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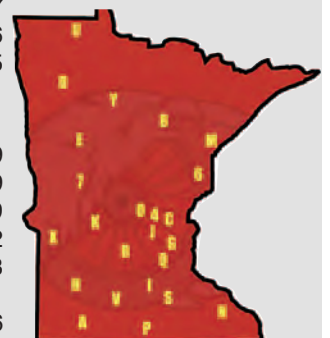
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A.B.A.T.E. seeks to promote the positive aspects of motorcycling and strives to protect the rights of motorcyclists by

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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Congratulations to our newly elected officers! Whether you have held a position before, or this is your first time as an officer, THANK YOU! Let's all congratulate and support everyone who was willing to step up and hold a position.

A.B.A.T.E. University is April 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Are you ready to learn something new? Are you bringing any friends along? It will be educational and fun. Don't miss it! The committee is working hard to make it a memorable weekend.

What is on your agenda for Spring and Summer? Will you be attending conventions, participating in fundraisers, attending chapter meetings, or enjoying long rides with friends? Check out chapter grapevines and ads for upcoming events.

Let's join together to accomplish goals - increase membership, increase funds, socialize, and don't forget our underlying goal - protecting our freedom! See if you can meet your legislators somewhere for coffee or invite them to a meeting.

I believe this is the beginning of a very busy riding season. Please be careful out there!

*Jane*



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By the looks of the weather, I think it's time to get the bike out. I know I had mine out in February, taking it for a spin around the block. And I'm sure there's a few of you that road a day or two every month this winter.

It was great to see everyone who could make it to Bikerday at the Capitol this year. It's always important that we take this time to meet with our legislators.

Next event on the calendar, A.B.A.T.E. University. Make sure you check out the classes. I feel the History of A.B.A.T.E. of MN class is going to be filled with great information, so make sure you attend this session for sure, if not all of them.

And then, the next big event will be our State Rally. Sounds like there's going to be some good entertainment this year, but there's always good entertainment at the Rally.

Well, time to get out and do some more riding.

Till next time,

*Jim*

*See You There!* **A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**BACK To The FUTURE!**



# YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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The first paragraph of this report are comments copied from my first Young Riders report published in November 2022.

Years ago, A.B.A.T.E. had a program called YOUNG RIDERS. The program was planned to provide activities and opportunities to attract younger people to A.B.A.T.E. The people trying to get this started had some good ideas and plans but just couldn't get it going. Some of the problems at that time may have been finding funding, communication methods, activities of interest, marketing avenues and possibly others. In that report I mentioned those starting Young Riders had some great ideas. It just didn't take off. I shared some of the possible reasons why. I forgot to mention what was probably the most important reason the program did not flourish. Dave "Breezy" Kavanaugh moved to Colorado. Breezy was the one spearheading Young Rider and had some great ideas. I have had some recent email exchanges with Breezy, the first time since he moved away. He shared how thankful he was for the support he was given by some. But also mentioned some others were not on board with making the program succeed and he was disappointed with that.

Here are some other comments and suggestions Breezy shared. He stated that he came up with the name Young Riders from the TV series of the Pony Express riders, Young Riders. He also added that Rick Arguello designed the logo. Then he shared this idea, without knowing what ages are targeted or responding I'll toss something out there as food for thought based on me chopping my first bicycle when it was brand

new. Dad wasn't happy with my cutting down the rear fender and the custom paint job out of a spray can!

15 years ago, I was in New York and early on a Sunday morning in Manhattan about 30 beautiful customized bicycles ridden by mature Puerto Rican men in leather vests with patches came riding down 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in a pack. It was a cool site. My idea good, bad or in between would be to have a bicycle show with categories like stock, modified stock and custom or whatever. Could attract a lower age group and give kids too young to get into MCs a way to get involved. I'm sure there's a lot going on and a lot of ideas, so no hard feelings here if it's never spoken of again.

Breezy had and still has some good ideas. Share your thoughts. Is this something young people in your community would enjoy, can you help get it started, perhaps a chapter or district event, competition? Please share your ideas.

*frank*

### Thanks to our Proud Supporters!

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Bergdale Harley Davidson, Albert Lea	Jan. 24 - Dec. 24
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Stephanie Christensen	March 24 - August 24



This is a picture of a group of A.B.A.T.E. members presenting the thank you certificate to Bergdale Harley Davidson personnel, notice the youth bike in the lower right-hand corner of the photo.

### Would you like to become a Young Riders supporter?

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What a wonderful winter this has been! Sorry to everyone that makes a living off of the snow, but I have enjoyed the winter that wasn't!

Now it is time for A.B.A.T.E. University. The committee has been working hard and I am sure we will have a great event! My class may not be too exciting, but if you are a new Chapter Treasurer, please try to attend. If you are not able to attend, give me a call or email me if there are any questions.

Make it a year to remember!!

*Mitch*

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Thank you for helping protect OUR future! If you attended Bikerday or Lobby day or even a day under the Dome - Thank you.

As motorcyclists, **We** need to engage with those we elect over a safe fuel supply. Recently, E-15 has been approved for year-round sales in eight Midwestern states (corn belt). It's usually lower in cost than unleaded, which could lead to many cost conscious consumers voiding their own warranty PLUS it's use is illegal in small engines, heavy duty trucks, motorcycles and nonroad vehicles such as atvs, boats and snowmobiles. So as motorcyclists, we need to bridge the gaps with other I.C.E. powered recreationalists and lobby those we elect to ensure **We** all have a readily available SAFE supply of our fuel supply of choice.

Get engaged, get involved, and see you at a conference or seminar somewhere soon, because together **WE do GREAT THINGS!**

*N1D - Dale*



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### Next Meeting(s):

May 16<sup>th</sup>, St Paul College with a virtual option, 5:00-7:00 pm,

I'm sure you are all enjoying the mild winter as I am. There is not much to report on, as our next meeting is four days after this report's deadline.

Jay Bock, a long time member of the task force, and myself sat down for a personal meeting recently to discuss concerns some of us have regarding the ongoing efforts of the task force. I don't feel the need to repeat myself, as the topics of discussion surrounded things I have already reported on in this publication. Hopefully some fruit will bear from this meeting going forward. I would personally like to thank Jay for his willingness to sit down and discuss these matters face-to-face.

I have reported on the hope that the task force will have its own motorcycle safety month proclamation this year. We have just recently learned that it might be beyond the scope of the task force to advise that the Commissioner of the DPS make a statewide proclamation. The route the task force might take is to ask the Governor to do so. Although the task force is in favor of having multiple proclamations to reach as many audiences as possible, we might be overreaching our boundaries.

That's it for this month. Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

*Jon Fernholz*



# STATE RALLY REPORT

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## Next Meeting (s):

- April 19<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, 8:00 pm
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- June 15<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- July 19<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., location, 8:00 pm
- August 17<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

First, a huge thank you to Chris Lyons (River Valley chapter) from the electrical workers IBEW local 343. He is our new rally electrician!

