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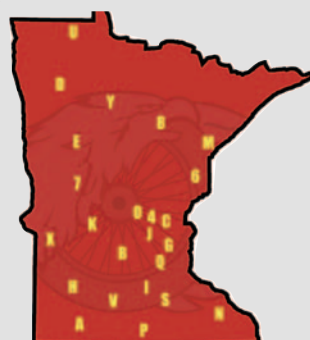
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different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

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

A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by

being involved in the local, state and national political process. Safer motorcycling, reducing accidents and fatalities can be best accomplished by education and training of both the motorcyclists and the general public, not necessarily through additional legislation.

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

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

To continue these efforts we need your support and participation. Show your commitment to protecting and preserving

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

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

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

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

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Did you know... that I read the Road Noise to see when chapter meetings and events are happening? I've noticed that some chapters do not send in grapevines. People have told me that they have nothing to write. At a minimum, please submit upcoming meeting dates, time and location. A little blurb about what your chapter has done or plans to do would be nice.

I start planning my schedule at least two months ahead of time. If I can't find out what your chapter is doing, how will a new member be able to attend events? Please submit an article every month.

I have noticed that many of our members are supporting events at other chapters... Thank You! Teamwork is what we really need! Together, we can accomplish ANYTHING!!

Riding season is coming to an end, hunting season is starting. Please be careful out there!

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Could you believe the weather last month? Riding in your T-shirt one day and two days later, dragging out the full leathers to ride. Well, I think the 2023 riding season is behind us, and we need to start looking towards 2024. For starters, it's time for officer nominations. Have you ever thought of running for a position in your chapter? Or even on a state level? Everyone is always very helpful, so don't be scared to give something new a try. That's how it all starts. One day you're a sergeant at arms, and the next day you're the president.

Also, the A.B.A.T.E. University committee has been busy putting things together for 2024. Once again it will be held in Alexandria at the Holiday Inn, where I

know for myself, have always had a very good time. And everyone should run for president, because that is the class I put on at A.B.A.T.E. University for an officer training class. It's a must see. At least that's what I tell myself.

And there's always a lot of great fundraisers that are put on over the winter, so try to make time and support some of the other chapters. I know myself, I try. But then somebody yells squirrel, (Kristie), and off in a different direction I go,

And I know you will read about this in a lot of other Road Noise articles, but mark your calendar for Bikerday at the Capitol, March 13th, 2024. I know sometimes other commitments get in the way, but do the best you can. I know for myself, we have a trip planned from three months ago, traveling with my (older sister) for her 65th birthday. So I, myself, will be unable to attend this year, but plan to be back at it next year.

Till next time,

Jim

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What is NCOM?

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists {NCOM} was born on January 27th, 1986 when motorcycle groups and leaders from around the nation met in Las Vegas.

Spurred by the need for a powerful, unified voice to stand up for the rights of bikers everywhere. Since that time, NCOM has continued to provide riders and motorcycle organizations with legal guidance, legislative backing, public awareness programs, and anti-discrimination services, among other resources.

NCOM is more than just a single organization. It is comprised of numerous motorcycle rights groups, clubs, and associations, all working together for the greater good of the biker community. Today, the coalition has expanded to include hundreds of thousands of riders and more than 2,000 member organizations from all over the United States.

At its core, NCOM is an association built and run by bikers for bikers. Its National Council, designed to facilitate effective communications nationwide, is comprised of one member from each participating organization.

Motorcycle Rights Leaders representing 11 regions make up its board of Advisors. The group also contains a Legislative Task force that includes state legislators, advocates, and a United States Senator.

Unlike other organizations, groups can join NCOM at NO cost, gaining access to its tools and resources. NCOM does not impose membership fees or ask its members for funding. Instead, 100% of the organization's monetary backing is provided by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclist {A.I.M.} program and its associated network of motorcycle injury lawyers. Each A.I.M. attorney gives a significant percentage of their legal fees from motorcycle accident cases to NCOM, ensuring that the coalition can continue in its work. No matter what type of bike you ride or what patch you wear, all motorcycle groups are encouraged to join the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. If your group would like more information on becoming part of NCOM, call 800-662-2453 or contact us online.

BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this to 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 the 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.

I am looking at setting up a legislative team. If this is something that interests you, please send me an email.

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

Gary Goracke

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The most current task force meeting was held on September 21st at St Paul College and we had a special guest join us at the meeting. Carver County Sheriff Jason Kamerud was present to field some questions regarding their policy concerning un-endorsed and un-permitted motorcycle operators on Carver County roadways. He spoke as to what he might do in a traffic stop depending on information obtained during the stop. Ultimately, he does not have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to un-endorsed and un-permitted motorcycle operators. There was some discussion on the liability of letting one of these riders go and a crash/fatality happening after the stop. Sheriff Kamerud was not too concerned about the liability factor. Much like our last guest from the Minnesota State Troopers, the Sheriff was unaware of the upward trend in fatalities of unlicensed riders. He is willing to take this information back to the Minnesota Sheriff's Association and perhaps one of us will join him at a meeting to field questions. A sincere thank you was given to Sheriff Kamerud for his time and input on this vital topic.

To quote the task force operating policies and procedures, "The Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force represents Minnesota motorcyclists, the diversity of the motorcycling community, and geographic diversity whenever possible. The mission of the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force is to advise and provide input to the Department of Public Safety on motorcycle safety issues and operation of the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Program with the goal of improving the safety of motorcycle riders and their passengers on Minnesota roadways." The three focus areas are motorcycle rider training, rider testing/licensing, and public info/media relations, which would cover ALL areas regarding motorcycle safety. From what I have witnessed, the leadership has been focused mainly on rider training and has been neglecting some of the other areas like public

information. Last winter, the task force worked on formulating a motorcycle safety proclamation for May 2023 and voted in favor of having the task force publish it. It was never published. Prior to that, the task force had voted on the design of the insert that comes in the mail with your motorcycle tab renewal notification. When was the last time you saw one of those? The one that hits closest to home for me as Education Chairperson (A.B.A.T.E.), is the decision to stop printing "Share the Road" brochures based upon skewed data. If one were to look back over multiple past motorcycle safety program budgets you would find the expense to print these as required. Instead, those currently in charge of formulating the budget have decided not to budget for this expense because they have not been printed since 2017. If I recall correctly, there were around two years of off and on distance learning and certainly no unnecessary outside contact from Share the Road presenters at driver's education classes. Why continue to print them if they not getting used? Well, now they are getting used and now there are no more to be handed out to up and coming roadway consumers to educate them about sharing the road and watching out for pedestrians, bicyclists, heavy trucks, farm implements, and even MOTORCYCLISTS! We had a brief discussion on the budget at the meeting, but certainly no vote as there are currently NO voting members of the task force.

