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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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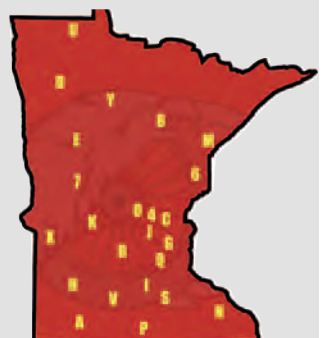
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Happy New Year!

What are your goals for the year? Does your chapter have goals that they would like to accomplish this year?

There is so much work to be done. Have you heard the saying, "Many Hands Make

Light Work?" We need lots of hands to hold successful fundraisers, find and welcome new members, and most importantly - let our legislators know how we feel about the legislation that affects us!

It's time again for nominations. Consider running for a position; friendly competition is a good thing. If you are currently holding a position and are running again, Thank You! We all need to help and support each other.

Let's make 2024 a fantastic year!

Jane



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Well, I hope every one had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's. I'm sure we did, after all our running and time with family. I know Kristie would not have it any other way.

I feel we had a very productive rally meeting in December and will continue to do so moving forward. I feel Doug and Ingrid have a good handle on it even though they don't think so. They're going to do a great job. Let's have everybody step up and give them a hand for this year's rally, and make it bigger and better than ever before.

Next thing coming down the pipeline is Bikerday at the Capitol. I know as for myself, I have a previous engagement and will be unable to attend. I am struggling with this,

but I have to do a cruise with my sister on her 65th birthday, leaving out of Florida the first part of March. I will try to make the best of it. Sounds like a family affair, my sister, Kristie, our 2 boys, their wives, and our grandchildren.

And then it will be time for A.B.A.T.E. University, and, like I've said many times before, it's always a great time and you might even learn a little bit.

And if you get bored this winter, there's always a good fundraiser or some good tasting chili to be had over the winter months. If it stays like this, with the lack of snow and warm temperatures, it's going to be a great winter in my books.

And now that it's after the first of the year, let's get out there and see what we can do with our A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets. Who couldn't use \$29,999? This is probably one of the best odds in a raffle of winning something.

Till next time,

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Next Meeting(s):

January 15th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

Hello all, I would like to start off this report with an update about the accomplishments that we, as an organization, have made in 2023 regarding the Training and Education part of A.B.A.T.E. (you know...the T the E).

Our organization has spent almost \$15,000 in gambling funds to pay for 60 kids, under age 21, to take the Basic Rider Course statewide. From our State general funds, we spent \$900 for three District Rider Training events (less participation than hoped, but a new model in place for next year).

I have reached out to our State Treasurer to see what chapters have used their own funds to pay for rider training events. I also reached out to every chapter through ZOHO to ask about chapter training events and participation numbers. At this point, I have only received responses from four chapters.

What I received from our State Treasurer is that Lake Chapter spent \$800 of their funds for rider training, Heart of the Lakes Chapter \$935, North East Chapter \$300, and Way West Chapter \$300. If you add that up, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has collectively spent just over \$18,000 to fund rider training for members and non-members in this State during the 2023 riding season. This is an amazing feat and I believe we should give ourselves a huge pat on the back!

Jane, Frank, and I recently went on a road trip to a Freedom First Chapter meeting. There were questions regarding A.B.A.T.E. of MN Young Riders and the Young Riders Scholarship program (which are two separate things). I was asked a question regarding how many scholarships were awarded to students in metro areas verses non-metro areas, specifically the Alexandria area. That got me thinking. Why not compile all this data and

share it with all of the membership. The statistics are as follows: (I am defining this break down as metro and non-metro (rural) areas. My definition of metro is the Twin Cities area (Anoka, Ramsey, Hennepin, and Dakota Counties), Duluth, and Rochester. The rest are considered non-metro.)

Non-metro accounted for 14 of the 60 awarded scholarships which comes to approximately 23.3%. Numbers of scholarships at each non-metro location are: 2 in Hutchinson, 1 in Albert Lea, 2 in Thief River Falls, 2 in Detroit Lakes, 3 in Marshall, 1 in North Mankato, 2 in Alexandria, and 1 in Winona.

Metro accounted for 46 of the 60 awarded scholarships which comes to approximately 76.7%. Numbers of scholarships at each metro location are: 11 in Anoka, 3 in Duluth, 6 in Eden Prairie, 6 in Rochester, 10 in St Paul, 2 in White Bear Lake, 3 in Rosemount, and 5 in Brooklyn Park.

I hope this information will encourage our membership to continue to support rider training efforts now and in the future. My opinion is, a job well done in 2023 and even more in '24!

"Anyone who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new." -Albert Einstein

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Happy New Year!

I can't believe another year has gone by. During the holidays, A.B.A.T.E. business has been slow. But now the fundraisers are starting and it looks to be a great 2024. Please help your chapter treasurer with these events, so all the work does not land on only a few members. Gook luck on making 2024 a year to remember!!

Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Preparing for 2024? Here are answers to your questions before you even ask!

How do I contact my Legislator?

Email is a convenient method! To find out who represents you simply google "who represents me, MN".

When sending an email, remember to include your name, address and phone number. The best way to get a legislator's attention is with a short, well-reasoned message.

Here are a few do's and don'ts on how to write an effective letter to your Legislator:

Do . . .

- Find the House or Senate file number and status of the bill before you contact your legislator.
- Be brief; never write more than one page. Make your letter neat and easy to read, use your own words, not form letters.
- Identify the issue at the top of the letter and cover only one issue per letter. If you have more than one issue to address, write a separate letter for each.
- Remember; you're the expert; make your letter informative.
- Identify yourself and the reason for your expertise.
- Get right to the point. You may wish to begin: "I hope you will support (oppose) HF or SF___."
- Give your reasons for supporting or opposing the measure.
- Tell your legislator why you think the bill, if it becomes law, will help or hurt you, your children, your business, or your community.

- Explain what it means to you. (This can be a personal issue. My Grandma can't afford to buy a fishing license on her fixed income)
- Use terms they will understand and avoid using abbreviations.
- Offer to be of assistance, offer to testify if there is a hearing regarding the issue.
- Ask for a reply.
- Be polite and reasonable. They may disagree with you. Try to respect their views. Don't lose your temper, even on paper. Tell your legislator what you think and why, but be polite.
- Be sure to say "thanks."

Don't . . .

- Don't use form letters or post cards. Legislators say, "I'd rather get one short, simple, handwritten letter than a hundred form letters"
- Don't threaten legislators. Threats and insults don't work.

This is the proper way to address your letter: When writing Minnesota State Legislators.

- Dear Representative (Your State Representative's Full Name) or Honorable (Full Name)
- Dear Senator (Your State Senators Full Name) or Honorable (Full Name)

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- Dear Congressman/Congresswoman (Your Congressman/Congresswoman Full Name) or Honorable (Full Name)
- Dear Senator (Your U.S. Senators Full Name) or Honorable (Full Name)

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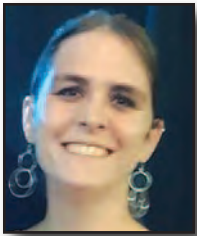


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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Reservations are open for A.B.A.T.E. U!

Court side, poolside, pool view and king rooms \$135. All other rooms \$125.