We are looking for a new registration trailer to use and are also in search of a committee chair and assistant (split duties) to run the Registration trailer. Please contact Ingrid or me if interested.

Our vendor committee is looking for a patch person to sew and sell patches, and a tattooist. If interested contact Deb Kviz at (608) 434-9890.

Advanced admission tickets will be distributed at A.B.A.T.E. University to the chapters that requested them. If you have not already done so, please contact Erin Fredricks at (612) 501-6106 ASAP to order advanced admission tickets for your chapter to sell. All unsold tickets and money

will need to be turned in at the July B.O.D.

Sign-up sheets for all the volunteer positions will also be at A.B.A.T.E. University, so please be prepared to sign up. We will have sign-up sheets for the categories, see chart below. Available spots were emailed to every chapter's ZOHO account, and it will also be posted on Facebook and the State website. You can contact Ingrid at (763) 516-7029 (call/text) to sign up early.

Please get out there and help us sign up rally sponsorships. Remember, the earlier they sponsor the longer advertising time they will get (more bang for their buck!). Stress 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 form from our state's website or copy it from the Road Noise. Keep these forms in your vehicle so you have them readily available. The rally flyer is also available for download at the state website if you want to show them one. Copies of the rally flyer will also be available at A.B.A.T.E. University.

Our national act at the Rally this year will be Molly Hatchet on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 pm. (see page 9) Huge thank you to Smoker for lining this up for us!

Everyone 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.

If you have any suggestions for the Rally, send us an email to rally@abatemn.org We will be reviewing these suggestions at the next rally meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Dougie*  
Rally Chair

## VOLUNTEER SHIFT OPENINGS, (number of available spots) - please be sober:

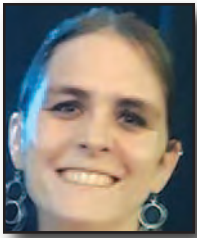
	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>REGISTRATION</b> 3 ½ hour shifts 8:00 am – 10:00 pm			12 open	16 open	16 open	
<b>SECURITY</b> 4 hour shifts 8:00 am – midnight 5-hour band shifts 7:00 pm			Front Gate: 8 open Shuttle: 4 open Patrol: 8 open (1 overnight) Bands: 3 open	Front Gate: 10 open Shuttle: 6 open Patrol: 10 open (1 overnight) Bands: 3 open	Front Gate: 10 open Shuttle: 6 open Patrol: 10 open (1 overnight) Bands: 3 open	
<b>FIRST AID*</b> 2 hour shifts 8:00 am - midnight			9 open (1 overnight)	9 open (1 overnight)	8 open	
<b>PRODUCTS</b>		1 open Setup 4 hours	7 open 2 hour shifts from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm	6 open 2 hour shifts from 10:00 am – 10:00 pm	5 open 2 hour shifts from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Tear down: 4 open 8:00 pm	
<b>STAGE</b>		5 open Setup begins at 3:00 pm			10 open Tear down begins at 11:30 pm	
<b>MEMORIAL RIDE ROAD GUARDS</b>				9 open Starts at 9:30 am		
<b>MR. POTATO HEAD</b>	5 open Setup 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	5 open Setup 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Food prep: 1 open 9:00 am – 11:00 am Serve: one open 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Food prep: 1 open 9:00 am – 11:00 am Serve: 1 open 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Food prep: 1 open 9:00 am – 11:00 am Serve: 1 open 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Tear down- 5 open 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>HAYRIDES**</b> 2-hour shifts 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm			6 open	6 open	6 open	
<b>WASTE WARRIORS</b>						Rally Tear down 10:00 am

\*First Aid must have one of the following: Nursing experience, EMT-Paramedic experience, or ER experience.

\*\*Hayrides needs tractor experience.

Overnights shifts for Security and First Aid receives free ticket for next year!





# A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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### Next Meeting(s):

A.B.A.T.E. University, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Holiday Inn, (320) 763-6577, 5637 Hwy 29  
South, Alexandria.

### Friday:

- Bring Auction Items to the Auction/Products room.
- Bring any past event T-shirts for staff to Kari in the Products room.
- Check out the information table for: Scavenger Hunt cards, State Rally sign-up sheets, weekend agenda, upcoming events, and any other information needed.
- Scavenger Hunt Friday night, pick up your card at the information table. There will be a \$50 drawing during the B.O.D. with the cards that are completely filled out and turned in before 11:00 pm Friday night.
- Do not forget to bring your raffle tickets and turn them into Dan **NO** later than Friday night.
- Join us for Courtyard activities Friday night.

### Saturday:

- All Chapter Officer Trainings start at 8:00 am.
- There will be a Young Riders event at 11:00 am in the pool area if they would like to attend. Bring a swimsuit.
- There will be class surveys for each class attended. There will be a \$50 drawing for each survey filled out and turned in. This drawing will take place right before the auction.
- Do not forget cash for the auction items and games.

Remember there is no registration for this event!

We hope everyone has a wonderful time and learns something new.

*Stephanie*



# Molly Hatchet

8/31/24

10:00 pm

A.B.A.T.E.  
of Minnesota  
State Rally





## MRF REPORT

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Last week the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a policy change related to gasoline with 15% ethanol (E15). In 2025 this new policy will allow gas stations in eight midwestern states to sell E15 fuel year-round. Current policy prohibits E15 sales between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> because of concerns that it adds to smog on hot days. In 2022 and 2023 the EPA announced emergency waivers that allowed for summertime E15 sales, citing market disruptions, including the war in Ukraine. This move by the EPA will make those temporary changes permanent in the selected eight states.

The rule, which takes effect in April 2025, will apply in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. This decision comes after governors and farm groups in these eight states requested that the federal government change this policy. This modification is a prime opportunity to remind everyone to be mindful of the fuel that you use. Verify that the fuel you are using in your bike is compatible with manufacturers' guidelines. Stay vigilant as these changes take effect over the next year!



## EDUCATION

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These Young Riders Scholarship applicants are certainly keeping me on my toes. As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, we have shelled out a total of 53 scholarships for the 2024 rider training season at a cost of almost \$15,000. To give you an idea, in the last nine days I have signed up fifteen students!

If individuals or chapters are interested in participating in our District Rider Training program this year, please reach out to your District Directors so they can get a feel for where they should be focusing on setting up training events.

The last few Education reports have had a lot of information. So, this month, I will give our editor a break. I hope I saw lots of you at Bikerday!

*"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."*

-Daniel J. Boorstin

*Jon Fernholz*



## GAMBLING REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

April 19<sup>th</sup>, Alexandria Holiday Inn (A.B.A.T.E. U), 6:00 pm

Nothing new to report.



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00pm



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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### BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL

I want to thank everyone that took the time to attend Bikerday. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and made an impact on the biker rights movement. For those that could not attend, please take the time to write to your elected officials and mention the talking points that are posted on our website.