Applicants were supposed to be appointed and seated prior to the July meeting, but the application process wasn't available to the public until after that meeting. As I write this, there are 13 applicants for an available 15 seats on the task force. The date to apply has passed, but they are keeping the application process open in hopes of filling the remaining seats. I hope to be reappointed so that I can work with a diverse group of motorcyclists to advise the DPS regarding good and poor choices that encompasses ALL focus points concerning motorcycle safety.

I will have more about this year's crash statistics in the winter months to come. My apologies to the Road Noise editor for the long report.

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

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I was talking with a friend and he shared a concern about an issue we are facing in our community. I acknowledged the concern he had and asked him what he has done about it. His reply was "somebody needs to do something about it." I repeated my question "what have you done about it." Get the idea how this conversation went.

1997, the year we were starting W2R, we were just learning. But we recorded 118 reply letters from legislators. We were new, figuring it out, and got 118 replies. Fast forward, 2022 we had less than half the replies we received in 1997, why? Have we accomplished everything we need to do to protect the motorcycle lifestyle? Are our legislators not replying or are we not writing?

A few Tri-County members attended a CD 6 dinner recently and the congressman knows the names of those that were there. This is a way we can begin building relationships. We were supporting a congressman that has supported us. He is one of four from Minnesota that co-authored H.R.1435 Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchase Act. This bill has recently passed in the House thanks in part to his support. While at that dinner we did not have an opportunity to discuss adding his name as a co-author to H.R.906 - REPAIR Act, a bill that as I am writing has no co-authors from Minnesota. My question to you, has your House member signed on to these bills? If so, have you said thank you? If not have you asked them to? Have you told them why it is important to you?

Here is an Important reminder, have you taken advantage of the PCR (Political Contribution Refund) program for 2023 yet? If not please do so soon, time is running out for this year. You can help those that are in

agreement with your thoughts get elected and stay in office. Money helps win elections. Politicians do remember the names of people that help them and, in many cases, this is the first connection they have with constituents. When we go to Bikerday would we be more successful talking to people that know who we are, people that support our position and people that we helped elect or would we rather talk with people that don't know us, don't like us, and don't agree with us? Our choice!

Speaking of Bikerday, are you planning to be there? I know for some the trip to the Capitol to see legislators can be a little intimidating, but we will be there to help you. If you are uncomfortable meeting with legislators, we can have someone take part in meetings with you. If you don't want to speak with your legislator, would you take the talking points we provide and leave them with their office? If that is still more than you are willing to do, can you just show up, be part of the crowd, help show legislators how large the motorcycle community is and how we can bring people together? We have been sponsoring Bikerday at the Capitol since 2004 and it should be growing every year, but that has not been the case. Let's fix that. What chapter will have the most participants at the 2024 Bikerday?

Thanks for reading

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In this month of November, I want to Thank All Veterans! Without your service we would not have this great country we live in. This is kind of a quiet time for our organization. We are working on the budget, so let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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I know most of us have parked the bikes till next year by now. A sacrifice we make living in the North. Great time to work on them though.

This year I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting Richard "Dick" York, one of the original A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members. The one who, with others, escorted the Bylaws for A.B.A.T.E. from South Dakota to Minnesota. This was the beginning of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. When I met with him at this year's State Rally, he humbly handed over to me documents from our organization he had saved since 1987-1988. In one of those documents I found, what I can only assume was the beginning of our "Road Noise."

A monthly newsletter that was sent out to members by A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Southwest, Inc. In this particular newsletter, postmarked January 4th, 1988, was sent from Worthington, MN to Dick and Linda York in Hutchinson, MN. In this newsletter, I came across some "suggestions" or "ideas" that we now find commonplace. So, I wanted to share.

In this particular "newsletter" was a submission written by Rick Lewis, The President of the Southwest Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota at that time. While the submission was lengthy, at the end it says, and I quote: "The following are my ideas; read them over let me know what you think of them and please, if you have some other ideas let them be known too.

1. We need more order at meetings; I propose we elect a sergeant at arms to enforce order.
2. We need one person devoted to representing our chapter on the state level; I propose we elect a state representative to do this job.
3. The time has come to elect new officers; I propose we nominate at our January or February meeting and hold the election at the following monthly meeting.
4. We need to discuss the ratification of our proposed by-laws and make all adjustments necessary to abide by them.
5. We have to develop some method of getting you people to communicate with your elected representatives as individual voters.

– Rick Lewis, President, SW Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN."

I found it interesting, and I hope you did too. A special thank you to Richard "Dick" York for passing on these valuable documents and for helping to get A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota started and for all you have done for this organization. We all thank you.

Gaida Gator Trout



Letter to A.B.A.T.E. OF Minnesota

An unfortunate incident took place at our State Rally this year. The incident caused emotional and physical damage. The individual involved has admitted he used poor judgement and has made financial restitution for the damage done. He has also offered his apology to the individual and to A.B.A.T.E. of MN for his lapse in judgement.

A.B.A.T.E. also apologizes to the party harmed. We are sorry for the damage he suffered. We have been in contact with the the injured party, and are open to communication with the individual. If additional action is necessary, we will do what we can.

There are some stories circulated about his incident that are a distortion of the truth and include information that is not related to the situation. Now we would ask that people accept the apologies, put this behind us and move forward being the best we can be.

Jane Doyle,
A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Coordinator



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It's been pretty slow in the office lately. Remember to send in memberships right away. Don't leave them in your vest or briefcase after a meeting. Keep on keepin on,

Shelly Deutsch

*Harmony
Lillie*

*Photo
Coming!*

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I am finding new ways to help people get to know how to use social media. Hashtags for each chapter, and I can make a QR code for each chapter so that way it will bring people to the Facebook page that you put your events and meetings on. You can put the QR code on your posters. I hope you found me at the October B.O.D. and I could be useful.

