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

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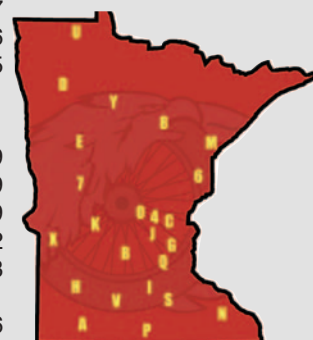
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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Bikerday • Bikerday • Bikerday

March 13th at 9:00 am in the Capitol Rotunda.

Have you registered? This is such an important day. We must be there to visit with our legislators and let them know that our rights and freedoms are extremely important! Register so that an

appointment can be arranged with your legislators. Talking points should be online soon. We have 5 buses scheduled to bring people in from all over Minnesota. Will you take advantage of riding on one of them? We need all of the buses to be full. Don't forget to bring your kids and/or grandkids. It will be a fantastic opportunity for them too.

Nominations are happening in all of our chapters. Run for an office, or support the people that you feel will do a good job.

See you at the Capitol, and at a fundraiser or chapter meeting!

Jane



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Well, we made it to the 1st of February, and it hasn't been too harsh of a winter yet, and we are a little closer to the riding season.

Did someone nominate you for an officer position this year yet? Remember, you can always nominate yourself. Time to stand up and be heard, and believe it or not, it's always a lot of fun because you have a great team working with you no matter what chapter you're in.

Have you ever wondered how A.B.A.T.E. originated or about the past history on what has gone on over all the years? Make sure

you get to A.B.A.T.E. University because there's going to be a very interesting class on the history of A.B.A.T.E. I, myself, over the years, have heard bits and pieces. But there has been a lot going on over all the years. So get to A.B.A.T.E. University and check out the class along with all the other classes.

Maybe you'll even find some apple pie, and not the kind you eat with ice cream.

And we are just a little bit closer to Bikerday. What ever you can do to make it would be great. They always say there's strength in numbers. You can have 400 bikers there in leather and people think it's 1000. So do what you can do, sign up, catch a bus and make it to Bikerday at the Capitol.

Till next time.

Jim

Remember ... BIKERDAY 2024 - MARCH 13th



WRITE TO RIDE

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Last month we sent you information on methods to communicate with legislators.

Here is information on how to earn a Write 2 Ride patch and or rocker. Next month we will send some information concerning important motorcycling issues to write about. What more can we do to help you get started? You need to be involved to protect the motorcycling life style.

Here is my fear, my vision, of the near future. When we need to go someplace, we will get in the back seat of a box with wheels but no windows. We will speak into a microphone telling the box where we want to go. Then we will sit back and tell others sitting in the box with us how much we used to enjoy going for a ride on our motorcycle.

WRITE TO RIDE

The goal of the Write to Ride program is to encourage awareness and communication between A.B.A.T.E. members and government legislators at the state and federal levels.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Establish initial communication with the legislator. (State or Federal) The communication does not need to be motorcycle specific, but can be related to any issue of legislative concern.

Forward a copy of the reply correspondence to the Write to Ride Manager along with the A.B.A.T.E. member's name and chapter name. Although written communication is preferable, verbal interaction may, at the discretion of the program coordinator, be used to earn a Write to Ride patch or rocker if reasonable verification of the exchange is provided. Copies of e-mail correspondence will also be accepted. If reply correspondence is addressed to multiple recipients, only one member will be presented with the patch and/or rocker. Please indicate which A.B.A.T.E. member should receive the patch. and/or rocker. In the absence of response from the legislator, a member may submit a copy of the initial correspondence,

indicating the communication format used (postal service, e-mail, etc.), the date the contact was initiated and the number of attempts made. Requests should be sent to Write2Ride@abatemn.org or mailed to Frank Ernst.
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Eligible first-time participants will receive the Write to Ride patch and a corresponding year rocker. A.B.A.T.E. and Young Rider members will be awarded a rocker for each subsequent year of participation. Patches and rockers will be awarded only to members providing reasonable proof, each calendar year, of communication with a legislator.

PROGRAM MANAGER WILL

If requested, help members identify their legislators and provide appropriate phone numbers, addresses and e- mail addresses. Organize records for patch and rocker recipients: record legislator contacted, Subject of correspondence, date of correspondence.

Record patch and/or yearly rocker awarded, date that the award is presented to the member.

Send patch and or rocker to member. Typically delivered to chapter representative at quarterly Board of Directors meeting or mailed to Chapter President. (If other methods are preferred, please indicate when submitting request)

Stay vigilant, get involved, be free!

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Next Meeting(s):

March 21st, 5:00-7:00 pm, St Paul College w/a virtual option? TBD

There is not much to report on this month, considering the next task force meeting is eight days after this report was submitted. As I wrote in my last report, I did receive a verbal and a written commitment that the DPS will resume printing the Share the Road informational periodicals and that they should be ready for dispersal in late January. I have been checking online and will continue to keep up on the situation to ensure that the commitment is fulfilled.

For those of you that receive motorcycle tab renewal notifications in the mail, you may have noticed a rider safety/rider training advertisement inserted in the envelope. This is something the DPS has slacked on for a few years and members of the task force have been advocating to get back on track. I am happy to see it was finally printed and inserted this year. When I received mine, I scanned the QR code which brought me directly to the Motorcycle Safety Center website. Unfortunately, there was no link available for me to sign up for a rider training course. Considering a rider training advertisement went out to hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists in this state with no link to sign up, I quickly took action to rectify the situation by contacting the DPS Office of Communication. Apparently, there was a timer on the website that removes the link for a few months over the winter season. I have been told this is something that the task force advised to be done years ago. Well, things change rapidly, now more than ever and I don't see the need for this currently. The timer has been switched off and the link is available. I would not have known classes were available, but A.B.A.T.E. had already signed up a few kids for 2024 rider training classes through our Young Riders Scholarship Program.

I will have more to report at the January Board meeting and in the next Road Noise. Please stay safe, make your OWN choices, and keep your head on a swivel.

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How's your new year resolution working out for YOU? Mine is intact and proceeding as hoped!!

Which of the following topics is your motorcycle lifestyle hot topic?

Autonomous Vehicles, Distracted Driving, Lane Filtering/Splitting, Profiling, or is it something else? Whatever it is, embrace it and let's get busy changing it!

Are you aware that four states (California, Utah, Montana, and Arizona) have lane filtering laws which allow varying flexibility for motorcyclists to filter between lanes? Last year, seven other states introduced lane filtering related legislation. Lane filtering is used to reduce our risk exposure in heavy stop and go traffic conditions.

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The State Office has been pretty slow lately. By the time you read this I should be relaxed and tan from vacation!

Reminder to all Chapter Presidents, when your Chapter is done voting at your March meeting, please return your packets to the State Office ASAP, including ALL ballots! Good luck to everyone who stepped up to have their name on the ballot! Keep on keepin on!

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As I sit here looking at the snow outside, looking forward to the 2024 riding season. 2023 riding season was pretty darn good, Total motorcyclists killed on our highways was 69, year 2022 a total of 77 killed, and 2021 a total of 80 were killed. This tells me our efforts are working, because as the number of registered motorcycles continues to rise, accidents are on the decline. Sadly though, seven passengers were among those killed this past 2023 riding season.