Here are the highlights:

1. No Change to the Motorcycle Helmet Law
2. Curtail Profiling of Motorcyclists in Minnesota
3. Reduce the Sales Tax Imposed on Older Motorcycles
4. Ground effect lighting
5. Internal Combustion Engines
6. Autonomous Vehicles

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

*Gary Goracke*



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

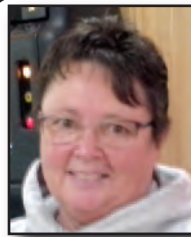
May 12<sup>th</sup>, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am

Congratulations! to all incoming officers and thank you to everyone for their hard work as a past officer.

Check out the Calendar of Events and Grapevine's for Chapter fundraisers, meetings, A.B.A.T.E. U, B.O.D., etc.

*Remember, you do not have to be perfect to be amazing!*

*Tammy*



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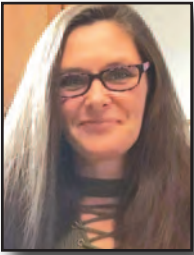
Hello all! I hope you are taking advantage of the warm weather we've been having, also hoping everyone had a nice Easter and were able to celebrate with family or friends!

The office business picked up a bit in February, people discovering they expired and know elections are coming up. This brings new members or old expired in so they could help get you elected. Whatever the case, it was good to see the membership increase for a couple of weeks.

I want to mention something about our election process. Even though we are done for this year, keep this in mind for next year. If you want to vote by absentee ballot, the deadline to request is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Each member is to email the state office with their name, chapter, and address the ballots are to be sent. The chapter does not send me a group of names. After the chapter has the February meeting and your nominees have been selected, that needs to get to the office ASAP. Then I make out a ballot on colored paper and send to those who requested. They need to send back to the office so I can add those ballots to the chapter packets. I mail the packets out right away, but if your chapter has absentee ballots, at least one week prior to the meeting and if your absentee ballots are not here in time I will still mail to your chapter. If your chapter does not receive the election packets prior to your meeting, CALL ME! Please do not wait to contact me 10 minutes before the meeting! One more thing to remember, EVERYTHING gets mailed back to the State Office, that includes the ballots! Congratulations to everyone that was elected!

Keep on keepin on!

*Shelly Deutsch*



## HISTORIAN

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I present an article, in part (to keep it appropriate) from the July 1989 Road Noise, Volume 3 Issue 7. Let it be known at the top of this newsletter it says, "For all who ride motorcycles" The article is "Are we out of control?"

Article: "As A.B.A.T.E. members, what kind of attitude do you have as motorcycle owners and riders?" (reprinted from ABATE of Iowa Freeway Flyer)

"My pride and credibility have been stripped away by a few members from across the state. I try to recruit new members, to tell them about A.B.A.T.E. programs. A friend of mine was going to join after buying a 750 Honda. But after filling out his application he decided 'no way' after driving by several people who spit at him and his daughter. These guys were wearing A.B.A.T.E. shirts."

"As members of A.B.A.T.E., we are ALL, hear me, ALL CYCLISTS! As members in good standing, we as an organization should stress this to all new and old members."

As the historian, a member and friend of many different walks of life and so forth, I am choosing to not duplicate all that was written, as back in 1989 you can imagine people didn't hold back much.

"Bikers that I know are motorcycle riders and they ride any darn kind of motorcycle that qualifies. A biker is someone who gives a damn about the sport of motorcycling and does everything possible to promote the sport of motorcycling.....No Matter What Kind of Bike You Ride!"

-----Article, in part, from Flash

*Gaida "Gator" Trout*



## MARKETING DIRECTOR

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Hey everyone,

I am getting ready for A.B.A.T.E. University. The totes will be ready. I am hoping if someone in your chapter reads this, they will ask if you got back to me on the membership tote.

County Fairs are coming up. If you are interested in doing a fair or an event and need help, we will find you the help. One Chapter went to their fair board and asked if they could volunteer to park cars so they got a free membership table to set up. That's a great way to get out in front of a lot of people with your swag on.

Looking for someone to do swag? I can help. Kari in products will also help, if you need it. We are here to help your Chapter become visible. I look forward to seeing you all in April.

*Harmony*



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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Nothing New To Report

**A.B.A.T.E. U**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**BACK To - The**  
**FUTURE!**



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

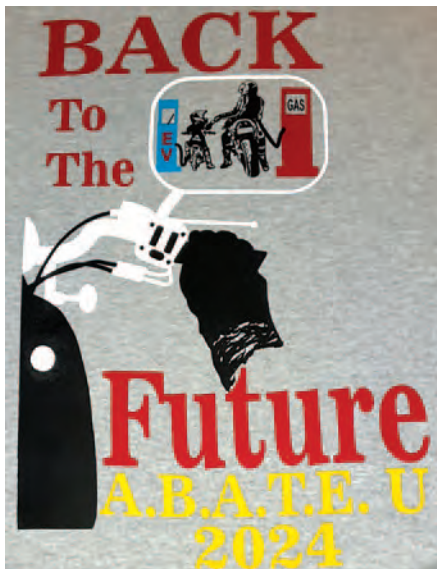
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Finally, a report that shows memberships going up! The state has 1,288 singles and 1,440 couples, a total of 2728, that is an increase of 154! Way to go everyone who is filling out those membership and finding new members too! Every chapter had an increase except three chapters, and they stayed the same as last month! The chapter with the highest increase this month is Lake with a +23! Way to go! Next highest was Sand Dunes with a +14, impressive! Third highest chapter was Central with a +13! Woohoo!

I took the time to see the totals for each chapter this month, that way I could see how the chapters were doing to bring members into vote, those figures are not so impressive anyway, the largest chapter has 264 members, and the smallest chapter has 24. So, as you can see, we need to help our sister chapters, we surely do not need to lose anymore chapters!

See ya down the road!

*Shelly*



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello friends and family! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the springlike weather!

First up, thank you to all the chapters that made an effort to get your clear order forms to me for badges and business cards. It makes an enormous difference when ordering. Thank you also to Sean at Dark Knight for taking on the huge undertaking of making the badges for us. I really appreciate it and all you do for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

Next, you may see another face helping in State Products. Since the reformation of the Young Riders Program, I have decided to do my part with getting the younger people involved with A.B.A.T.E. and I "hired" someone to help me out with all aspects of State Products. Please welcome Morgan to State Products. She will be working the Products area at A.B.A.T.E. University and State Rally as well as traveling with me to chapter events in the future. She will be able to take care of most aspects of State Products, however, she will not be able to accept credit/debit cards for payments. Per the State Board of Directors, I will be the only one working in State Products that can process those types of transactions. She can total your items up and set them aside until I am available to process your transaction at A.B.A.T.E. University. I will be in meetings Friday night and Saturday morning so it will be hit and miss. Please be patient as we work together to meet your needs.

As always, if your chapter needs products, wants products at your next event or need something for an auction, please email me and I will try to help the best I can.

See you in Alexandria,

*Kari*



## WRITE TO RIDE

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Bikerday at the Capitol is past.

