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1) Chapter/Committee Name 2) Next Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place

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

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## **Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:**

American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different types and brands of motorcycles. We are all people with a common interest in a common activity. The fact that we share an interest in motorcycling is more important than the type of motorcycle we ride.

There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss the operation of the organization. In addition, each chapter holds a monthly meeting in their area of the state. A.B.A.T.E. is a member driven organization. Members are encouraged to participate in any of these meetings.

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

Our ability to enjoy many freedoms while riding motorcycles in Minnesota is the direct result of the work done by motorcyclists in our state. These people have joined together to fight for our rights and freedoms.

The efforts of these people have made Minnesota a leader in motorcycle safety. We have one of the toughest licensing standards in the nation, the best public awareness programs, and the most comprehensive rider education programs in the nation. These efforts have helped reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries, and fatalities in spite of the growing number of licensed motorcyclists in Minnesota.

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show your commitment to protecting and preserving your rights as a motorcyclist in Minnesota. Participate in the meetings, rides, and the fundraising activities. You will be informed about the motorcycle activities in the state by receiving Road Noise, the A.B.A.T.E. monthly news publication. A.B.A.T.E. is fun, educational and a great way to meet people and make new friends with similar interests.

With your help, we can continue to promote the positive image of motorcyclists. If you want more information about A.B.A.T.E., please attend any of our meetings, meet other members, and ask questions.

We are pleased that you have decided your rights are worth protecting, that the positive aspects of motorcycling are worth promoting, that education is important, and that the cost of an A.B.A.T.E. membership is a small price to pay to preserve and promote these principles.

Members are the most important thing that A.B.A.T.E. has, so Thank You for becoming a member and we look forward to seeing you at our events.



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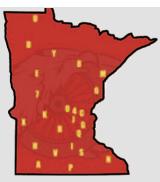
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### American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education of Minnesota

# 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



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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.

When sending an email to me, please sign it. Email messages coming from chapter email accounts do not have automatic signatures. I prefer to know who I'm responding to when I send a reply.

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!

Tane



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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

Tim





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

frank



**DIAL-A-RIDE** 

Nothing new to report



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Boy have I been busy... Elections are done, contact pages for President and Chapter Reps of each Chapter, State Officers & Committee Chairs all got those.

The rush was on for everyone trying to get their membership at the \$20/\$30 rates and so many multi year applications!

Since the beginning of the year I entered 506 applications, and of those 143 were multi year memberships, mostly 5 years. Someone bought a 20 year add on to his already extended membership, that will get him up to his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! I truly hope he is able to use it up! Frank sent his check in a couple of weeks early and marked it to be the 1<sup>st</sup> to be on the higher rate.

So, as you can see it's been a busy time.

As always, print clearly, remember the zip-codes, and when you receive your renewal post card in the mail, simply put it in an envelope with a check and drop in the mail.

See ya down the road!

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Short and Sweet this month. Too much work to do for anything else! The weather is finally warming up, so get out for a ride and sign up a new member.

Mitch



#### **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.

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#### BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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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 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, before the B.O.D.'s. Inventory can be emailed to: gambling@abatemn.org.



#### YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

FRANK ERNST

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 would interest participants. The important thing is we will let the youngster make their own plans so that the activities planned will be of interest to them.

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



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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!

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats Big John



#### PRODUCTS REPORT

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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



#### STATE RALLY REPORT

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**No Report Received** 



#### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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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!

Gary Goracke, Legislative Director



#### WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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We met on April  $2^{nd}$ , at the Ugly Bar in Montrose. We had a good turn out. We looked at reports then



# MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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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  $2^{nd}$  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!

Shelly



#### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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**Next Meeting(s):** 

Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, Phone Meeting, 11:00 am Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, Phone Meeting, 11:00 am

Spring has finally arrived! Ride safely as we wait for the salt and sand to be cleaned up. Check out the Calendar of Events for fundraisers and meetings to attend. Our folders are empty for all the featured articles, we need everyone's help, so send in a few each month.

Tammy

moved on to the nitty gritty. No one had any questions. It took less than an hour to get it all done. The next Ways & Means Committee will meet on July 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Ugly Bar in Montrose.