Continuing to see those crashes involving only the motorcycle is almost half. Negotiating curves is the biggest reason for those accidents. Whether the rider was either incapacitated or not skilled enough to take the curves no one knows for sure other than the motorcyclist.

Collisions with animals there was six with deer, and one with a wild turkey. Rider's ages ranged from under 20 to 70 years old. The deadliest age ranges this year is 20 to 29. Crashes in rural areas were 37 compared to 28 in urban areas. Alcohol/drug impairment was a known cause in nine deaths in 2023, down from three from last year.

We need everyone's help this year even one death, is to many. Please, if you have a Dial-A-Ride trailer or use your trailer to help transport your fellow rider in trouble, we need your name, organization you are with, trailer license number, along with your information. Dial-A-Ride will have forms available to fill out for each chapter, at A.B.A.T.E. U.

A heads-up regarding A.B.A.T.E. U this year. Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride will be offering a Saturday afternoon breakout session, for those chapters interested in participating in the program, materials will also be available for 2024 riding season to those that sign on.

Sharon Polman



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Next Meeting (s):

February 13th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

April 19th - 21st, Holiday Inn, Alexandria. Make your reservations now! 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.

Breakout Classes:

- History of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota
- Social media - Platforms and Use; Snapchat/ Twitter/Discord
- Principles of Leadership

Start getting your Auction Items together! Keep selling those tickets!

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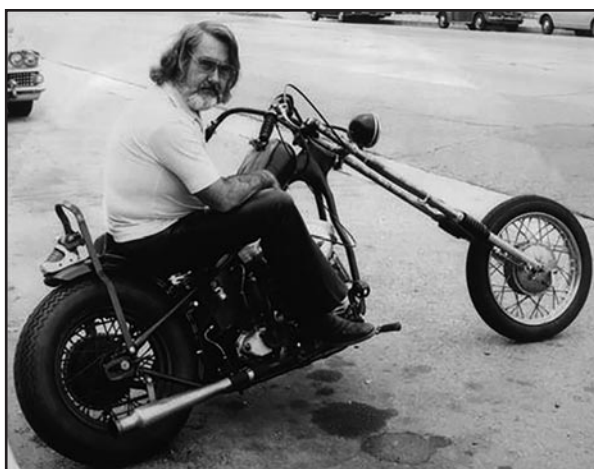
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(Author Unknown)

It should be noted that the little funds that A.B.A.T.E. had in the early days went to hiring an engineering firm to determine whether a raked front end or an extended front end was safe. This resulted in two lengthy documented reports, complete with engineering drawings that established proof that they were safe. This allowed bikers to fight "unsafe vehicle" tickets in court with scientific facts - not just opinions.

EASYRIDERS, on behalf of A.B.A.T.E., also picked up the tab on a test case concerning an extended front end being unsafe. From 1971 to 1974, most of A.B.A.T.E.'s efforts went into fighting such laws. Had it not been for the efforts of A.B.A.T.E. and EASYRIDERS in the early 1970's, choppers would have been outlawed.

(It should be noted that an article on this matter can be found in the April 1972 issue of EASYRIDERS magazine on page 31. An interesting read. I think so anyway.)

Gaida "Gator" Trout

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

Bikerday is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th. Please add this on your calendar and let's make this the biggest Bikerday yet. 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 I94. Rochester/ Owatonna:

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

7:00 am ---- Depart Owatonna - Wal-Mart (southwest corner)

Cloquet/Rock Creek/Forest Lake:

5:55 am ----- Depart Cloquet - SW corner of Walmart parking lot.

7:10 am ----- Depart Henrietta - Speedway Gas Station / Co rd. 11

7:50 am ---- Depart Forest Lake - Forest Lake VFW

Mankato:

6:45 am ----- Depart Mills Fleet Farm - South end of parking lot.

Granite Falls: This bus may start in Marshall

5:30 am ----- Depart 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.

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

Gary Goracke



EDUCATION

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Next Meeting(s):

February 12th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm
March 11th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

Our Young Riders Scholarship program has an early start this year. As of January 9th, we have already registered and paid for eight applicants to take the Basic Rider Course (BRC) during the 2024 rider training season! For those that are interested (like me), two kids registered in Duluth, one in Wilmar, one in Eden Prairie, one in Alexandria, one in North Mankato, one in Rochester and one in Marshall. A nice spread across the state so far, considering this report was written in early January.

I am guessing that if you look at the Young Riders report in this month's issue, Frank will be writing about the first business that signed up to be a supporter of the A.B.A.T.E. of MN Young Riders Program. A couple of weeks after Bergdale Harley-Davidson (in Albert Lea) signed up to be a Young Riders Supporter and began promoting what we are trying to accomplish, I received an email from a scholarship applicant that also copied an employee of Bergdale Harley-Davidson on that same email. That applicant is currently registered and funded to take a Basic Rider Course (BRC) through the scholarship program this year. This is the beginning of something unique and potentially successful for everyone involved.

I have been informed that Lake Chapter has already begun the process of hosting a back-to-back contracted rider training weekend in June. My home Chapter (Tri-County) has just voted in favor of partially funding a contracted Intermediate Rider Course in June also. It is really encouraging to see Chapters already getting on the rider training band wagon this early in the year! If anyone, or a Chapter, is interested in taking or contracting a rider training course, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for help. The process can be a little intimidating at first and I am quite familiar with it.

There are plans in place to make an announcement at the January B.O.D. regarding District Rider Training (DRT) for 2024. As I wrote about before, Darryl Holman (North Star) has taken the reigns for this program and has some fresh ideas for the coming riding season, so stay tuned.

I also have an update the "Share the Road" periodicals. Please reference the Motorcycle Safety Task Force report in this month's issue of the Road Noise.

Jon Fernholz

"Education makes people easy to lead but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave." - Peter Brougham



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

February 20th, Frank & Vicki Ernst's home, 6:00 pm
March 20th, Dan and Gabby Matzdorff home, 6:00 pm
April 19th, Alexandria Holiday Inn (A.B.A.T.E. U), 6:00 pm

The push is on to see if we can meet the challenge of selling all 1,000 A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets. Remember all the awesome charities and people we are helping with these proceeds. This is one of the foundations of our organization and we should be immensely proud of our accomplishments.

We also have chapters, Freedom First Riders, Heart of the Lakes, and Glacial Ridge that are running their own raffles so please help to support those.

Last month we were able to help two members experiencing hardship due to medical expenses, chapters purchasing Buddy Bears and we have already had Young Riders signing up for training this spring and summer.

Dan



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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MRF REPORT

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No Report.



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We are working on a number of things and making some progress. There are plans to develop a type of Passport Run for Young Riders. We will invite our young riders to step away from their computer screens and get out touring some of Minnesota's 75 State Parks. We will ask them to send us a photo with themselves and the state park landmark to verify their participation, and we will find a way to reward participants. Perhaps entering their name in a drawing, one entry for each different park they visit. At the end of the season, we could consider having prizes or a drawing of sorts to award those that participated. Some details need to be worked out with this, but we are working on it. We need to have participants under 18 provide appropriate releases for us to use their names and or likeness, because winners and participants information may be posted in our publications.