Make sure when you call to make your reservation that you mention it is for A.B.A.T.E. U. If you have any trouble making your reservation, please reach out to me.

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- Social media - Platforms and Use; Snapchat/ Twitter/Discord
- Principles of Leadership

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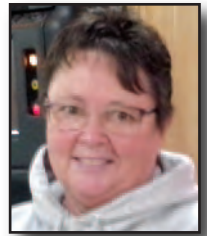
Happy New Year!

Just the normal wintery things to report on this month. If your Chapter is having a fundraiser this winter and wants State Products there, please email me so I can get you on my schedule. If you need products at your chapter event please email me as soon as possible, so I can get things ordered if necessary. If you have ideas or suggestions for future products or something you want specifically, please email me and I will see what I can do.

Until next time stay safe,

Kari

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Happy New Year! Were you able to give a gift of an A.B.A.T.E. of MN membership?

I am happy to report the December 2nd report shows an increase of +77! We have 1,289 singles and 1,434 couples. The chapter with the highest increase was Lake with a +20, that is AWESOME! Second highest increase was Flatlanders with an increase of +11, way to go! Third highest was Central with a +9, very nice! Only one chapter lost members this month, and 5 chapters had no loss, no gain. Keep up the good work everyone!

Remember to keep the trifolds and tear-offs in you vest pocket or car, you never know when you could meet someone who has never heard of A.B.A.T.E.!

See ya down the road!

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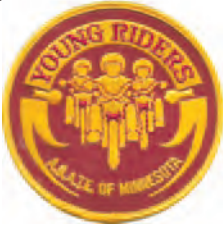
January 14th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm
February 11th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

As winter sets in, remember to check out the calendar of events and support other chapters by attending their fundraisers.

YOUR Road Noise needs articles of high-fives and shout outs to the awesome members, motorcycles, veterans and businesses, you know of.

"You don't have to be perfect to be amazing."

Tammy



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I want to thank all of our Young Rider supporters and extend a special thank you to our first Business Supporter of Young Riders, Bergdale Harley Davidson. They have added their name to the list of supporters and in addition committed to being our first "Friends of Young Riders" business. They will be offering a 10% discount on rider safety apparel to Young Rider members. Thanks to Bergdale Harley for making the choice to help new riders that are becoming part of the motorcycling community and doing their part to help keep them safe. I would also like to thank Virgil Legried for his help in sharing the word about Young Riders with Bergdale Harley.

Harmony has made arrangements to have a Young Riders table at The Donnie Smith show and she has ordered some small gift handouts we can use at the DS show or other places when we are promoting Young Riders. Harmony is also working on plans for a Young Riders Tour the Parks event for this coming summer. We will work on making a small competition to encourage Young Riders to participate and possibly have some small prizes to award.

As mentioned previously, we would like to invite Young Riders to join us at Bikerday at the Capitol. We would like to get a picture of the group of Young Riders and with permission from the participant, and if underage permission of the parents, we may use the photos to help promote Young Riders and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

We have begun the process of developing a

formal Young Riders tri fold application similar to the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota application. We are looking for ideas on what information should be included to best represent Young Riders and A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

The next Young Riders/Education meeting will take place January 15th at 6:00 pm. Please let us know if you would like an invite.

Again, thank you to the "Proud supporters of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders"

- Jane DoyleJune 23 - May 24
- Dan MatzdorffJune 23 - May 24
- David "Too Tall" Carlson ...June 23 - May 24
- Jon FernholzJune 23 - November, 24
- Jim & Kristie OrnJune 23 - May, 24
- Mike & Toby PharrJune 23 - May 24
- Alex & Kelly EricksonJune 23 - May 24
- Vicki & Frank ErnstJune 23 - May, 24
- Tri-County chapter
- A.B.A.T.E. of MNJune 23 - May 24
- Bob & Toni McChesney ...August 23-July 24
- Glacial Ridge chapter
- A.B.A.T.E. of MNAugust 23-July 24
- East Central chapter
- A.B.A.T.E. of MNAugust 23-January 24
- Buffalo Ridge chapter
- A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..November 23 - October24
- Kris GruhotNovember 23 - October24
- Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E.
- of MNJanuary 24 - December 24
- Bergdale Harley Davidson,
- Albert Lea MN. ...January 24 - December 24

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GAMBLING REPORT

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BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this on your calendar and let's make this the biggest Bikerday yet. Registration is open online.

BUS SCHEDULE

Detroit Lakes/Alexandria/St. Augusta:

4:30 am . . .Depart Detroit Lakes-Holiday Inn Hwy 10

6:15 am . . .Depart Alexandria-Holiday Inn on Hwy 29

6:55 am . . .Depart St. Augusta - McDonalds off of 194.

Rochester/ Owatonna:

6:00am . . .Depart Rochester - Wildwood Sports Bar (by Best Western)

7:00 amDepart Owatonna - Wal-Mart (southwest corner)

Cloquet/Rock Creek/Forest Lake:

5:55 amDepart Cloquet SW corner of Walmart parking lot.

7:10 amDepart Rock Creek-Marathon Gas Station

7:50 amDepart Forest Lake - Forest Lake VFW

Mankato:

6:45 amDepart Mills Fleet Farm South end of parking lot.

Granite Falls:

5:30 amDepart Granite Falls Prairies Edge Casino

7:15 am Depart Glencoe - Bumps Family Restaurant

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

Next Meeting(s):

January 19th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 6:00 pm

February 20th, Frank & Vicki Ernst's home, 6:00 pm

By the time you are reading this, HAPPY NEW YEAR. Anyway, we had an unbelievable year and made donations totaling over \$39,000. This month alone we have made donations totaling \$3,500 to Litchfield Rescue, Dial-A-Ride, a member of our community in need and to Life Care Pregnancy Center. That money was available due to all the hard work that many of you put into selling raffle tickets! AWESOME JOB!

As we move into 2024, we are putting our expectations even higher and with the early efforts I am hearing from A.B.A.T.E. U sales, we are on our way. Keep up the excellent work and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the January B.O.D.

Dan

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NCOM Convention

May 10th-12th
Kansas City, MO

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January already, where does the time go? I think getting older has something to do with it. If you are a Chapter President, you should have received your nomination packet in the mail around the 15th. If you did not receive it, don't wait until your February meeting to call and complain.

Remember if you want an absentee ballot for this year's Chapter and State election, you need to email me by February 10th to get your name on the list. Memberships coming into the office have been rather slow. Did you give any memberships away for a Christmas gift?

The State Office will be closed from January 26th through February 10th.

Keep on Keepin' on.

Shelly Deutsch
State Office Admin



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Do you know that your local county fair is a great way to be seen? There are 127 county fairs in the State of Minnesota, but only 87 counties. That means if every Chapter finds one or two county fairs to go to, we have the potential to get new members, to get Young Riders, and to show that we are good people with a great mission. I would love to come talk to you about what I am thinking. Do you know when your fair is?

Do you know of any open houses in motorcycle shops, dealers, youth events, that you might be able to ask if you can set something up? I am going to be at the next B.O.D. and I can't wait to tell you about what I am thinking!

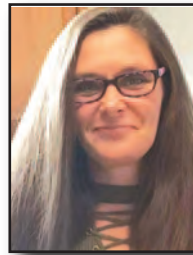
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Happy New Year to everyone! I hope this finds everyone finally relaxing after the holiday chaos.

