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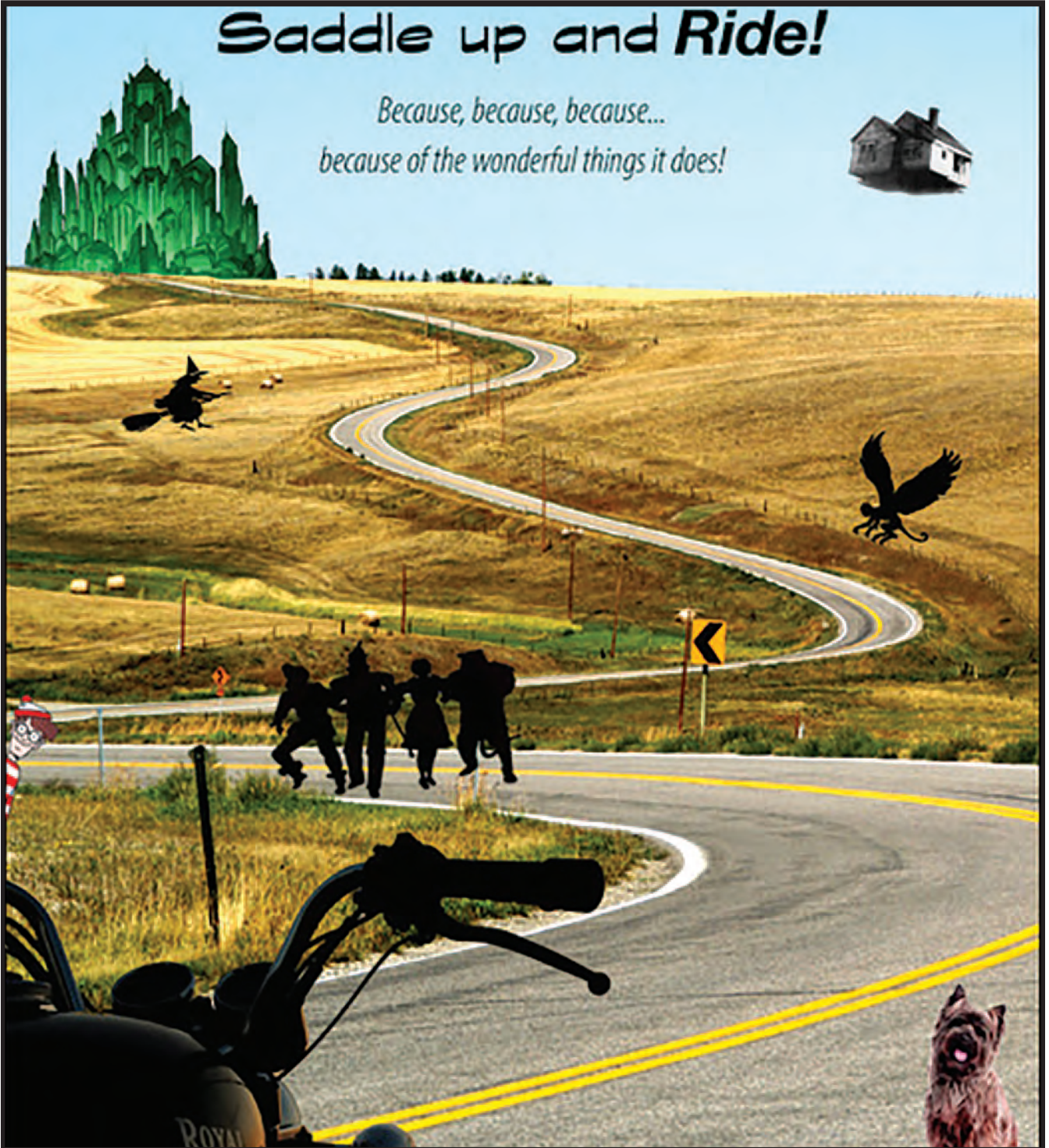
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- 2) Next Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place
- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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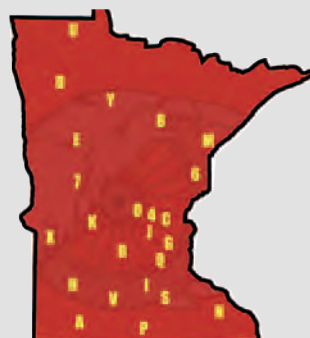
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss 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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Without our members sharing ideas and raising money, A.B.A.T.E. would not exist. Our chapters are critical to the growth of the organization. The executive board oversees 24 chapters and approximately 16 committees. Together, with the help of our chapter representatives and individual

members, we share ideas on how to educate and raise awareness of motorcycle issues.

Have you attended a board of directors meeting to hear first hand how many topics are discussed? Do you share your ideas at a chapter meeting? Thank you to those of you who put in the effort to share ideas and get involved at the chapter and/or the state level! You are appreciated!!

Bikerday will be here before you know it. Please plan to attend. Contact your legislators to let them know how you feel about issues that are important to you. Remember - be polite!

Enjoy the cool riding days of fall!

Jane



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Well, thanks to everyone that was able to attend the rally, I hope you all had as much fun as I did, even though it was way too hot. But fun was still had by all or most.

I want to thank everyone that helped at the rally and over the year to put the rally on. It takes a lot of volunteers and

every volunteer is appreciated.

And thanks to all of our sponsors that helped with equipment and donations.

I don't have much else at this time. I've been a little busy taking a few vacations this summer, and when I was going to sit down and write my grapevine, I had a little trouble at the minimart with our point-of-sale terminal. I love to sit on hold and wait for somebody to try and figure out how to make it work.

Till next time,

Jim

BIKERDAY - MARCH 13TH, 2024



Stand and Be Counted

The Motorcycle Rights world is facing some serious challenges that could have serious consequences for our lifestyle.

Many Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MRO's) are facing declining membership. The so-called self driving cars are killing and injuring bikers without any concern from the federal regulators. Our access to the fuels that we want to run and are recommended by the manufactures are under attack. In some cases using the wrong fuel could void the warranty of the motorcycle. The internal combustion engine is clearly under attack. How are 500,000 bikers going to plug in at Sturgis? How are all of the RV's and motorcycles going to plug in at the A.B.A.T.E. of MN Rally? Bikers continue to get profiled by law enforcement. I don't believe any citizens of the U.S. should be singled out by law enforcement for what they ride or wear.

People involved in motorcycle rights and the motorcycle industry are growing very

concerned about these challenges and others. Motorcycle rights organizations, shop owners, aftermarket people, and motorcycle clubs face all of these challenges together. People and groups that have not always got along have found ways to set aside their differences to work together to protect and preserve our lifestyle. They have been getting together face to face to discuss the issues that are of concern and great things are happening as result

A.B.A.T.E. of MN has always been recognized as a leader in the motorcycle rights world and the time has come to lead again. We need a "Summit" in Minnesota to bring together groups like A.B.A.T.E., NCOM, The MRF, The St. Croix Valley Riders, MMCC, MCC, AMA, and any other interested parties to stand and be counted. We don't have to walk down the street arm-and-arm, we don't even need to be on the same side of the street but we need to find a way to at least walk in the same direction without throwing stones at each other. The point of no return is on the horizon and the time for action is now. There is an ancient proverb that says "***The enemy of my enemy is my friend***" and I will leave you with a quote that I read on a Jackpine Gypsies t-shirt, "***Guard well your Freedom, once gone it's Hell to get back***".