#seeyousoon
#mnabate1988
#SocialMedialsntScary

Harmony:)



EDUCATION

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As of October 9th, the rider training season has officially ended. The Young Riders Scholarship numbers are as follows. A.B.A.T.E. of MN has paid for 60 kids to take their Basic Rider Course this year at a cost of \$14,700 (out of gambling funds). I have received attendance reports on 49 kids so far, of which 43 have attended the course we paid for. That gives us an 87.7% attendance rate. The remaining attendance reports should trickle in soon after the deadline for this report.

I am currently working on some minor changes to the scholarship ad and application pages to be implemented before next year. The most important one, for example, is a warning to those that are applying to NOT register for the course themselves as we do not reimburse courses that have already been paid for. We have had students register, pay, and cancel their course so that we can pay for it. Some colleges charge \$30 for any course cancellation and then these kids are out \$30 that they could be spending on riding gear that is required to take the course.

For a brand-new idea in its first year of implementation, in my estimation this scholarship program was a success, and I do not foresee it going away. If you were to ask me a year ago how I thought this was going to turn out, my response would have been, "I'm not even sure how we are going to get this done. But we are going to try!" There were a lot of people involved to make this happen. I would like to thank each and every one of you, whether it is people within our organization or in the college system, THANK YOU!!

*That is it for now,
so keep learning..*

Jon Fernholz



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Just a reminder to carry the tear-offs and trifolds with you in your vest, bike, or car! Never know when you will need one!

Christmas time is right around the corner, an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Membership would make a great Christmas gift or a stocking stuffer!

We are going the wrong direction the last couple of months, we have 1,248 singles and 1,390 singles, which makes 2,638 total members, which is down another 258. We are losing people, why? The highest increase this month was Metro with a +10 members, next highest was Up North with a +2 members. Every other chapter lost members; the highest loss was -30. Any ideas on how we can get these numbers up?

See ya down the road,

Shelly Deutsch



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Nothing New To Report



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Did you meet the new Rally Chair at the October B.O.D. meeting? Best of luck to you Dougie!

Randy



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We are proceeding with offers to students that participated in rider training utilizing an A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders scholarship. We will send those that attended their training class a complimentary Young Riders membership application. These are people that have demonstrated their interest and desire to be riders and we believe they will share information about Young Riders with their peers, that will help us get the word out.

As mentioned last month a suggestion was made to try and put together some type of book or list with names of businesses or activities that would offer Young Rider discounts. This could be any business, event or activity that may be of interest to our Young Rider. We asked you to let us know your suggestions. We are waiting!

I have heard of one chapter that is planning to have a Young Riders membership table at their chapter event in February. Is this something your chapter could do? Following the October B.O.D., we will have membership tear offs available, so if you need them let us know. We have another opportunity that may interest our Young Riders. The Minnesota House is seeking high schoolers for the House Page Program. "High school pages attend meetings with legislators, constitutional officers, members of the judiciary and others. Pages also assist members and staff during House floor sessions, participate in mock committee hearings and more." Applications must be

submitted no later than November 22nd. More information and the application link can be found on the Young Riders Facebook page or the A.B.A.T.E. website.

Young Rider Supporters whose support period will end in November have been sent a reminder and encouraged to renew their support. I would also like to welcome our new supporters to the program.

Here is the list of current supporters.

Thanks to all. A.B.A.T.E. and A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders thanks

"Proud supporters of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders"

Jane Doyle	.....	June 23 - November 23
Dan Matzdorff	.....	June 23 - November 23
David "Too Tall" Carlson	...	June 23 - Nov. 23
Jon Fernholz	.....	June 23 - November 23
Bob Sturges & Harmony Lillie		June 23 - Nov. 23
Jim & Kristie Orn	.....	June 23 - May 24
Mike & Toby Pharr	.....	June 23 - May 24
Alex & Kelly Erickson	.....	June 23 - May 24
Vicki & Frank Ernst	.....	June 23 - May 24
Tri-County chapter		
A.B.A.T.E. of MN	.....	June 23 - May 24
Bob & Toni McChesney	...	August 23 - July 24
Glacial Ridge chapter		
A.B.A.T.E. of MN	.....	August 23 - July 24
East Central chapter		
A.B.A.T.E. of MN	....	August 23 - January 24
Buffalo Ridge chapter		
A.B.A.T.E. of MN	..	November 23 - October 24
Kris Gruhot	.....	November 23 - October 24

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. Thanks to all of you for all you do.

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Next Meeting(s):

November 11th, via phone, 11:00 am

December 10th, via phone, 11:00am

As we all tuck our motorcycles away for the winter remember to support other chapters by attending fundraisers, check out the Calendar of Events for more details.

When going through all your pictures from this past summer think about sending a featured article in on a member or group of members, business, bike, or veteran.

Bikerday is scheduled for March 13th, mark your calendars. November 1st is the projected registration date.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

You don't have to be perfect to be Amazing!

Tammy



GAMBLING REPORT

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Nothing New To Report



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Nothing New To Report



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello biker family, I do not have much to say this month. Please remember to support your brothers and sisters in A.B.A.T.E. by attending their chapter fundraisers whenever possible. You will get to know people on a more personal level, the more time you spend with them. We are all fighting for the same goals, so why not have some fun while you are at it.

If you know of your chapter event dates for next year, please send them to me. I enjoy traveling to as many chapter events as my time allows and if I know of dates far enough in advance, I can plan to be there with State Products or without.

If you need products for your chapter, please email at least one month before the next B.O.D. so I can bring them with me and save you postage.

If you have ideas for products, please email me and I will see what I can do.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Kari Duncan



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Next Meeting(s):

November 21st, Rancho Grande, Monticello,
6:00 pm

April 19th - 21th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
Court view, poolside, pool view and king rooms
\$135. All other rooms \$125.

Breakout Classes:

- History of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
- Social media platforms and use: Snapchat/Twitter/Discord
- Principles of Leadership

Thanks, *Stephanie*



Pictured is the group of those that joined us on our Dial-A-Ride Color Ride on September 30th, started out kind of nasty, but, as the day went on, weather warmed up nice. We were at Federal Dam campground for our lunch stop of sloppy joes, potato salad, and baked beans, even had a couple walk by and join us and gave us a donation. Our last stop was the Dairy Queen in Walker for dessert and gas stop next door, total ride was 110 miles, very little traffic and some beautiful scenery. Looking forward to next year's ride, so if you missed this year catch us next year.