Did you know.....A.B.A.T.E. was founded by Lou Kimzey, editor at the time, of Easyriders magazine. A.B.A.T.E., or the idea of, was started in 1971. However, to start, this non-profit organization for bikers was called NCCA, which stood for National Custom Cycle Association. At that time, dues were only \$3 for a one-year membership!

It didn't take long for Lou Kimzey to change the organization's name from NCCA to A.B.A.T.E. At that moment, A.B.A.T.E. stood for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. Lou decided on the Eagle logo when he came across an old civil war publication. The Eagle has long been a symbol of power, courage, and freedom.

In 1972, A.B.A.T.E. implemented area coordinators in different states. They felt this would help to organize a larger population of bikers to represent A.B.A.T.E. on a local level.

Next month I will share how A.B.A.T.E. members were able to help keep choppers from being outlawed.

Till then, I hope we all continue to support each other as we are all in this continuous fight for our right to choose. And support those who choose to do the opposite of ourselves.

Helmet...no problem.

No helmet...no problem.

Fighting for our rights, better conditions and being SEEN...Hell ya!

Gaida "Gator" Trout



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

- January 19th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, 8:00 pm
- February 17th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- March 16th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- April 19th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, 8:00 pm
- May 18th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- June 15th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- July 19th B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm
- August 17th, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

"Celebrating Our Right For Freedom"

This is the theme for our State Rally. I realize that the Rally has the potential to be one of the biggest fundraisers for A.B.A.T.E. of MN, but we cannot lose sight of the real reason for it. It is a time for all the A.B.A.T.E. family to come together and celebrate all the accomplishments we have achieved throughout the year. It is a time to reunite with old friends and make new ones.

We had our November/December meeting on December 9th. Thank you to all who attended. I would like to have seen a better representation from the chapters though. As a reminder it is the duty of every chapter's Vice President to attend the Rally meetings. The VPs are the direct liaison between the Rally committee and the chapters. We rely on suggestions, concerns, and questions from all members in efforts to make the Rally a success. We must improve on this as I am huge on communication. The budget for 2024 has been submitted for approval. We are looking into the possibility of getting a national act for 2024. Smoker is already in the process of seeking bands and could use your help with suggestions. If you have a band your chapter would like to perform, please submit the contact information to Smoker at 19smoke69@gmail.com as soon as possible.

We are also looking for a new licensed electrician for the Rally. This would need to be an A.B.A.T.E. member or someone who would be interested in doing the setup, walk through with the inspector, staying at the Rally for any electrical needs, and oversee the electrical tear down afterwards. If you are interested, please contact Fred Pawelk at (612) 240-5767.

We only had one submission for the picture design of the Rally flyer... mine. My goal is once I have all the pertinent information updated and approved, then they will be printed and available at A.B.A.T.E. U.

The 2024 Sponsorship forms are available now. See a copy in this month's issue. It is never too early to start reaching out and obtaining sponsors. Stressing the selling point that the sooner they participate the more advertising they will get is very important. You should have a few sponsorship forms readily available wherever you go. Keep them in your car, saddle bags, etc.

Again, I must express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the sub committees that continue to devote their time and efforts towards making this celebration a success. I cannot thank you enough! And a big thank you to Erin Fredricks for stepping up to be our Rally Treasurer.

Our next meeting is Friday, January 19th at the B.O.D. All are welcome to attend, and I look forward to seeing you there and welcome any feedback you would like to share.

Dougie Cohen



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Next Meeting(s):

January 14th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

Hope to see you there.

Kristy



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Next Meeting(s):

January 18th, 5:00-7:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams

To pick up where I left off, I have a few updates. My last report stated there was only one member appointed to the task force and that is incorrect. The DPS has since updated their website to accurately state that there are ZERO members appointed to this task force. In my opinion, they dropped a large ball last spring and still haven't managed to figure out how to pick it up. Once again, we have been told appointments will be official at the next meeting (3rd Thursday in January), but I am not holding my breath for that.

As far as attendance goes, we had full attendance from the applicants and then some. Minnesota State Senator Judy Seeberger (41, DFL) was invited to the meeting by a member of the St Croix Valley Riders (SCVR) and spoke about her experience during her freshman term in the Senate. Senator Seeberger also shared how she has recently got back into motorcycling and took an Intermediate Rider Course in 2023 to freshen up her riding skills. Senator Seeberger offered to be a point person for motorcycle related legislation in the Senate and was interested in hearing more about the Motorcycle Ground Lighting bill.

We had another guest at the meeting that took his liberties disrupting the agenda of the task force meeting by approximately 30 minutes. Don M. (SCVR Legislative Director) spoke about fully autonomous vehicles (eg. Robotaxi) and how they should be banned from operating in this state. While I believe it would be a good topic of discussion for the task force to have, there was slated business to attend to, and that wasn't on the agenda. I feel that was inappropriate. Another thing that I feel was inappropriate, was that the

Chair of the task force stated that the task force is against the idea of having fully autonomous vehicles on the road. In the six plus years I have served as a member of the task force, I have never been asked my opinion on fully autonomous vehicles and have never been asked to vote as an advisor as to what the position the task force should take on the subject.

During the meeting, we were informed that the motorcycle safety ad insert that used to come in the mail along with your motorcycle tab renewal notification will finally return this year. The ad concept is something the task force used to vote on every year. I'm guessing they will be using a concept that we voted to approve a couple of years ago? The reason the task force voted annually to advise on these concepts in the past, was to react to the ever-changing motorcycle fatality statistics and focus on those trends.

Another heated topic that may be resolved, is the printing of the "Share the Road" tri-fold. I have written about this topic in my last couple of reports and have been working to get these materials back into the motorcycle safety center budget, to resume printing them. I received a verbal and also written commitment that they will resume printing these materials and they should be ready for dispersal in late January. I would like to thank Darryl Holman (North Star Chapter member, MSF Rider Coach, Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force applicant, and more) for attending the meeting and giving the task force an overview of what A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Share the Road program consists of. I think we were successful, but I will wait until February to confirm that.

I don't want to dwell on the subject, but give a quick update. There were 67 motorcyclist fatalities this year as opposed to 82 in 2022. Less is good, but 67 is still too many. Let's do whatever we can to reduce these numbers next riding season. Keep your head on a swivel and make your OWN choices.

Jon Fernholz

Veteran of the Month

Mike Diaz

Mike joined the Marines in 1986 following H.S. He spent 9 1/2 years as a Machine Gunner and other specialties. He is a combat veteran of Desert Storm.

After the Marines he became a criminal investigator with Immigration and Nationality Service which became Homeland Security following 9/11. While he was with Homeland Security Investigations, he was an operator with their SWAT team and a Medic. After 9/11 Mike served with the Army Reserves as an interrogator for 6 years.



During the final years with Homeland Security, he worked in South Dakota on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. In 2019, he retired from government service and now owns a small hobby farm.

Mike's passion is wanting to help those who have served in our military and our first responders suffering from PTSD. He plans on creating a non-profit organization that helps foster and rehabilitate horses and other animals who need care. He wants to create a veterans helping animals as an animal therapy for veterans. This dream is progressing slowly but nevertheless it's still progressing.