We are also starting to work on a more formal application, similar to the A.B.A.T.E. membership tri-fold. The new Young Riders tri-fold will have some information about Young Riders, benefits, activities, some pictures, and such. We will also need to deal with another item as we move forward with this. We are currently forwarding Young Riders applications to a Young Riders committee member and this is not what we want to continue long term. I expect we will be changing the address to either a specific Young Riders address or the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota address. Either way applications should be routed through our State Office and the membership log kept there. We need to be extremely cautious with our Young Riders membership lists and the security of this information.

Very IMPORTANT; please invite your Young Rider members and Young Rider candidates to join us at Bikerday at the Capitol. It will be a great opportunity for them to participate and experience firsthand how state government works. We will be trying to get some pictures of Young Riders at Bikerday. We may use some of them on our tri-folds or in other applications related to the Young Riders program. Be sure to tell our guests, look pretty, smile and plan to sign a release that we will provide so we can use the photos.

We have Young Riders/Education meetings scheduled for February 12th and March 11th. These are Zoom meetings so you can attend without leaving the comforts of home. We are hearing a lot of favorable feedback about involving Young Riders but we need to have more people step up. We need you to share ideas and offer suggestions. How can we make the program valuable to the younger people? What can we do to get them and keep them involved? All suggestions are appreciated and although all suggestions may not be implemented, they may lead us down the path to bigger and better things.

Thanks for reading *frank*

Thanks to our Proud Supporters!

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

- Jane Doyle June 23 - May 24
- Dan Matzdorff June 23 - May 24
- David "Too Tall" Carlson June 23 - May 24
- Jon Fernholz June 23 - November, 24
- 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 .. Aug.23-July 24
- Buffalo Ridge chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN Nov. 23 - Oct.24
- Kris Gruhot November 23 - October24
- Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN Jan. 24 - Dec. 24
- Bergdale Harley Davidson,
Albert Lea MN. January 24 - December 24
- Freedom First chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN ... Feb.24-Jan.25

Would you like to become a Young Riders supporter?

Donations should be forwarded to A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Treasurer 16550 226th Ave NW Elk River MN 55330



Friends of Young Rider Members

Bergdale Harley Davidson will be offering a **10% discount on rider safety apparel** to Young Rider members. Thanks to Bergdale HD for making the choice to help new riders that are becoming part of the motor-cycling community and doing their part to help keep them safe.



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Memberships need help! The January report show down 79. Total of 2,644. We are going in the wrong direction! I know it is always hard during this time of year but, we need to get the expired members renewed! Not one Chapter had an increase this month, only four Chapters stayed the same, East Central, Northeast, Borderland, and Rolling Prairie. The rest of the chapters lost members.

Tri-County's sponsored membership drive Chapter Challenge results are in. For those of you that might not remember, the rules were as follows:

There were two \$500 prizes, the first place given to the Chapter with the highest percentage of overall growth from May 1st, 2023, through December 31st, 2023, and the second place given to the Chapter with the highest percentage of growth resulting from new memberships (using the same dates from above). A stipulation of each prize is that the Chapter must pay for a contracted group rider training course in the 2024 training season before receiving the prize(s).

Double congratulations are for the Glacial Ridge Chapter as they won both categories! They had a 28.9% overall growth and a 20% growth from new memberships. Way to go Glacial Ridge!

Tri-County would like to thank all the Chapters in A.B.A.T.E. of MN for their continuing efforts with increasing the membership of this great organization.

Just another reminder, with elections coming up, you need to be current with your membership to make a nomination, accept a nomination, and vote in March!

See ya down the Road!

Shelly Deutsch



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello all!

Not much new to report on right now. If you or your chapter needs State Products, please reach out via email or text and I will do what I can.

If you have ideas for products, please get ahold of me so we can discuss it further.

As always stay safe until we meet again.

Kari
State Products Manager



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Next Meeting(s):

February 11th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

With the New Year comes elections for State and Chapter positions, new people being elected, or asked to write the Grapevine. Our committee is updating the handout for how to submit articles to the Road Noise using the same format for each article.

Check out the Calendar of Events for fundraisers and support other chapters and have fun too.

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

Tammy



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

April 7th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm
Hope to see you there.

Kristy



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I am excited to chat with everyone at the B.O.D. and by the time you read this, the B.O.D. will be done for the month of January. I have got dates and costs for county fairs and am working on getting membership boxes together for the Chapters to take to

events. Getting out about who we are is what we need to do. I had a gentleman tell me he wouldn't join A.B.A.T.E. because he uses a helmet, and we were all about not wearing them. I have corrected him and now he's on the fence, but that's not a no.

Open the channels to riders and find out why they are on the fence with joining us. We can correct some misconceptions. Everyone, stay warm!

Harmony



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

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

Happy February Rally Goers!!!

Things are moving along smoothly. I love all the feedback I have been receiving, Thank you so much!

SPONSORS, SPONSOR, SPONSORS! I cannot stress the importance enough. Please get out there and get those sponsorships. I know it is hard for some of you to ask for money from businesses but think of it this way, you are not asking for a handout, you are helping them promote and advertise their business. A huge selling point to mention is that the earlier they sponsor the more advertising they will get (more bang for their buck!). Stressing the fact that they will be recognized in the Road Noise, on the state website, on Facebook, and later in the program and on the band shelter banners. Please download the sponsor sheet from our state's website or copy it from the Road Noise. Keep these forms in your vehicle so you have them readily available.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about the Rally, please feel to reach out to me. You can call or text me at (605) 321-9613, email me at rally@abatemn.org or simply have your Vice President pass on the information at the monthly Rally meetings.

Time is running out for entertainment suggestions, please email Smoker directly at: 19smoker69@gmail.com

If you have Vendor suggestions, please email Fred and Deb directly at debkviz@outlook.com.

As a reminder, it is the duty of the Chapter VPs to attend these meetings. I cannot stress the importance of this enough. The VP is the direct liaison to your Chapter for Rally information, like the Chapter Rep is for BOD information. We have made the meeting available via virtual communication if needed, although in person attendance is preferred.

Anyone is welcome to attend the Rally meetings. If you cannot attend in person but use Facebook and would like to join the meeting over Facebook messenger, contact Ingrid Cohen at (763) 516-7029 ahead of time to be added to the Rally meeting group chat.

Dougie Cohen,
Rally Chair

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Cologne Corral

505 Lake Street West • Cologne, MN 55322
(952) 466-3328

The Cologne Corral is a supporter of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. The owners have purchased A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets, supported Tri-County Chapter bike runs, and they were a sponsor/stop on the Passport Run in 2023 and have signed up to be both in 2024. The Corral, as we call it, has a full bar and full menu with daily lunch specials. Be sure to stop by and don't forget to have Candy sign your Passport Booklet. More importantly, support the businesses that support A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

— Jon Fernholz



BIKE OF THE MONTH

2005 Victory Vegas - Scott Trout -

This 2005 Victory Vegas belongs to Scott Trout of Lake Chapter. It's an old 92 cube, 5 speed, absolute bullet proof machine! Added to the bike has been the pipes, tach., windshield, bags and new foam in the seat.

