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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.
WOW - where has the summer gone? There has been so much going on this year. I hope you've had time to enjoy the outdoors and attend some functions. There are so many wonderful people to meet and spend time with throughout our state and nation.

In only a few weeks, I'll be headed for Harrisburg, PA for Meeting of the Minds. Will you be there? The MRF will be setting its priorities for next year’s national legislation. We need to start thinking about that here too.

What do you think our A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota legislative priorities should be?

Will you be active in helping to reach those goals?

Bikerday at the Capitol will be announced soon. Are you planning to attend?

Enjoy the sunshine and cooler nights.

Jane

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, where has the summer gone? (OK I said that last month). I hope you had a chance to make it to the rally in Iowa, along with heading out to Sturgis for a few days and not getting rained on.

Now it's time for our rally and I hope you've made plans to make it out. It's always a good time and a lotta good people. Let's not forget about our hayrides, that's always a great time, along with bike games, rides, bands, and everything else that goes on.

There's a lot of people that put a lot of time and hard work into this event so if you happen to read this article before the start of the rally, make sure you thank everybody that's working, a little thanks goes a long way.

Keep checking your Road Noise for events coming up. Looks like there's a few good fall rides coming up and hopefully you'll be able to take part in them, along with myself, if I'm not running to Colorado one week and the next week we're in Michigan. But sooner than later I hope I will figure it out where I should be.

Well, the weekend is just about upon us, and as usual this weekend, like all the rest will be busy, we have Kimball Days, Antique Car Run in Kingston, and Twine Ball Day in Darwin, did you notice there was no S behind days, it's a one day event. I'm getting too old for all this stuff,

Till next time,

Jim
We have a Young Rider who attended Bikerday 2023 that receive a letter from her State Senator. The letter specifically addresses a recent accomplishment of the Young Rider and congratulated her on her achievement. When I asked the Young Rider how the Senator knew her name, she said she did not know of any other way they could have gotten her name other than by meeting them at Bikerday. Congratulations to our Young Rider on your recent accomplishment, on the communication from your Senator and thanks for being a part of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders.

I recently visited a motorcycle repair and sales shop to talk about A.B.A.T.E., Young Riders and Rider training. The shop I was visiting is recognized as an American V-Twin shop. They told me that because of their area of specialty, young people are not their primary customer base. I mentioned that as true as that may be, I would expect that many of their best customers may have children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren that have an interest in motorcycles. They agreed and we continued to talk about Young Riders. I told them we are looking at events and activities that may interest Young Riders or their family members. I suggested that if they have an open house, or other events at their facility, to let us know. It may be something we would like to post on our Young Riders Facebook page. Then we went on to talk about our rider training Scholarship offerings. They agreed this is a great program and they complimented us for what we are doing. They expressed a concern with the reports of accidents, deaths and injuries and anything we can do to improve this situation is very worthwhile. They also shared thoughts about current trends in the Minnesota legislature and how it may come to have a negative effect on motorcycling.

The discussion was very interesting and I appreciated them taking the time to share their thoughts. Before parting, I mentioned they could become a business Young Riders supporter, it would benefit young riders and would also put their name in front of our members and other readers every month for 12 months. They have not committed to that yet but I will follow-up.

I want to add a comment about Young Riders supporters, present and future. We recognize the time period, from beginning to end, that the supporter donation covers when we publish the list each month. Example: Proud Supporter July 2023-December 2023. If an additional donation is made to support the program before the first donation period ends, we will publish the new end date but the beginning supporter date will remain as before; July 2023. This will help us recognize long term supporters for the contributions they make.

For more information on how to become a Young Rider Supporter please see the A.B.A.T.E. of MN 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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- Glacial Ridge Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, August 2023 - July 2024
- East Central Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, August 2023 - January 2024

frank
We are starting to make some headway with the district rider training events. The Southwest District hosted an intermediate rider course on July 30th in North Mankato. 11 of the 12 possible seats were filled, all of which were A.B.A.T.E. members. Even more encouraging news is that this was the first rider training course ever taken by seven of the eleven A.B.A.T.E. members in the class! If I have my information correct, two of the members that had been coasting on their motorcycle permits for years went and took the BRC and got their endorsements just so they could take the intermediate course with the district. In my estimation, the Southwest District rider training event was a great success.

I have been working with Edgar Burke in the Northwest District to get a rider training event going up there. He has found some interest in the North Star Chapter and has contracted an intermediate rider course for Saturday August 19th, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Bemidji range. By the time you read this article, I should have some feedback as to how the course turned out.

I missed the July B.O.D., but I had heard second hand that there were some rumblings of having the Southeast District rider training event in Albert Lea, as I have been unsuccessful with communicating with the Rochester location. I hope we can get it done yet this riding season.

On the Young Riders Scholarship front, we are plugging right along. So far this riding season, A.B.A.T.E. of MN has paid for 35 youngsters to take the Basic Rider Course. It’s neat to hear some of the feedback I receive from these kids. In one instance, the student extended his utmost gratitude to A.B.A.T.E. of MN for paying for his course and explained that he was going to take the $245. that he saved to pay for the course and go purchase safety gear with it. I work with the college system to get attendance reports on these students. There is a bit of a lag between when they take it and when I receive the report. Currently, I have received reports on nine students of which seven attended their classes. That puts us at about a 77% attendance rate. I expect this number will climb.

All in all, I believe our organization is headed in a positive direction. There are some new and exciting things happening, if you would like to get on board and help, we sure could use it. I’m leaving for Sturgis tomorrow morning, so I need to get packing. See you in the funny papers!