Were you there? Did you meet your State Representative and Senator? Did you share your viewpoints on our issues? Did they listen to you and did you listen to their opinion? More importantly did they agree with our position? If not, were you able to come to a reasonable compromise? Or was this one of those times you walk away not sure you were understanding your legislator's position or not able to get them to state a position? Sometimes this happens. Some legislators have not determined what position they will take on an issue or they may have an opinion in conflict with ours. They may choose to leave us guessing rather than just disagreeing.

If you were not able to get an agreement at this time, is there more you or we can do to influence them? Did they give you reasons for disagreement? Did they convince you to change your opinion, and to agree with them? Do you have a plan of action how you will approach the issues in the future so you can you win their support?

Congratulations if you participated. You took part now. To keep the process going, write letters to say thank you or encouraging support if that is necessary. But keep the connection active.

At A.B.A.T.E. University you will get another opportunity to communicate with legislators. We have invited all of our US Congressmen and Congresswomen to stop in and say hello. If they are unavailable, they may send a representative in their place. But I expect to see many of the districts present. This may be the first time some of you will meet and talk with the people that run our country. Talk with them. Get to know them. Let them get to know you. Share your concerns and encourage them to support your position.

Pay a great deal of attention to all the communication you have with legislators' state or federal. We do not always agree with our legislators but if we disagree more often the we agree perhaps that should be a message.

Elections are coming this year. Be sure you are communicating with and learning about those that will ask for your support. And be sure you support those that will keep your interests in mind.

Thank you for all you do for the freedom of motorcyclists.

*frank*



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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**It's almost that time  
of year!  
If you want this trailer  
for an event or even a  
parade, let us know.**



## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



### Deb Kviz

#### Sand Dunes Chapter

It's literally a no-brainer to recommend Deb Kviz for A.B.A.T.E member of the month. Yes, she plays an important part in the publication of the Road Noise. Yet, it doesn't mean she shouldn't be honored. In fact, it is for that reason and several others which makes her an excellent candidate for Member of the Month. Deb was a member of A.B.A.T.E Minnesota from 2002 to 2006. Disappeared to Wisconsin in 2007 where she became a lifetime member and then returned to Minnesota becoming a member from 2017 to present. Since that time, she has been significantly involved in all things A.B.A.T.E. Her list of activities includes Road Noise Organizer, State Rally Vendor Chair, State Rally Royalty Chair, and sponsorship organizer for the Sand Dunes Rodeo & Bike Show. Not to mention that Sand Dunes is fortunate to be one of three chapters that Deb holds a membership including Lake and East Central Chapter's. Finally, Deb was recently elected as the new Treasurer of Sand Dunes. Yes, this is a no-brainer. Well deserved Deb!

## BIKE OF THE MONTH

### She's a 2016 Indian Chieftain owned by Kelly Pierson



Kelly Pierson is the Secretary of the East Central chapter. She was a two wheeler until 2022 when, with the help of the Trike Shop in White Bear Lake, she was turned into a sweet trike. "I'll ride her into my old age days," said Kelly. "I still miss two wheels, but there's a spare bike in the garage... but I love my trike."



**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc.**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**Saturday April 20, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN**

**CALL TO ORDER**

9:00 AM Call to order .....Jane Doyle  
 Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome ...Edgar Burke  
 Invocation .....Edgar Burke  
 Roll call .....Michele Legried  
 Agenda approval / changes .....Jane Doyle  
 Secretary Report - January 2024 ...Michele Legried  
 Treasurer's Report .....Michelle Backlund

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

Legislative Director .....Gary Goracke  
 Motorcycle PAC of MN .....Mark Senn  
 NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) .Dale Peterson  
 MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) ...Ryan Triebenbach  
 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  
 Education .....Jon Fernholz  
 Young Rider's Program .....Frank Ernst  
 Gambling .....Dan Matzdorff  
 Buddy Bear Program .....Sharon Polman  
 Historian .....Gaida Trout  
 Marketing .....Harmony Sturges  
 Membership & Member Retention ...Shelly Deutsch  
 Passport Run .....Jon Smith  
 Products .....Kari Duncan  
 Publications .....Tammy Winkels  
 Rally .....Dougie Cohen  
 Ways and Means. ....Kristy Luhman

**OTHER REPORTS**

State Office .....Shelly Deutsch  
 MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride) ....John Nelson  
 Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force .Jon Fernholz  
 MMCC & COC of MN .... Jane Doyle, Dale Peterson

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bikerday 2024 recap  
 A.B.A.T.E. of MN Motorcycle Safety Awareness Proclamation  
 2024 Budget Approval

**NEW BUSINESS**

State Officer Election Results  
 Announce Chapter Officers/Chapter Challenge

**OFFICER REPORTS**

Treasurer .....Michelle Backlund  
 Secretary .....Michele Legried  
 Northwest District Director .....Edgar Burke  
 Northeast District Director .....Chad Marchand  
 Southeast District Director .....Donna Larish  
 Southwest District Director .....Shelly Deutsch  
 Assistant State Coordinator .....Jim Orn  
 Trustee .....Mack Backlund  
 State Coordinator .....Jane Doyle

**ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT**

**BACK To The Future**

**A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY**  
 April 19th-21st, 2024  
 Holiday Inn  
 Alexandria, MN  
 320-763-6577

**"Back to the future"**

**FRIDAY**  
 6:00 Gambling Meeting  
 7:00 Pre -Board Meeting  
 8:00 State Rally Meeting  
 Courtyard Activities

**SATURDAY**  
 8:00-8:45 Officer Training  
 President/Vice President  
 Secretary/Chapter Rep  
 Treasurer  
 Sgt. @ Arms  
 9:00-1:30 Board of Directors Meeting  
 2:30-3:15 Principals of Leadership- Jazz  
 3:30-4:15 History of A.B.A.T.E. of MN  
 Young Riders  
 Gaida and others  
 4:30-5:00 Dial-A-Ride Training  
 4:30-5:15 Social Media Platforms and use- Harmony  
 5:15- 6:00 ZOHO Training- Darryl  
 7:00-9:00 Live Auction  
 9:00 Raffle Drawing  
 9:15- ? Fundraiser Event  
 ALL DAY UNTIL 6:30 pm Silent Auction (depending on donations)  
 Things are subject to change

**BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!**

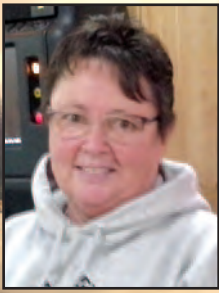
Don't forget to find your scavenger hunt card

**Scavenger Hunt Friday Night ONLY**  
 Turn in by 11 pm  
 \$50.00 drawing

**Friends of Young Riders**

**Bergdale Harley-Davidson, Albert Lea**





**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

# Chapter Graperivines

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I'd like to take this time to say THANKS to anyone who threw a vote my way. Since I'm also State Office and Membership & Retention, I see a lot of things that go on behind the scenes. I noticed a lot of chapters are having a hard time filling out the ballot with officers, but there are so many wanting to be a Sargeant at Arms. Why is that? Are you looking for the least amount of duty to do, just wanting a name badge? You'd be surprised how many things I've tried to do because others have seen something in me that I never saw. So next year if someone nominates you for an officer job, don't say no right away. Just think about it for a month you can always decline in February!