"Love this bike! She has given me many miles of interesting and relaxing rides. I think brother Jeremy would be proud."

"P.S. The love of my life loves the new foam!"



State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN STATE COORDINATOR

Thank you for the nomination for another year as your State Coordinator. Although this position is challenging at times, I do enjoy meeting our members, sharing ideas, and working to promote A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and our legislative agenda.

— Jane

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR

I would like to take this time to thank Jane for asking me to be her running mate. For me, it started back in October 2015 when Mack asked if I would step up and be his assistant state coordinator which I agreed to.

After a few years when he decided to step down and Jane decided to run for state coordinator, Jane had asked if I would be her running mate, which I graciously agreed to, I enjoy what I do and I try to keep everyone informed and if anybody has any questions or concerns they can always contact me.

Thank you for the support.

— Jim Orn

A.B.A.T.E. OF MN STATE TREASURER

I have accepted the nomination for State Treasurer for another year. I appreciate your confidence in me. Let me know if you ever have questions or concerns with the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances.

— Michelle “Mitch” Backlund

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Hi, my name is Shelly Deutsch, I was nominated by Emily DeJager and accepted to run again for Southwest District Director. I've been a member since October of 2014, and currently am a member of Rolling Prairie Chapter. Some of the positions I've held in the past years are, SW District Director (1yr) Chapter Rep (7yrs), Chapter Secretary (1yr), Rally Assistant (4yrs), Rally Secretary (2yrs), Membership & Retention (5yrs), State Office (3rd yr), and MRF Assistant State Rep (6yrs). I have been an active member lobbying at the State Capitol and sending letters to both State and Federal legislators. I've attended Heartland STEAM and Meeting of the Minds Conferences.

I got my Bike endorsement in high school and have many bikes over the years. I am very committed to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and what we stand for, I take these positions very seriously and try my best to help other members find the answers they are looking for. Motorcycle rights are something that we need to be continually fighting for because if WE don't care, who will?

Over the years I have made some wonderful friends through A.B.A.T.E. and MRF. With your help, we will carry on our way of life, promote a freedom based agenda, and keep Minnesota a great place to ride a motorcycle for many years.

— Shelly Deutsch

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Hi my name is Mike Burgess. I am running for Southeast District Director. I am a member of River Valley Chapter. I have been a member since 2008. I have been two years as president, three years as vice president and I also was a sergeant arms for a year I would like to be the Southeast District Director. Thank you.

— Mike Burgess

State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Sand Dunes Representative March 2020-2021
Sand Dunes President March 2021-2023
Northeast District Director April 2023-Current

This last year has been challenging but at the same time rewarding. I believe that the successes we have seen through the chapters in the district says much more about the members of the chapters than it does about myself. I try to lead by example. I strongly encourage members to step up, volunteer, recruit, and attend the events. I feel I should never ask more of you than I'm able to give or do myself. I have a strong drive for continuous improvement and intend to improve the places and tasks where I feel I've fallen short.

I want to make more chapter meetings in this next year than I was able to make this year. I also want to double down on the three objectives I set for myself last year.

The first was to encourage recruitment. If we all sign up one friend, our membership doubles. If you and your friend each sign up one more we would double again. New faces bring new ideas. New ideas in turn can bring in more new faces.

The second was to encourage cooperation between chapters. It is great that we all support our chapters but none of us exist in a vacuum. We have neighboring chapters who also host great events that they would love to see you attend. When you attend these other events you can learn new ways to improve your own chapter by applying what works. You can also share ideas that you may have coming in with an outside perspective. It helps us all grow.

My third objective was to increase attendance at Bikerday. There are two activities that every member should strive to be a part of: Bikerday at the Capitol, and your local, state, and federal elections. If we are not willing to go visit our lawmakers, write them informing them of our concern, and participate in our elections we cannot have any expectation that they will fight for what we value.

I feel very honored that you have given me the chance to help you this last year and look forward to the next year. I also want to encourage any member of the district that feels they have skills to lend by serving in a chapter role or even on a chapter level to give it a try. Nothing happens without members and I have been more than honored to be your director. Thank you, and ride safe.

— Chad Marchand

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Erin Fredricks River Valley Chapter

Erin Fredricks has been a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota since 2000. She is a 2nd generation A.B.A.T.E. family member, her mom Marlene, was an early River Valley member. Erin is currently the Chapter Rep for River Valley and acting Secretary. Erin helps on the River Valley Gives Back, the Awareness Parade & Fun Run, and the January Thaw committees for the Chapter. You can find Erin at the Rally helping with the Security staff, when she saw the need, she stepped up and is now the Treasurer for the State Rally Committee. Erin also helps out on the Membership table at the Algona Freedom Rally. Erin shows willingness of her time to make every event a success. The A.B.A.T.E. part of her life is part of her heart, well, behind the love for her fur-babies & Tony! Way to go Erin! Thanks for all your hard work!

— Shelly Deutsch



NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Howdy Folks,

In the cold winter months, We need to sit back and think about what WE want to do to this next year. Is this the year we want to stand up and fight for what WE believe in? I can think back on many memories that have changed laws and freedoms. In these times, WE need to get the right answers on the moment and stand up for what YOU Believe!! Communicate with Your Legislatures, They work for YOU. They are here to help if they know your thoughts.

BIKERDAY at the CAPITOL! MARCH 13th, 2024

THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN ANY MOTORCYCLIST LIFE

Bus schedule on A.B.A.T.E. website. If You need help getting there, let me know. Maybe I can help. If you can't make it, PLEASE contact your legislature, and talk with them. I've never met a bad one yet.

THANK YOU to ALL Past and Present Officers. YOU Keep the Wheel turning Around! Hope to see you at A.B.A.T.E. University! Sell tickets, the winner will be happy!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

Edgar

HEART OF THE LAKES

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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

March 8th, Sandstone in the backroom, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s)

March 2nd, Pool and Dart Tournament, Silver Moon,
Perham, 2:00 pm (Pool) / 5:00 pm (Darts)

Hello All,

Sitting here watching the snow fall and the sub cold weather coming to the area.



The Pool and Dart tournament is set for March 2nd, at the Silver Moon in Perham, MN. The Pool tournament starts at 2:00 pm and the Dart Tournament starts at 5:00 pm. The band will follow when the tournament is completed, and we will also have raffle tickets available to purchase. This year we have raffle tickets for a Quilt that was handmade by Patty's Sewing (picture above). Hotels are available: Grand Stay 1-218-346-2033, Super 8 1-218-297-0524. Remember to mention A.B.A.T.E. for Discount! Lots of fun come and enjoy yourself! If you need tickets for each raffle, reach out to Edgar at 218-849-5021

– Scooter

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 10th, 6:00 pm, VFW in Alexandria
March 9th 4:00 pm, VFW in Alexandria

Greeting FFR Members,

Our meeting in January was the first round of Officer Nominations. For those interested in an officer position for the next year, make sure to come to the February meeting and get nominated. It will be the last month to do that.

The chapter made donations to the Eagles Healing Nest, the Ronald McDonald Ride, and the Veterans R&R.