“ You are always a student, never a master. You have to keep moving forward.”

-Jon Fernholz
I did a Minnesota legislature new law search for 2023-2024. Here is what I found.


Is there anything here you care about? Were there any motorcycle specific issues included here? Will there be next year? Will something matter enough that it will prompt us to write to our legislator?

Frank
State Rally! That came up fast! Did you go? Did you have fun? Did you volunteer? Remember the Rally Committee is all volunteers. If you would like to see something change, attend the Rally Committee meetings, better yet, get on the committee!

This year (as of writing this article) we sold 209 advanced tickets, 43 online tickets, and still waiting on seven chapters to send back in.

Randy

Dial-A-Ride

Having had a good summer so far, people seem to have gotten the message about riding and drinking doesn’t mix so well.

Dial-A-Ride has put together a fall color ride for Bemidji on September 30th. Registration starts at 9:00 am, kick stands up at noon. $15 for rider, $10 for passenger, cages welcome, $25 carload. The ride starts in Bemidji, and goes around Lake Andrusia, Winnibigoshish, and Leech Lake. First stop is 45 miles at camp and picnic grounds at Federal Dam, with burgers and brats, potato salad, baked beans, pop, and water, good will donation. Gas is available about a block from the camp area. Second stop 30 miles, Dairy Queen in Walker, gas also available. Last leg back to Bemidji by way of LaPorte, depending on if riders want to extend ride, Lake George, around lake Plantagenet to Bemidji. 108 miles to 128 miles. Will have flyers ready to pass out at Rally.

State Rally Time!!

I hope everyone is getting out and putting on some miles while we can. Winter always comes way too fast. But for now, we can enjoy the nice fall weather.

Hope to see many of you at the State Rally. Should be a great time. Make sure to sign up for a shift on security or the front gate. You will meet lots of nice people and usually have a lot of fun! Many hands make the work go faster.

Contact me with any questions concerning A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances.

Mitch

Next Meeting(s):

September 10th, via phone, 11:00 am

A.B.A.T.E. members are awesome! Thank you everyone for volunteering your time and talents to keep this machine rolling. Our committee has had three new members step up and want to help proof the Road Noise.

Maybe there is something you could contribute to your Chapter or A.B.A.T.E., many committees need new ideas and members to get things going, check one out.

We have seen a few featured articles coming in, please keep sending them. Teamwork makes the Dream work!

Tammy
Hope everyone is staying cool while still enjoying the summer. As Historian, I have been privileged to have so much information literally at my fingertips. And I’m learning so much. Which got me thinking. How well do you know your fellow A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota motorcyclists?

I have met many members at events, rallies, rides, meetings, etc. I thought I knew them. However, knowing them and knowing what they have accomplished or have contributed to our rights, freedoms and character as motorcyclists are two different things.

With that being said, I encourage you to get out to chapter and state events. Sit in as a guest at a B.O.D. meeting. Meet some new people. Get to know them and about their passions for motorcycling and our freedoms. Ask them what got them involved, how did they get involved, what have they contributed to. I guarantee you will learn more than you think, because the history of this organization lies solely within its members.

In order to keep building upon our history, we need everyone to get involved and help make a difference. I may be Historian, but I also look forward to seeing our bright future. Ride safe. Ride free. Get involved.

Gaida Gator Trout

Legislative Report
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Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this to your calendar and let’s make this the biggest Bikerday yet.

Legislation
The following are bills that have been introduced as of July 14th.
• 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 or motorcycles.
• HF2630/SF 2178 Electric Vehicle Surcharge - This states that motorcycles will get charged $30.
• Political Contribution Refund Minnesota refunds up to $50 per calendar year of contributions made by an eligible voter to a recognized political party or to a qualified candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state auditor, state senator, or state representative.

“Pray for the best, prepare for the worse, and expect the Unexpected.”

Gary Goracke

Buddy Bear Report
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We’ve had a lot of chapters busy getting bears delivered. Believe it or not, seems like only yesterday bears were distributed and it’s almost time to pass out Buddy Bear order packets for the 2024 riding season. Sure wish winter went as fast as summer does. October 1st is the date for required Buddy Bear inventories to be sent, no later than the 10th. Enjoy the next two months and ride when you can.

Ride safe,
Ma Bear
Wow, where has the summer gone? I hope you are getting a lot of good riding in this season!

Things are going as they should for the most part.

I’ve had some questions about reminder notice cards, do you send them out? Absolutely! I make the report out for the labels on the 2nd of every month, it may take me a day or two to get them out, but I’ve never missed a month! So, if you’re not getting the post cards, (at this time they are BLAZE ORANGE) Are you getting your Road Noise? Have you contacted me about an address change?

That is all I have for now.

Keep on Keep’n on!

Shelly Deutsch

July is over already, and State Rally is right around the corner. I was glad to show people how to use the QR code. There are other things that I would like to show, and if you have pictures I would like to put a hashtag on them so they can all be tagged to FB and the Instagram page. Can’t wait to see everyone and show everyone how much fun we have at rally, when they see them on social media.

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The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC.ORG) reports that two major bills have been passed in Minnesota and Maine that will create challenges for the powersports industry. One bill is set to ban products containing PFAS chemicals, and both of these bills specify strict reporting requirements.

In Minnesota, HF 2310 bans products for juveniles (KIDS/GRANDKIDS) that contain PFAS beginning January 1, 2025. It also specifies PFAS registration requirements beginning January 1, 2026 and bans all products containing PFAS on New Year’s Day in 2032.