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I am sorry, but I couldn't find any information on motorcycle fatalities in Minnesota for September 2023. **However, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, there were 234 fatalities in the state from January to September 2023** ¹. The Office of Traffic Safety provides monthly preliminary fatal crash numbers for the state. **As of September 2023, there have been 39 fatal crashes.**

– Sharon Polman

BIKE OF THE MONTH

Terry Panek • 2016 Indian Chieftan

Terry rides a 2016 Indian Chieftan with a Road Smith trike conversion kit. She has had it for one and a half years. Terry loves her trike! She is a member of Southeast LC Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota for five years. She has been the Secretary for the last two and a half years as well as the Chapter Rep for the last two years.

Terry loves riding all over the beautiful countryside!



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Litchfield American Legion Post 104

The Litchfield American Legion has been huge supporters of A.B.A.T.E. and South Central Chapter for many years. They have sponsored the State Rally and for several years they have provided the liquor and ice sales for the State Rally at the Litchfield fairgrounds.

They also have been a sponsor and a stop for the MN A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run and have received recognition for being the most frequented stop. The American Legion has also been involved in South Central's local events, providing door prizes for bike shows and auction items for Toys for kids.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Becky Gunderson, General Manager. She stepped up as new management this year to work with A.B.A.T.E. and did an amazing job! Shout out to the American Legion bartenders Amanda Lien and Sara Spain, who have worked the State Rally for the past several years.

Thank You, Litchfield American Legion for your support!



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

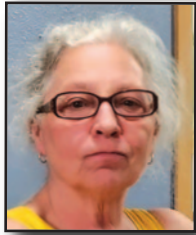
Sharon Polman North Star Chapter

Sharon has been a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota since 2011 and over the years has held every chapter officer position except for President. She has been the Buddy Bear Chair since 2013 and was the Dial-A-Ride Secretary too.

Sharon rides a Spider, and just bought a new 2022 model. In 2018 she got her first motorcycle ever! She says "My son did this to me." She retired and he thought she needed something to do to keep her out of trouble!

We are thankful he got her into A.B.A.T.E.





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Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

As we all sit down to enjoy the holiday meal, surrounded by family and friends, offering thanks for the meal, our health and happiness, remember those who are no longer with us and those who are serving our country to keep us all safe. Enjoy and have a safe Thanksgiving.

Now onto the business - Important upcoming dates to remember: Christmas - Looking for a gift idea? Membership to A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota or, if you have a young person - Membership to the Young Riders Program, or become a sponsor to the program!

Bikerday at the Capitol - March 13, 2024 - VERY important that we fill that Rotunda this year. The way the government is going, who knows what they will slip into bills to pass that no one will know about until after the fact. Keep an eye on the politics, and not just for the Presidential race.

As always, if I haven't been to your meeting recently, I will be there soon.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart,

Donna

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meetings:

November 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
December 10th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser, Eagles Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm
Hey all!

Well the riding season is coming to an end. We hope you got in all the rides that you planned for. Do try and keep in touch with each other over the winter months...we're not just A.B.A.T.E. members, but also family.

A BIG thanks to all that showed up for our Fall Ditch Cleanup and Lunch!

Our chapter is looking forward to our upcoming January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser. We have the band ROOK booked for the entertainment. Please, fellow members, do

support our chapter with ideas, collecting items for our silent auction and volunteering to help out as

needed. Make sure you pay attention to your Road Noise calendar of events. Let's get out and support our fellow chapter's fundraisers. Every little bit helps.

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

- Papa Frank, President



River Valley
Fall Ditch Cleanup



Photos from Straight River Buddy Bear ride.

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meetings:

November 11th, Reggie's,
Owatonna, 1:00 pm
December 9th, Moose Lodge,
Faribault, 1:00 pm

Hello everyone!

We are winding down from the summer time riding. We participated in Algona and the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally over Labor Day weekend.

I want to thank everyone for the summer riding fun. The long cold winter will be the perfect time to start getting ready for next year's riding season.

Thanks to all the members for doing an outstanding job on our Buddy Bear ride. Thank you all that participated in the ride itself. Cannot do it without you guys!

Make sure to check out the Straight River Facebook page for announcements.

– Mike Smith, Straight River President





TRI COUNTY

Next Meetings:

November 2nd and
December 7th, Cy's
Bar & Grill, Chaska,
7:00pm

Upcoming Events:

Please look at
Calendar of Events in
your Road Noise

Thank you to members
who drove to
Montgomery for the
October meeting at Paul
and Gerry's home! We
had a nice warm meal
and visited with new



**Vice President Terry Olson and
President Jon Fernholz (right).**



September Highway Pickup

member Deb Gosse and old members Kent & Marlene Slavik from Alaska. Frank Ernst gave us information on how to make your political contribution to your favorite candidate and get your money back! Look up the Political Contribution Refund program. Also attend Bikerday March 13th, 2024! Talk to Frank if you are interested in going to the capital for Bikerday, but don't know what to say or say to whom!? He will certainly help you! Just your presence in the Capitol's rotunda makes a difference! As he stated and I quote..." the more we have...the louder it speaks!"

Our President Jon F. updated us on Young Riders. To date there are 60 scholarships awarded. That is \$14,700 of monies from A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota gambling funds that have paid for the training . If you have a Young Rider, and they are a junior in high school, there will be a link available for them to apply to be a part at the state capital, which would assign them different duties. This is a good way for them to learn how civic government works!

Our December meeting will have pizzas ready at 6:30 pm at our Cys Bar location. Bring a dessert if you like and a White Elephant gift if you want to be a part of the gift exchange!