We held a District meeting before the Rolling Prairie Chili feed. At this time, I cannot tell you what we discussed. One thing we are talking about is the SWD is hosting the October B.O.D., so we need to have the buttoned down before the July B.O.D. Another is to try to get a list of events from each chapter so we can help each other out.

Until next time  
*Shelly Deutsch*

## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



### **Silver Moon Lounge & Steakhouse**

1117 W Main St. • Perham, MN 56573

**Family Owned, Great Food, Great Drinks**

**Service always with a Smile!**

## **SOUTH CENTRAL**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>- TBD, watch Facebook or contact Ingrid  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, VFW Post 906, Hutchinson, 7:00 pm  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm

Congratulations to our 2024 officers!

President: .....Dougie Cohen  
Vice-President: ...Gina "Silverfoxx" Maningoine  
Chapter Rep: .....Doug Louris  
Treasurer: .....Tina Myllykangas  
Secretary: .....Ingrid Cohen  
Sgt @ Arms: .....Curt Schmitz,  
John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Tad Lothert, Brian  
"Schemm" Schemmel, Mike Niece, Mike Voigt

We are excited about our new venue for our annual Spring Fling Bike Show. It is now a 2-day event at the Litchfield Civic Arena on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 4pm. There will be vendors, food trucks and door prizes! Bikes must register ahead of time before the show on that Friday night 4-8 pm, Saturday morning 8-10 am, Sunday morning 8-10 am. You can vote for the People's Choice trophy all day Saturday, and Sunday from 10 am-1 pm. Trophies are presented at 3:00 pm Sunday. If you can donate a door prize, be a vendor, or volunteer at the event, contact our event hostess Michelle Voigt at 320-292-6352. We hope to see you there!

Can't wait to see all of you at A.B.A.T.E. University. I'm excited to hear the history of A.B.A.T.E.!

Ride Safe & Free,  
– Ingrid Cohen

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## **BUFFALO RIDGE**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

April 4<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
September 5<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota, 6:00 pm

We look forward to continuing the Share the Road classes. Hope everyone had a good day at Bikerday at the Capitol. The weather is starting to be nice enough to enjoy getting out for a ride. Be careful and safe. Keep it rubber side down and enjoy.

## **WAY WEST**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

TBD

### **Upcoming Event(s):**

April 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls  
April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U., Alexandria

Greetings!

Well, Spring is knocking at the front door and that means riding season. Granted, it's been warm enough for the thunder to roll, but the season is amongst us. Make sure all your maintenance is done.

A.B.A.T.E. U is April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. New officers are expected to go to their prospective officer meetings. There are also other classes throughout the day on Saturday. Come join our Chapter...a great time with friends and like-minded motorcyclists.

Congratulations to all elected Way West officers. We don't have our election meeting until later this month, so I will post those in the May Road Noise.

Keep her knees in the breeze,  
Gypsy Mama

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## **SOUTHWEST**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore,  
7:00 pm  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore,  
7:00 pm

A.B.A.T.E. U was discussed, as well as fundraising ideas, and ditch cleanup. Our officers were elected, and all wheels were set in motion. Now we wait... Wait for some nice rain to wash the salt, sand and other paint enemies off of the roads. Clear skies and sunshine today, as well as 60-degree temps, sure make me appreciate the mild winter that we've had!

Spring, you won't be here soon enough!  
Remember our troops and their families in your prayers.

Until next month, stay safe.

– BAM

# LAKE

## Next Meeting(s):

- April 6<sup>th</sup>, Son's of Silence Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm
- May 5<sup>th</sup>, Missile Park, St Bonifacius, 3:00 pm
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, Rendezvous Bar, Annandale, 3:00 pm
- July 13<sup>th</sup>, Smoker's Airport Marine and Storage, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

- April 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Heartland Steam, Best Western Ramkota, Sioux Falls SD (605-336-0650)
- April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria (320-763-6577 for reservations)
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, Carver Motorcycle Ride Hosted by Tri County, Dog House Bar, Carver, Registration 10:30 am
- May 5<sup>th</sup>, Ditch Pick up, Community Center, St Bonifacius, 12:00 pm
- May 20<sup>th</sup>-May 21<sup>st</sup>, Bikers Inside the Beltway
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Chapter Memorial Run, Hopkins American Legion, 9:00 am
- June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, Riders Training Classes
- June 8<sup>th</sup>, Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo, Bailey Ray's Roadhouse, Santiago, 11:00 am
- July 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Algona Freedom Rally
- July 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Clean N Sober Bike Rally 2024, 15237 County Road 8 Comfrey

Thank you to everyone who came out to the March meeting. The 2024 Chapter officers are:

- President .....April Murch
- Vice President ..... Jim Kosse
- Chapter Representative .....Scott Trout
- Secretary .....Maureen O'Hern
- Treasurer .....Dale Morin
- Sergeant At Arms .....Jim Bengston, Mike Jencks, Todd Riba, Gaida Trout, Cyndi Buttweiler, and Dean Webb

Thank you to all for stepping up to serve the chapter. A special thank you to last year's officers for their commitment and dedication. We are proud to announce the launch of our new social media accounts. Please take a moment to follow us and/or encourage all of your young people to. It helps to get A.B.A.T.E out in the front and perhaps a young rider will find us. Instagram: ABATEMNLakechapter, Thread which you can access through Instagram, X(aka twitter): ABATEMNLake , YouTube: ABATEMNLakechapter.

With the 2024 Grounded Hogs event behind us we are beginning preparations for the 2025 Grounded Hogs. We will again be running our sponsorship program. If you would like to be a sponsor, please reach out any chapter member. This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride.

Start saving your photos for the 2025 calendar. It is never too early to start preparing. Photos can be emailed to lakechaptermn@gmail.com.

A.B.A.T.E. University is around the corner. Remember to book your room. We will again be hosting the hospitality room, so be sure to stop by and say hi while you grab so yummy food.

We have people registered for the motorcycle intermediate and advanced training classes on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. There are still 5 open spots for the intermediate class on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 4 open spots for the advanced class on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to the chapter or Sherry Edgett to register (lefty245@aol.com). There is a refundable \$25 deposit to secure your place. The deposit is refunded after completion of the class, and attendance at one of the following two Lake Chapter meetings.

Until next month my friends, Ride Free.

- April



## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting(s):

- April 6<sup>th</sup>, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 4:00 pm (Chili wrap up meeting 3:00 pm)
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James, Approx. 3:00 pm (following Adopt-a highway)
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, Last Chance Saloon, Hanska, 9:00 am



### Upcoming Event(s):

- April 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls, SD
- April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, Washout, St. James area rest stop, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, Adopt-a-highway meet at Camper World by Madelia, 1:00 pm
- June 1<sup>st</sup>, Summer Kickstart, Last Chance Saloon, Hanska, Registration 10:30-12:00 & Ride leaves at 12:00 pm

Hello fellow bikers,

We would like to thank everyone that came to our 31st annual Chili Feed. At this time, I don't know the final numbers, but I am positive we had a great turnout.