Minnesota’s new PFAS legislation will prevent significant challenges for powersports companies doing business in our state, “In powersports, PFAS chemicals can be found in or used to produce products such as riding gear, vehicle component resistant to heat, fuel, and chemicals, as well as semi-conductors and chrome plating” explains the MIC report, also noting that Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances are a class of synthetic chemicals used for decades in a wide range of consumer products.

Fight for Your Right to Repair!!
Support HR 906
Help to Preserve Vehicle Choice!
Support HR1435

N1D - Dale
The last task force meeting was held on July 20th at Saint Paul College. We had a nice change of pace as Jay Bock put together some invites from the State Patrol, MNDOT Highway Engineers Office, and Dial-A-Ride.

Our first guest was Lt. Robert Zak of the Minnesota State Troopers. Among his many qualifications are overseeing accident reconstruction and experience as a former motorcycle cop (when the program was still running in this state). Lt. Bob showed us a short video of what it was like to take "motor cop" training in this state back in 2007 or so. He congratulated those of us that take continuous rider training and explained how it will prevent diminishing rider skillset.

If you have been reading these articles or paying attention to the rider crash fatality statistics you know that unpermitted and unendorsed riders have become a major issue in the last couple of years. When asked, Lt. Bob said the State Patrol's policy when an unlicensed motor vehicle operator is pulled over, is that the operator is done and the vehicle is towed away. The State Patrol does NOT want the liability of what may happen if the operator is let free to go with a warning. His statement garnered a few cheers. He also encouraged us, as members of the task force, to reach out to the Minnesota Chief's and the Minnesota Sheriff's Associations to get this concept out. Ultimately, it is up to each law enforcement entity, and perhaps each officer, on how they enforce the law.

The two-year term has come to an end for members of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force. in the past, A.B.A.T.E.'s recruitment efforts have led to a pro-freedom majority on this task force. They are now accepting applications for the next term. Would anyone in your chapter, or that you know, be willing to apply? The task force term is two years long and meets on the 3rd Thursday of odd numbered months (12 meetings during the two year term). If you are interested in details, please don't hesitate to reach out.

It is reported that motorcyclist fatalities are trending down, hopefully the trend continues. As I write this, there have been 35 fatalities this year, as opposed to 52 on the same day last year. Great news considering the past couple of years.

Due to time constraints and respect for publishing space, I will fill you in next month on the MNDOT HWY engineer's report, a proclamation update, and a few other things.

Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

John
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Ride safe until next time,

Kari Duncan

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**Products Report**

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**Gambling Report**

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**MRF Report**

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**Business of the Month**

**The Caboose Event Center**

1045 Craig Ave • Tracy, MN 56175 • 507-212-0999  
Seating for 1-500 — Open Tuesday - Saturday at 4:30 pm  
Diane Fiegan, Event Coordinator

The Caboose is a family friendly place with home cooking at it best.

They hosted our July 2023 Board of Directors meeting and had great food and service.
Member of the Month

Michele Legried - Flatlanders Chapter

Michele and her husband Virgil have been A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members since 2011.

Michele was the VP of the chapter and had been nominated for chapter President in January of 2013. At that same meeting their chapter rep said he was not able to attend the B.O.D. and they asked Michele to fill in. She accepted and attended that meeting.

At that B.O.D. we were having a hard time finding someone to accept the position of State Secretary. Mack had been talking to Michele the night before and when no one would step up for the State Secretary he saw Michele sitting directly across the room from him and remembered how passionate she had been. He called her out and asked if she could please help them out and accept the State Secretary position. She told me later that she just couldn’t say no to Mack. As they say...The rest is history! Michele has been a real asset to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and Bikers Rights in general. Thanks for all your hard work and we hope you keep it up for many years! Another good story; Michele went to the Harley dealer to get some new boots and left with a new bike!

Bike of the Month

2010 Softail Deluxe

Angie Webb-Darwin

Sand Dunes Chapter

Angie works for Vikingland HD. The shop had pushed this bike on the floor at the end of the day. Before they opened the next morning, she had made it it hers. Since then she won’t stay off it. In just over a year she has reached 5,000 miles and counting. The bike has CVO paint, ape hangers, detachable sissy bar, six pack rack and lots and lots of skulls.
I want to use this month’s Grapevine to encourage all of our members to work together. We have one simple goal and that is to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy in relation to riding our motorcycles. We come from all walks of life, and hold our own perspectives which you may, or may not agree with. Unless those perspectives are related to motorcycles and our freedoms, this should never interfere with our ability to work together and help one another succeed. We have a lot of awesome people, doing a lot of awesome things to help our mission, some of which who have been doing the work, holding offices, and volunteering their time and resources since our organizations founding. When we all do a little bit, it makes light work of monumental tasks. With autonomous vehicles sharing our roads, EV mandates, ethanol and emissions regulations, proposed helmet laws we clearly have a monumental amount of work ahead of us. It takes all members pulling together and, in the end, ends up being a lot more fun for everyone that way. Until next time, ride safe.

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Northeast

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st– 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

Hello all,

September already? Where did the summer go?

As a chapter we hosted a BRC2 class last month and the response was very good. We had nine chapter members there, which is great considering there was rain in the forecast which affected a couple of individual’s decision on whether to attend. The class itself was very informative and a bit humbling when we discovered that even after decades of riding most of us had developed some bad habits which needed to be addressed. The instructors were obviously experienced riders themselves and kept the class moving along on the time schedule allocated. I would recommend that every experienced rider take this course and not worry about looking bad while doing it. We probably had a total of over 150 years of riding experience between the group, yet every one of us learned something and had our moments of nervousness and small mistakes.