From Mike Diaz: *"I want to thank my sister for inviting me to join A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. No, I don't have a motorcycle, yes I've always wanted one to ride with my wife, perhaps one day. I've lost a co-worker and friend to a motorcycle accident that shouldn't have happened. Motorists need to keep vigilant and on the lookout for motorcycles. Everyone needs to stay safe."*



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Winter is in full swing and many of our bikes are hibernating. Unfortunately our government does not and we need to keep doing the work to ensure the freedoms we so highly value. Just check through these grapevines and the calendar at the back to find the events and meetings that interest you and come out and meet some awesome people while helping them fight for us.

Don't forget to register for Bikerday and make plans to attend. We are scheduled for March 13th this year which promises to be much warmer than the last couple years. As your chapters begin to have your January meetings your presidents will be looking to the membership to fill the officer positions. Many members have great ideas to help further our goals. Volunteering to take on these roles can be a great way to help your chapter and champion those ideas. A.B.A.T.E. members are well respected and that respect is a product of the countless hours our volunteers put in. We can all be a part of continuing this legacy while growing this great organization. Every member counts and we won't succeed without your efforts.

Until next time, ride safe.

Chad Marchand

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting (s)

February 7th, The Chalet, Hermantown,
6:30 pm

March 6th, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Nearing Christmas already and by the time you all read this it will be 2024. The summer passed awfully fast but the good news is that this winter seems to be doing the same.

We had our annual white elephant gift giveaway. We held it after our December meeting and had lots of fun gifts and a good turnout. It's nice to be seeing friends and neighbors out and about around the holidays.

By the time this comes out it will be a couple of weeks until the January B.O.D., seems like

we just had the October B.O.D. but that's not a bad thing.

– Ride safe, Ed
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North East Chapter of ABATE of Minnesota

UP NORTH

Next Meeting (s)

January 14th, Bernie's, Keewatin, 1pm.

February 11th, Eagles Club, Grand Rapids,
1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February, Winter Fever Reliever, Book your rooms early.

– Chris Parks
Up North Chapter President

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s)

January 21st, Ryders Saloon, Henriette,
1:00 pm.

February 18th, Mikey's, Denham Run,
1:00 pm.

March 17th, American Legion Post 51,
Pine City, 1:00 pm.

April 21st, Doc's on 23, Askov, 1:00 pm.

May 19th, Marge's Bar and Grill, Brook Park,
1:00 pm. (meeting follows highway
cleanup)

June 16th, Squirrel Cage, Willow River,
1:00 pm.

July 21st, Maverick's Saloon, Beroun, 1:00 pm.

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn Express,
Rogers

March 13th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

April 18th-21st, ABATE University, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria.

July 12th-14th Jack Pine Riders Annual Upper
Kettle River Shakedown.

August 18th, Memorial Ride weekend. Ride
ends at Nickerson Bar. Riding/Camping
/Bonfire and more.

The next roadside cleanup will be in May
19th, 2024 at 11:00 am sharp. Chapter
meeting to follow the highway clean up. The

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

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

February 4th, The American Legion, St Francis,
11:00 am

March 3rd, Chapter meeting and elections,
11:00 am.

Upcoming event(s):

February 10th, Heart On fundraiser, The
American Legion, St Francis, 1:00-5:00 pm.

March 13th Bikerday at the Capitol

April 19th - 21st A.B.A.T.E. U.

Our Heart On fund raiser is coming up fast.
Remember to bring in your auction items,
baked goods, moonshine whiskey and a pot
of chili for the chili contest. Set up starts at
11am. We are looking forward to seeing our
friends from other chapters!

last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you
to all who helped out with this worthwhile
endeavor.

It's time again for chapter elections.
Nominations for chapter officers will be
accepted at the January and February
meetings. Elections will be held at the March
meeting.

Thank you to all that attended the Jack Pine
Riders Annual Christmas Party. Keep in mind,
you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders
member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members
are encouraged to attend. And better yet,
members are encouraged to bring a friend.
Non-members are encouraged to stop by
and see what we are all about.

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.

Happy New Year,

– The Grapevine jesus

Elections are coming up .. stretch beyond
your comfort zone and run for a office. New
people bring in new ideas and that's
something we need to grow. Try it for a year,
you might like it.

Make sure you set aside March 13th for
Bikerday. It's the most important day that a
A.B.A.T.E. member can show their pride. Take
the taking points and talk to your state reps..
make your voices heard, stand up and be
counted. If nothing else, just show up
because there is strength in numbers. See
your chapter officers for a bus schedule and
enjoy the ride.

Try to sign up a friend or someone new to
motorcycling

– Your VP Jim

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East Central Photos



Elevator Picture

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s)

January 14th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm.
February 4th, The Buff, Big Lake 5:00 pm.

Upcoming Event(s):

January 21st, January B.O.D., Holiday Inn Express, Rogers.
January 21st, Lake Chapter/ Sand Dunes Chapter Bowling for Kids, McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes, Big Lake, 11-2 pm.
March 13th, Bikerday.
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn Alexandria.

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. As of this

writing we've barely had any snow and the temperature later this week (Thursday, 12/14) will reach 45 degrees. Think I'll ride.

We had a pretty light turnout for our December meeting. Not surprising for this time of year. Things are a little quiet for the Sand Dunes Chapter right now; however, we do have a lot of plans in the hopper for events coming up this spring and summer. We are excited to bring back our annual Bike Show & Rodeo on June 8th at Bailey Ray's Roadhouse in Santiago. This year we have moved it to a different location and from Sunday to Saturday. It is our hope in the future to make it bigger and badder by adding a band and maybe even camping.

We do have a couple of important events in January. Sand Dunes will help host the January B.O.D. at the Holiday Inn Express in Rogers. There will be a Rally meeting on the 19th and the official B.O.D. on the 20th. Also, Sand Dunes will be helping out Lake Chapter with their Bowling For Kids Campaign to support Big Brothers/Big Sisters. This event takes place January 21st (day after the B.O.D.) from 11:00-2:00 PM at McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes, Big Lake.

That is all for now folks. Take care, be safe, and Peace Out!

– Mike Olkives

METRO

Next Meeting (s)

January 9th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
February 13th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm.
March 12th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm.
April 9th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Event(s):

January 8th, Taco night, Casa Rio Restaurant,
Anoka, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
February 12th, Taco night, Casa Rio Restaurant,
Anoka, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
March 11th, Taco night, Casa Rio Restaurant,
Anoka, 4:00 - 8:00 pm.
April 8th, Taco night, Casa Rio Restaurant,
Anoka, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday Brunch, Route 47 Pub and Grub, 7820
University Ave NE, Fridley, 8 am to 12 pm. The
next Sunday Brunches will be in February, April,
June, August, October and December 2024

As we enter a new year, we briefly look back at
2023 - the Metro Chapter had successful events
in May at MetroMorial Day and in October at
the Fall Family Festival Kid's Halloween Party.
We welcomed a dozen or more new members
who have become important contributing
members to the chapter.

We are pleased to announce that the 2024
State Rally Calendar will be available by the

end of December (featuring many photos
taken at the 2023 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally by
photographers Nick Capra, Harmony
Sturges and Dale Morin). Originally
started as a fundraising project for the
Metro Chapter, this year it was decided
that, going forward, the profits from the
calendar sales will be donated to
Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride to help support
the life-saving work they perform.