Our sympathies to Bill Ernst in the loss of his step dad and to Jim Bengston in the loss of his brother.
Peace out Peoples

– Ger



FLATLANDERS

Next Meetings:

November 18th, Serviceman's Club, Blooming Prairie 4:00 pm
December 16th, VFW, Alden, 4:00 pm

Next Event(s):

December 16th, Christmas Party, VFW, Alden (after meeting)



The 5th Annual Summers Done Run is in the books. Although Mother Nature gave it her best shot to drown us out, she did not succeed. Thank you to all who came, camped, hung out, went on the ride and participated in the silent auction. We cannot continue to do this without all of you!! Special shout out and thank you to the South Central crew that joined us...Ingrid & Dougie, Mike & Michelle, Regina & John "Veeeight". Also shout out and thank you to Tom & Kari Duncan from Rolling Prairie. This couldn't have happened without Tony and Stacy Roe opening up their yard each year so, THANK YOU!! Thank you once again to Jim Zenk for smoking up some beyond delicious pork and ribs...You are amazing!!! Thank you to Bergdale Harley-Davidson for your donations for our silent auction, it is much appreciated!! Thank you to everyone else who donated silent auction items, brought dishes to pass, made monetary donations, etc. Thank you to Kipp Fuller for being our DJ and rocking the house!! If I missed anyone it was not intentional, so thank you everyone!!! I feel so blessed and humbled to be a part of such an amazing community or, for me... my family by choice!!

One more recognition...WELCOME to our brand new member, Charlene Kuchenreuther, to the Flatlander family!!! Thank you and hope to see you all plus more next year!!!

Peace and Love Always. Hugs's from Summer's Done Run.

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

- Da Buff



SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meetings:

November through March: Rochester
American Legion, 915 21st Ave SE,
Rochester, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

Winter Fundraiser—date and time TBD
and will be in the next Road Noise
March 13th, 2024, Bikerday at the Capitol

BOO! Happy Halloween to all. I know you will get this in early November but I am writing it in early October. Looks like our riding season is about to come to an end for this season. BUMMER. I don't know about you all, but to me, the summer went way too fast.

We are having our Buddy Bear run tomorrow and it's going to be chilly but we need to get it done and the summer got away from us. We have many other irons in the fire and hope to get a lot of those figured out at the next meeting, so more information will be coming on that in the next couple of Road Noise editions.

Some of the chapter members attended the Flatlanders *End of Summer Bash* and, despite

the rain, we had a great time. I met a lot of people I didn't know. Thanks again, Flatlanders, for hosting the party. Looking forward to next year.

Bikerday at the Capitol is going to be held March 13th. We will have a bus going up and have been guaranteed a bus WILL BE picking us up in Rochester. This is a very, very important event. We need to get our voices heard loud and clear. This is your chance to meet and speak with your legislator about your concerns. Congress is pretty good at sneaking things through that are not always to our benefit. Please take the day off or whatever you have to do to attend this day. We need to pack that Rotunda so they know we are out here and we are not going anywhere.

Welcome to those that are new members and thank you to those who renewed their memberships. Don't forget to attend the monthly meetings every 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Hoping everyone has a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

– Terry Panek





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With riding season slowing down there are a lot of things to think about and talk about! Bikerday has been set for Wednesday, March 13th, 2024! Did you ask for the day off yet? Let's have a great showing that day and send a message that we are here and we have something to say!

Do you have any ideas for A.B.A.T.E. U Classes? If so, please let Stephanie know. I know this year is set, but give her some ideas you think others would be interested in. Some of these things take a year or so in advance to start working on.

Memberships are going down at a dangerously scary speed. Do you have any ideas? Let's all try to join up one new member soon. It would double the total!

Remember, the Road Noise needs Member of the Month, Bike of the Month, Veteran of the Month, and Business of the Month!

Nominations will start in January. If you're interested in taking an office, talk to others and let them know you are interested. Chapters are nominated in January and February. State offices are made at the January B.O.D. and that is the only time to get your name nominated.

Until next time!
Shelly Deutsch

GLACIAL RIDGE

We had our meeting this month and we had our new member join us. Which was a big deal to us. As numbers dwindle, we need to find ways to get new members, or even old members back. We have things in the works for the First Annual Taco Feed and Fundraiser in March. Closer yet, we have Santa Days in December. I am planning on promoting our Young Riders Program there. What better time?

Kids events are the place to educate and promote. Ask if you can set something up when you know they have a kids event in your area.

It's getting cold, again. We were just getting used to the heat and now we switch to hoodies

and bonfires. Be safe if you are still riding. Tractors and Trucks are out in full force. They leave mud on the road; it will be slippery.

When your season is over, winterize your bike!

– Be Safe, Harmony

ROLLING PRAIRIE

No Report Received

SOUTHWEST

No Report Received

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

November 1st, American Legion, Silver Lake,
7:00 pm

December 6th, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield,
7:00 pm

January 3rd, Niesen's Bar, Biscay, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

November 25th, Toys For Kids, Litchfield Eagles
Club, Litchfield, 6:00pm

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. All items for the silent auction need to be collected by November 15th.

South Central would also like to recognize and give a huge shout out to our Mr. and Mrs. Host and Hostess with the Mostess, Bill and Kristy LaPlante. Over the past 15 years they have graciously opened their home and property, donated their extra time and money to the chapter, to host several events at their place. They also store state rally equipment on their property. Bill has been a Sgt @ Arms for 6 years and Kristy is our chapter products person and has hosted our Toys for Kids event for several years. They have been active South Central members, volunteering whenever they can, and attending other chapter events and rides as well. Thank you Bill and Kristy for all you do for A.B.A.T.E. and South Central!!

Hope you get some fall riding in to enjoy the colors!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



**Bill and Kristy LaPlante above and below
Mr. & Mrs. South Central.**



LAKE

Next Meetings:

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

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

January 6th, Location TBD, 3:00 pm

February 3rd Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 21st, Bowling for Kids, McPete's, Big Lake 11:00 am -2:00 pm

February 3rd, Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 6:00 pm

Thank you to everyone who came out to the October meeting. Extra thank you to Chris Kalway and Scott Bitzer for all the effort they put into hosting our October meeting. The food was fantastic as always.

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.

The Lake Chapter calendar is underway. Photo submissions can be sent to Tammie Black at tblack692010@hotmail.com.

Bowling for kids is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st, 2024. We are partnering with Sand Dunes again. Sponsorship forms will be available soon. This is an event that is very much appreciated by Big Brothers Big Sisters so please participate either as a bowler or cheering from the sidelines.