Our annual ‘Chic’s Memorial Billboard Run’ will take place on September 16th and everyone is welcome to participate. We will have details on our chapter Facebook page for anyone who is interested. The run is put on in partnership with A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Region 6B, and pays for the big yellow ‘Look For Motorcycles’ billboards that many locals will immediately recognize. The proceeds are divided between billboards on both sides of the border with three to four typically being located on each side. Lamar Signs has been a great partner in this with them leaving signs up well past the rental period that has been paid for, sometimes for the entire year. We appreciate everything they do for us.

– Ride Safe, Ed
Metro

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st – 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield

I am writing this in August and the first thought that I have is that I hope that you will be able to attend the 2023 A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Motorcycle State Rally in Litchfield at the Meeker County Fairgrounds, from Thursday, August 31st through Monday, September 4th. You will be missing a lot by not attending.

Metro Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. We have Taco Nights scheduled on the 2nd Monday of each month at Casa Rio restaurant in Anoka from 4pm to 8 p.m. Our next Taco Nights are September 11th, October 9th, November 13th and December 11th.

We will also be hosting a Sunday brunch at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley on September 17th and again on November 19th between 8am and Noon. Both events are fundraisers for the Metro Chapter.

Getting back to the State Rally. As an incentive for Metro Chapter members to attend this year, we have arranged with one of the food vendors to issue Meal Certificates that can be exchanged for a FREE Loaded Baked Potato and an ear of Roasted Sweet Corn for all Metro chapter members at the State Rally. Pick up your Meal Certificate at the Front Gate when you register for the Rally and it can be redeemed anytime over the Rally weekend (this is a $15 value to you as a way for the Metro Chapter to thank you for being a member and attending the Rally). Hopefully Nick will be able to attend the Rally to take pictures that we can use in the 2023 State Rally Calendar. If you do attend the Rally, please volunteer to help out in any way that you can. If you don’t know what you can volunteer for, find another Metro chapter member and they will get you set up.

The Metro Chapter is also planning an October Sunday Family Fun Day for members and their family members. Tentative date is Sunday, October 22nd at the Coon Rapids VFW. More details will be available, so keep an eye out for updates on our webpage, www.metromn.com or our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/groups/190580868718741

Sand Dunes

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st – 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield
Sand Dunes Fall Ride, September 30th. Bailey Ray’s, Santiago, MN.
Reg 9:30, KSU 10:30.

Next Meetings:
September 10th, 5:00 pm. The Buff, Big Lake, MN
October 8th, 5:00 pm. The Buff, Big Lake MN
November 12th, 5:00 pm. The Buff, Big Lake MN

Greetings,

It’s been relatively quiet for the Sand Dunes Chapter lately. We have a good contingency of chapter members attending the State Rally, which may be over by the time you read this.

We are looking forward to our fall ride, September 30th, beginning at Bailey Ray’s in Santiago. We will have registration at 9:30 with kickstands up at 10:30. We would love to see you join us.

That’s all for now. Ride safe and Peace out!

– Michael Olkives
President, Sand Dunes Chapter
East Central “Shameless Bribe Winners.”

East Central

Next Meetings:
September 3rd, State Rally, Litchfield, 9:00 am
October 1st, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,
Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield
September 7th - 10th, Hay Days, Almelund
October 28th, Anoka Halloween Parade,
Downtown Anoka, 11:00 am

Rally is coming up quick and Sharen Wright is looking for registration volunteers on the evening shifts. See Sharen if you’re interested.

East Central is happily taking part in the Anoka Halloween parade this year to raise A.B.A.T.E. awareness.

Summer Thunder was a lot of fun and we’d like to thank everyone who came out for the dinner ride. We had 20 bikes and 24 riders turn out for a relaxing ride and dinner at McBee’s on Ann Lake before returning to St Francis. A big thank you to McBee’s in Ogilvie for the hospitality and raffle give aways.

We would also like to thank our East Central road guards for a job well done. Five East Central road guards attended the We Saw the Light fundraiser on August 5th for suicide survivors support group put on by the Bond Slaves.

Our Shameless Bribe Winners this month scored rally tickets, garage bling, self-help book and an A.B.A.T.E. hat (see photos above).

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

– Your VP, Jim

Central
No Report Received

Jack Pine Riders
No Report Received

Up North
No Report Received

See you at the Rally!

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Howdy Folks,

I hope you are reading this at YOUR State Rally! I also hope this was the most fun YOU had at the Rally!!

As I’m writing this, we are just moments from making the trip to Sturgis! As we ride the Hills, we meet new people and learn about Bikers in other parts of the country or the world.

As fall comes upon us, we will descend into the woods to attempt to reduce the number of deer crashes. And then comes sausage day when we as a family get together to create good food for the winter.

Although the weather is getting cooler, we still ride the back roads and talk about A.B.A.T.E. with folks that aren’t fortunate enough to know who we are.

Thanks to Jon Fernholz for helping get it set up and North Star chapter for taking advantage of the FREE District Rider Course. Keep this in mind for next year. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will pay for YOUR chapter to take a rider course in your area. I feel this is VERY important. As we get older our reflexes are not as sharp as before. I personally take a rider course every year. If it saves my backside or someone else’s it is worth it!!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Edgar

Northwest District Director

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Freedom First Riders

Next Meetings:
September 9th - Mike Miller’s house, 6pm

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield

Greetings FFR members,

It has been fun to see members getting out and about on their motorcycles this summer. If you have a chance, come check out our State Rally on Labor Day weekend. It is always a great time. If you don’t know where we camp at Litchfield, just ask at the gate. They do have day passes available if you choose to come down for the day.