MRF REPORT

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**Upcoming Event (s):** May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. 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



A.B.A.T.E. University

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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



HISTORIAN

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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





#### GAMBLING REPORT

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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 100<sup>th</sup> birthday." Ron is now paid up until 1/31/2048 (his 100th birthday will be February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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



#### NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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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.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup>, Sand Dunes Spring Ride and Scavenger Hunt, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, registration at 9:00 am with kickstands up at 10:00 am June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, Bernie's Main Dry, Keewatin, 4:00 pm June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### **JACK PINE RIDERS**

#### **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, Near McGregor, 10:00 am

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Hummer, Greenwood, Wisconsin June 29th-July 1st, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona, Iowa July 7th-9th, 17th Annual Jack Pine Riders Upper Kettle River Shakedown, Finlayson August 4th-13th, 83nd 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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

#### CENTRAL

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockfille, 12:00 pm June 4<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm July 9<sup>th</sup>, Stoney's, Rockville, 12:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, BACA 100 Mile Run June 10<sup>th</sup>, Ride for Heroes July 15<sup>th</sup>, Sindaddy Benefit Ride

We are helping raise money for a few causes this summer. The first ride we are helping with is the BACA 100 Mile Run on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Every BACA chapter is having their 100-mile run to help support Child Abuse Children. This year they will have sign up from 9:30 am-11:00 am. KSU at 11:00 am. Also there will be two stops which will be named in next Road Noise.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ride we are helping with is Stoney's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Heroes on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. This year the ride will help raise money for Rockville Fire Dept. These are the three stops along the route; The Watering Hole in Elmdale, CB'S Bar 'n Grill Meire Grove, and the Pearl Lake Lodge in Marty. Afterwards, Stoney's is having a street dance outside the bar with Pandemic Band playing. Registration starts at 9:30 am and KSU at 11:30 am.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> ride we are helping with is the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sindaddy Memorial Ride on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 9:00 am at Stubbs's in Albany and Kick stands up at 11:00 am. Stops will be at Rudolph's Rednecks in Holdingford ETA 11:30 am, Stoney's ETA 2:00 pm, Doochies ETA 4:00 pm. Money Raised will go to U.S. Marshalls Survivor Benefit Fund. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. \$6 burger baskets with chips afterwards. Andrew Sinderman was a Central Chapter member and a U.S. Marshall before his untimely death.

Please come out and help support these great causes. We could also use road guards, who won't have to pay to be on ride if they road guard.

Welcome to riding season and please be safe. Ride Safe Everyone,

- The DLS



#### NORTHEAST

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**Next Meeting(s):** 

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Chalet in Hermantown, 6:30 pm June 7th - The Chalet in Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Still six feet of snow on both sides of our driveway, 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





#### **EAST CENTRAL**

**Next Meeting(s):** 

May 7th, Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

**Upcoming Event(s):** 

May 6th, Dirty Rotten Bikerfest, Princeton

July 7th-8th, Andover Family Fun Fest, City Hall,

July 19th, Joe Boys Run, St Joseph

July 29th, Summer Thunder, Legion, St Francis, time TBD

September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Meeker C. fairgrounds, Litchfield September 8th-10th, Hay Days, East of North Branch on state 95

Incoming officers; President Jim Pierson, VP Jim LaSpisa, Treasurer Toni McChesney, Secretary Kelly 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



The Annual Donnie Smith Bike Show

#### **METRO**

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 9<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm June 13<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm July 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 28<sup>th</sup>, MetroMorial Day Celebration, Route 47 Pub and Grub, Fridley

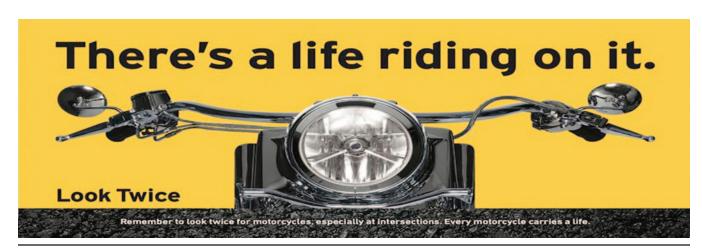
Plan on attending one of our monthly Taco Nights at Casa Rio in Anoka (Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>) between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm. We also have Sunday Brunch events scheduled every other month throughout the spring and summer months. Watch the Metro 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

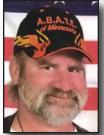
of our chapter products display.