Stand and Be Counted,
Todd Riba, Concerned Biker



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As we come into fall, and one of the best riding times of the year, check out our Calendar of Events. I am sure there will be some Fall Colors Runs and other fundraisers to support

individual chapters and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

This is also the time of year that we start thinking about next years budget. If you are a committee chair, please send your budget to me by December 1st. Any member can suggest items to myself, the Ways and Means Committee or Jane, our State Coordinator. New programs have been starting and will make a difference to all motorcyclists. Make sure your voice is heard!

Later, Mitch



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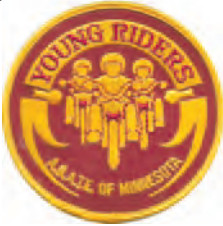
State office is finally getting back to normal. I spent nine days in Litchfield helping with

Rally set up. I brought my computer along, but I couldn't get WIFI.

Otherwise, nothing new to report.

Keep on, keepin on!

Shelly Deutsch



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We had a quick meeting squeezed in at the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally. We discussed the possibility of trying to get some activities lined up that young riders may like to help with and participate in at our October B.O.D. If we get things worked out, we will send a message to all contacts on our Zoho e-mail letting people know.

We also discussed giving students that participated in rider training utilizing an A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders scholarship a Young Riders complimentary membership.

A person has suggested we try to put together some type of book or list with names of businesses or activities that would offer Young Rider discounts. This could be local businesses that have products or services of interest to our Young Riders, admission to motorcycle races of events, admission to a go cart track, a business selling motorcycle apparel, accessory, or parts stores. It could be local restaurants, ice cream shops, anything that would be of interest to young people and that the provider would benefit from introducing their business to our members. If you have ideas on how, who or where to help make this work please let us know.

I know it is a long way off (March) but I want to encourage everyone to be thinking about inviting young people close to you to join us at Bikerday at the Capitol this year. Bringing young people with us helps make a

connection with some legislators and it gives young people an introduction to the legislative process. The young people of today will be the ones carrying on our fight as time passes. Let's start teaching them.

The last item I want to mention is we have some Young Rider Supporters who's support period will end in November. If those supporters renew their supporter listing before reaching their expiration month their beginning date will not change.

For more information on how to become a Young Rider Supporter see the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website, click on links/resources, Young Riders, Become a proud supporter.

Here is the list of current supporters. Thanks to each one and to each chapter.

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- Jane Doyle June 23 - November, 23
- Dan Matzdorff June 23 - November, 23
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Greetings,

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists mourns the loss of an icon within the motorcycle rights movement, William H. "Bill" Bish.

He was the current Public Relations Liaison for NCOM and AIM. His dedication and passion will be missed, may he Ride in Peace.

N1D - Dale

Time again to order bears for the 2024 riding season. Don't forget you have to send in a Buddy Bear Inventory by October 10th to be compliant.

See you all at B.O.D. with packets.
Love you all. Stay safe.

Ma Bear
Sharon Polman



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Numbers, Numbers, Numbers..... so many things to talk about, so here it is.

The Rally Memberships are all done and sent to be printed. Here is the breakdown: we had 109 memberships purchased at the gate, 60 of these were new, and 49 were renewals. I have a breakdown of each Chapter:

- Sand Dunes4 new & 3 renewals
- Jack Pine Riders1 renewal
- Freedom First Riders . .3 new & 1 renewal
- South Central14 new & 6 renewal
- East Central4 new & 2 renewals
- Heart of the Lakes . . .2 new & 3 renewals
- Metro9 new & 6 renewals
- River Valley5 new & 1 renewal
- Lakenew & 9 renewals,
- Glacial Ridge2 new & 2 renewals
- Southeast LC2 renewals
- Central2 new & 2 renewals

- Flatlanders2 new
- Tri-Co1 new & 1 renewal
- Straight River1 renewal
- Borderland1 renewal
- Rolling Prairie1 renewal
- Way West4 new & 6 renewal
- North Star1 renewal

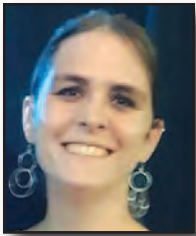
The September report was pretty disappointing we lost 249 members....

The chapter with the highest increase was Northwest with a +12! We had 2 chapters with the next highest increase, Lake and Tri-Co with a +4. The 3rd place for highest was a tie also, Glacial Ridge & Way West. These two chapters had no increase but had no losses either.

I'm not mentioning any chapter names, but we had some pretty high losses. The highest losses were -42, -40, & -33. So we need to figure out where our members are going and why they are leaving.

See ya down the road!

Shelly Deutsch



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October 16th, Rancho Grande, Monticello,
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November 21st, Rancho Grande, Monticello,
6:00 pm

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- History of ABATE of Minnesota
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- Principles of Leadership

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ST. PAUL, Minn. - The number of deadly motorcycle crashes is down slightly in Minnesota and state officials want that trend to continue. Office of Traffic Safety Director Mike Hanson said there have been 55 fatalities compared to 69 at this time last year. "We still have two months left of our riding season and we [have to] be aware," Hanson said. "Those motorcycles are out there. We need to pay attention."

All that have Dial-A-Ride trailers, we are coming to the end of riding season only 28 days left, thank you.

The Rally was awesome, we had a lot of help with ice this year, might have had something to do with the shirts. Sales were 169 - five-pound bags and 302 - twenty-pound bags of ice, the hot weather helped also.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this on your calendar and let's make this the biggest Bikerday yet. The projected date when registration will be open is November 1st.

LEGISLATION

The following are bills that have been introduced. Please note we are watching closely. With the upcoming session we are expecting crazy to come out of the Capitol.

SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light.

SF 2573/HF 2376 Motorcycle sales tax. Support

HF2365/SF 2395 Motorcycle sales tax. Support

SF 1598/HF 1337 Digital Fair Repair Act. Oppose, specifically states not for motorcycles.

HF2630/SF 2178 Electric Vehicle Surcharge - This states that motorcycles will get charged \$30.

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

Gary Goracke



GAMBLING REPORT

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I would like to thank everyone who helped make the State Rally raffle's a success. The funds we raised will help us continue to help the many worthy organizations that our community supports so they can continue their excellent work.

Now the Gambling Committee has already turned their attention to the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle. This year our top prize is going to be \$29,999. Yes, you read that right, \$29,999. To make this a success we will need a concerted effort by all the chapters to get out and sell these tickets. I have confidence you will not let us down! We will be handing out the first group of tickets to your Chapter Reps at the October B.O.D. in Detroit Lakes, so get on those sales hats and let us have some fun.