As the summer is now here, please check out our Facebook page to see what is going on. Sunday rides have started up and they will be posted on the Facebook page, I look forward to seeing you soon.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

Borderland
No Report Received

Heart of the Lakes
No Report Received

North Star
No Report Received

Northwest
No Report Received
Greetings All!

Another Rally in the rearview mirror! 35 years this has been going on and I have only missed 2! The memories and the people I’ve met over the years, most are old friends and a lot of new friends. The faces change over the years, but just as many stay the same. We are all like minded and believe in the same rights for motorcyclists – freedom of the road! Although we have all gotten older, it is nice to see younger people starting to attend the Rally also. With that being said, it is time to start letting more young people know about the Young Riders Programs. Let your grandkids, nieces, nephews, sons and daughters know. The more information that gets out to the schools and colleges and through word of mouth, the more likely we are to garner new members down the road.

If you are looking for something to do, check out the Road Noise Calendar of Events, Flyers and Chapter Facebook pages. There is something fun and exciting going on every weekend. New to A.B.A.T.E., come and check out a chapter meeting. Ask questions and be involved. If an answer can’t be found at a meeting, the officers can usually find someone who can answer your question.

Remember also that Dial-A-Ride is still going on over the weekends until the end of October and if you do pickups or get someone home safe that has over indulged, please let the Dial-A-Ride team know. They need those numbers and would rather you be embarrassed and alive than in an accident or dead. Put your pride aside and call them at 1-888-342-5743.

I hope to see everyone soon at one of your upcoming meetings.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

Donna

Tri-County

Next Meeting(s):
September 7th, Mike & Tobi Pharr’s home, 28825 Oak Hill Lane, Henderson, 6:30 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm meeting (Bring dish to pass if you like)
October meeting place TBD

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds
September 16th, Freedom Social, 12:00 pm
September 17th, Highway pickup, 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome to the TriCounty Chapter’s Freedom Social on Saturday September 16th at the Carver Beach Playground in Chanhassen. Join us for this free event from noon to 4:00 pm for fun, food, and games. Beverages provided! Kids welcome! Free! Please see page 32 in Road Noise.

Highway pickup is scheduled at 10:00 am Sunday September 17th between Jordan and New Prague by trains! Follow detour suggested in last month’s Road Noise!

Curious to find out what chapter won our challenge?! It was scheduled to end at State Rally weekend. Which chapter won for largest growth from overall membership increase and which chapter won for the largest growth resulting from new membership?!

Till next month, Peace out.

– Gerry
Next Meeting(s):
September 17th, Tillies, 1155 Lake Shady Ave S, Oronoco, 11:00 am
October thru March: Rochester American Legion, 915 2nd Ave SE, Rochester, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds
Fall Buddy Bear Ride—more information to come!
September 21st-24th: Bikers on the Beltway, Meeting of the Minds 2023

Greetings All:
First off, I need to apologize for the mix-up in meeting dates. The meeting date information in the August Road Noise was incorrect but that was the information I was given at the June chapter meeting. This information got changed between the June meeting and the July meeting. Please watch Facebook for meeting information as that is the most current information.

Well, our summer is winding down—BUMMER—hope everyone had a safe and fun riding season. I can't believe another month has passed by so fast. It has been a very busy summer for our chapter and for me personally.

As you may remember, we had our Summer Shenanigans Party in July. We had a really good turn out for our very first party and had a lot of fun until a thunderstorm decided to pee on our party, chasing the vendors and many of the party-goers away. It didn't stop us though as we moved the party inside and continued to party. The bike games were a lot fun and the mud wrestling was a hoot to watch. Michelle almost became a victim of that mud pit but after a lot of life threatening, she was saved from the mud.

We want to THANK the Isle of Dreams Bar and Event Center for allowing us to have our party there and also thank the vendors who came, including the food truck— the food was really good. A special THANK YOU goes to all of those who came to the party and especially those who came from other chapters, RCs, and MCs to support us. We are already starting to plan next year's party.

We are planning to have a Buddy Bear ride with the other chapters in our district in September. Watch Facebook for more information on this.

We want to welcome all new members and say thank you to those who have renewed their memberships. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly chapter meetings which are held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:00. Location subject to change so check the Road Noise or Facebook for more information on meeting locations.

So long until next month.

— Terry

See you at the Rally!
Straight River

**Next Meeting(s):**
September 9th,
Reggie’s,
Owatonna,
1:00 pm
October 14th, Box Car Tavern,
Waseca,
1:00 pm
November 11th,
Reggie’s,
Owatonna,
1:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds
September 16th, Buddy Bear Run, Hi-Vee, Owatonna, 9:00 am
October 19th, Bingo, Elk’s, Owatonna 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thank you to all the riders that showed up at our scavenger hunt ride and Cash Wise food stand fundraiser. You make it fun and worth going. Be safe and ride free.

— Zoomer

Flatlanders

**Next Meeting(s):**
September 23rd, Tony and Stacy Roe’s, 10:00 am

**Upcoming Event(s):**
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds
September 23rd, Summer's Done Run, 11:00 am registration, 12:00 pm ride

SAVE THE DATE. Open to the Public. Come on out for the whole weekend. Contact Tony Roe the week prior to arrange a time to bring out your camper. 507-438-5962. They can be brought out early so you can ride the day of event. Free camping Friday and Saturday. Meals will be provided. Free will donation. Bonfire both nights, music by DJ, ride and bike games, smoked pork and ribs dinner provided Saturday after the ride as part of entry fee. Silent auction Saturday. Always a good time with good people. Hope to see you there.