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 years even in 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.







#### NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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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 6<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finns', Badger, 3:00 pm June 11<sup>th</sup>, Spring-Steel Island, Warroad, 3;00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 6th, Borderland Chapter 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Drive, Skippy Finns', 4:00 pm May 16<sup>th</sup>, Borderland Adopt a Highway ditch pickup, meet at Byfuglien Trucking, 4:30 pm 'til done

Happy Spring Borderland!

So, on April 7<sup>th</sup> we were plowing out after a snowstorm with a low of 2 degrees, and on April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bike Show, Runestone Community Center, Alexandria 10:00 am to 5:00 pm May 21<sup>st</sup>, Bike Show, Runestone Community Center, Alexandria 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

Bike registration is May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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



#### Northwest

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Snow Sled, Gentilly, 11:00 am; Ride to follow, weather permitting. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Deuce, Erskine, 11:00 am; Ride to follow, weather permitting.

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 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!





#### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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**No Report Received** 

#### RIVER VALLEY

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm June 11<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade May 12<sup>th</sup>, Spring Ditch Cleanup June 10<sup>th</sup>, Mike Berg and Fallen Friends Ride

#### 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 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade, which is coming up fast on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### STRAIGHT RIVER

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm June 10<sup>th</sup>, Muni, Medford, 1:00 pm July 8<sup>th</sup> Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the Bikes, Fairgrounds, Owatonna, 10:00 am May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska, 7:00 pm June 1<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm (6:30 pm food) July 6<sup>th</sup>, Augusta Ball Park, 7:00 pm (6:30 pm food)

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Augusta Ball Park, 7:00 pm (6:30 pm food)

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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



Evan and his Young Riders 15th birthday cake.



Big John on Paul's 1959 Cushman Scooter.



The horses pulling a carriage.



Tri-County members went on a horse-drawn carriage ride.

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.



State Representative Patty Mueller came to show her support and spoke at the Flatlanders March meeting.





#### **FLATLANDERS**

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Kurt and Alicia Wallace's home, Geneva, 4:00 pm June 24<sup>th</sup>, Buff's Farm, 10:00 am July - no meeting

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Washout south of Albert Lea at Northbound I35 Rest stop, 11:00 am -1:00 pm June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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



### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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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.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 7:00 pm June 7<sup>th</sup>, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm July 5<sup>th</sup>, Off Center Tavern & Grill, Clara City, 7:00 pm

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Riverside Tavern, Forest City, 7:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Bike Show, Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

May 31st, Ditch Clean-up, Odd Fellow's Park, 6:00 pm

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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



24<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

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 with 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 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>srd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND May 6<sup>sth</sup>, Tap Takeover, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm May 15<sup>st</sup> - 16<sup>st</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

#### **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 13<sup>th</sup>, St. James Golf Course, St. James, 3:00 pm June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 9:00 am

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND May 13<sup>th</sup>, Washout, St. James Rest Area, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm May 13<sup>th</sup>, Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup, 1:00 pm May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Our chapter is riding to Apol's Open House in Raymond after our May meeting and ditch pick up. With warmer temps among us, our meetings will be set up at area parks, with a ride after. Bring someone to the next meeting!!

- Keep your knees in the breeze, Gypsy Mama





#### LAKE

#### **Next Meeting(s):**

May 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Mound, 3:00 pm June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Missile Park, St. Boni, 3:00 pm July 8<sup>th</sup>, Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm

#### **Upcoming Event(s):**

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bismarck, ND May 6<sup>th</sup>, Great Minnesota Washout,

Hasty rest area, 9:00 am - noon

May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tri-County Chapter Motorcycle Run May 7<sup>th</sup>, Ditch pick up, St. Boni Community Center, 11:00 am

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Run, American Legion, Hopkins, 9:00 am to Ft. Snelling, 12:00 pm for remaining sites

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, Lake Chapter motorcycle training courses