Dan

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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This article picks up where the last one left off, an overview of our July meeting. Kent, an advisor from the MNDOT highway engineering department, will be joining us from now on, when available. In July he spoke of getting the task force involved with experimental anti-slip paint surfaces for the Minnesota roadways. Currently, glass beads are added to the paint for nighttime illumination purposes. This creates a slippery surface during wet conditions. As trained motorcyclists, we know to avoid painted surfaces during wet road conditions. But that can't always be avoided.

In July I found myself riding in a torrential rain storm with poor visibility. While entering a roundabout on Hwy 7, I tried my best to avoid the crosswalk paint but failed. My rear wheel busted loose and kicked out. Fortunately, I kept the bike upright and arrived home safely, but soaked. MNDOT will be experimenting with adding gravel in with the glass beads for increased traction. Perhaps the task force will have an opportunity to test how motorcycles

handle on this new paint formula.

A discussion was had regarding the motorcycle safety month proclamation (from the task force) that never came to fruition last May. The task force came up with a suitable proclamation, but somewhere along the way, it was never published. This is something we can focus on as a group to make happen for next May.

Lastly, I would like to touch on the current motorcyclist fatality statistics. As I write this, there have been 54 fatalities this year. On this same day last year, there were 65. Last year was one of the worst in many years with a final total of 82. We are behind last's totals, hopefully we can stave off this increasingly fatal trend. Please consider riding within your skill set and reducing your risk factors in ways that are acceptable to you as a rider.

The task force meeting is in a couple of weeks from when this article was written. I will have new information to share at the October board meeting.

For now, make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

Jon Fernholz

*Harmony
Lillie*

*Photo
Coming!*

MARKETING DIRECTOR

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Hi,
I wanted to thank everyone for letting me take pictures this weekend. I have over 1200 pictures and if you have something you want specifically, let me know. My hashtag was used, thank you to those who did it. You can still add it to your posts. #mnstaterally23 I will be at the next B.O.D. and if you need me, can you let me know beforehand? I tend to hide.

Harmony:)



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Next Meeting(s):

October 15th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm
November 11th, via phone, 11:00 am

With fall here we will hopefully still see some great riding weather, be sure and check the Road Noise Calendar of Events for Chapter fall rides and join in for some fun and great fall scenery.

Our committee is always looking for all featured articles, so on your fall ride take a few pics and send them to us.

Tammy

*Kristy
Luhman*

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WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

October 15th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello biker family and friends!

Since it is now beginning to act like fall outside, do you have all the cold weather riding gear out? Could you use some more? Well, I have just the thing for you. I have sweatshirts both with and without hoods in a variety of colors and black. I also have windbreakers and a few lined windbreakers as well as new stocking caps. I will be bringing some of these to the October B.O.D. in Detroit Lakes later this month. But if you want to make sure I have your size please email or text me the size and colors you would like me to bring.

If you are having a fundraiser this fall or winter and want State Products there, please send me your request as soon as possible. Now that summer is on its way out, I have a lot of things to catch up on at home, but I am willing to travel for my family and friends.

If you need something for an auction, please email or text me that info as well and I will try to make something work.

If you have ideas for new things that you would like to see in State Products, please email me with as much info as you can gather, and I will see what I can come up with. I currently have a few ideas being worked on by a few people and hope to have information to share at the B.O.D. in October.

Ride safe until next time,

Kari Duncan



EDUCATION

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With just under a month left in the rider training season, Young Riders scholarship applications are starting to slow down. It has been a whirlwind for me, but as it slows, it will free up more time to reach out to those kids that completed their training course and offer them a free membership to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Young Riders Program. Currently, we have paid for 51 kids this year to take the Basic Rider Course. That equates to \$12,495 in gambling funds that have been spent on training these kids this year. Please keep this in mind when selling and purchasing A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota raffle tickets, because this is where a lot of the money is going. Attendance reports so far show 88% of the scholarship recipients have attended their courses we paid for. I would have predicted less attendance considering the stigma surrounding this younger generation. This is encouraging news, there is hope for this young generation after all! Either way, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is Training and Educating young motorcyclists!

Since my last article, the Northwest district had their district rider training event in Bemidji. Unfortunately, only three of 11 potential seats in the class were filled. We hoped for more participation, but it did not happen. There have been some really good suggestions/constructive criticism on improvements regarding communication, planning, and implementation of this program in the future that the Education Committee will take into consideration. Please keep in mind, this is a new program, and you never start a race at the finish line. There is plenty of work to be done to make this endeavor successful in the future.

I continue to receive reports from those that are giving Share the Road presentations. A huge thank you to those that are doing this, you know who you are. If you are giving these presentations but have not reported them, please do so. That is all I have for now.

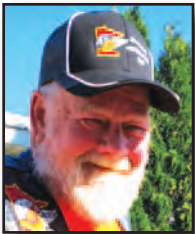
"Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself."

-John Dewey

Jon Fernholz



DIAL - A - RIDE ENDS THE LAST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER!



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Well, the 35th Annual A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Rally is in the books! Did you attend? The total number through the gate will be given at the B.O.D. meeting in October in Detroit Lakes.

Here are a couple of things we noticed this year, not as many volunteers signing up during shifts, as each Chapter raised their flag, one flag was laying there alone waiting to be put up, but nobody showed up.

Next year the Rally will be under new leadership, again, show up in October at the B.O.D. Meeting to hear the news. I thank the committee members for helping me out the last seven years. Without this help the Rally would not have happened.

Special thanks go out to all of our sponsors, without them it would not happen either. Steffes Auction, Schlauderaff Implement, Farm Rite Equipment, and KLFD Radio.

Randy Prochazka



2023 A.B.A.T.E. ROYALTY

Way West ran away with both the King and Queen trophies for the 1st Annual A.B.A.T.E. Royalty Pageant. Congratulations to Queen LeAnn Ruby and King Jacob Thell.



WRITE TO RIDE

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Last month I provided a very short description of laws that were passed in the most recent state legislative session. I squeezed it down and it still took a full page to fit everything in. There were not very many things directly related to motorcycling, I think that is because they were busy working on a budget that included making the 16.5-billion-dollar surplus disappear. As Gary mentioned in his report last month some items that were introduced and are pending include SF 2132 Motorcycle ground light. SF 2573/HF 2376 Motorcycle sales tax. HF2365/SF 2395 Motorcycle sales tax. SF 1598/HF 1337 Digital Fair Repair Act. • HF2630/SF 2178 Electric Vehicle Surcharge - This states that motorcycles will get charged \$30.

Last month in her report Jane asked "What do you think our A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota legislative priorities should be?" What priorities do you think we should focus on, are you willing to help, willing to take part, willing do what needs to be done to reach those goals?

CLASSIFIED ADS

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If you recall in 2022, we faced a bill that would require motorcyclists to have un/under insured insurance coverage on their motorcycles. Do you think that is forgotten about or is it possible it will crop up again during the 2024 legislative session? As I have reported previously when I testified in committee on that insurance bill the statement Minnesota does not have an adult motorcycle helmet law was made multiple times.