Once again in March, Metro Chapter will
be hosting the A.B.A.T.E. membership
booth at the Donnie Smith Bike Show on
the weekend of March 23rd and 24th at
the St. Paul River Centre. Stop by to say
'Hello' and to renew your memberships
for 2024.

We will be making a big push to get as
many Metro Chapter members as
possible to attend Bikerday at the State
Capitol, Wednesday, March 13th, as well
as to attend Heartland S.T.E.A.M. in Sioux
Falls, SD, April 13th-14th and A.B.A.T.E. U
in Alexandria the following
weekend, April 19th-21st.

As always, keep in touch with us via our
Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190580868718741>) and our chapter
website at www.metromn.com



CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s)

February 4th, The Rusty Nail, St. Stephen,
12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 17th, Polar Plunge, Avon Beach,
12:00 pm

August 15th-17th, Biker Bash, Morrison County
Fairground, Little Falls

If you would like to join the Chapter's Polar Plunge please reach out to Travis Rolfes.

We are looking for sponsors for the Biker Bash. If you know of a business that would like to sponsor and you need one of the sponsorship forms please reach out to one of the committee members. They are: Joe "Bud" Wisner, Julie Hoffarth, Ron Rolfes, Sherry Rolfes, Angie Webb-Darwin, Ryan Janisch and Steve Schwartz.

Thank you to Rollies in Sauk Rapids for hosting our December meeting. Big thank you to CJ&J trucking for sponsoring our Saturday night band Diamondback.

We would like to thank South Central for putting on a great Toys for Tots event. Lindsey (my wife) really enjoyed the jewelry she won in the silent auction.

On December 2nd we participated in the Candy Cane parade in Rockville to promote A.B.A.T.E and the Biker Bash Revival. Fun was had by all.

We are getting ready for Bikerday at the capitol so that we can talk to our legislatures and have our voices heard, so that we may continue to fight for our bikers rights. (And PARTY)

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your loved ones. And that the New Year will bring great things for everyone!

Hopefully soon the roads will be clear so we can get those bikes out of the garage and back on the road.

– Until next time: Cowboy





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Howdy Folks!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!! A New Year is upon us. So Many NEW Possibilities!

State and Chapter Nominations Start, NOW!! I say it every year. We have so much GREAT Talent in this organization, please, take a moment and sit back and think what YOU could do for this organization, your chapter or Motorcycle Rights and Safety! Not one moment goes by that I don't look around and know YOU can do this! Please Think about It.

Wintertime doesn't stop the legislators from trying to take YOUR Rights and Freedoms away. Bikerday at the Capitol is the time to bring these out. Politician's work for YOU. Although if YOU don't let them know YOUR feelings and thoughts, They won't know what they are.

STAND and Be COUNTED! A Very Powerful statement. Let's make it a new year's Commitment.

KEEP Up the Good Work! THANK YOU for what YOU Do.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Edgar

HEART OF THE LAKES

Upcoming Meeting (s)

January 12th, Jess Cooper's house, Evergreen, 7:00 pm

February 9th, Silver Moon, Perham, 7:00 pm

March 2nd, Pool and Dart Tournament, Silver Moon, Perham, 7:00 pm

Heart of the Lakes:

We are busy planning the Pool and Dart tournament, which will be held on March 2nd, at the Silver Moon in Perham. There will be more information coming in the next couple of months.

There will be flyers out, and tickets are available now for the drawing. Don't forget to get your tickets, you could be the lucky winner!

Elections are right around the corner, and we are excited to see new members step up and help with our Charter duties.

All stay safe out there, winter brings snow and icy roads.

– Scott



FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Meeting (s)

January 6th at 4:00 pm

February 10th at 6:00 pm,

March 9th at 4:00pm

All at the VFW in Alexandria.

Greetings FFR Members,

I want to capture and thank our special guest speakers that we had at our November Meeting. Jane, Frank, and Jon came and spoke about the Young Riders Program. We got some good information and also made a donation.

We just had our annual Christmas Party and it was great to see all that could make it. Food was great as always and great times catching up with everyone.

It has been decided to do the pasta feed at



the Eagles Healing Nest on Saturday, January 13th, time TBD. Please watch the FB page for any updates.

Expect the Unexpected!

– Big Papa

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting (s)

January 9th, Skippy's, Badger, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

February 3rd, Borderland Ground Hogs party and meeting, 5:00 pm. Location TBA

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Happy New Year Borderland!

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas season and have a great new year. At our Ground Hogs party, we will have a potluck dinner, games of skill fundraiser, and optional white elephant gift exchange.

We thank all members that accepted Chapter officer nominations and elections will be at our March Chapter meeting.

We have the Great A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets, so buy and sell! 218-689-7969. Keep in mind that this year's tickets have a weak perforation so keep them flat and don't bend them.

See ya soon!

Twistin' da Wick, Tim.

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NORTHWEST

Next Meeting (s)

January 6th, Deuce in Erskine, 3:00 PM

February 10th, Rod Olson's, 3:00 PM

Upcoming Event (s):

February 18th, Winter Social:

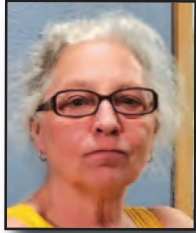
Check our Facebook page for details.

– Tiffany

NORTH STAR

No Report Received





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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!

Hope Santa gave everyone what they had on their wish lists, and we all know we were on the Nice list! While the weather has been somewhat mild and the snowfall, while pretty from the window, hasn't been a lot. I give thanks for that. I know we need the moisture, and I suppose if it is going to be cold, we may as well have the snow. However, I can live without it.

With January comes more than the cold weather. Election time is upon us. This is the time to ask yourself if you are happy with how A.B.A.T.E of Minnesota is growing, and / or doing. If your answer is no, or you have ideas that might help change things around, then you need to step up to the plate and accept a nomination. Be it for a State Board position or on the local Chapter level. State officers can only be nominated at the January B.O.D. Chapter nominations start in January and will continue in February with elections in March (write-in candidates can be done at that time if you should change your mind). Step up and maybe you will be the difference.

Also, with January comes lots of fundraisers. Check out the Calendar of Events along with the Grapevine articles for all of the Chapters. There is always something going on! If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, this might be the time to start going. Gives you something to do to get out of the house.

March 13th, 2023: Bikerday at the Capitol. Have you gotten the day off from work? Have you registered for the bus? Please remember that if you have young people going, they need to be registered as well. It'll be tough to get everyone on a bus if 70 people show up, only 15 are registered and the bus only holds 50 people. Please get registered early.

As always, I will be at your upcoming meetings soon.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, *Donna*



Happy New Year from the Tri County Chapter!

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s):

January 21st, Rochester VFW, Rochester,
11:00 am

February 18th, Rochester VFW, Rochester,
11:00 am

March 17th, Rochester VFW, Rochester,
11:00 am

Upcoming Event (s):

January 13th, Winter Fundraiser and
Membership Drive, Stewartville
American Legion, 4-9 pm

January 19th - 20th, January B.O.D., Rogers

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol,
busses leave the Wildwood Sports Bar &
Grill in Rochester at 6:00 am

April 19th - 21st A.B.A.T.E. University and
B.O.D. meeting, Alexandria

Greetings:

Christmas and New Years have come and gone. Boy that came and went fast. Time is sneaking away from me at a very rapid pace. The next several months are going to be very busy for our chapter. We have a Winter Fundraiser and Membership Drive in January. We would like to see all of our members there. It's always nice to see everyone. This is open to the public, so bring friends and relatives. We will have a silent auction, music and of course, food. So, let's eat, drink and be merry. And starting in January, we will start planning for our Summer Shenanigans Party. We had a great time last year.