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

# 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:

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Date	Chapter	Location	Time	Date	Chapter	Location	Time
4/30/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's, Orrock	5:00 PM	5/28/23	Metro Chapter MetroMorial Day Celebration	Pouto 47 Dub & Crub Fridley	40 0.00 DM
5/3/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM	5/28/23	Northwest Chapter Spring Ride	Route 47 Pub & Grub, Fridley St. Hilaire	12-6:00 PM
5/3/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM	5/31/23	South Central Chapter Ditch Clean-up	Odd Fellow's Park	6:00 PM
5/3/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	7:00 PM	6/1/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Memorial Park, Shakopee, food at 6:30 pm	7:00 PM
5/4/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar and Grill, Chaska	7:00 PM	6/2/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
5/5/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM	6/3/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Bonifacious	3:00 PM
5/6/23	Borderland Chapter 24th Annual Membership			6/3/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	The Deuce, Erskine - Ride to Follow	11:00 AM
0/0/23	Drive	Skippy Finns, Badger	4:00 PM	6/3/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	9:00 AM
5/6/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finns, Badger	3:00 PM	6/3/23	Rolling Prarie Kickstart Run	Registration 10:30 - 11:45 am	12:00 PM
5/6/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Tap Takeover	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	5:00 - 9:00 PM	6/4/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
5/6/23	Dirty Rottten Bikerfest	Princeton Speedway, Princeton	11:00 AM	6/5/23	Metro Chapter Taco Noght	Caso Rio, Anoka	4:00 - 8:00 pm
5/6/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM	6/7/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Horse Shoe Bar, Lake Lillian	7:00 PM
5/6/23	Great Minnesota Washout	Hasty Restaurant	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	6/10/23	Laka Chantas Matassusla Tasinina Causana		
5/6/23	Motorcycle Awareness Parade	Rochester		6/10/23	Lake Chapter Motorcycle Training Courses  Publication Committee Meeting	Phone Meeting	11:00 AM
5/6/23	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Snow Sled, Gentilly, ride to follow	11:00 AM	6/10/23	Ride for Heroes	r none weeding	11.00 AW
5/6/23	South Central Chapter Spring Fling	Mug Shots Bar & Grill, Cosmos	11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	0/10/23	River Valley Chapter - Mike Berg Memorial		
5/6/23	Tri-County Carver Motorcycle Ride	The Dog House, Carver, registration 10:30 am	12:00 PM	6/10/23	Ride		
5/6/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	Theodore Slen Park, Madison	12:00 PM	6/10/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Medford Municipal, Medford	1:00 PM
5/7/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM	6/11/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Spring-Steel Island, Warroad	3:00 PM
5/7/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM	0/44/00			
5/7/23	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick up	St. Bonifacious Community Center	11:00 AM	6/11/23	Lake Chapter Motorcycle Training Courses		
5/7/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Mound	3:00 PM	6/11/23	River Valley Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/7/23				6/11/23			
3/1/23	Straight River Chapter Blessing of the Bikes	Fairground, Owatonna	10:00 AM		Sand Dunes 3rd Annual Bike Show and Rodeo		9:00 AM
5/8/23	Metro Chapter Taco Noght	Caso Rio, Anoka	4:00 - 8:00 pm	6/11/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	KJ's, Orrock	10:00 AM
5/9/23	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM	6/11/23	Up North Chapter Meeting	Knucklehead's Bar, Hill City	4:00 PM
5/12/23	River Valley Spring Ditch Cleanup	Moose Lodge, Faribault		6/13/23	Metro Chapter Meeting  A.B.A.T.E. of WI, Summer Hummer	VFW, Coon Rapids Greenwood, WI	7:00 PM
5/13/23	Publication Committee Meeting	Phone Meeting	11:00 AM	6/15/23 6/16/23	A.B.A.T.E. of WI, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