### Rolling Prairie Chapter Officers.

Thank you to our outgoing officers and welcome to those that stepped up to make our chapter grow. Officers for this year are President Tom, Vice President Dale, Secretary Kari, Treasurer Nikki, Chapter Rep Kari, Sgts Dave, Brian, Barb, Gail, Kent, and Andrew.

Please continue to support our other chapters by attending their events or purchasing tickets if unable to attend. We all need to work together to continue to grow.

I think that is all for now. See you in Alexandria at A.B.A.T.E. University.

– Giggles

## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s) :

- April 6<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, Heidi's Bar, Sedan, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

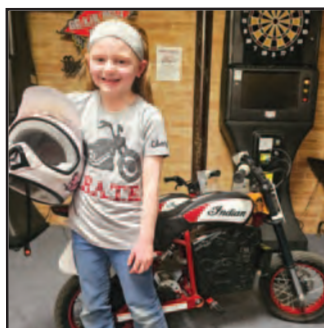
- April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University
- May 4<sup>th</sup>, Tour Wood-N Hearts, 2:00 pm
- May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chapter Campout

We had our fundraiser Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at Heidi's Bar in Sedan. We are planning a campout Memorial Weekend. We are making more of our events family friendly so young riders can be included.

A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up and we look forward to seeing everyone.

We plan on touring a place called Wood-N-Hearts near Sedan at 2 pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>. They are a nonprofit organization that makes bedroom sets for veterans. If you are interested to see what they do, reach out to us and we can give him a final head count closer to the day. They have a ride in August during their annual fundraiser.

Be safe out there.





## NORTHEAST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

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As I write this elections are in full swing and Bikerday is just days away. By the time you read this many more of us will have our bikes out and looking towards A.B.A.T.E. University. This event is open to all members of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. The breakout classes are all free to attend. If you really want to get a feel for how it all comes together come listen to the Board of Directors Meeting Saturday morning. I did accept a nomination for a second year as your Northeast District Director at our January B.O.D. It is very humbling to know that so many members have put trust in me to do well for them. I believe I bring my skills and talents to the role that benefit all members. I also feel there are skills that I lack but that many within our district Excell at. Our best tool is our ability to work together. The more we exercise this strength, the stronger it gets. Like last year my focus will stay the same. To encourage teamwork, recruitment, and participation in Bikerday of 2025. As always, if you have an issue, question, or are just unsure, feel free to reach out to me for help. I will either get you the answer, point you toward the answer, or work with you to find the answer. Thank you everyone for everything you do.

Until next time, ride safe,  
*Chad Marchand*

## SAND DUNES

### Next Meeting(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, Sand Dunes Spring Ride, Bailey Ray's,  
Santiago, Registration 9am. Kickstands up 11 am.  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, Sand Dunes Bike Show & Rodeo, Bailey  
Ray's, Santiago, 11am-5pm

Greetings! What a strange and wonderful winter. I've rode over 600 miles on my bike since the first of the year. The weather will certainly make for a longer riding season. That's assuming we don't get an early winter next fall.

A.B.A.T.E. U is just around the corner and I'm really looking forward to it. Last year was my first time attending the event and I thoroughly enjoyed it. If you have not been there check it out. Especially if you're a new, incoming officer. It was great to meet other chapter presidents and state officers that you don't often have the opportunity to see.

Chapter elections are over and I'm very excited for

the new year! Elected as president for a 2nd year is yours truly, Michael Olkives. Our newly elected Vice President is Doug Hall. Returning as Secretary is Tammie Black. We have a new Treasurer Deb Kviz, and returning as our Chapter Representative is Angie Webb-Darwin. Our Sergeant at Arms are Steve Bechtold, Jeremy Black, Tammie Black, Tammie Webb, Buzz Plante, and Laura Houge.

Finally, plans are coming together for our Spring Ride and our Annual Bike Show & Rodeo. Both events are taking Place at Bailey Ray's in Santiago. Our Spring Ride will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> with registration starting at 9:00am and Kick Stands up at 10:00am. Breakfast sandwiches and beverages will be available to fuel you up for the ride. Our Bike Show and Rodeo will be June 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00pm. We have some awesome events planned for the Rodeo portion of our event!

That's all for now. Get out and ride, the weather's great! Take care and be safe. Peace out!

– Mike Olkives

**See Sand Dunes  
Photos on Page 22**

**Sand Dunes Executive Team (below)  
and in the Elevator (right).**



**EAST CENTRAL**

**Next Meeting(s):**

April 7<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St Francis , 11:00 am

**Upcoming Event(s):**

April 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls  
April 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria.  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, Dirty Rotten Biker Fest, Princeton County  
Fair Grounds.

The Heart On was a great success and we want to thank everyone who came out to support us, and all of our vendors. A huge thank you goes out to all of our chapter members who brought it all together. You guys rock!

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, a group of Ten East Central members took a road trip up to Tower, Minnesota to deliver

40 Buddy Bears to be distributed between six emergency medical, police and fire departments, who otherwise would not have access to the Buddy Bear program. We were warmly received by everyone including the local newspaper. After much visiting and just telling them about the hows and whys of the program we presented them with the bears and then went outside for pictures. They've asked us to return in warmer days with more bears and we said we would be seeing them soon. By now Bikerday has come and gone, and I hope everyone got to speak to their representatives. East Central distributed May is Biker Awareness buttons for A.B.A.T.E. members to give to their reps. We hope you got your button, too - wear it proudly!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at A.B.A.T.E. U! Keep your head on a swivel, ride safe

- Kelly

# CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Side Bar, Cold Spring, 12:00 pm  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, Doochies, St. Martin, 12:00 pm

## Upcoming event(s):

May 19<sup>th</sup>, Ride for Terebinth, Sal's, St. Joseph, 10:00 am  
August 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Biker Bash

Terabinth Refuge is a nonprofit organization for people who have been involved in sex trafficking. Registration is 10am at Sal's in St. Joseph. Kickstands up at 12pm. Ride out to Andy's in Eden Valley, Pearl Lake Lodge in Marty then back to Sal's for auction, food and some fun.

## Biker Bash:

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>: Jam it Anyway Entertainment  
Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>: Crimson Edge  
Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>: Diamond Back: Thank you to CJ&J trucking for sponsoring. We are still looking for vendors and sponsors please contact Joe Bud Wiser for more information.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, seven Central Chapter members took the big plunge at Avon Beach. As a team they raised just over \$2,700 for Special Olympics. Thank you to everyone that donated and showed up to support them. Can't wait for next year.

Elections happened at the March meeting.

2024 Central Chapter Officers results are:

President: .....Travis Rolfes  
Vice: Joe .....Bud Wiser  
Secretary: .....Melissa Hansen  
Treasure: .....Sherry Rolfes  
Chapter Rep: .....Chad Heggstad  
Sergeant @ Arms:.....Ron Rolfes, Steve Geo,  
Joey Lang, Aaron Fenzel, Jennifer Heggstad,  
Lindsey Rolfes-Buchite

Congrats everyone. Nice to see some old and new faces in the mix. Can't wait to see what this year will bring us.