As I watch the direction our state is currently going, I am truly concerned, it may not be long before we are fighting for freedom of adult choice again. I see multiple issues at risk, mandatory un/under insured insurance, electric vehicle mandates, restrictions on or elimination of motorcycles to make way for the introduction of self-driving cars not capable of recognizing motorcycles.

Do any of these possibilities concern you? Will you want to get involved? Here are a few suggestions on how you can help. W2R (Write 2 Ride), send letters, make phone calls, talk with your legislators. Bikerday at the Capitol, (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th) plan to be there, register in advance, show up for your appointment and share your opinion. PCR (Political Contribution Refund) help candidates and or political parties who support your opinion, elect people who will work to support our position on issues.

I am sure you will hear more about how to help as we move toward the next state legislative session. If you have questions, want to volunteer, or need help please reach out. Keep in mind if everyone helps it works, we can win.

Thanks for reading.

frank



MRF REPORT

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Hello everyone,

As riding season comes to a close for the 2023 season there is still a lot of work to be done when it comes to our motorcycle freedoms. There are call to actions that still need to be addressed by our senators and representatives.

S.2090 "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act" and H.R.906 "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act". These are very important and need our Senators and Representatives to sign on to. None of them are signed onto either bill.

I want to thank everyone that brought chili and everyone who sampled them at the State Rally this year. We had nine different types of chili. It was a close competition in all three categories. Congratulations to our winners.

Meeting of the Minds was held just a couple weeks ago in Harrisburg, PA. The MRF set up the legislative agenda for 2024. I will have more details in next months report. Thank you to all the chapters for being sustaining members and everyone who are members of the MRF.

With the little bit of riding left for this year please ride responsibly and safely. And always, if you have an event or meeting that you would like an MRF representative at please let me know so that we can make arrangements to be there.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Jay Hickok

MRF State Representative

State Rally Chili Contest Winners!





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ATTENTION ALL A.B.A.T.E. of MINNESOTA MEMBERS:

Do I have your attention? Good I hope so. I NEED YOU!

I have found a lot of holes in our history as an organization, which makes it rather disappointing and hard to connect the dots. I have received questions from chapters regarding their history. However, most chapters have not given the past historians any TANGIBLE information that they could look up to answer those questions. If at least ONE member from each Chapter, Committee, or Program would pass on to the Historian any notes, flyers, meeting minutes, etc., your Historians would likely be able to find what you are looking for.

I am looking for each Chapter Representative to bring the historian ANY type of TANGIBLE documents possible to the B.O.D. meetings. This is the only way I can collect all

of the information.

On that note, I ask that you reach out to what I like to call, our Seasoned Members, for information that they may have stored in their memory or in their records.

Again, looking for Chapter Charter members (dissolved or not), Road Noise Copies, any documents of Flyers / Posters, Events, Chapter Meeting Notes. Any documents from Share the Road, Ways & Means, Gambling, any Logos, B.O.D. minutes, Young Riders, A.B.A.T.E. University, NCOM, District notes, Bikers in the Beltway, Bikerday at the Capitol, State Rallies, letters to the government officials, Buddy Bears, Heartland Steam, MRF, etc., etc., etc. You get the idea. Really ANYTHING that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is involved in.

As a young(er) member, I am interested in knowing how this all came about and evolved. Without as much information as possible, how do we get the even YOUNGER members to get involved, take action and keep our Spirit ALIVE?

Gaida Gator Trout

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Jessica Shimpa - Northwest Chapter

Jessica has been an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota member for many years. She is currently the Chapter Treasurer and helps with various Chapter Committees. Jessica creates all posters for chapter events besides handling all funds as Treasurer. She has put her heart and creativity into every task as well as her time. She has shown inventiveness, ingenuity and a willingness to take charge in an attempt to make every event a success. Jessica and her family have even hosted our last two annual membership drives. She is a class act and an excellent example of what a member should be.





The Price of Apathy

BY MARK BUCKNER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

MEMBER, A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA

As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacri-

fices required to protect our rights and about those who came before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal; of a country and a way of life where our children and grandchildren can grow up proud to be Americans, unapologetically embracing a system of government that many other people in the world would love to have. We talk about our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we please, to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't, and to teach our values to future generations.

In the motorcyclists' rights world, we also talk about guarding against undue government intrusion into our lives and warn against the influence of mainstream media propaganda aimed at tearing down some of our most basic and cherished beliefs. When you get right down to it, that's why the motorcyclists' rights movement exists. It's where we started and why we still fight for our rights at every turn. As past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business."

Now consider the price of apathy, of seeing what's around us, knowing that some of what's happening is wrong, and doing nothing. Doing nothing, of course, is taking the easy way out. In many cases it's the old 'not in my backyard' philosophy of 'If it doesn't affect me directly, why should I worry about it?'

The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are - like it or not - in everyone's backyard. The MRF and our partners in state motorcyclists' rights organizations are fighting for the right to repair our own bikes, without being forced to have services that we could easily manage ourselves be performed by dealerships charging exorbitant rates. We're fighting to protect consumer choice through a strong aftermarket, ensuring that we have access to the vast number of options on parts the aftermarket gives us, parts that are many times better and cheaper than what we'd get from the OEMs. We're fighting to keep unsafe soft-

ware being used in autonomous, self-driving cars and trucks from being tested on our nation's roadways and killing bikers in the process. We're fighting to keep our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, as will be the case if gasoline with 15% ethanol becomes our only choice. We're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, rather than being forced to buy electric vehicles at a time when neither the battery technology nor a sufficient charging infrastructure to support such vehicles is in place. We're fighting to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders. And the list goes on.

So, what price apathy? A riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while sitting idly by, expecting others to do the hard work of protecting our rights and our lifestyle, is arguably the biggest threat we face. Ask yourself: Should we, through our actions, control our own destiny? Forge our own futures? Or should we sit back, foolishly believing that the government knows best how we should run our lives and hoping for the best. There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage of that group were to join with the MRF and our partners in our mission to preserve motorcycling, imagine what we could do. Then imagine what will happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders choose to do nothing.

Since 1987, there's only been one organization exclusively devoted to protecting the rights and lifestyle of street riding motorcyclists in the halls of Congress, and that's the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To those of you who are already members of ABATE of Minnesota and the MRF, thank you. You've already proven that you're committed to helping protect and preserve motorcycling. That said, we still need your help.

All of us have friends who are not members. If you're not an MRF member, please help us by joining. If you're already a member, please renew your membership each year, and of equal importance, please sign up one of your friends as a new MRF member.

The price of apathy is the loss of freedom, an open invitation to tyranny, and - without a strong MRF - could well be the end of motorcycling as we know it.