5/13/23	Rolling Prairie Adopt-A-Highway		1:00 PM	6/17/23	A.B.A.T.E. of WI, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
5/13/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	St. James Golf Course	3:00 PM	6/17/23	Lake Chapter Spring Run	Red Lodge, Waverly	
5/13/23	Rolling Prairie Washout	St. James Rest Area	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM		A.B.A.T.E. of WI, Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI	
5/13/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Moose Lodge, Faribault	1:00 PM	6/18/23	· ·	·	
5/14/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM	6/18/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	End Zone Bar & Grill, Rutledge	1:00 PM
5/14/23	Up North Chapter Meeting	Bernie's Main Dry, Keewatin	4:00 PM	6/20/23	Sand Dunes Spring Scavenger Hunt Ride	KJ's, Orrock - kick stands up at 10:00 a.m.	
5/15/23	Bikers in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.		6/24/23	Flatlanders Border Blast Ride	Buff's Farm, registration 11:00	12:00 PM
5/16/23	Bikers in the Beltway	Washington, D.C.		6/24/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Buff's Farm	10:00 AM
5/16/23	Borderland chapter Adopt a Highway ditch pick	Meet at Byfuglien trucking	4:30 PM till done	6/24/23	South Central Chapter Fun Run	LaPlante's, 27910 670th Ave, Litchfield	10:30 AM
0/10/20	ир	INICEL OL DYTUGIICH LI UCKING	4.50 T W till dolle	6/29/23	A.B.A.T.E. Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
5/20/23	BACA 100 Mile Run			6/30/23	A.B.A.T.E. Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
5/20/23	East Central Spring Ride			7/1/23	A.B.A.T.E. Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
5/20/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Wallace's home	4:00 PM		A.B.A.T.E. Iowa Freedom Rally	Algona, IA	
5/20/23	Flatlanders Chapter Washout	135 Northbound south of Albert Lea	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7/2/23	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
5/20/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Bike Show	Runestone Community Center, Alexandria		7/5/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Off Center, Clara City	7:00 PM
5/20/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Road Guard and			7/6/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Augusta Ball Park, Food @6:30 pm	7:00 PM
0/20/20	Advanced Rider Course	Detroit Lakes		7/7/23	Andover Family Fun Fest	Andover City Hall	
5/20/23	North Star Chapter Meeting	Lobos, Shevlin	4:00 PM	7/7/23	Jack Pine Rider's Upper Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
5/20/23	Sand Dunes Scavenger Hunt Ride	KJ's, Orrock, Registration 9:00 AM	10:00 AM	7/8/23	Andover Family Fun Fest	Andover City Hall	
5/21/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Bike Show	Runestone Community Center, Alexandria		7/8/23	Jack Pine Rider's Upper Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
5/21/23	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Sunnybrook Park, Wadena	5:00 PM		Lake Chapter Meeting	Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point	0.00 DM
5/21/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	1:00 PM	7/8/23	' v		3:00 PM
5/21/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Road Cleanup	Marge's Pub & Grub, Brook Park	10:00 AM	7/8/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's, Owatonna	1:00 PM
5/21/23	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Mabel	11:00 AM	7/9/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Stoney's, Rockville	12:00 PM
5/21/22	Straight River Chapter Breakfast/Brunch			7/9/23	Jack Pine Rider's Upper Kettle Shakedown	Finlayson	
5/21/23	Fundraiser	Morristown		7/11/23	Sand Dunes Bike Show and Rodeo	KJ's, Orrock	11:00 - 5:00 pm
5/26/23	Northwest Chapter Spring Ride	St. Hilaire		7/15/23	Sindaddy Benefit Ride		<u> </u>
5/27/22		9 a.m Ft Snelling - Balance of Ride American		7/16/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Village Bar & Grill, Rutledge	1:00 PM
5/27/23	Lake Chapter Memorial Run	Legion - Hopkins	12:00 PM	7/19/23	Joe Boys Run	St. Joseph	1.00 FWI
5/27/23	Northwest Chapter Spring Ride	St. Hilaire			· ·		
				7/21/23	Summary Party - Southeat LC	Isle of Dreams Bar and Event Center	
				7/29/23	East Central Summer Thunder Ride	American Legion, St. Francis	TBD