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

— Da Buff

River Valley

**Next Meeting(s):**
September 10th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
October 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
September 1st-3rd, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield
Fall Ditch Cleanup, TBD
January 20th, 2024, January Thaw Dance, Eagles Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm

Welcome to fall. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. We would like to thank everyone that turned out for the River Valley Gives Back Ride this year, and a huge thank you to the planning committee for their work in putting everything together to make it a success.

Our Fall Ditch Cleanup is coming up soon. We will set a date at our next meeting.

We already started planning for our January Thaw Dance. The date is set 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.

Please be safe riding this fall as harvest starts.

— Papa Frank, President
September, Rally time, did you go? Remember this was your party to attend, did your Chapter sell your ten advanced tickets? Did you or your Chapter sell any Rally Raffle tickets? Are you going to attend Chapter rides or events? These things all help A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota grow.

The “E” in A.B.A.T.E. stands for Education. The Education Committee put funds out for FREE Intermediate Riding Classes in all four Districts, for 12 members each. the Southwest District was held this year in Upper North Mankato at South Central College. I had 12 members sign-up, three had to back out (one being me, in a neck brace) but I had three alternates, thank you! Only one person didn’t make it to the class, so we ran with 11. Jon thought that was a pretty good turnout, everyone said they enjoyed the class and the instructors said many times to me this was a great class, everyone was open to learn new things.

Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

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Buffalo Ridge

Next Meeting(s):
September 7th, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minnesota, 6:00 pm
October 5th, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minnesota, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st - 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally,

Litchfield
September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

We are excited to share we have had 108 students in the last six weeks in the Share the Road class. We hope everyone has been out with their Passports hitting all the stops you can.

Ride Free!
**Way West**

Next Meeting(s):
September 24th, Swimming Pool Park, Madison, 12:00 pm
October, to be determined

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st – 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Litchfield

Congrats to Tom Dilman on winning the two promotional rally tickets and for bringing the most guests to our meetings. We will be doing this ongoing.

Did you know that if you are caught riding your motorcycle without an endorsement that it could mean up to 90 days in jail, $1,000 fine and your bike towed? If something happens to cause damage to person or property, criminal charges? I wouldn’t want that for no one. Easy solution...take the beginners course for three days and receive your endorsement.

When you get this issue, the State Rally will be in full swing and I can’t wait!! Hopefully our chapter will have great representation once again!!

A committee will be setting up rides/event for next year. We need members to step up and join the committee.

Keep your kneez in the breeze,
— Gypsy Mama

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**Rolling Prairie**

Next Meeting(s):
September 8th, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, 7:00 pm
October 7th, Rivers Edge Golf Course, St. James, following ditch clean up
November 4th, VFW, St. James, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds
September 9th, Fallen Friends Run, Buckshots Bar & Grill, Butterfield, Kickstands up at noon
September 30th, First Annual Family Picnic, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
October 7th, Ditch Clean Up, 10:00 am

Hello Family!

Hope everyone has been out putting on some miles during this hot summer we’ve been having! We have been busy planning out First Annual Family Picnic Day! Would love to see other chapter members come and socialize while watching all the kiddos have fun. Planning on a tattoo booth, bring a bicycle and turn it into a motorcycle, lots of games and fun for everyone! Hot dogs and chips provided. Still working out the details, but should be a great time for all!

And what a great way to get the younger ones involved and maybe even get some signed up as a Young Riders. I’ve already started getting my granddaughter involved. She took her first motorcycle ride with grandpa Duball and now she’s hooked! She’ll even be on the Fallen Friends ride.

Keep checking our Facebook page for more information and updates!

Have fun and be safe!
— Lunch Lady

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**Southwest**

Next Meeting(s):
September 8th, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm
October 6th, Rushmore community Center Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
September 1st-4th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield Fairgrounds

Hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend! Summer has gone by too fast. It feels like there should be several months of hot, delightful sunshine to look forward to. Instead, we are looking at Labor Day, Minnesota Rally, hunting season, and making plans for those bike changes we make over the down season.

Our group has been hanging in there, small but mighty, they say. Most of us are grandparents. Let’s get some new blood flowing!

We just got back from a day trip to the Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa. Unfortunately, the museum lost momentum during Covid and has not recovered. We spent several hours there on a Wednesday. There was just a sprinkling of folks there, checking it all out. September 6th, or thereabouts, is the last day the place will be receiving visitors. If you want to read up on this very interesting place, go to: Anamosa’s National Motorcycle Museum to close, auction collection, after financial struggles, as printed in the January 23rd issue of the Des Moines Register. Better yet, go see the place! You’ll be amazed!

God Bless our troops and their families! Be safe out there,

BAM - Becky Murphy
**LAKE**

**Next Meeting(s):**
September 2nd, Informal get together, Rally grounds
October 7th, Chris Kalway’s home, Howard Lake, 3:00 pm
November 4th, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm
December 2nd, Dave’s Town Club, Delano, 3:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
September 1st – 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Litchfield
September 9th, Fall Run, Getaway Motor Cafe Carver, Registration at 10:00 am, Kickstands up at 11:00 am
September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA
October 7th, Ditch pickup, Community Center, St. Boni, 11:00 am

We have our fall run scheduled for Saturday, September 9th. Details will be forthcoming so watch Facebook for updates. Quite the adventure is being planned.