Don't forget that January and February are nominations for officers at the chapter level and the state level. If you want changes, now is the time to make your voice heard and nominate yourself or some else. Get involved! It's for a great cause. You are helping the biker community as well as the general public. It doesn't take much but a little time.

Also, DON'T FORGET Bikerday at the Capitol on March 13th. Let's fill the bus and fill the rotunda. Let's let the people in the Capitol know what we stand for and we are not going away. Don't forget to register for

this day at abatemn.org. It's very easy to do.

I think that's it for now. Hope to see you all on January 13th at our party.

Bye for now

– Terry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting (s):

January 13th, The Box Car, Waseca, 1:00 pm

February 10th, Elks Club, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

March 9th, American Legion, Owatonna,
1:00pm

Upcoming Event (s):

February 24th, Chili Feed, Elks Club, Owatonna,
5:00 pm

Happy Holidays! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

To participate in the Chili Feed, contact Laura Knudson @ 507-456-3906 or Dirck Hogan @ 507-456-6032. Entry fee is \$10 with a maximum of 15 recipes. There will be prizes given for best chili.

Also, our Chapter is planning a ride to Poopy's over the Memorial weekend. If interested contact Mike Smith @507-213-8845. The dates are May 24th - May 27th. (Bring camping gear.)

Our chapter is also going to be ordering merchandise, sweatshirts, t-shirts and sweatpants. Contact Roger Mays @ 507-444-0347 with quantity and sizes.

More events to come in 2024!

Best wishes for a prosperous 2024!

– Mike Smith
Straight River Chapter President
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

FLATLANDERS

No Report Received

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s)

January 14th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

February 11th, Eagles Club, Mankato,
12:00 pm

March 10th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 20th, January Thaw Dance, Eagles
Club, Mankato, 7:00 pm

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

April 19th - 21st, A.B.A.T.E. of University

Hi all!

Happy New Year everyone...welcome to 2024!!!! We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a safe fun filled New Year's celebration!

Now that our scoots are tucked away for the season, it gives us a bit more time to support other chapters events. We work hard at putting together our fundraisers so that we have the funds to support and defend our motorcyclist rights...so let's get out there and help out our sister chapters!

Speaking of fundraisers...our JANUARY THAW FUNDRAISER AND DANCE PARTY is January 20th at 7:00pm, located at the Eagles Club in Mankato. We will, once again, have our silent auction, grab bags, food, and a live band featuring ROOK! We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you once again!

Reminder that NOMINATIONS for chapter

officers are starting at your January meeting...so start thinking of who you would like to see seated at that table. And if YOU are thinking of running for position(s), do talk to other members and let them know you are interested in being nominated.

Bikerday at the Capitol has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. You really should attend if you never have. Not only do you learn a lot of information, but it's our time of the year to meet with our legislators. It's important that they hear our voices on our motorcycle rights. So let your boss know that you're taking that day off. There will be busses available, so get in touch with your chapter for the schedule.

A.B.A.T.E. University is April 19th - 21st at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Please consider attending...it is always a good time to connect with old friends and make new friends! More importantly, new officer training will be done along with many other informative meetings. To make reservations call (320) 763-6577.

To the new members, we welcome you and hope to see you at our monthly meetings and scheduled events. And to those who renewed their memberships, Deb and Mike Burgess, thank you for your continued support!

Happy 2024 New Year!!!! Cheers!!

– Lori, Sgt-at-Arms

Here's To Another Year
of More Adventures
Happy 2024

Chapter Grapevines



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Here we are starting a new year, did you make a New Year's Resolution? Resolution or not, I promised myself that I was doing more camping this year and riding my bikes! Going 2 years not being able to ride, just plain sucked.

Have you signed up for Bikerday at the State Capitol set for Wednesday, March 13th? Why not? I bet most of you have the dates for the Algona Rally, Sturgis, and State Rally penciled into your calendar. If we don't go to the Capitol and fight for our Freedom to Ride, in the future there may not be any rallies to go to!

Are you out promoting the Young Rider Program? Bring your Young Rider's to the Capitol, most schools give credit for the day for going.

I hear a lot of grumbling around the districts about how so-in-so is leading the chapter. Well, here is your chance. Nominations are starting this month. Let someone know you're interested and have them nominate you. Be prepared and know what will be expected of you. Ask to see the Procedure Manual. There should always be one available at the meeting. And please remember, this position lasts one year, not a month after you receive your name badge.

Nominations for State Offices take place at the January B.O.D. That is it. Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting (s):

January 5th, Community Center, Rushmore,
7:00 pm

February 2nd, Community Center, Rushmore,
7:00 pm

Our Christmas party was a good time! Food for food shelf was collected. We had many laughs, did a little reminiscing, enjoyed adult beverages and great food! Looks as if we will probably have a Christmas without snow. And that's OK. There isn't much going on right now, but hoping everyone had a safe and merry Christmas, followed by a very happy and healthy New Year! Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

– BAM

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting (s):

January 6th, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
January 19th-20th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn

Express, Rogers
February 3rd, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

We got Santa Day wrapped up, December 2nd. We were able to sign up 7 new young riders. We only had about 55 kids, which is way down from last year, but I know that the flu was going around the schools.

We are all working on selling A.B.A.T.E. U tickets. Now we are going to focus on our big fundraiser, Taco Bar Night. March 9th.

– Harmony Lillie

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting (s):

January 4th, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm
(officer nominations)

February 8th, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota,
6:00 pm (officer nominations)

March 7th, City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota,
6:00 pm (officer elections)

Greetings from southwest Minnesota!

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter was once again called in to teach another Share the Road class in November. This was a surprise to us and the Driver's Ed team, as the classes had been put on hold pending further instruction from the State in light of Driver's License for All legislation. We were more than happy to oblige, simply to keep the message out there: Look Twice, Save a Life! After the November 9th class, the numbers for Buffalo Ridge Chapter are 987 students overall (since 2016), with 128 students in 2023 alone! I feel like those are pretty good numbers considering COVID took us out for three straight years (2020, 2021 & 2022).

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter is committed to continuing classroom education, and have partnered with the Minneota Memorial Run in bringing a comprehensive one-hour presentation to whomever would like us. Educating young drivers and saving the lives of motorcyclists is our goal. We have been informed by Jon Fernholz that the Department of Public Safety will once again resume printing of the "Share the Road" pamphlet that is the center of our classroom instruction. We are very grateful for Jon spearheading this fight!

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Minneota Memorial Run for their continued donations to the Buffalo Ridge Chapter. We promise to do great things with this money, and want to encourage motorcyclists far and near to support their Memorial Run the 3rd Saturday every August.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

– Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treasurer



Pictured are Eriann Faris, President of the Minnesota Memorial Run Committee, and Kris Gruhot, Secretary/Treasurer of the Buffalo Ridge Chapter A.B.A.T.E.