<https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/>

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.
Tentative Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday October 21, 2023, 9:00 AM
The Lodge, Detroit Lakes, MN

CALL TO ORDER

9:00 AM Call to orderJane Doyle
Pledge of Allegiance and WelcomeEdgar Burke
InvocationEdgar Burke
Roll callMichele Legried
Agenda approval / changesJane Doyle
Secretary Report - July 2023Michele Legried
Treasurer’s ReportMichelle Backlund

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative Director.....Gary Goracke
Motorcycle PAC of MNMark Senn
NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)Dale Peterson
MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation).....Jay Hickok
Write to RideFrank Ernst

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)

ABATE UniversityStephanie Christensen
EducationJon Fernholz
Young Rider’s Program.....Frank Ernst
GamblingDan Matzdorff
Buddy Bear Program.....Sharon Polman
HistorianGaida Trout
Marketing.....Harmony Lillie
Membership and Member Retention.....Shelly Deutsch
Passport RunJon Smith
ProductsKari Duncan
PublicationsTammy Winkels
Rally.....Randy Prochazka
Revisor.....Bob Gerhart
Ways and MeansKristy Luhman

OTHER REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

ABATE Manual Update

NEW BUSINESS

Drew Fernholz addressing the board
Lake Chapter Proposal

OFFICER REPORTS

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Howdy Folks,

Minnesota A.B.A.T.E. State Rally 2023 !!!!!

I would like to start out by thanking EVERYONE that made it happen! It takes a lot of time to pull this off. All the volunteers that stepped up and helped, YOU people make the wheel roll!!

We were coming out of the Swan's Café on Friday morn and there was a gentleman looking at the flyer board on the wall. As we walked out, he held the door for us. I told him Thank You young man. We talked a bit, then he tells me he started A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. I believe his name was Dirk Young. He handed me some flyers for an antique ride he puts on every year. I hung them at the Rally. He's a very common guy that speaks so All can understand.

Fall is in the Air. When Riding WATCH for them Deer! If You're a Hunter. Just remember. Every Deer in the Freezer may save a vehicle or a Life. They Eat Good!

Take care and Ride free.

Edgar

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Greetings FFR members,

The rally was a very good time this year. I love meeting new people and seeing old friends. I had a friend from Iowa showed "Spot man." It was great catching up. The tent supplied enough shade with it being a tad warm the last couple of days of the rally. We had 9 people in attendance from the chapter. Thank you to all of you that showed up to our party.

As fall is now here, please check out our Facebook page to see what is going on. Sunday rides have been going on and they will be posted on the

Facebook page, I look forward to seeing you all soon.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

Below: FFR donating to Boots on the Ground.





2023 Food and Toy Run

NORTHWEST

Next Meetings:

October Meeting: October 7th, Tiffany's in Crookston, 11:00 am, Ride to follow, weather permitting

November Meeting: October 28th, Greg's in Red Lake Falls, 3:00 pm, Costume Party & Potluck



HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received

NORTH STAR

No Report Received

BORDERLAND

Next Meetings:

October 10, Skippy Finns', Badger. 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

October 21, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D., The Lodge, Detroit Lakes, 9:00 am

Hello Borderland!

So, since I had no grapevine in September, I'll tell we had a great turn out at our August Strandquist meeting and Edgar (N.W. District Director) rode up for our meeting. Thanks Edgar, he may have been almost a bit impressed. Then at our September meeting we had a surprise visitor, none other than Jane Doyle (A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Coordinator). This is not the first time Jane has been to the Borderland! Thanks for all you do Jane! The only thing we forgot to do was stand and give applause. We also donated Buddy Bears to the Warroad Fire and Rescue that day.

I should have started with how great our state rally was! A great hot ride, great time, and

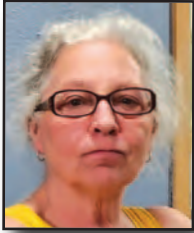
always fun to see the freedom fighter friends! Congratulations to Travis Weiland, winner of \$1,500, on our state rally raffle!

We did have our fall colors ride; I think we've canceled it once in 13 years. There have been a lot of Great Charity rides this past summer. Legion Riders, Eagle's, Mid-West MC and many more. Such a great thing from Minnesota bikers.

One more great Motorcycle event was when bikers showed up at Borderland member, Chris's shop after a 2-day ride from Glencoe to Roseau. What started nine years ago in the four corners of the state became a full tour throughout the state (MN Circle Tour). One week before Labor Day, stopping at hundreds of high school campuses and praying for the students, faculty, and school board members. That is awesome! We, as citizens, must beat down everything that is destroying our country and then who knows?? With God on our side, we can restore America!

Riding is not over, ride safe and warm.

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim.



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Greetings All!

Cooler weather means changing leaves, Halloween and the winding down of the riding season. I've been trying to get to as many of the Chapter meetings as I can, but with the rising cost of fuel, it makes for some tough decisions. Fuel for the vehicle or groceries? So far fuel has won. Keep checking the Calendar of Events for upcoming Chapter meetings and fundraisers. We need to keep supporting each other.

Keep in mind Bikerday at the Capitol. When the date becomes available, make sure to get the time off for it. This year will be very important to fill that rotunda with as many bikers as possible. Even bring your kids, that will make an impact also.

We had 48 students that signed up for the Young Riders scholarship training program this year. Congratulations to all of our new Young Riders and welcome!

See you soon at a meeting. Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

Donna

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meetings:

September 17th, Tillies, 1155 Lake Shady Ave. S., Oronoco, 11:00 am

October through March: Rochester American Legion, 915 21st Ave. S.E., Rochester, 11 am

Upcoming Events:

September 21st - 24th: Bikers on the Beltway, Meeting of the Minds 2023

Greeting from Southeast LC.

The riding season is fast coming to the end for this year. It's been a very busy summer with rallies and rides and it looks to be a very busy fall and winter with planning for next year's events. We have a lot of irons in the fire and I hope we can complete everything we want to accomplish.

We are starting to plan for next year's Summer Shenanigan's Party, which will coincide with the B.O.D. meeting. We hope to have a few rides,

specifically the Buddy Bear Ride, and we want to try to bring back the Toys for Tots Ride. We also want try to make some short tiktok videos on biker safety and routine motorcycle maintenance. Hopefully, we can pull this all off. Time sure has a way of getting away from you.

I attended the State Rally and had a blast. I saw so many people that I recognize from the B.O.D. meetings. It was awesome to see so many chapter members there. We had a lot of laughs and an awesome time with the Straight River Chapter. We made several new friends.

As Always, we welcome the new members and look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings. Current members, don't forget to renew memberships when needed and don't forget to come to the monthly meetings. We sure could use your help on some of the projects we have coming up.

I think that's it for now. Looking forward to the Flatlanders End of Summer Bash in a few weeks.

– Have a great fall, Terry



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TRI COUNTY

Next Meetings:

October 5th, Gerry and Paul's home, 32144 141st Ave.,
Montgomery, 6:30 pm supper, meeting following at
7:00 pm

November 2nd and December 7th meeting to be back at
Cys Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Please page through Road Noise for things to do, places
to be, and people to meet!!

Thank you to Mike and Tobi Pharr for hosting the
September meeting and supper meal of tacos! And to
everyone who brought potluck food! Always nice to
share a meal with friends!

Thank you to Donna Larish, our Southeast District
Director, who joined in on our September meeting at
the Pharr home.

According to the legislative report in the Road Noise by
Gary Goracke, Bikerday is scheduled for March 13th!

Our chapter made a motion to donate \$2500 to support this event. These monies are used to help
cover any expenses needed to make this event successful! More on this to come in upcoming articles.