We were able to have our bike show at Camp Friendship. We had roughly 90 campers who were able to enjoy, take photos, ask questions, and sit on the bikes. This event is always very rewarding and an exciting experience for the campers and this year did not disappoint. The smiles were wide and plentiful. We had the opportunity to present our donation check to the camp in honor of Dan Arne. Dan had a special place in is heart for the True Friends organization. Dan served many roles for the chapter: Sergeant at Arms, Products, and Chapter Vice President. He is greatly missed by many.

Planning has started for the Grounded Hogs fundraiser. Advance tickets are available as is the newly launched scholarship program, look for the form in future issues of Road Noise or contact a chapter member to sign up. 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.

**South Central**

**No Report Received**

**Glacial Ridge**

**Next Meeting(s):**
September 2nd, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield, 6:00 pm
October 7th, Heidi’s Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**
September 1st – 4th, A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally, Litchfield
September 21st - 24th, Meeting of the Minds, Harrisburg, PA

Summer is flying fast, trying to get as much riding in as we can. There is a lot going on this summer and the older we get; the quicker time goes. You need to be able to take the time to get out there and ride or do the things that the summer has to offer, or it will be over.

We are signing up for shifts at the State Rally to be more involved this year. After the State Rally, we will be officially in fall and into our fundraiser.

Stay safe!
MINNESOTA STATE RALLY
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
35th Anniversary
September 1st - 4th, 2023

2023 State Rally Sponsorships

**DIAMOND**
- Farm Rite..........Dassel
- KLFD Radio........Litchfield

**GOLD**
- Dial-A-Ride........Grove City
- Honky’s...........Grove City
- Freedom First Riders...Grove City
- South Central Chapter...Litchfield
- Schlauderaff Implement.....Litchfield
- Steffes Auction........Litchfield

**SILVER**
- Brotherhood........Nordic
- Motorcycle Club......Nordic
- Central Chapter.......St. Cloud
- CJ&J Trucking, LLC....Kimball
- CJ Industries.........Hopkins
- East Central Chapter...Bethel
- Lake Chapter..........Delano
- Litchfield Liquor......Litchfield
- Metro Chapter..........Twin Cities
- Flatlander Chapter.....Wells
- North Star Chapter.....Bemidji
- Rolling Prairie Chapter.St. James
- Sand Dunes Chapter.....Big Lake
- Sled Pulls...............Braham

**CHROME**
- 5KTrucking, Inc........Salol
- American Legion Post 104
- BK Heating & Air, Inc....Ottertail
- Borderland Chapter......Roseau
- Buffalo Ridge Chapter...Marshall
- Darwin Bottle Shop......Darwin
- Fury Motorcycle & Outlet.So St. Paul
- Heart of the Lakes.......Detroit Lakes
- IPS Integrated Power Systems
- Kingston Mini Mart.......Dassel
- Litchfield Eagles Club #3424
- Mr. Potato Head.........Shakopee
- Northeast Chapter.......Duluth
- Punt Companies..........Prinsburg
- Red Goat Grill...........Watkins
- Southeast LC Chapter....Rochester
- Straight River Chapter..Owatonna
- Todd’s Rod Chop..........Lowry
- Tri County Chapter.......Savage
- Way West Chapter........Madison

** COPPER**
- 2nd Street Customs.....Litchfield
- Binsfield Tire..........Litchfield
- Buzz and Karen.........Lake Chapter
- Cosmos Motorcycle Supply.Cosmos
- Glacial Ridge Chapter...Glenwood
- Kimmer................Arizona
- Riverside Store & Tavern.Litchfield
- Sons of Silence MC....Hutchinson
- Thirsty’s Bar & Grill...Dassel
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## 2023 State Rally
### Schedule of Events

**Friday, September 1**
- 8:00 am: Rally officially Starts
- 3:00 - 7:00 pm: Karaoke in the Beer Barn
- 5:00 pm: Chapter Royalty Pageant on Main Stage
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Bad Jack takes the stage
- 9:00 - 10:00 pm: Karaoke in the Beer Barn
- 10:00 pm - 12:00 am: Everett Smithson Band takes the stage
- 12:00 am - 1:00 am: Karaoke in the Beer Barn

**Saturday, September 2**
- 7:00 - 11:00 am: VFW Breakfast at the 4-H Building
- 9:30 am: Memorial Service and Bike Blessing
- 10:00 am: Memorial Ride Starts
- 11:30 am: Tattoo Contest/MFR Chili Contest in the Beer Barn
- 1:00 - 5:00 pm: Bike Games/followed by the Sled Pull Qualifying
- 5:00 pm: Fashion Review/Royalty Contest on the Main Stage
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm: Karaoke in the Beer Barn
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm: Crimson Edge takes the stage
- 10:00 pm: Rally Raffle Drawing
- 10:00 pm - 12:00 am: Devon Worley takes the stage
- Following end of band: Wet T-shirt Contest

**Sunday, September 3**
- 7:00 - 11:00 am: VFW Breakfast at the 4-H Building
- 9:00 am: Memorial Service & Ringing of the Bell
- 10 am: Bike Show
- 12:00 - 5:00 pm: Bike Games followed by the Sled Pull
- 7:00 pm: Menace takes the stage
- 9:00 pm: Raffle Drawing

### 2023 State Rally Games

#### Standard Games
- Slow Ride
- Plank
- Honey I'm Home
- Balloon Toss
- Cones W/Balls
- Tire Toss
- Drive By Shoot
- Wiener Bite
- Keg Push

#### People Games
- Tug of War
- Swedish Ski Team
- Log Toss
- Toad in the Hole
- Medallion Hunt
- Plank Walk
- Cherry Race
- Blow Your Load

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**REMINDER**

**CHAPTER CHALLENGE AT THE STATE RALLY**

Get your King and Queen nominations to Fred Pawelk at fpawelk@yahoo.com

Please include: Chapter name and nominees names (Nominee’s cannot be related or dating).