As of now, we will be attending an Alexandria Blizzard game on March 2nd as a chapter and they want to recognize our veterans/military service members on the ice during one of the intermissions. I will have all the details at our next meeting, but please think about doing this as a group. Last game for them before the playoffs. It should be a great time.

We have the Intermediate Rider Course set for Friday Night, June 7th, 3:00 - 8:00pm at the Alexandria Technical College. They can take up to 12 motorcycles for that course. If you have never done this course, I would highly recommend it to hone your skills. If you have done it in the past and want to complete the course with a passenger, you can do that as well. Did it last year and it does make a difference.

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

Don't forget to sign up for Bikerday at the Capitol being held on the 13th of March!! Do your part and get the word out there. Bus schedule is on page 9 of this issue of Road Noise.

Countdown to spring, 19 March 2024, is at 69 Days as of today 10 January, 2024!

Expect the Unexpected!

– Big Papa

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 10th, Rod Olson's, 3:00 pm
March 2nd, Greg McGlynn's, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Winter Social: February 17th. Check our Facebook page (Northwest Chapter of A.B.A.T.E) for details.

NORTH STAR

No Report

BORDERLAND

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 3rd, Skippy's, Badger, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

February 3rd, Borderland Ground Hogs Party, Skippy's.
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello Borderland

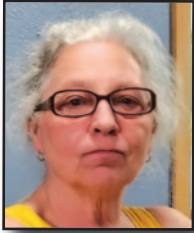
At our January meeting we voted to donate \$ to small town fire departments out of our gambling account for equipment. We opened 2024 Chapter officer nominations, and planned our Ground Hogs Party. We thank all that accepted nominations and huge thanks to: Jarrod (Mags) for being a great Chapter Prez!!!!

So, we have done well selling the great A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets. Keep selling and return ASAP. Good work!

Bikerday will be here before we know it, so we need to register before February 23rd. If you need a ride, call me, 689-7969. We have to catch the DL bus by 4:30 am. This is a great day! We get to talk with our State Rep and Senator, and if you wear the right tee shirt, you get questions from the Dems in the tunnel. Our founders really knew that freedom and liberty comes from our god and not a government, but we have to do our part as well.

We will see ya' in da' spring if da' mattress don't getchya.

– Twistin' da wick, Tim.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Greetings All!

Seems like this year just started and now another month is gone. Time really does go by faster every year.

Elections are next month. Have you accepted a nomination at your Chapter? If so, good luck; if not, Why?? Never hurts to try a new adventure, and who knows, you might even have some fun, meet some new people and get some great ideas. Tried and true is good, but the same thing over and over can get stagnant and interest wanes.

Have you registered for Bikerday at the Capitol? We need to make sure those buses are loaded, and the Rotunda is full. This is an election year, so it is a great time to meet your Senators and Representatives and discuss Biker Safety. Get on a first name basis with them and they will take your calls and discuss other issues on your mind.

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

Ride Safe, Ride Smart!

Donna

FLATLANDERS

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 17th, VFW, Wells, 3:00pm

March TBD

Welcome to the New Year!

I hope everyone had a great and safe Christmas season with their families and friends. Shout out to Bergdale Harley Davidson of Albert Lea, MN for being the first corporate sponsor for the Young Riders Program! That is outstanding!

Bikerday at the Capitol is going to be here sooner than you think. March 13th, buses will leave Owatonna at 7:00 am from Walmart. It's a great time to talk with your Legislators about issues that affect us. Plan to attend,

register early.

In December we had our Christmas party as a chapter after our meeting. What a great time spent with family and some new friends.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

– Kipp and Christy Fuller

STRAIGHT RIVER

No Report Received

TRI COUNTY

JANUARY 2024 REPORT

The Tri-County Chapter sponsored membership drive Chapter Challenge results are in. For those of you that might not remember, the rules were as follows: There were two \$500 prizes. The 1st given to the chapter with the highest % of overall growth from 5/1/23 through 12/31/23, and the 2nd given to the chapter with the highest % of growth resulting from new membership (through the same dates as above). A stipulation of each prize is that the chapter must pay for a contracted group rider training course in the 2024 rider training season before receiving the prize(s).

Double congratulations are in order for the Glacial Ridge Chapter as they have won both Categories! They had 28.9% overall growth and 20% growth from new membership. Way to go GR!

We would also like to thank all the Chapters in A.B.A.T.E. for their continuing efforts with increasing the membership of this great organization.

FEBRUARY 2024 REPORT

Next Meetings:

February 1st, Cys Bar, Chaska; 6:30 pm Carver Ride Committee Meeting; 7:00 pm Chapter Meeting

March 7TH, Cys Bar, Chaska, 6:30 pm Carver Ride Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm Chapter Meeting

Upcoming Events:

March 13th, Bikerday, State Capitol
May 4th, Carver Ride

Happy New Year! May this year bring you joy and peace! Special thoughts out to chapter members who need our well wishes... especially Leisa Carston and Char Johnson! Prayers from your chapter to you for a speedy recovery! ♥

It was a great year! Our chapter is always coming up with ways and ideas of how we can help A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota throughout the year! Here's hoping the New Year will allow our chapter to continue this tradition!

Our chapter voted to order 50 Buddy Bears! I personally love these little bears because I have seen how it helps little kids when they

are given these in traumatic situations. These Buddy Bears are paid for through our gambling funds from selling raffle tickets throughout the year for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota fundraisers. If you know of an organization that would like some...please reach out to them and let the chapter know at the next meeting! Deliveries are made as a group in the summer! Our chapter also voted to donate \$100 to the Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs fundraiser.

TriCo again stepped up to the plate with a great idea to start 2 Bikerday traveling plaques. One for a registered chapter traveler who came the furthest and one to a chapter for the most registered attendees to the capitol! These would be given out for the year and returned for the next Bikerday event!!! Always thinking.....

A.B.A.T.E. University raffle tickets are available to purchase and sell! All cash prizes this year!! 1000 tickets to sell! Remember, by selling these tickets it builds up our gambling account to purchase certain things that can only be used from the chapters gambling funds!

Our chapter voted to sponsor an Intermediate Riders course at Hennepin Vo-Tech in Eden Prairie in June. More info to come!

Our chapter sponsored fundraising Carver Ride is Saturday, May 4th. Free t-shirt with registration while supplies last! Always looking for more door prizes! Winning something is always fun!!! Food to be provided at the last stop. Stops include our starting point in Carver, Henderson, Green Isle, New Germany, and end in Cologne. Watch for flyers coming soon.

Congrats to Glacial Ridge for winning our two \$500 membership contest awards! They had over 28% overall growth and 20% new members! President Jon will reach out to them with information! Congratulations! Lake Chapter came in 2nd! Way to go and welcome new members!!

Chapter nominations were held! Hip Hip Hooray for all who accepted!!!

– Peace out, Ger

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s)

February 11th, Eagles, Mankato, 12:00 pm
March 10th, Eagles, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 17th, River Valley Get Together
March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 19th - 21st, A.B.A.T.E. University
May 4th, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

Welcome to the short month of February!!!! First off, we would like to thank all who attended our January Fundraiser and Dance Party!! It's always a great time getting to see and catch up with everyone! And a huge thanks to those on the planning committee who worked hard to make it a success! Stay tuned for pictures!