We welcome our new members to join our meetings and bring your Young Riders with!

– Peace out, Gerry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meetings:

October 14th, Box Car Tavern, Waseca, 1:00 pm

November 11th, Reggies, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

December 9th, Muni, Medford, 1:00 pm

Upcoming events:

October 19th, Bingo, Elks, Owatonna, 6:00 to
9:00 pm

Thanks to all who came to the Minnesota State
Rally. And for the riders that showed up at our
buddy bear ride. Great to see members and
friends where ever we can. Be safe and ride
free.

– Zoomer



Tri County September Highway Pickup



Kenny and Mike plank race win trophy.



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meetings:

October 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
 November 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato,
 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October, Date TBD, Ditch Cleanup
 and After Party
 January 20th, January Thaw Annual Fundraiser
 and Dance Party, Eagles Club, Mankato

Hello All!

What a fun HOT weekend at the Rally!
 I hope everyone had a great time this year!
 It's always nice to get together with old friends
 and to meet some new ones. A BIG THANK
 YOU to everyone who helped out at our rally
 ...the Rally committee for getting it all
 together, our security team for keeping
 things safe and in order, our volunteers for
 filling in shifts, those who loaded the hay
 on the wagons, and the bathroom cleaners.
 Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!! I don't
 think a lot of people realize how much time
 and hard work there is into putting on the rally...
 so again, thank you. And because of the heat,
 the anticipated tug of war finals were
 canceled...we will just have to wait to win
 next year!

Our January Thaw Fundraiser/Dance is in the
 works so save the date for Saturday, January
 20th. We will need as many volunteers as we
 can for this to make it, once again, an
 awesome dance! More details to follow.

And as always, please remember to support our
 fellow Chapter's fundraisers!

Til next time...safe fall riding,

– Papa Frank, President



Flatlanders Buddy Bear Run

FLATLANDERS

Next Meetings:

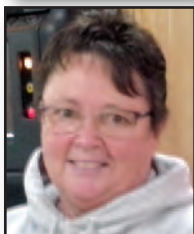
Oct. 21st, TBD, Freeborn, 1:00 pm
 Nov. 18st, Blooming Prairie Serviceman's Club,
 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Check out Flatlanders Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of
 Minnesota Facebook Page for events and
 information.

– Da Buff

Chapter Grapevines



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I'm finally feeling like I'm getting caught up after the Rally, it was good to see so many people come to have some fun.

I was able to go to four Chapter meetings held the week of the Rally. It's interesting to see so many personalities take on different roles in their chapter. I met with some brand-new members with big eyes & lots of questions. So, the Rally is not just a party place, it's good to move around, visit different chapters, get some ideas on how others are able to accomplish things with smaller numbers. Just because you belong to one chapter does not mean you can't go to other chapter meetings. You just can't vote there!

Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meetings:

October 7th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

November 4th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

December 2nd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 20th-21st, B.O.D., The Lodge,
Detroit Lakes

December 2nd, Santa Days, Time TBD

What a weekend. I am writing this after the rally. I am glad to see so many chapters being involved with things, bands, games, volunteering for jobs. There is always room for improvement! I keep hearing about things that can be improved, and these things can always be brought to the meetings. Everyone is open to suggestions! I am so proud of our chapter. We had a couple injuries, nothing too terrible! We were able to join in more games, more volunteers, listened to music, and we have over 1200 pictures. We are a small chapter that's growing and being more active and for that, HIGH FIVE! We have Santa Days coming up in December. We are trying to get more members that are active, and we have got a few. Can't wait to see what our chapter does in the next year.

Stay safe! – Harmony :)

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meetings:

October 7th, River's Edge Golf Course,
St. James, 11:30 am

November 4th, VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 7th, Adopt-a-Highway, Meet at
Camper World, Madelia, 10:00 am

October 20th-21st, B.O.D., The Lodge,
Detroit Lakes

Hello family and friends!

I hope you have ridden a lot of miles so far this year. Thank you to everyone that came to our Fallen Friends Memorial Ride. We hope that you had a great time riding with us and more fun after the ride was over. A huge thank you to the Butterfield Fire Department for cooking for us, to Jam It Any Way Entertainment for keeping us moving after the ride, to Klarice at Buckshot's for allowing us to "take over" the bar, to Duane and Randy Kaye for the inspiring memorial service, to Andy and Mandy for the work you do with the crosses each year. We couldn't do this event every year without all your help. Please watch our Facebook page for Rolling Prairie updates.

Ride safe until next time.

– Giggles

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

October 6th, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

November 3rd, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Our last meeting was very short and sweet. Still discussing and tabled fundraising ideas. We are getting close to the ugly season of winter. Let's hope it's a mild one, which would make it go faster! And it would allow more of us to get out and attend other chapters' gatherings!

Our hearts go out to the Todd and Deb Homan family. Their son-in-law, the father of their beautiful grandchildren passed away suddenly on September 6th.

Hug your loved ones and tell them of the love you carry for them. Cuz, you never know. Remember to pray for our troops and their families.

- BAM

BUFFALO RIDGE

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LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

October 7th, Chris Kalway's house, Howard
Lake, 3:00 pm

November 4th, Sons of Silence Clubhouse,
Cokato, 3:00 pm

December 2nd, Dave's Town Club, Delano,
3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 7th, Ditch pickup, Community
Center, St. Bonifacius, 11:00 am

We hope everyone enjoyed the rally this year. It certainly looks like fun was had by all. We were able to bring home 9 trophies total. Congratulations to all the winners. Well done. Congratulations to Way West Chapter our newly crowned Rally King and Queen.

Our fall run was magnificent. We could not have asked for better weather. Thank you to Dawn Riba for planning and organizing it and guiding our way. We had a lovely time touring Carver Getaway Café, Bongards Creamery, Mackenthuns Meat Market, and Lupine Brewery. Thank you to the Sons of Silence for their hospitality and dinner at the end. Boy those hotdogs sure are delightful.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser planning is well underway for February 3rd at the Rockford Township Hall. Advance tickets are available as is the newly launched scholarship program. Look for the form in the Road Noise or contact a chapter member to sponsor. Sponsors get recognition as well as free tickets to the event. The committee has plans in motion to make this the best one ever. So, make plans to be there and bring a few friends! This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride.

Grounded Hogs Sponsors: Gold: Bitzer Garage Doors, Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Family Counseling Center, Rosa & Jimmy (Gramps) Krietlow. **Silver:** Old Homestead Café, Buffalo Floral and Landscaping, Gather, Bullseye Property Management and Realty, Minnesota Beer Company. **Bronze:** Kimmer & Notjo, Dan Arne Family, O'Hern Coach & Cartage. Thank you to all of our sponsors. Your support is important and appreciated.