Grounded Hogs Sponsors; Gold: Bitzer Garage Doors, Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Family Counseling Center, Rosa & Jimmy (Gramps) Krietlow, Mies Outland Watkins. **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, Jeremy & Tammie Black. *Thank you to all of our sponsors. Your support is important and appreciated.*

Until next month my friends- Ride Free
– April

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meetings:

November 2nd, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm

December 9th, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota, 1:00 pm (Christmas Party)

Greetings from the southwest corner of Minnesota!

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter is remaining vigilant regarding the Drivers License for All laws that went into effect October 1st. In talking to retired law enforcement, we get the standard answer, "well, at least they will have a license, because they drive anyway." No matter your view on this, our chapter has an issue with the fact that the Graduated Drivers License (GDL) system for young drivers has gone by the wayside. We take our time in the classroom teaching "Share the Road" very seriously, and now that opportunity is gone. Undocumented kids can now bypass the course instruction and get their driver's license by taking and passing the written test, then taking the road test 6 months later. There are many websites out there still giving out false information, but the requirements can be found here, direct from the MN DPS (yes, their website has conflicting information throughout, but call them as I did): <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/drivers-license-for-all.aspx>

Since we no longer have classroom opportunities, the Buffalo Ridge Chapter has decided to pivot and get behind the Young Riders Program with a chapter sponsorship. We handed out the scholarship and program information at each and every class we taught this summer: 5 classes and 108 students in 3 months. What we found in the classroom setting is the kids are scared... scared of driving anything, and most are taking the course at the parents' urging. Times have changed, that's for sure! We know that motorcyclists are more vigilant car drivers, so any push to get kids training is a win in our book.

Happy Fall!

– Kris, Sec/Treasurer

WAY WEST

Next Meetings:

November 25th, American Legion Post #441, Bellingham, 6:00 pm

Greetings all!

The temps have cooled, but there's still great days left for riding. Keep your head on a swivel, those critters are moving!

The Chapter is putting on a hotdish fundraiser at the Refuge Bar in Odessa on November 4th for opening deer season. It will be held from 11:00 am until gone. The chapter needs to be there by 10:00 am to set up.

Write your elected officials on concerns that affect our rights!

That's all for now folks!
 – Gypsy Mama



Rally Wedding of Billy & Hope Hedlund.

LAKE CHAPTER- A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota GROUNDED HOGS SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM

Lake Chapter, a part of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (a non-profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2024 chapter fundraiser to be held at the Rockford Township Hall on Saturday February 3, 2023 from 6 pm-11 pm.

As a part of our sponsorship program we are offering a variety recognition opportunities: grapevine mention in the Road Noise (A.B.A.T.E. of Mn monthly magazine that is sent out to 3,500 members), event ticket(s), and mention on the event poster on the night of the event.

Bronze \$50

- Name on poster at venue the evening of the event
- 1 free ticket to the event

- Mention in the road noise grapevine each month until the March 2024

Silver \$75

- All Bronze benefits plus a total of 2 free tickets to event

Gold \$100

- All Bronze benefits plus a total of 3 free tickets to event

Lake Chapter 2024 Fundraiser Sponsorship Form

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Recruiting Member

Business Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Chapter: _____

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 Buffalo, Mn 55313

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

CHAD MARCHAND

NORTHEASTDIR@ABATEMN.ORG

At this point our summer is done and many of us are done riding for the the season. I hope you made the most of it. Did you get out and support your chapter ride or event? Did you go support your neighboring chapter with their ride or event? Did you come to your state rally? Did you take a Riders Training Class? These are all awesome ways to enjoy your summer and go a long way in helping our organization be more able and capable.

When I was first elected I wasn't shy about the fact that I wanted to see as many members as possible make time to attend your Bikerday at the Capitol. The date is March 13th, 2024, and we definitely have a lot of concerns we need our lawmakers to be aware of and understand. From finding balance in navigating around autonomous vehicles, ensuring that we have access to fuel for our bikes, our work to protect motorcyclists from being profiled, standing vigilantly against helmet mandates, and of course our right to repair and modify our own motorcycles. We have a lot of work to do. You can start now by writing your elected officials and letting them know your concerns and that your motorcycle rights matter to you. I really do hope to see you all standing there with us in the Capitol Rotunda in a few short months. I also hope to see you bring your Young Riders and potential Young Riders. Bringing your children to the Capitol to participate in their governance gets them an excused absence at least from most schools. When we show up in mass, our politicians pay attention. When we bring our next generation of riders and members, it shows them that we will continue to be here and can help to start building lines of communication for the future.

To end I'll say what I say often. Please get out and support your chapter, your neighboring chapters, and your organization as a whole. Until next time, ride safe.

Chad Marchand



East Central Buddy Bear drop at Andover Fire Station (see East Central report on next page.)

NORTHEAST

Next Meetings:

November 1st, The Chalet,
Hermantown, 6:30 pm.

December 6th, The Chalet,
Hermantown, 6:30 pm.

Hello all,

30th degrees at night already,
where did the summer go?
We held our semi-annual
road cleanup after a rain
delay of one week, considering
the reschedule we had enough
people to finish our stretch.

Our annual Chic's Memorial Billboard Run has taken place and was very well attended, 41 bikes, 46 riders and passengers. 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 that the event pays for.

I wanted to give a shout out to our awesome billboard run survivor plaque artist Darrell Sam. He's been a long time chapter member and he comes up with a new design every year, and they're always very striking and much desired by the riders. (I'm still trying to win one myself, thirteen years and still hoping ;)

– Ride safe, Ed



Billboard Run Raffle.



Darrell Sam, plaque designer extraordinaire.

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

November 5th, The American Legion,
St. Francis, 11:00 am.

December 3rd, The American Legion,
St Francis, 11:00 am.

January 7th, The American Legion, St Francis,
11:00 am.

Upcoming event(s):

Upcoming Chapter Holiday party, date, time,
and location to be determined.

February 10th, Heart On fundraiser, The
American Legion, St Francis.

We want to thank everyone who came out
and participated in the Anoka Halloween
parade. More feedback to follow in next
month's grapevine.

Sand Dunes chapter has given thanks to the
East Central Road guards who helped out on

their fall "No Games" ride. It was a beautiful day
and a lot of fun. All chapter members should
think about what kind of classes they would like
to see this next riding season. The sooner we
decide on this, the sooner we can line them up
and get the classes and times we would like. We
have had some interest in having another road
guard class next spring and may combine with
another chapter to fill a class.

