNTY ABATE OF MN
SATURDAY MAY 6TH, 2023

*EVERYONE WELCOME! $20.00 Per Person

*FREE FOOD PROVIDED AT THE LAST STOP!!!

*ONLY $15.00 WITH PURCHASE OF ABATE MEMBERSHIP (must be purchased May 6th)

*Registration starts at 10:30am / Ride leaves at noon rain or shine

*Register at The Dog House Bar in historic Carver, MN starting at 10:30am

*Follow MN TRI-COUNTY A.B.A.T.E. on Facebook for latest details

WIN DOOR PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE RIDE!!!

www.abatemn.org

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PLEASE NOTE:
This issue of Road Noise is full of news, ads, and photos. Some items may be smaller than usual to conform to printing parameters. Every effort has been made to include all the information that was submitted.
MAY 28, 2023

MetroMorial

METRO CHAPTER's
34th Annual Fundraiser
&
1st Annual
Biker Pet
Show & Talent
Contest

LIVE MUSIC | VENDORS | BIKE SHOW
BIKER DOGS | PULLED PORK
SANDWICHES | LOADED POTATOES
ROASTED CORN | FREE POP
FREE BEER Until Gone
[All With Voucher - Wrist Band]

Advance Tickets $15
Tickets at the Door $20

Sunday | May 28, 2023
| noon - 6pm |
Route 47 pub & grub
7820 University Ave. NE
Fridley, mn

WWW METROMN.COM
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### I Want To Be A Part Of A.B.A.T.E.!
(Applicants 18 years of age and older) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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**Dues:**
- ☐ 1 year $30.00 Single or ☐ $50.00 per couple.
- ☐ 2 years $60.00 Single or ☐ $100.00 per couple.
- ☐ 3 years $90.00 Single or ☐ $150.00 per couple.
- ☐ 5 years $150.00 Single or ☐ $250.00 per couple.

Make checks payable to: A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

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