Until next month my friends- Ride Free
- April

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s): October - TBD

Upcoming Event(s): October 20th-21st, Board of Directors meeting, The Lodge, Detroit Lakes

What a great rally! Thanks to every single person who stepped up to volunteer to make this happen. Way West members....you freaking rock! Way to gather up the trophies!! What a family of cool cats to be part of. Thanks to all who stepped up to support our booth at the Lac Qui Parle Fair. Getting exposure for our chapter and A.B.A.T.E., along with the Dial-A-Ride program is important. Til next time, keep your knees in the breeze, – Gypsy Mama





SOUTH CENTRAL

Next MMeeting(s):

October 4th, Valley Inn, Eden Valley, 7:00 pm
 November 1st, American Legion, Silver Lake,
 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 11th, Ditch Clean Up, Odd Fellows
 Park, Hutchinson, 6:00 pm
 November 25th, Toys for Kids, Eagles Club,
 Litchfield, 6:00 pm

We had a great time at the State Rally. Thank you so much to all who volunteered their time and hard work to make it happen!!

We will be doing our fall ditch clean up this month. Hope we get a great turnout, the more people who show up the faster it goes.



Bill LaPlante, final round

Join us the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25th, for our annual Toys for Kids drive at the Litchfield Eagles Club. Bring an unwrapped toy or a \$5.00 minimum donation. The silent auction is from 6pm-9pm and DJ music is from 8pm - 12am. If you have

items to donate for the silent auction, contact our hostess Kristy LaPlante at 320-282-6851.

Hoping it stays warm while the leaves fall, so we can all enjoy the breeze between our knees!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



**King and Queen Candidates:
 Bill LaPlante and Amanda Weibel.**



South Central Registration



Rally Sponsorship Ride

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

October 4th, Chalet,
Hermantown, 6:30 pm
November 1st, Chalet,
Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Cold weather already, where did the summer go? State rally has come and gone, had a great time but it was blistering hot for us Minnesotans, mid-nineties just doesn't feel that great with no cover and no breeze. Attendance looked good, and there were plenty of vendors, and lots of events to occupy your time.



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

— "Ride safe", Ed



JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

October 15th, Endzone Bar and Grill,
Rutledge, 1:00 pm
November 19th, Ryder's Bar and Grill,
Henriette, 1:00 pm
December 17th, Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill,
Banning Junction, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 17th, Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas party, Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill, Banning Junction, to follow chapter meeting

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

The next roadside cleanup will be in May 2024. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor. Some of the best riding of the season is still ahead. Enjoy the ***continued on page 30***

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

October 1st, American Legion, St. Francis, 11 am

November 5st, American Legion, St. Francis, 11 am

Upcoming event(s):

October 20st, B.O.D., Detroit Lakes

October 28th, Anoka Halloween Parade, Downtown Anoka, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm



East Central is pretty excited to be participating in the Anoka Halloween parade this year. Please arrive at 10:30 am to get lined up for the 1:00 pm parade. We have a limit of ten bikes, one truck and the Dial-A-Ride trailer in the parade. This is a rain or shine event, so if you're committed to riding in it, be there. The recently crowned A.B.A.T.E. King and Queen have graciously accepted to ride on the float and East Central is looking forward to having them join us. Look for the time and channel for this televised parade. This should be great exposure for A.B.A.T.E. of MN, and motorcycle awareness.



East Central road guards did a great job on the Joe Boys run and it was much appreciated by the charity. The Joe Boys are a big contributor to the Heart On fundraiser in February.

The state rally is in the rearview mirror and our riding days are getting shorter. We had a great time getting together with friends from all over the state, and roasting together in the sun. Let those thoughts take you into and hold you in the cold weather. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our rally awesome.

I also want to say thank you to all of the chapter members, who made it to the chapter meeting held at the state rally in Litchfield. It was good to see so many of you show up... sober or not. Our shameless bribe winners this month at the rally were Bob McChesney and John Sager. This is getting to be a trend! Congratulations Bob and John!

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

– Your VP Jim

JACK PINE RIDERS

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fall colors. Get out and take it all in. Always keep safety in mind.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events. For updated chapter/ events and information, log on to our website:

<http://www.jackpineriders.org> Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus

CENTRAL
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UP NORTH
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Coon Rapids Buddy Bear



Ronald McDonald Buddy Bear

METRO

The Great A.B.A.T.E. State Rally is in the rearview mirror. I would like to reflect on four of Metro Chapter's members, Two who have been involved with A.B.A.T.E. and the Metro Chapter since almost the beginning and two who have been involved for slightly more than a month.

Joe 'JJ' Jones has been a member almost since the start of A.B.A.T.E. and his wife Lori. 'JJ' is at that place and age where it would be very easy for him to say "I have paid my dues, now it is time for me to sit back and let others do the work". But if you know 'JJ' and Lori, then you know, that is not how they play the game. At this year's State Rally, 'JJ' and Lori were responsible for running not only the Tattoo Contest but also the Bike Show. That should be enough, RIGHT? But no, they also volunteered to take a shift selling ice for Motorcycle Dial-ARide and as well as a shift working security. During the rest of the year, 'JJ' is the Metro Chapter Treasurer, Membership Chair, Donnie Smith Bike Show volunteer, as well as being the 'heart and soul' behind the chapter's monthly Taco Night and Sunday Brunch fundraisers. I get exhausted just thinking about all that Lori and 'JJ' do for the Metro Chapter.

On the other end of the spectrum, we have Shannon Bros and Jameson Lemke. They attended the August 8th Metro Chapter meeting as interested visitors and as I write this Grapevine report, have been members less than five weeks. By the end of the August meeting, they were our chapter's newest members. At the meeting they learned about the A.B.A.T.E. State Motorcycle Rally over Labor Day weekend and committed to attend. Once at the Rally, they jumped right in and



JJ at the Rally.



Shannon and Jameson

volunteered to work a security shift and also helped 'JJ' with the bike show. They demonstrated the right way to 'get your feet wet' as new members.

Also during the past month, chapter members have been busy distributing Buddy Bears at both the Ronald McDonald House on the University of MN campus and at Coon Rapids Fire Station #2.

The Metro Chapter has an event scheduled at the Coon Rapids VFW for Sunday, October 29th. We will be giving away Halloween pumpkins and having a pumpkin carving event for children and grandchildren of VFW and A.B.A.T.E. members.

Next month's Grapevine report will have some exciting news about the State Rally calendar project.

Until next time

"the world is run by those that show up and participate".

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

October 8th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

November 12th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

October 7th, Central Chapter Fun Run,
Hayloft Bar, St. Augusta, October 7th,
Registration 10 am, Kickstands up 12 pm

October 15th, Ways & Means Meeting,
Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

October 20th-21st, Board of Directors
Meeting, The Lodge, Detroit Lakes

At this posting most of us are freshly back from the State Rally. What a great time! I am very proud of the turnout and participation of our chapter. We took third place in participation points despite not having the membership numbers of other chapters. We were involved in all phases of the Rally; volunteering in all areas, people games, bike games, karaoke, the Royalty Pageant, and the popularity contest - I mean the Fashion Show. Many of our members came away with awards. We are already looking forward to next year and increasing our attendance numbers.

By the time this publication arrives we are likely done with our No Games Fall Fun Ride on September 30th. Looking into my crystal ball (and the advanced forecast) temps are still in the 70's. Great for riding and fall colors.