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR MARCH 2023

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BORDERLAND	John A NelsonR	NORTHEAST	Jeremy /Tammie Black
Roger Hoffman	Mike / Ruth RamsayR	Russ Stahlbusch	Dana Syverson
Jim Carriere R	Mark KoonR	Steve Maasch	Michael Hanson
Mike Solsten R	Dan / Jessica CooperR	Robert Berg	Steve Bachler
Shannon / Denise OstbyR	Ethan BlackN	Ed /Cherrie McPhailR	Sean / Anne Peacock
Richard MosherR	John Hanson N	Christine Iverson	Mike Landwehr
Keith BitzerR	JACK PINE RIDERS	Richard /Anna MontgomeryR	Terry Sauer
Marlin Nelson R	Don /Bobbi SchultzR	Anthony YoungR	Jade Knopf /Anna Packard
Jeff NewtonR	Derrell / Jean C. Jensen R	Rick LahtiR	Carolyn Black
Boyd OlmsteadR	Rick /Patty Volk	Brian /Miijalisa Viele	SOUTH CENTRAL
John BolekR	David ZaunR	Ben /Ashley HandR	Robert Melin /Lia Nistler
Jeremy GrindelandN	Jeremy Soder /Ann Lang R	Jeff Osborn	Bill / Kristy LaPlante
James RindeN .	Fred Sr /Barb BowenR	Cindy Blair	Lisa Tracy
BUFFALO RIDGE	Scott Ledin/Renee MuscovitzR	Bruce OlsonN	Danny /Angie Cairl
Janice /Wayne Petersen R	Shawn / Lisa BromenR	John McIntyre N	Marilyn Cairl
DJ PersonN	Tammy Guss	Brady WaldochN	Lori Meggers
CENTRAL	Wayne Horan	George AndrewsN	Gale Wright
Dennis HommerdingR	Matt Lewis	Randall Lain /Chris TownsendN	Patrick Ouradnik
Raymond /Donna Mae LehmeierR	James BeckmanN	NORTH STAR	SOUTHEAST LC
Don /Diane HommerdingR	Terry KeplerN	Terry E /Sharon L. Johnson R	Steve Amdahl
Dale MorinR	Gina Horton	Allen Foster	Tom Mitchener
Ryan / Breanna JanischR	Erick /Katie StoreboN	Lance Edelman /Melanie Carlson .R	Milt / Shannon Paulsen
Ray P Davis Lori Davis	LAKE	John / Belita Lom	James "Tiny" Vandemark
		Jake Howard /Elena Brustad R	
Angie Webb-Darwin/	Jim Kosse		Ricky / Terry Panek
Chad Marchand	, ,	Lynn /Kim Tjolsen	Derek Berg
Kevin / Shannon Branchaud R	Elwood / Laura ArmstrongR		
	Lee /Michelle Plante R		Reggie /Jane Folkers
Michael Ruth	Todd / Dawn Riba	Bob Finkle	David T /Rebecca A Murphy
Matthew Udovich	Keith "Smoker" Efron/	Brian Gagner	Colter / Codie Deutsch
Eben Du PlessisN	Blythe Bucher		Paul Tjepkes
Jason HeatonN	Jim / Ann Brown	Bob /Sheri Olson	Travis /Harlie Swanson
David / Dana BeamN	James / Rosa Kreitlow R	Jacob Dietz	Chris /Amber Lee Goettig
Brian SandenN	Mike Jencks R	Joe DietzR	STRAIGHT RIVER
Marcus J HenneN	Steve Wong R	Thomas Goebel	Hans Junkers
Ken/ Lisa MelroseN	Monte/Jodi OhlroggeR	Lester Windschitl	Lynne Brooks
EAST CENTRAL	Dale MorinR	Dan Larson/ Tracy HeidemanR	Jim "Pittsy" Pitts