**Round 1 and 2**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023 AT 5:00 PM
In the Main Grandstand
3 Male & 3 Female contestants moving forward

**Final round**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2023
After the Fashion Show in the Main Bar

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www.abatemn.org
YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE A BIKER TO ATTEND MOST BIKER EVENTS

If you do attend a Biker Event, there are a few rules that you must strictly adhere to:

- Enjoy the delicious food - it was probably included for FREE with the price of admission - and probably the beer and soda as well
- Enjoy adult beverages responsibly - don’t drink and drive
- Enjoy the live musical entertainment which is usually provided
- DANCE until your feet hurt and SING until your voice is hoarse
- Laugh a lot and have FUN
- Make some new friends and catch up with old friends as well
- Generously participate in 50/50 drawings, raffles, silent and live auctions and donation boxes that support worthwhile local causes
- Purchase something from the Merchandise Table
- Seriously consider becoming a member of the host organization

Share this Important Notice with all of your friends
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

Application Form on Page 30
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?
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**FREEDOM EVENT**

Tri-County FREEdom Fall Social

Hosted by: A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Tri-County Chapter Members

Saturday, September 16th, 2023

Guests Welcome from Noon to 4p.m.

Carver Beach Playground
900 Carver Beach Road
Chanhassen, Minnesota

Pets welcome, subject to park rules.

This is a FREE event!

Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and/or Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota welcome, but NOT required.

**MENU**

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
French Fries and Cheese Curds
Ice Cream and More!

Elected officials will be invited to stop by to say “hello”, as their time permits.

***please wear A.B.A.T.E. apparel if you have it***

We look forward to seeing all who value FREEdom!
Flatlanders Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN Presents

5TH ANNUAL - FAMILY FRIENDLY

SUMMERS DONE RUN

September 22-23
20261 890th Ave
Albert Lea, MN. 56007

Saturday Ride: Register @ 11am
Kick Stands up at 12N
$30 - Rider & Passenger
$20 - Rider
$10 - Food Only
$5 - 12 & Under Food Only

Fee Includes:
Camping, Bonfires both nights, Ride,
DJ music, Dinner Saturday Night

Also will have:
Bike Games & Silent Auction

Other meals will be available for a Free will Donation
Port-A-Pottys on site

B.Y.O.B

Contact Tony Roe For more info including getting set up early:
507-438-5962

Donations made to ABATE of MN are not tax deductible
NO GAMES FALL FUN RIDE

September 30th
Registration 9:30 am       Kickstands Up 10:30 am
Bailey Ray’s Roadhouse in Santiago, MN

Tickets and donations to ABATE OF MN are not tax deductible. Proceeds will be donated towards hosting a rider training class. Find more on our website www.sanddunesabate.org

www.abatemn.org
CLASSIFIED ADS

7/23: For Sale: 1941 Plymouth Coupe Parts Call and see if I have what you need 507-240-4273


The Classified Section is open to all members of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. The ads are free of charge and run for a three month period. Photos are acceptable as room permits. No business ads will be accepted. Send Your Classified Ads to: roadnoise@abatemn.org or mail to Road Noise at 16550 226th Ave NW Elk River, MN 55602.
ABATE of Minnesota
Lake Chapter Fall Run
September 9th, 2023

Join us for a day of RIDING as we make the Creamery, Bakery, Brewery, Butcher shop Tour!

Advanced Tickets $15, $20 day of the Run

Registration Starts @10am
Getaway Motor Cafe, Carver MN
Run leave at 11am Sharp

Want More Members?
ABATE Membership
Chapter Challenge
Sponsored by
Tri-County ABATE

Largest Overall Increase
Largest Percentage Increase

$500 prize would be given to the chapter with the largest growth resulting from OVERALL membership increase.

$500 prize would be given to the chapter with the largest growth resulting from NEW membership.

Results to be calculated based on percentage of the chapter’s membership on the challenge start date. The total cost to Tri-County ABATE not to exceed $1000. Ties in either category will be settled by a coin toss. Each of the $500 prizes will have a stipulation that a winning chapter must pay for a contracted group rider training course, through the MNSCU collegesystem, during the 2024 riding season before it is eligible to receive the prize. This Chapter Challenge will exclude Tri-County Chapter from participating and all membership increase data resulting from the Algona Freedom Rally 2023.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL CHAPTERS!
51 years of riding and 30 years representing bikers who are hurt or in trouble in Minnesota.

CALL
1-800-770-7008
St. Cloud (320) 259-5414
“Ask your friends about us.”

If you have any legal problem and you wonder what to do

CALL US
and we will find someone to Help!

www.minnesotapersonalinjury.com

Offices in St. Cloud and the Twin Cities

“Justice For the Injured”
Check your expiration date. Please use the form below to re-new your membership with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, so that you may continue to receive the Road Noise and be informed!

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

Name 1: ________________________________
Name 2: ____________________________
Address: ________________________________
City: ____________________________
State/Zip: ____________________________
Phone #: ____________________________
E-Mail: ________________________________
Renewal: Yes ☐ No ☐
Over 18: Yes ☐ No ☐ Under 21: Yes ☐ No ☐
Chapter: ________________________________

If left blank the correct area chapter will be assigned.

Dues:
☐ 1 year $30.00 Single or ☐ $50.00 per couple.
☐ 2 years $60.00 Single or ☐ $100.00 per couple.
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