Thank you River Valley Chapter members who came to help at Toys for Tots! And a HUGE thank you to the Themadones! There was extra needed help so we reached out to them and they did not hesitate to come and help the children! They are an amazing group of guys!

Another thanks to those that participated in Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army!!!! Sorry we couldn't get pictures of everyone. You all are appreciated for donating your time for a wonderful cause.

The second round of NOMINATIONS are this month! You can still be nominated, just let another member know that you're interested. If you're still on the fence just know that there are experienced people who will have your back to help you out.

So excited!!!! We are having our first RIVER VALLEY GET TOGETHER, Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 pm to whenever, at the Prairie Saloon in Kasota. It's a social gathering to BS and get to know each other better, outside of our meetings and events. We welcome past, present and future members!!

Remember that BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL is coming up in March, so please take time to consider attending. It's VERY important that we fill that Rotunda up as this is an election year and it's important that our legislators hear our voices on our motorcycle rights. The River Valley Chapter bus schedule is to meet at Mills Fleet Farm in Mankato (south end of parking lot) at around 6:30am with the bus departing at 6:45am.

Have you reserved a room for A.B.A.T.E. University yet? To make reservations call (320) 763-6577.

Mark your calendar for May 4th for our May



MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PARADE and Fun Run! Planning is in motion.

To those who renewed their memberships...thank you for your continued support! Watch our facebook site for event updates!

Stay safe and warm friends!

– Anthony Crandell

SOUTHEAST LC

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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

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

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

May 19th, VFW, Rochester, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event (s)

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

April 12th - 14th–Heartland STEAM–to be held in South Dakota

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

Greetings all:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As for me, this was not to happen, as I was sick a good share of the time. Well, that nasty white stuff is finally here. YUCK. On a good note, only about 10 weeks until spring ; getting closer to riding season again–YAYYYYY!

We have a busy year planned for our chapter. I will be sharing more on that in the

upcoming Road Noise segments, so please stay tuned.

On a sad note, our president Ryan Smith announced to us at the December meeting that he will be stepping down from the presidency of our chapter after this term. Ryan's life is getting too busy, and he feels he cannot do the position or the chapter due diligence. If anyone is interested in this position, please come to the February meeting and throw your name in the ring. Also, if there is an officer position you would like to run for, please come to the next meeting to get your name on the ballot. Remember, elections are in March and that is coming up fast.

Again, Welcome to all new members and thank you to all members who renewed their memberships. Please check your monthly Road Noise for dates, times, and locations of the monthly chapter meetings. We would love to see you at our chapter meeting.

That's all for now folks.

– Terry





SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Well, the season and weather sure did make a change! In December I held a SW District meeting, hosted by Way West. There were 4 of the 7 Chapters represented. We had some great discussions and got a few new ideas. These meetings are not just for the Chapter Rep to go to. The next meeting will be held March 23rd at 3:00 pm in St James, hosted by Rolling Prairie. Afterwards they will be serving chili for their Chili Feed! I've tried meeting after or on Friday of the B.O.D. but that hasn't worked out very well, so I thought we'd try 1 month before the B.O.D. and move the meetings around the district and maybe coincide with a chapter fundraiser. Remember to start looking for a meeting facility for the October B.O.D., the SW district will be hosting!

I did let everyone at the district meeting know that I would like to run for SWDD again. Until next time!

Shelly Deutsch

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 3rd, Last Chance Saloon, Hanska,
4:00 pm (Chili Feed meeting 3:00 pm)
March 2nd, VFW, St. James, 4:00 pm
(Chili Feed meeting 3:00 pm)

Upcoming Event(s):

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
March 22nd, Chili Feed prep day
March 23rd, 31st Annual Chili Feed

Hello all!

Are you getting ready for some chili? We are working hard to make sure this is our best one yet. If you need tickets, please call Barb and leave her a message 507-995-3337. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

See you down the road,

– Giggles

BUFFALO RIDGE

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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!

More Share the Road classes are on the horizon for the Buffalo Ridge Chapter! Next scheduled class is January 15th. Getting the word out, one class at a time!

– Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treasurer

**See YOU
at BIKERDAY!**

WAY WEST

Upcoming Meeting (s)

TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
April 12th-13th, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls,
April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn,
Alexandria

GREETINGS!

Way West had an exceptional Toys For Kids Drive. We spent over \$8,600 and served 6

counties and supported 6 families in need. (See photos below.) Well done Chapter!

Bikerday at the Capitol is Wednesday, March 13th. Make sure you go to the state site and get registered. You can catch a bus in Granite Falls at 5:30 am at Prairies Edge Casino. I'll be basking in the Florida sun, but encourage all of you to go. Kids are welcome!

Heartland STEAM will be in Sioux Falls. This is a great event.

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up and I encourage all to come.

Winter finally decided to show it's face. I'm not a fan anymore. I do know those warm temps we experienced sure helped.

Chapter nominations are taking place now, with elections in March. Now is the time to step up and produce your talents.

Stay warm,
– Gypsy Mama



SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting (s)

February 2nd, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm
March 1st, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

The Christmas party was a good time, for all attendees. The food, the service, and the adult beverages were excellent. Recommend the Lismore Bar for you folks for a nice night out! Many of us forgot to bring the non perishable food for food shelf. Let's bring items to February meeting so our donation can be delivered. Thank you all!

Our corner of the state has been quiet. We are just waiting for summer, as well as the rest of you! So there's no news to share at this time.

Stay warm! Keep our military persons in your thoughts and prayers

– BAM





South Central at the Litchfield Candy Cane Parade.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 7th, SOS, Cokato, 7:00 pm

March 6th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 4th & 5th, Spring Fling Bike Show,
Litchfield Civic Arena, Litchfield

I hope everyone's New Year is starting out good. It is not too late to make your resolution to get more involved in A.B.A.T.E. Here are just a few ways to reach this goal:

- (1) Run for an officer's position, depending on when you are reading this, you may still have time. Don't wait to be nominated...nominate yourself!
- (2) Get new & renewal memberships... numbers are at an all time low.
- (3) Promote the Rally...get out there and get sponsors, sign up for duties and attend rally meetings etc.
- (4) Support other chapter's events...don't wait till spring, there are many of them all winter long as well.

These are just a few ideas. I am sure there

are many more.

Shout out to Bill and Kristy LaPlante, who gathered all the toys from our TFK event, and delivered them to Meeker and McLeod counties. Each county also received a donation check for \$2,638.50. Thank you again to everyone who donated!

WOW, never thought I would have the Trike out the middle of December. Our chapter was asked to participate in the Litchfield Candy Cane Parade on December 14th. What a blast it was. We had 5 bikes, our Dial-A-Ride trailer, multiple walkers and even a Santa (AKA Dustin Suchy). So many compliments and an invite already for next year.

Make sure to register by February 23rd and attend Bikerday at the Capitol. I cannot stress it enough of how important it is for us to show up in force, especially this year. Our Freedom is on the line with one party being in control of both the Senate and House! Until next time, stay warm, be safe and dream of spring.



Dear Mother Nature, I have received my sample of winter and now I would like to make a motion to cancel the remainder of my subscription.