- Until next month, Cowboy and Ling



# UP NORTH

## Next Meeting(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Saloon, Calumet , 3:00 pm  
May 12<sup>th</sup>, Saloon, Calumet, 3:00 pm.

Hope everybody is doing well. We just had our voting meeting. Officers will be as follows: President Chris Parks, Vice President: Bill Wilde, Treasurer Nancy Ronne, Secretary Angie Morberg, Chapter Rep Stan Nordal, Sargeant at Arms Jeff Serich and Jill Wilde. We are also trying something new with our meetings here in the Up North Chapter. We have voted to have the meetings in one place and give that a try to see if it increases our attendance. It will be held the second Sunday of every month, at the Calumet Saloon at 3:00pm.

- Chris Parks, President, Up North Chapter

# NORTHEAST

## Next Meeting(s):

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30pm.  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30pm.

Hello all,

Not much to report this month, by the time you read this our annual fundraiser, The Bunwarmer, will have taken place and I'm sure it will have been a great success. Riding season is creeping up on us already so time to start thinking about bringing your bikes out of storage and doing all of the pre-season checks that ensure your safety. There's plenty of time between now and then so no reason to be in a hurry at the last minute and forget to check your tire pressure and fluid levels Looking forward to A.B.A.T.E. U this year, it's always a good time and we'll be there.

That's about it, there will be more to write about as riding season starts soon.

- Stay warm!! Ed



## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd, 7:00 pm.

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Coon Rapids VFW, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd, 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 8<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant, 201 Jackson Street, 4:00 -8:00 pm.

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant, 201 Jackson Street, 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

June 10<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio Restaurant, 201 Jackson Street, 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

Sunday Brunch, Route 47 Pub and Grub, 7820 University Ave NE, Fridley, 8am-12pm.

Check in on our Facebook page or website for more details

As I write this month's Grapevine article, I don't know who will win some of the positions but I do know that whoever is elected will do the job that is necessary to make the Metro Chapter continue to move in the right direction. Our Vice President and our Chapter Rep will be new people. It is encouraging to see that some of your newest members figured out on their own, the importance of taking a leadership role and working for the good of the order. Congratulations to all of our newly elected chapter officers for 2024-2025.

We are pleased to announce that the 2024 State Rally Calendar sales have reached the point where the chapter has recouped the cost of producing the calendars and further sales of the remaining calendars will be donated in full to Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride as originally promised. We will have calendars available at A.B.A.T.E. U in April. Let's make it a priority to sell out this year's inventory.

On the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, Metro Chapter hosted the A.B.A.T.E. membership booth at the Donnie Smith Bike Show at the St. Paul River Centre. I hope many of you stopped by to say "HELLO" as well as to renew your memberships no matter which chapter of A.B.A.T.E. you belong to.

Also in March, the Metro Chapter held our first-ever Pre-St. Patrick's Day event at Route 47 Pub and Grub

in Fridley. The committee has gone above and beyond in planning this new fundraising event. I am blown away by the creativity and resourcefulness of the committee members. I look forward to bragging about how AWESOME an event it was in the next issue of Road Noise.

And let's not forget to mention Bikerday at the Capitol which was also after the Grapevine deadline. I hope to have pictures of Metro Chapter members out in full force lobbying our Representatives and Senators in next month's article as well.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual MetroMorial Day celebration will be held on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley. It will be your first chance to enjoy Loaded Baked Potatoes and Roasted Sweet Corn. Stay tuned for more details.

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## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

April 21<sup>st</sup>, Doc's on 23, Askov, 1:00 pm.

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

June 16<sup>th</sup>, Squirrell Cage, Willow River 1:00 pm.

July 21<sup>st</sup>, Maverick's Saloon, Beroun, 1:00 pm.

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown

August 18<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Ride weekend. Ride ends at Nickerson.

We are now selling A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. Who couldn't use \$29,999? All cash prizes this year. Ticket information contact Liz #320-280-0775.

The next roadside cleanup will be May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Band lineup and event schedule for the 2024 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. Check this issue of Road Noise for 18<sup>th</sup> annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown poster. Posters and advance tickets are now available.

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.

– Happy New Year, The Grapevine Jesus

For updated chapter/ events and information, log on to our website: <http://www.jackpineriders.org> Or check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.





Howdy Folks,

A.B.A.T.E. University is just around the corner. Always an informative time. Take in a couple classes. See Old and New Friends. Bikerday is behind us. Hopefully You got to meet with your legislators.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Do your part to be seen and watch out for the guy that's not paying attention. Sign up for a rider course. Every year I try to take one. Learn something every time.

I would like to THANK, ALL Past and Present officers! I would also like to THANK ALL A.B.A.T.E. members. YOU are the spokes in the wheel. Without spokes the wheel falls apart.

May YOUR Rubber stay on the Road and Your Smile Stay Big.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE

*Edgar*

## **BORDERLAND**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finns', Badger, 6:00 pm  
 May 4<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finns', Badger, 3:00 pm

### **Upcoming events:**

April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria  
 May 4<sup>th</sup>, Brderland Chapter 25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 Membership Drive, Skippy's

Happy Spring Borderland!

Bikerday at the Capitol is now in the rear view, and as I write this in advance, I know it was a great success. And we thank all that work so hard year after year to make it that. And the same for the A.B.A.T.E. University committee! We are looking forward to a great A.B.A.T.E. University! It always is.

Now, this is spring riding season so expect everyone not to see you and watch out for those spring highway conditions as well, and don't forget to attend our great membership drive. This is also our Chapter fundraiser to keep our chapter going, so gather a silent auction item, spend only \$10 for a great meal (free for new member sign up) and feel free to spend some dough on silent action and fun games of skill that will go to the Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota!

So now we want to congratulate all of the 2024 Chapter officers. Prez: Pat (Sully) Sullivan.  
 VP: Tim S. Sec-Treas: Amy Carlson. Chapter Rep:

Tim S and Sgt at Arms: Boyde Olmstead, Christy Sullivan, Lee H, Jarod (Mags), Justin Loewe, and Tim Maurstad.

We now have to fight like Hell to get our freedom back before it is totally lost in our state and our country, I think it will happen! Ride safe and fight for liberty, freedom and justice for all.

– Twistin' da wick, Tim

## **NORTH STAR**

### **Next Meeting(s):**

April 27<sup>th</sup>, The Woodshed, Laporte, 4:00 pm.

### **Upcoming Event(s):**

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meet and Greet, Cameron Park, 2609 Birchmont Dr NE, 12:00-4:00 pm.

Congratulations to all new and existing State and Chapter officers. A.B.A.T.E. University is right around the corner. It is so fun to see new and old faces, as well as getting to go to the officer's trainings for new and existing officers. You have never done something long enough to learn something new!

## **NORTHWEST**

**No Report Received**

# HEART OF THE LAKES

## Next Meeting(s):

April 12<sup>th</sup>, Buck Mill Brewery on Washington Ave, Detroit Lakes 7:00 pm.