WAY WEST

Next Meeting (s):

To be determined

Upcoming Event(s):

January 19th-20th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn
Express, Rogers

Greetings all and Happy New Year!!

I hope each and every one of you had a blessed Christmas holiday with friends and family.

Welcome 2024! My wishes for you all are for good health, good times, and peaceful times...and a safe, upcoming riding season. At the time of this writing, our chapter "Toys for Kids" program will be complete. Thank you to all the businesses and persons who donated in any way, it was a success. I'll put a total amount of what was raised in next month's Road Noise. We will have donated to 5 counties and supported 2 families that have gone through crisis. Great job Way West!

The January B.O.D. is in Rogers. I hope to see a lot of you there.

– Later, ABATERS, GYPSY MAMA

LAKE

Next Meeting (s):

January 6th, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm
February 3rd, Rockford Township
Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm
March 2nd, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Now until February 23rd, Bikerday
preregistration
January 19th-20th, B.O.D., Holiday Inn
Express, Rogers
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
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
March 23rd-24th, Donnie Smith Bike Show,
River Center, St Paul
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria
June 8th-9th, Intermediate & Advanced
Training Classes

Thank you to everyone who came to the December meeting. Thank you to Dave's Town Club for hosting our meeting and Ollie, our amazing bartender for the evening.

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 2024 Lake Chapter calendar is ordered and should be available for purchase at the January meeting. Start saving your photos for the 2025 calendar. It is never too early to start preparing.

Bowling for kids is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st. We are partnering with Sand Dunes again and Central Chapter will also be joining us this year. The online link is on Facebook. Please share with family and friends. Paper sponsorship forms were handed out at the meeting. Reach out to April if you need one. This is an event that is very much appreciated by Big Brothers and Sisters so please participate either as a bowler or cheering from the sidelines.



Arlys, Wright County Food Shelf Volunteer and Gaida Trout, Employee.

Member of the year was voted on and the announcement and award will be presented at the January meeting.

A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets are available. Please reach out to Scott Trout to purchase one or two. Grand prize this year is \$29,999.

The chapter donated 94 toys and \$475 to the Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly.

Bikerday registration is up and running until February 23rd. Remember to pre-register as it is very important for organization on the state level.

The Steven J. Kreitlow award recipient for 2023 was the well-deserved Fred Pawelk. Congratulations Fred and thank you for the generosity and support you offer both Lake Chapter and A.B.A.T.E.

Grounded Hogs Sponsors; Gold: Bitzer Garage Doors, Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Family Counseling Center, Rosa & Jimmy (Gramps) Krietlow, Mies Outland Watkins, Jim Kosse and Cyndi Buttweiler. **Silver:** Old Homestead Café, Buffalo Floral & Landscaping, Gather, Bullseye Property Management and Realty, Minnesota Beer Company, Don "Doc" Goodale. **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



South Central active membership.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

January 3rd, Niesen's Bar, Biscay, 7:00 pm
 February 7th, SOS, Cokato, 7:00 pm
 March 6th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and are all GEARED up for a fantastic ABATE New Year!!!

Our Toys for Kids was a huge success!!! Thank you, Bill and Kristy LaPlante, for another fabulous job. I would like to also thank all the members that helped, and Peggy and Porkchop for working the welcome table all night. I have said this many times before...it takes our whole family to make our events turn out the way they do!!! Also, a big shout out to the other chapters and MC's that came out and supported us. Not only was it great seeing you all...it was also a pleasure taking your money and toys! 😊

It is my honor to list the following members who have earned the 2023 South Central Active Member Patch. I am so blessed to have so many dedicated members that help in our Fight for Freedom!!!

Jim and Kristie Orn	Brian Schemmel
Ron Lischeid	Tad and Brenda Lothert
Jon Deitel	Jim and Deb Nowak
Robin Schmitz	Glenn Newgaard



Peggy and Porkchop.

Troy Olson & Joyce Compant	
Mike and Michelle Voigt	Mark Berggren
Doug and Ingrid Cohen	Curt Schmitz
Steve Dobsmeier and Joyce Melson	
Mike Niece and Tina Myllykangas	
Kevin and Pat Haugen	
Doug Louris and Jen Sommerfeld	
Danny and Angie Cairl	Charlie Ardolf
Bill and Kristy Laplante	Brian Rick
John and Gina Maningoine	
Porkchop and Peggy Sundin	
Jennifer Heggstad	Amanda Weibel
April and Dustin Suchy	Sabrina Groff
– Dougie Cohen, President	

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting (s):

January 6th, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm
(Chili mtg 3:00)

February 3rd, Last Chance Saloon, Hanska
4:00 pm (Chili mtg 3:00)

March 2nd, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm
(Chili mtg 3:00)

Upcoming Event(s):

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

March 22nd, Chili Feed Prep Day, VFW,
St. James, 9:00 am

March 23rd, Chili Feed, VFW, St. James,
5:00-8:00 pm

Happy New Year!

Well now that old man winter is showing his

signs of winter, we are planning for our 31st annual Chili Feed at the VFW in St. James. It will be on March 23rd with serving from 5-8pm. Silent auction ends at 8pm and all items must be paid for and picked up that night. We will have various hotness of chilis to appease every palette and the fixings as well as loaded baked potato soup and sloppy joes for those that don't want their mouths to burn for days on end. Advanced tickets are available by contacting a member of our Chapter or by calling Barb at 507-995-3337 (please leave a message if no answer). Tickets are \$10 each in advance and \$12 each at the door. We look forward to seeing you at our event.

See you down the road,

-Giggles

Remember Happiness Is A Way
of Travel, Not a Destination!

NEW & RENEWALS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

BORDERLAND

Alicia OlsonR

BUFFALO RIDGE

Bob McLeanR

Wesley ColeR

CENTRAL

Kenny Huckenpoehler/
Shannon PoolerR

Joe WinkelsR

Barry/Yvonne Wolbeck ..R

Dean Andrews /
Mary BinczikN

Jerad StorlienN

Zach ThomasN

EAST CENTRAL

Zeke ClausenR

FLATLANDERS

Dan /Arvilla ByeR

Ben /Meghan Baumann ..R

Tad Cornelius /
Sarah NesjeR

Dean /Joleen ZilmR

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Norman SchlosserR

Corrie/Diane Mattocks ..R

JACK PINE RIDERS

Duane Tchida/
Judy SoderR

LAKE

Ronald ZenzenR

Keith MayR

Frank ErnstN

Olga StrobelN

Karen May/Buzz Plante ..R

Todd Everett Vail

/Jennifer M Grotte ...R

Bill T/Marianne

W NelsonR

Sherry/Mike EdgettR

Scott Bitzer /
Christine KalwayR

Tyler/Lindsay Prescott ..R

Bill /Cathie JensenR

Kathy Lynn Moreland ..R

NORTH STAR

Will /Vikki DekkersR

Jeffery/Joanne Finley ...R

RIVER VALLEY

Glen ZollnerR

Jerry G HermannR

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Harry HaleR

Benjamin AndertR

Andrew Howk /Nikina

Smith-HowkR

Wendell ElseR

SAND DUNES

Dean/Tamra WebbR

Chris MahanR

SOUTH CENTRAL

Gregg BerggrenR

Charlie/Mary Ardolf ...R

Wes PetersR

Brian/Catherine Rick ...R

BadboyscustomR

SOUTHEAST LC

Jerome/Ranae While ...R

STRAIGHT RIVER

John /Lorie St Clair ...R

Michael "Chopper" /
KarstenN

TRI-COUNTY

Gerry Berger /

Paul KleaverR

Mary K DonnayR

Tentative A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Sunday, January 20th, 2024 • 9:00am Holiday Inn Express, Rogers, Minnesota