– Dougie Cohen, President

Donations - Meeker & McLeod County Toys for Kids Event.

LAKE

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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

March 2nd, Red Lodge, Waverly, 3:00 pm
(Elections)

April 6th, Location TBD, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Now-February 23rd, Bikerday preregistration

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 12th-13th, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls, SD

April 19th-21st A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday
Inn, Alexandria

May 20th-21st, Bikers in the Beltway

June 8th-9th, Intermediate and Advanced
Training Classes

Thank you to everyone who came out to the January meeting. Thank you to the Choo Choo Bar for hosting our meeting. Thank you to Kevin Brase and Scott Averill from the CMA for the kinds words for Doc and the chapter.

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 calendars are available for sale. Thank you, Tammie Black, for a job well done. Start saving your photos for the 2025 calendar. It is never too early to start preparing those can be emailed to lakechaptermn@gmail.com.

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.

Member of the year will be presented at the February meeting. A.B.A.T.E. U is around the corner. Bikerday registration is up and running until February 23rd. Remember to preregister as it is very important for organization on the state level.

Registration for the motorcycle intermediate and advanced training classes is open. They will be held on June 8th and June 9th. Please reach out to the chapter or Sherry Edgett to register. There is a refundable \$25 deposit to secure your place. The deposit is refunded after completion of the class, passing the class, and attendance at one of the following two Lake Chapter meetings.

The Chapter's 1st round of nominations occurred: President- April Murch, Vice President- Jim Kosse, Chapter Rep- Scott Trout, Secretary- open, Treasurer- open, Sgts At Arms- Jim Bengston, Mike Jencks, Todd Riba, Gaida Trout, and Dean Webb. Thank you to all who accepted nominations. Your willingness to serve is appreciated. Please think about accepting a nomination for a chapter officer position. It is important, necessary, and fulfilling. Positions left open are appointed by the Chapter President. Voting will take place at the March meeting. If you need an absentee ballot reach out to Shelly: stateoffice@abatemn.org by February 10th. Remember to bring your active A.B.A.T.E membership card.

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, Freeway Motors of Rogers, The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). **Silver:** Old Homestead Café, Buffalo Floral and Landscaping, Gather, Bullseye Property Management and Realty, Minnesota Beer Company, Under My Wing Professional Services, Heights Bar and Grill. **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

GLACIAL RIDGE

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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

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

Upcoming Event(s):

March 9th, Taco Fundraiser, Heidi's Bar,
Sedan, 2:00 pm

We had our monthly meeting January 6th and started nominations. We have had a lot of illness, so our meeting was really short and sweet.

We got the raffle tickets for our Minibike

(both Indians) Raffle and the 50/50 we are having with the drawing being in March at Heidi's. Our fundraiser is a taco bar fundraiser, so we are excited about it being something new we are doing.

Not much else going on being this winter is warm and can't get on the lake to catch some fish. We had people out on bikes for Christmas so that was neat. Winter has now hit, so if you are ill, stay home and feel better.

Stay warm!!

- Marketing- Harmony Lillie
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BIKERDAY MARCH 13th

Register NOW!

See Page 9 for Bus Schedules!

NEW & RENEWALS FOR DECEMBER 2023

JACK PINE RIDERS

Joe KunzeR
Brad Klepsa/
Lori VorlickyR

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Layne Meyers /
Katheryn HansonN
Chris SengerR

UP NORTH

Dave /Rosie Marolt ...R

SOUTH CENTRAL

Galen "Porkchop" /
Peggy SundinR
Pete /Melissa Stoltenow R
Wayne RappleR
Travis AndersonN
Diane MartinN

EAST CENTRAL

Darrick MillerR

METRO

Jon /Donna Stutelberg .R
David "Putz" Schmoll ...R
William /Diane Schreier .R

BUFFALO RIDGE

Lee SeilerR

RIVER VALLEY

Dennis Noltee /
Terri FischerR

LAKE

David /Nancy DibbR
Fred Pawelk /
Debra KvizR
Dale Schultz /
Sheila SmithR
Kelly BettendorffR
Michael "Pugs" /
Karline ClarkR
Dan SpottenR
James ArmstrongR
Mel Fl anumN

NORTHEAST

Mark EtterR

SOUTHEAST LC

John KnudsenR
William SimmonsR
Jordan YoungsR

CENTRAL

John LynchR
Sarah HurdN

FLATLANDERS

Bill Anderson /
Shelly MartinR
John KnudsenR

TRI-COUNTY

Christopher /Karen
DeVotoR

STRAIGHT RIVER

John KnudsenR

BORDERLAND

Mike SolstenR

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Chris AndersenR

WAY WEST

Keith AdelmanR
Steve Johnson /
Holly RuderN

NORTH STAR

Richie /Rita Ostman ...N



NORTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

CHAD MARCHAND

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Our winter is set in but we'll be riding soon enough. If you didn't do your maintenance before you parked it, now is a far better time than come spring on the side of the road. Maintenance is not only about getting more miles on your bike, but making those miles safer letting you get more miles day after day, and year after year. As long as winter is we can only spend so much time wrenching and have to get out from time to time.

Make sure to check out the calendar of events in this issue to find events where you can connect with A.B.A.T.E. members within your chapter or other chapters. Some of these events include East Central's Heart On, Lake Chapter's Grounded Hog, and of course A.B.A.T.E. Bikerday at the Capitol. I may sound like a broken record but if you have not, please register on abatemn.org to attend. Our effectiveness is directly affected by our participation in this event. These are just a few of the events you will find listed. Pick something that sounds good, check it out. You may find yourself making it an annual haunt and making new friends.

All chapters are currently in the process of accepting nominations for who will serve as their Chapter's officers for the next year. This is an opportunity for any member who feels they can serve in one of these roles to throw their name in the ring. The fact that we have the freedoms we have is built on the work of decades of members stepping into these leadership roles and taking on what can feel like insurmountable tasks. When we all pull together I know we can make short work of those insurmountable tasks. Until next time, stay warm and ride safe.

Chad Marchand

JACK PINE RIDERS

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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 & Grill, Brook Park 1:00 pm
(meeting follows highway cleanup)
June 16th, Squirrell Cage, Willow River, 1:00pm
July 21st, Maverick's Saloon, Beroun, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 13th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 18th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. 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 & more.

Bus stop for Bikerday at the Capitol. Bus will pick up riders 7:00 AM at the Speedway station across from the McDonalds at the intersection of Interstate 35 & Pine County Hwy 11. Henriette Rd.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U. raffle tickets. Who couldn't use \$29,999? Ticket info contact Liz 320-280-0775. The next roadside cleanup will be May 19th, 2024, 11:00 am sharp. Chapter meeting to follow highway clean up. The 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 February meeting. Elections will be held at the March meeting. 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

METRO

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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):

February 12th, Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant,
201 Jackson Street, Anoka, 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

March 11th, Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant, 201
Jackson Street, Anoka, 4:00 to 8:00 pm

April 8th, Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant,
201 Jackson Street, Anoka, 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sunday Brunch, Route 47 Pub and Grub, 7820
University Ave NE, Fridley, 8:00 am. to Noon. The
next Sunday Brunches will be in January, March,
May, July, September and November.