Jeffrey "Captain" JohnsonR	Patrick Sr /Lori Gilles	Kelli WellsR	Shanan Gruenhagen
Rachel MolinaN	Sheryl Immel /Joe GotyR	Jason / Leslie JacobsonR	Michael Smith /Stacia Round F
FLATLANDERS	Kevin / Michele Wells	Luther "Luke" Johnson/	Larry Churchill /Brenda Marks N
Greg / Kara BougheyR	Jeremy /Tammie BlackR	Laura Kiecker R	Brady Binstock
Carol Williams	Richard AdamsR	Wyman ForbrookR	Bob Thomas
Frank "Ozzy" Voeltz/	LeRoy /Krissy ZarnkeR	Larry Woitas	Todd Dorsey
Rebecca "Vixen"R	Brian Hannig /Danita McDowallR	Diane Torgusen	Tim Poncin
Steve /Becki PetersenR	Shawn / Angel MackenzieR	Robert Nelson /Cheyenne Sanford R	TRI-COUNTY
Nick Krebsbach R	Nathan WinkleR	Luke Eichberger /Jeana CareyR	Leisa Carston
Benjamin GerholdtR	Nicholas H /Roxeann EspirituR	Don BredesonR	Monte Thue
Sebastian /Harlee VokonR	Colleen CoxR	Kari DuncanR	Jason/Heather Swenson
James HandtN	George KappasR	Christopher / Ruth SchreberR	Ron Robinson
FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS	Scott /Maggie BushieN	Kari Severson	Gerry Simon
Jeff BeattieR	Jeff /Clare SwensonN	Richard J / Terry D MahonN	Randy Wickenhauser
Bob /Brenda JespersenR	Terry /Kelli StengleinN	Gerald FredricksR	Anthony Dentz
Butch / Donna Jackson R	Kevin / Mindy Finn	Kris /Maria SchneebergN	Daniel /Jade Kerzel
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Ted Warren R	Troy / Nicole LanieN	Thomas /Kari Duncan R	Ted Johnson
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Kevin SwedalN	Stephen / Sandra StanoR	Francis Wagner	Steve Chupurdia/ Barb Peterson
Jesse LeGrand N	Don / Christine Napurski R	Jeff Williamson	Dusty Palm
Chris ClapshawN	Rick Wandmacher	Randy Kroon/ Lori GoddenR	Eric /Amy Larsen
GLACIAL RIDGE	Dean /Laurie WymanR	Steph Markey	Damian /April Heinkel
Mary ThielkeR	James French	Jeff Benson R	Chris Campbell /Rocky Boriin l
Robert M RooneyR	Doug ValeR	Donald Keim/ Gail HagenR	Karla Wheeler
David Johns /Sandra FahjeR	Brian Ladoux / Diana Kommer R	Trevor Kroon R	Jamie Freiheit
Dan "Hives" Bursaw	Cynde Aydt	Matthew Kluck	John Shalloe
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Heidi OlsonR	John Ewer	Andy /Mandy FischN	Stanley /Elise Henning
Mike /Angela Movrich	Steve SchmitN	Doug /Becky SchultzN	Michelle Schenach
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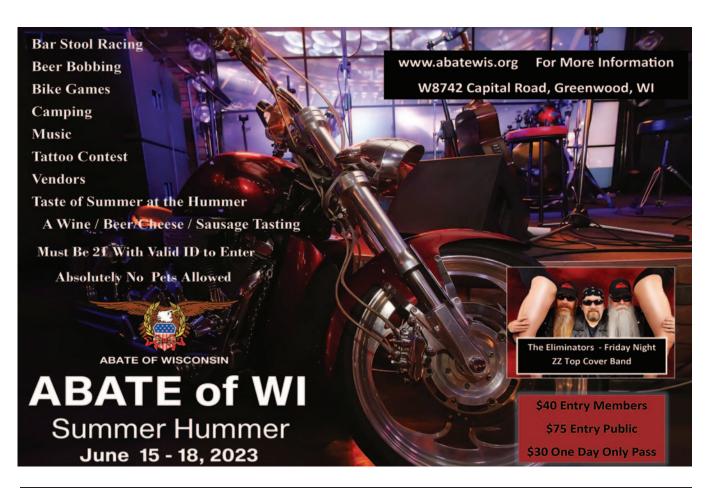
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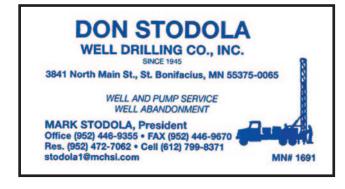
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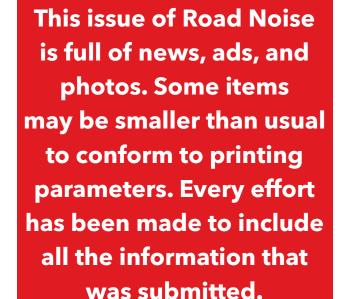
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