A big thank you to our members who showed up
for the latest Buddy Bear delivery to the Andover
Fire Station #1 (see photo on page 24). This was
our second delivery of bears to them and the fire
department really
appreciates it.

Our shameless bribe winners this month were
Barb Schilling and Mike Wright. Try to sign up a
friend or someone new to motorcycling.

– Your VP Jim



CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

November 5th, Bearcrest (the old Stubbys),
Albany, 12:00 pm
December 3rd, Rollies, Sauk Rapids,
12:00 pm
January 6th, Sal's, St Joe's, Time TBD
(before the Holiday Party)

Upcoming event(s):

January 6th, Holiday Party, Sal's, St Joe's
Time TBD
August 15th-17th, Biker Bash at Morrison
County Fairground, Little Falls

We have missed a few Road Noise so I'm going to back track a bit. Thanks to Stoney's in Rockville for all the years of hosting our meetings. We are now rotating where we have them.

Thanks to Winners Bar in Sartell for hosting our meeting in August, and O'Briens in Rice

for hosting in October.

Thank you all for coming out to the State Rally. It was a hot one, but we had a great time. Thank you to all that volunteered their time to make it a success. Thank you to all that participated in the games, representing our Chapter and congrats to the winners.

Fun Run was a cold one but it was a success with 30ish people. We even signed up five new members. Thank you to the members from other Chapters coming to participate. We really appreciate the support. We had many volunteers for this event to make it all happen. Thank you all so much! Shout out to The Hayloft, Flintstones, Corky's, Red Goat, and Pearl Lake Lodge for letting us stop there and play our games! The staff at all the locations were top notch!

Dial-A-Ride ends October 29th. Sad that riding season is coming to an end.

– JLH

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s)

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.

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



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END HOLIDAY SEASONS,
THE METRO CHAPTER
REALIZES THAT THE WORDS
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WISHES TO YOU
AND TO YOURS**



SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s)

November 12th, The Buff,
Big Lake, 5:00 pm
December 10th, The Buff,
Big Lake, 5:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

November 25th, Toys for Kids,
Litchfield Eagles Club,
Litchfield, 6:00 pm,
South Central Chapter

By the time you read this Halloween is likely over or very close. What's scary is putting the bike up for winter. Having stated that, unless there is salt and sand on the road, I am still riding, and I hope you are too.

Sand Dunes Chapter is busy planning several events and has already laid out dates for some important activities. Our big chapter celebration is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th (time and place to be determined). All chapters are welcome to this event. More information to follow.

Our Annual Spring Ride is scheduled for May 18th (time and place to be determined). Also, we set the date for our Big Bike Show and Rodeo for Saturday, June 8th (time and place to be determined).

We completed our fall ride, and had an awesome turnout. I thought the weather was great, but it did start out overcast, and a little chilly. The sun finally emerged later in the afternoon. Most of the pictures here were taken at our ride, except the elevator picture. That picture was taken at our meeting place. We may have overloaded the elevator. It was fine until Dean got on.

That's a wrap. Dress warm, keep riding and ride safe. Peace out!

– Mike Olkives



UP NORTH

No Report Received



NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

EDGAR BURKE

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Howdy Folks,

Fall is in the Air. Deer season is upon us. Do yourself a favor and ethically harvest a deer or two and help prevent a deer/motorcycle or vehicle crash!!

The Winter is pushing itself on us. Take this time to bring awareness of what A.B.A.T.E. is and what A.B.A.T.E. stands for. It amazes me that with 400,000 or so registered motorcycles in Minnesota, NOT everyone knows what A.B.A.T.E. is.

The Autonomous vehicle literature and performance of, is very concerning as a motorcyclist. You never know when the vehicle next to YOU may be self-driven. Knowing that do YOU feel Safe? Do YOU believe that vehicle will roll straight and Not Harm YOU? This is very concerning to me. GET INVOLVED AND STAY VIGILANT!!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Edgar

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting (s)

November 11th, VFW, Alexandria, 6:00 pm
December 9th, Eagles Club, Alexandria, 6:00pm

Greetings FFR members,

We as a chapter are looking for help in planning our annual bike show. Please reach out to Patty and Derek on what help is needed. Far too often 5% of the people do 95% of the work. Let's help turn this around or the show might not exist in the future.

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 soon.

See you on the road, Expect the Unexpected.

– Double G

NORTHWEST

Next Meeting (s)

NOVEMBER Meeting: October 28th, Greg's
in Red Lake Falls, 3:00 pm, Costume Party
and Potluck
December 2nd, Trail's End Bar, Trail, 3:00 pm

Thank you to our members and the community for your donations during our Annual Food & Toy Run last month. We donated the money to the New Hope Food Shelf in Crookston.

NORTH STAR

No Report Received

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received



BORDERLAND

Next Meeting (s)

November 14th, Skippy Finns', Badger,
6:00 pm

Hello Borderland!

So, we did have a great Fall colors ride and we thank Sully and Tim M for setting that up! Our chapter meetings are now on the off-season schedule being the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of November, and they will be held at Skippy's. At our October meeting we donated \$500 to Adam Cwikla and another \$500 to the TRF Pregnancy Center... We love you Adam and we pray earnestly for your full recovery.... And with the pregnancy centers in Minnesota; there seems to be a lot of state and federal funding for the abortion mills (death), but nothing for these centers (life). Our chapter does a lot of great things with our gambling

account, and this is one way we make a difference in our community. Speaking of our gambling account, when I get back from the B.O.D. I will have a big pack of A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets. We have done well on these with pay back and winners as well, so buy and sell as soon as you can! 218-689-7969.

So now we talk motorcycle rights within our organization, and I think of all of you that do so much. Look at our committee reports and those that work so hard. Don't burn out Shelly! Our state administrator is awesome! Bikerday at the Capitol will be here before you know it and we have earlier registration now.

Have a great hunting season and a great Thanksgiving time. We have so much to be thankful for, but it is slipping away. Pray for our country!