We have three committees actively planning our next events. Our Ride Committee will begin looking at dates for our Spring Ride. The Rodeo Committee is currently planning our Bike Show and Rodeo, our biggest event of the year. It typically takes place in June; however, the date is yet to be determined. Lastly, we have a committee planning a holiday party; or rather, an after-the-holidays party. Tentatively we are planning an event that all chapters may attend.

Hopefully there will still be some great riding left in October. Before last winter, I was able to ride into December the previous two winters.

"That's all for now. Ride safe. Peace out"!

-Mike Olkives

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
10/1/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
10/4/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
10/4/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Valley Inn, Eden Valley	7:00 PM
10/5/23	Buffalo Rige Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
10/5/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Gerry and Paul's Home, 32144 141st Ave, Montgomery	6:30 PM
10/6/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
10/7/23	Central Chapter Fun Run	Hayloft Bar, Augusta Registration 10:00 AM	12:00 PM
10/7/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
10/7/23	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick-up	Community Center, St. Bonifacious	11:00 AM
10/7/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalway's House, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
10/7/23	Northwest Chapter	Tiffany's in Crookston, Ride to follow weather permitting	11:00 AM
10/7/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Rivers Edge Golf Course, St James	11:30 AM
10/7/23	Rolling Prairie Adopt-a-Highway Ditch Pick up	Camper World, Madelia	10:00 AM
10/8/23	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
10/8/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
10/8/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
10/10/23	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
10/11/23	South Central Ditch Pick Up	Odd Fellows Park, Hutchinson	6:00 PM
10/14/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car Tavern, Waseca	1:00 PM
10/15/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	The End Zone Bar & Grill, Rutledge	1:00 PM
10/15/23	Way's & Means Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
10/16/23	A.B.A.T.E. University Meeting	Rancho Grande, Monticello	6:00 PM
10/20/23	BOD Meeting	The Lodge, Detroit Lakes	
10/21/23	BOD Meeting	The Lodge, Detroit Lakes	
10/21/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	TB3, Freeborn	1:00 PM
10/28/23	Anoka Halloween Parade - East Central Chapter	downtown Anoka	11:00 AM
10/28/23	Northwest Chapter	Greg's in Red Lake Falls, Costume Party & Potluck	3:00 PM
11/1/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
11/1/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Silver Lake	7:00 PM
11/2/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
11/3/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
11/4/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
11/4/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato	3:00 PM
11/4/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St.James	3:00 PM
11/5/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
11/11/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna	1:00 PM
11/12/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
11/12/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
11/18/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Blooming Prairie Servieman's Club, Blooming Prairie	2:00 PM
11/19/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryder's Bar & Grill, Henriette	1:00 PM
11/21/23	A.B.A.T.E. University Meeting	Rancho Grande, Monticello	6:00 PM
11/25/23	Toys for Kids	Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield	6:00 PM
12/2/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
12/2/23	Glacial Ridge Santa Days	TBD	
12/2/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Dave's Town Club, Delano	3:00 PM
12/7/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
12/9/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Muni, Medford	1:00 PM
12/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction	1:00 PM
12/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party	Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction, Following Meeting	2:00 PM



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

Young Riders

Scholarship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of MN is a non-profit motorcycle rights organization that stands for **American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education**. Our organization promotes motorcycle crash prevention through motorcyclist safety awareness, training and education.

A.B.A.T.E. is currently funding a scholarship program to pay for the cost of attending rider training courses. These funds are limited and will be approved based on application date and required criteria until all available scholarships have been awarded.



Why should you consider taking a rider training course? We believe that continued motorcycle training is key to building the proper foundation of good riding habits and better rider skills to create the best overall motorcycling experience. Taking annual training courses is key to refreshing your skills, maintaining your riding ability and improving your overall skillset.

What better investment can you make than yourself? What better pay off can you have than attending a free rider training event while possibly earning your motorcycle permit or endorsement?

The application requirements of the A.B.A.T.E. scholarship training program include:

- Be at least 15 years of age (and under 21 years of age)
- Have a valid Minnesota Driver's License prior to attending a course
- Meet the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center requirements for attending a course.

Scan and email applications to education@abatemn.org or send via USPS to:
Jon Fermholz,
310 Benton St W,
Cologne, MN 55322

A.B.A.T.E. of MN

Young Riders

Scholarship Application

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Day Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Drivers License #: _____

Birthdate: _____

Course Description: _____

Date of Course: _____

Location and Time of course:

What prompted you to take a rider training course?

To apply, print off the application, send it via email or USPS

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education@abatemn.org



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

We hope you have enjoyed using the 2023 passport book this riding season. Please mail in your signed passports to Trashy Smith at the address listed in the front of the book by November 1st.

The business with the most frequent stops will be recognized. The top 10 people with the most signatures in their book will receive prize money. Winners will be announced by email and on Facebook, and awarded in November.

All chapter unsold books and the money for your sold books must be mailed in by November 1st to: Ingrid Cohen
407 N Hubbard Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355

We will also be at the B.O.D. meeting on October 21st. You can have your chapter rep turn in all passports and money at the meeting as well.

Please see the new 2024 entry form for next year's Passport Run (on page 36). We appreciate your help with signing up sponsors and stops for the new book. If you want to see local stops in your area, the only way they make it into the book is if you sign them up! All entry forms and fees for next year must be mailed in by February 16th, 2024 to the address on the form.

Thank you for participating in this successful A.B.A.T.E. fundraiser!

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7th Annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Fun Run 2024 Entry Form

Dear business owner or manager,

Hello, my name is Jon Smith and I'm a member of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Passport Run Committee. We are in the process of creating the 7th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st – Nov 1st, 2024. This year there are three different ways to participate. You can be listed as a sponsor of this event, as a stop inside the book, or both. As a passport run stop the people will come in with their passport and want you to sign and date the book. They must make a purchase first, which means more business for you! Sponsors will be listed in the front of the book, advertised on Facebook, and in our Road Noise publication. The fees help cover the cost of printing, ads, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event, please include those with your entry form and fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold through thousands of ABATE members to anyone across Minnesota! Recognition will be given to the business that receives the most stops!!

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

Name of business _____
Street address _____
City _____ County _____
State & Zip _____
Phone # _____
Email Address _____
Hours _____

Specials/discounts for Passport Customers to list in the book:

Sponsorship Fee \$25 _____ Passport Stop Fee \$25 _____ Both \$50 _____

*****PASSPORT STOPS ONLY MUST HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS TO STOP AT AND OPEN ALL SUMMER LONG*****

Send check or money order payable to A.B.A.T.E. or cash to the address below **before Feb 16th, 2024.**

Ingrid Cohen
ABATE Passport Committee
407 N Hubbard Ave
Litchfield, MN 55355

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

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

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Member _____

Fill Out One:

Check # enclosed _____ Amount _____ Cash Amount Enclosed _____

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James AndersonR
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Saturday, November 25th, 2023

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Silent Auction
6-9 pm

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8-12pm

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I Want To Be A Part Of A.B.A.T.E.!

(Applicants 18 years of age and older)
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Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____
Associate Name

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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Chapter: _____

If left blank the correct area chapter will be assigned.

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