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

Call to orderJane Doyle
 Pledge of Allegiance
 and WelcomeChad Marchand
 Invocation Edgar Burke
 Roll CallMichele Legried
 Agenda approval/ changesJane Doyle
 Secretary Report
 July 2023Michele Legried
 Treasurer’s Report Michelle Backlund

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Legislative DirectorGary Goracke
 Motorcycle PAC of MN Mark Senn
 NCOM (National Coalition
 of Motorcyclists)Dale Peterson
 MRF (Motorcycle Riders
 Foundation).Jay Hickok
 Write to Ride Frank Ernst

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ABATE University ...Stephanie Christensen
 EducationJon Fernholz
 Young Rider’s ProgramFrank Ernst
 GamblingDan Matzdorff
 Buddy Bear ProgramSharon Polman
 HistorianGaida Trout
 MarketingHarmony Sturges
 Membership and
 Member RetentionShelly Deutsch
 Passport RunJon Smith
 ProductsKari Duncan
 PublicationsTammy Winkels
 RallyDoug Cohen
 Ways and MeansKristy Luhman

OTHER REPORTS

State OfficeShelly Deutsch
 MCDAR
 (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)John Nelson
 Motorcycle Safety Advisory
 Task ForceJon Fernholz
 MMCC & COC of MNJane Doyle
 and Dale Peterson

OLD BUSINESS

- Bikerday 2024 update & donations
- Payroll and Accounting Fee Increase Proposal

NEW BUSINESS

- ABATE Proclamation
- Chapter Product Inventory Request from State Treasurer
- 2024 Proposed Budget (April 2024 through March 2025)
- By-law Proposals
- State Officer Nominations

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Michelle Backlund
 SecretaryMichele Legried
 Northeast District Director .Chad Marchand
 Southeast District Director ...Donna Larish
 Southwest District Director ..Shelly Deutsch
 Northwest District Director ...Edgar Burke
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ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D. January 19th - 20th, 2024

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/3/24	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
1/3/24	South Central Chapter Meeting	Niesen's Bar, Biscay	7:00 PM
1/4/24	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
1/4/24	Tri-County Carver Ride 2024 8th Annual Committee Meeting	Cys Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
1/4/24	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cys Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
1/5/24	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Cys Bar, Chaska	5:00 PM
1/6/24	Central Chapter Meeting	Sal's, St.Joe before Holiday Party	TBD
1/6/24	Central Holiday Party	Sal's, St.Joe	5-7:00 PM
1/6/24	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	4:00 PM
1/6/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
1/6/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Choo Choo Bar, Loretto	3:00 PM
1/6/24	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Deuce, Erskine	3:00 PM
1/6/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Village Inn, LaSalle (Chili Meeting)	4:00 PM
1/7/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
1/8/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
1/9/24	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy's, Badger	6:00 PM
1/9/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
1/12/24	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Jess Cooper's Home, Evergreen	7:00 PM
1/13/24	Southeast LC Chapter Winter Fundraiser	Stewartville Legion, Stewartville	
1/13/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car, Waseca	1:00 PM
1/14/24	Education Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	6:00 PM
1/14/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
1/14/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
1/14/24	Up North Chapter Meeting	Bernie's, Keewatin	1:00 PM
1/18/24	BOD Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Rogers	
1/18/24	Motorcycle Safety Task Force Meeting	St. Paul College (Micorsoft Teams)	5-7:00 PM
1/19/24	BOD Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Rogers	
1/19/24	State Rally Meeting	BOD, Holiday Inn Express, Rogers	8:00 PM
1/20/24	BOD Meeting	Holiday Inn Express, Rogers	
1/20/24	January Thaw Dance	Eagles Club, Mankato	7:00 PM
1/21/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bears Den, Bruno	1:00 PM
1/21/24	Lake Chapter Bowling for Kids	McPete's Bowling, Big Lake	11-2:00 PM
1/21/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Rochester VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
2/1/24	Tri-County Carver Ride 2024 8th Annual Committee Meeting	Cys Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
2/1/24	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cys Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/3/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
2/3/24	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs	Rockford Township Hall, Rockford	6:00 PM
2/3/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Township Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/3/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Last Chance Saloon, Hanska (chili Meeting)	4:00 PM
2/4/24	Central Chapter Meeting	The Rusty Nail, St. Stephen	4:00 PM
2/4/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
2/4/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
2/5/24	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
2/7/24	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
2/7/24	South Central Chapter Meeting	SOS, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/8/24	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
2/9/24	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Silver Moon, Perham	7:00 PM
2/10/24	East Central Heart On Fundraiser	American Legion, St. Francis	1-5:00 pm
2/10/24	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM
2/10/24	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod Olson's	3:00 PM
2/10/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Elks Club, Owatonna	1:00 PM
2/11/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/11/24	Up North Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Grand Rapids	1:00 PM
2/12/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM

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2/13/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/17/24	Polar Plunge	Avon Beach	12:00 PM
2/18/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henriette	1:00 PM
2/18/24	Northwest Chaptr Winter Social		
2/18/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Rochester VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
2/18/24	State Rally Meeting	Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
3/2/24	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Pool and Dart Tournament, Silver Moon, Perham	7:00 PM
3/3/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
3/6/24	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
3/6/24	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	7:00 PM
3/7/24	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
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3/9/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Owatonna	1:00 PM
3/10/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/11/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
3/12/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
3/13/24	Biker Day at the Capitol		
3/17/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	American Legion Post 51, Pine City	1:00 PM
3/17/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
3/22/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed Prep Day	VFW, St. James	9:00 AM
3/23/24	Donnie Smith Bike Show	River Center, St. Paul	
3/23/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	5-8:00 PM
3/24/24	Donnie Smith Bike Show	River Center, St. Paul	

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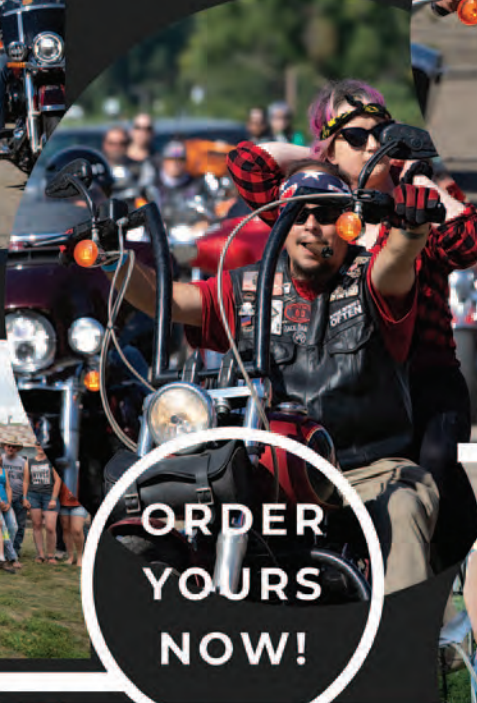
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