– Twistin' da wick Tim.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location
11/1/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown
11/1/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Silver Lake
11/2/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota
11/2/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska
11/3/23	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore
11/4/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan
11/4/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Sons of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato
11/4/23	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James
11/5/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Bear Crest Restaurant and Lounge, Albany
11/5/23	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis
11/11/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria
11/11/23	Publications Meeting	Via phone
11/11/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggies, Owatonna
11/12/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato
11/12/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake
11/18/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Blooming Prairie Servicemen's Club, Blooming Prairie
11/19/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryder's Bar & Grill, Henriette
11/21/23	A.B.A.T.E. University Meeting	Rancho Grande, Monticello
11/25/23	Toys for Kids	Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield
11/25/23	Way West Chapter Meeting	American Legion Post #441, Bellingham
12/2/23	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan
12/2/23	Glacial Ridge Santa Days	TBD
12/2/23	Lake Chapter Meeting	Dave's Town Club, Delano
12/3/23	Central Chapter Meeting	Rollies, Sauk Rapids
12/6/23	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown
12/6/23	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield
12/7/23	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska
12/9/23	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota
12/9/23	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Alexandria
12/9/23	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Muni, Medford
12/10/23	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato
12/10/23	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake
12/16/23	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	VFW
12/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction
12/17/23	Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party	Buffalo Tracks Bar & Grill, Banning Junction, Following Meeting
1/2/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	TBD
1/3/24	South Central Chapter Meeting	Niesen's Bar, Biscay
1/6/24	Central Chapter Meeting	Sal's Bar & Grill, St. Joseph before Holiday Party
1/6/24	Central Holiday Party	Sal's Bar & Grill, St. Joseph
1/20/24	River Valley January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser	Eagles Club, Mankato
1/21/24	Lake Chapter & Sand Dunes Chapter Bowling for Kids	McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes, Big Lake
2/3/24	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs	Rockford Township Hall, Rockford

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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

Jon Fernholz
320 Benton St W
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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

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!

Passport Run Committee

Trashy Smith 612-708-9328 • Joe Ruby 605-949-1366 • Ingrid Cohen 763-516-7029

NEW & RENEWALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

BORDERLAND

Barbara Olson/ Robbie OstlandR

BUFFALO RIDGE

Stan HansenR
Chuck / Rolly MullerR
Derek HealdR

CENTRAL

William /April ShafferR
Timothy J RadkeR
Bob BroichR
James AndersonR
Malissa SmithR
Joey Lang/ Brittney White R
Eric / Linda Lindstrom . . .N
Mary LindbergN
Justin JensenN

EAST CENTRAL

Larry /Holly WilsonR
George /Mary BazoffR
Todd BeckhamN
Gary O'Fallon/ June Olson N
Eric MeadN
Alvin KolkindN
Colton GreeneN

FLATLANDERS

George /Karen Mietzner .N
Judith KaderabekN

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Robert /Roxanne Hedine .R
Dawn ArendsR
Richie TheuschR
Mike PetersonN
Harvey RogersN
Heather Lewandowski . .N

GLACIAL RIDGE

Paula ReinkeR
Pat BurkeR
Moises Quivindongo . . .N
Erik KnutsonN
John A NelsonN

HEART OF THE LAKES

Jason /Lisa WehkingR
Fred /Nicki BinczikR
Scott /Cindy BerrellR
John LauingerR
James LauingerN
Jacqueline MillerN

JACK PINE RIDERS

Richard /Linda Nelson . . .R

LAKE

Mike /Mary BergerR
Tom BermelR
Mark TitusR
Charlie / Jenny Cassell . . .R
Gina EshelmanR
Roy GrimlerR
Rick /Myra Van HornR
Leah OttoR
Laura "The Potter" Lounsbury R
Scott EricksonR
Kevin BraseR
Christina Gruenhagen . . .R
Sam ArneR
Mark LePageR
Gabby MatzdorffR
Missy JohnsonR
Barry Hall /Kellie Lane . . .R
Dee HuikkoR
Michael KieltyR
Evan WentzelR
Robert KeeslingN
Chris /Carrie Erichson . . .N
Tim /Patti OlsonN
Dave / Sarah Cottington . .N
Christi DagnyN
Holly JupinskinN
Danielle HaynesN
Angie HennesseyN
Herb HeinrichN
Dauna ZandtkeN
Justin TabattN

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Joe "dirt" /Angie Krauss .R
Sarah PeckelsR
Edward WasteR
Stephanie HighR
Corey ZiglinR
Anthony A CrusanR
Ken / Thorlene Ehrreich . .R
Jeffrey / Linda Kruppa . . .R
Paul Fleming/ Ami Metcalf R
Mark "Jake" JacobsR
Michelle LunaN
David WheelerN
Briana BazoffN
Ric / Cheryl Helgeson . . .N
Adrian LankfordN
Brandon/Tommaneka
WallaceN
Andrew /Samantha
GodfreyN

Matt Abrams /
Veronica KobilekN
Justin Haering/
Mariah MeyerN

NORTHEAST

Robert W Rosenberger . .R

NORTH STAR

June CollerR
Daniel ChandlerR
John NelsonN

NORTHWEST

Rod /Rachael OlsonR
Larry /Ethel ShimpaR
Travis ShimpaR
Justin /Heather Nephew .R
Scott G GrochowR
Julie SimekN
Alan /Kylah FroslicN

RIVER VALLEY

Paul / Tonja FlickR
Howard Domeier /
Tiffany RustenR
Kayla WymanN
Dale Martin/ Jessica Alm .N
Nicole BaldusN
Rae Lee LarsonN
Matt Tollefson/
Tracy PolikowskyN
Thomas KavenyR

ROLLING PRAIRIE

James MendenhallR

SAND DUNES

Nick DeVotoR
Mike Belden/
Brenda MarschauR
Kristina Flor RR
Jack LesterR
Mathew PetersenN
Todd RooneyN
Jacob ThompsonN
Maria Yurkew /Alex Miller N

SOUTH CENTRAL

Gretta CramR
Brian /Dawn GillmanR
Jeremy BorowiczR
Kody Orn/ Megan Jones .R
Damian /Sarisa Amberg . .R
Scott MattsonR
John DietelR
Antonio Alvarez JrR
Roger HectorN
Abby ErtlN
Jordan BerggrenN

Travis /Julia LeValleyN
Tyler DingmannN
Sue MajorN
Joshua /Holly Schilling . . .N
Lonnie JohnsonN
Robin SchmitzN
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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:

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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
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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:

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

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