We kicked off 2024 with a busy January meet-
ing. The first order of business was the first
round of officer nominations (a second and final
round will take place in February with voting in
March). Nominations were: President - Nick
Capra, VP - Greg Schommer, Chapter Rep - Rob
Benjamin, Treasurer - Joe (JJ) Jones, Secretary -
Alyssa Schommer, Sgt-at-Arms - Brian LaDoux,
Sean Hughes, Jameson Lemke, Shannon Bros,
Marcia Capra. This sounds like a winning
leadership team to me!!

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 State
Rally Calendars (see photo above) are now
available to purchase and some have already
been sold and many more are already spoken
for. We will have calendars on hand for people
to purchase at the January B.O.D. The calendar
features photos taken at the 2023 A.B.A.T.E.
State Rally by Nick Capra, Harmony Sturges and
Dale Morin. All profits from the sale of the
calendars will be donated to Motorcycle
Dial-A-Ride.

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
A.B.A.T.E. membership for any of the 24
chapters. This year's booth location is a little up
in the air at this time but we will be able to con-
firm the exact location in our March Grapevine
report.

We are currently planning a Pre-St. Patrick's Day
event on Saturday, March 16th at the American
Legion in Anoka and the 4th Annual MetroMorial
Day celebration on Sunday, May 26th at Route 47
Pub and Grub in Fridley. Stay tuned for more
details on these events.



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

NORTHEAST

Upcoming Meeting (s)

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

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

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

CENTRAL

No Report Received

UP NORTH

No Report Received



SAND DUNES

Upcoming Meeting (s)

February 4th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
 March 10th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
 April 14th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm.

Upcoming Event(s):

March 13th, Bikerday at the Capitol
 April 19th-21st, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
 May 18th, Sand Dunes Spring Ride,
 time/place TBD

Well, riding season is finally over. I didn't have any new chapter pictures so I included a picture from December 29th. It was my second to last ride in December (it's a long story about my ride on December 30). It was beautiful that day. Sunshine and about 40 degrees. Did 90 miles that day. I rode a total of 269 miles in December. Best year for December riding since the horse.

With the arrival of the new year comes election time. Not just for A.B.A.T.E. chapters and state offices, but local, state, and national elections as well. We will start nominating for A.B.A.T.E. chapter offices in January and February with elections in March.

For Minnesota and our nation, I don't think it's hyperbole to tell you that this election year is probably the most critical election of our lifetime. The very freedoms we enjoy are in danger and the lives of our children and grandchildren are at stake. I want to make you aware of two very important dates in the next few months. On February 27th are the Minnesota caucuses. This is a very grass roots event, and few states still have them. In fact, Minnesota may be eliminating them as well. If you have never been to a caucus in your community and you care about the direction of our state and nation you should attend. On March 5th, for the first time, Minnesota will hold a presidential primary. In a primary you vote by political party and your vote will decide which presidential candidate your party will support

from Minnesota. Get out and vote for your candidate. If you don't vote, then don't fricken complain.

Finally, Bikerday is March 13. You can register on the A.B.A.T.E. state website. Register, come out and help us support motorcycle initiatives at our state capitol. That's all for now.

Take care, be safe, and Peace Out!

EAST CENTRAL

Upcoming Meeting (s)

Feb 4th, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am.
 March 3rd, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am.
 April 7th, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am.

Upcoming event(s):

Feb 9th, set up and decorating at the American Legion for the Heart On, time TBD
 Feb 10th Heart On fundraiser 1, American Legion, St Francis, 5:00 pm.
 March 13th Bikerday at the capitol.
 April 19th-21st A.B.A.T.E. U. at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Our Heart On fund raiser is right around the corner. We will be doing some set up and all the decorating the Friday before to save time the next day. Time TBD president Jim will post the time in the next chapter blast. Vendor set up starts at 11:00 a.m. and we need hands to help them haul their stuff in and out. It should be a great time for everyone!

Capitol, Capitol, Capitol! Bikerday March 13th. It's the most important day that an ABATE 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. Sign up on line to have your meetings set for you and talking points waiting for you to pick up there. Ride the bus or drive yourself... just try your hardest to be there.

ABATE U information: if you haven't booked your room, you need to do so soon. Ask for the ABATE block of rooms to get our special rate. Once the block of rooms is filled, you'll be on your own at the hotels regular rates. Jane Doyle tells us that there are going to be additional classes offered this year that might include a Dial-A-Ride information class, a Leadership class and a Zoho informational class along with all of the officers' classes, etc. Tons of fun events are planned around a very busy weekend. I look forward to seeing at least a couple hundred of my very best biker buddies there!

Election nominations were held at East Central at our last meeting and we appreciate everyone who is stepping up to run for a officers' position and those who have considered it but declined. Every one of us has ideas and opinions and that's what keeps our chapter moving forward, and fun! I look forward to the future and upcoming year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2/1/2024	Tri-County Carver Ride 2024 8th Annual Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
2/1/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/2/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
2/3/2024	Borderland Chapter Gounded Hogs	Skippy's, Badger	5:00 PM
2/3/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
2/3/2024	Lake Chapter Gounded Hogs	Rockford Township Hall, Rockford	6:00 PM
2/3/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Township Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/3/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Last Chance Saloon, Hanska (chili Meeting 3:00)	4:00 PM
2/4/2024	Central Chapter Meeting	The Rusty Nail, St. Stephen	4:00 PM
2/4/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
2/4/2024	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
2/7/2024	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
2/7/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	SOS, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/8/2024	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar & Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
2/9/2024	East Central Heart on Set up	American Legion, St. Francis	TBD
2/9/2024	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Silver Moon, Perham	7:00 PM
2/10/2024	East Central Heart On Fundraiser	American Legion, St. Francis	1-5:00 PM
2/10/2024	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Alexandria	6:00 PM
2/10/2024	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod Olson's	3:00 PM
2/10/2024	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Elks Club, Owatonna	1:00 PM
2/11/2024	Publications Meeting	via Zoom	11:00 AM
2/11/2024	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/11/2024	Up North Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Grand Rapids	1:00 PM
2/12/2024	Education/Young Riders Meeting	via Zoom	6:00 PM
2/12/2024	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
2/13/2024	A.B.A.T.E. U Meeting	Denny's, Rogers	6:00 PM
2/13/2024	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/17/2024	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Wells	3:00 PM
2/17/2024	Northwest Chapter Winter Social		
2/17/2024	Polar Plunge	Avon Beach	12:00 PM
2/17/2024	River Valley Chapter Get Together		
2/17/2024	State Rally Meeting	Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
2/18/2024	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henriette	1:00 PM
2/18/2024	Northwest Chapter Winter Social		
2/18/2024	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	Rochester VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
2/20/2024	Gambling Meeting	Frank & Vicki Ernst's home	6:00 PM
3/1/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
3/2/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
3/2/2024	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Pool and Dart Tournament, Silver Moon, Perham	7:00 PM
3/2/2024	Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart Tournament	The Silver Moon Bar and Lounge, Perham	1:00 PM
3/2/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge, Waverly	3:00 PM
3/2/2024	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg McGlynn's	3:00 PM
3/2/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James (Chili Meeting 3:00)	4:00 PM
3/3/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM

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