I want to thank all of my Chapter members for the time and efforts put into our March Pool and Dart Tournament, couldn't do it without you. They kicked arse and SOLD OUT our cash raffle!!!! Not to mention awesome ticket sales for Quilt Raffle (gorgeous quilt made by one of our members), with only 70 of 200 tickets unsold! With all of the fantastic items donated and LeAnn's superb organizational skills and take the bull by the horns 'tude, our silent auction was also an enormous success. Thank you to all that took the time to come out to, and or jumped in on those raffles to support us, we appreciate you.

My mind has been filled with thoughts of our loss of memberships and I did a little googling, reading, researching to see how many motorcyclists and motorcyclists organizations with like mindedness there actually are tooling around here in our great state, this is what I came up with. According to 2014 (just a quick search a bit outdated but served my purpose) according to the Minnesota Safety Task Force there were 236,000 registered motorcycles followed up by 414,000 licensed motorcyclists, I wonder why our numbers are as small as they are, and WOW there are a whole mess of motorcycling organizations. Most of which I had no clue even existed, The Iron Butt Association, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Women's International Motorcycle association, Street Legal Motorcycles, Golden Eagles, the Dry Riders, oh and Bunk A Biker (which I have used several times in my jaunts). If you all are not familiar with Bunk A Biker, check them out, it's a cool gig where you go onto their website to find people all over that have joined them to offer places to stay free of charge (I always leave a generous thank you). Wouldn't that be fantastic if we could get some of our trifolds incorporated/left at the individuals places? I digress, back to all of the organizations. The list goes on and on. I wonder how many of the members of these associations were like myself (until I did a search) don't even know we exist? My next thought was, have we as an organization ever sent our information/flyers/web pages and what not directly to these organizations. If not, is there some unknown to me rule why we can't? If no, why not at least

give it a shot.

Have you contacted your local and surrounding mayors to adapt the May is Motorcycle awareness proclamation?

God's smile on you all,

– Jess

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## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

April 20<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 pm.

Greetings FFR Members,

At our March meeting, the following Officers and Sergeant at Arms were elected. Congratulations to:

President .....Derek Nelson  
Vice President .....Scott Larson  
Treasure .....Trevor Triebenbach  
Secretary .....Melissa Eggenburg  
Chapter Rep ..... Rich Reimers  
SGT at Arms .....Ted Warren,  
Mike Jibben, Layne Meyers, Dave Crane,  
Joe Chisholm, Trevor Triebenbach

I want to personally thank the Service Members and FFR Members that were able to make the Blizzard Game on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March!! Fun times with friends and we had 6 Service Members recognized on the ice during the military moment. The Chapter approved donation requests for Boots on the Ground and to the State Rally.

Freedom First Riders annual Bike Show dates are May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>! Trophy and Vendor lists are on the Facebook page and the volunteer signup sheet is making its way around. Please get hold of Patty Sherod for anything regarding the Bike Show.

Our next meeting is at A.B.A.T.E. U, in the Holiday Inn, Alexandria at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and participate in the classes going on during the weekend. FFR will have the hospitality room as we've had in the past. Come out and support the event in our hometown!

Expect the Unexpected!!

– Big Papa

**Look for FFR Photos on Page 27**



**Freedom First Riders  
at the  
Blizzard Game!**




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*Greetings All!*

This weather is just so unbelievable. I know we need the moisture, so a couple of good rainstorms would help go a long way towards greening up the outdoors. Really looking forward to some bonfires this year!

Congratulations to all of the officers that have accepted the nominations and have been voted in. A.B.A.T.E University is coming very fast, do you have your reservations made yet? Lots of interesting classes, good fun and entertainment. Stephanie and her committee work very hard to make sure that everyone has a good time and we all learn something new. Thanks for all the hard work!

I also want to thank everyone in the Southeast District for your patience with me this past year. I tried to make as many of your meetings as I could. Unfortunately, my eyes aren't good for driving after dark any more and I was really sick after the January B.O.D. and down for most of February. I hate being sick. On the road to recovery now.

Congratulations to Mike Burgess, your new Southeast District Director - he will do a great job! Thanks to everyone in the state, it was great to be involved again.

*Donna*



# TRI-COUNTY

## Next Meeting(s):

- April 4<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm, Carver Fundraising Ride Meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm, Carver Fundraising Ride Meeting, 6:30 pm
- June 6<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00pm (more to come about potluck bbq)
- July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup>... Augusta Ballpark..... (more info to come)

## Upcoming Event(s):

- May 4<sup>th</sup>, Tri County Carver Fun Ride Fundraiser
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Adopt-A-Highway TriCounty Highway pickup...
- August 17<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Harley Heaven Memorial Motorcycle Ride

Thank you to our members, who once again, stepped up to the plate and accepted their chapter positions! Hats off to:

- President .....Jon Fernholz
- Vice President .....Terry Olson
- Treasurer .....Kristy Luhman
- Secretary .....Katie Gilloffo
- Chapter Rep .....Bill Ernst
- Sergeants at Arms: .....Kelly & Alex Erickson, David Brandtner, Jim Bengston, and Mike Pharr!

Thank you to our visitors from the different chapters and new members, and to Mike Burgess, SEDD candidate for making his appearance.

As stated above, our highway pickup is set for

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am by the trains between Jordan and New Prague. Garbage bags and reflective vests provided! The more there is of people showing up to help, the faster it goes! Vehicles will be onsite to drop off at both ends and provide extra bags as needed. Afterwards, maybe go for a ride as a group for lunch somewhere!



Tri-County members Kelly Erickson, Kristy Luhman & Mike Pharr proudly wearing "I Voted" stickers.

Plans are in the works for our chapter sponsored Motorcycle Safety Course being held in June. Dates to be finalized. Location will be the Eden Prairie Hennepin Technical Campus.

Hats off to Katie Gilloffo for her Facebook page updates for Tri County! She does a great job and has reported that there's 1020 followers as of our last meeting! Her posts are funny and informative! Her last one... the curtain reveal... about our chapter fundraiser ride was great! Thanks Katie!! You rock!!

Peace out 🍀 everyone!

– Ger

# FLATLANDERS

Hello from the Flatlanders!!

Bikerday at the Capitol is in the books and we hope that all of you had an opportunity to attend. With the uncertainty in this state and our country, sitting back and letting others make the decisions is not what's best for you or the rest of the motorcycling community. Ok, enough said. We will talk more about the turnout at the April B.O.D.

Next on my agenda...A.B.A.T.E. University. If you have never been, there it is a great educational opportunity and a great social atmosphere. There are classes, games, auctions, and other activities that are very beneficial to you as a member. Hope to see you all there!!

Alright, it's mid-March and moving into April and we are riding motorcycle's and have been since

the end of January. Did the world fall off it's axis? Who knows, but mother nature has been very good to us. However, with this nice weather comes the potential for crashes because the cages do not expect us on the roads yet. Please be careful, drive defensively, look both ways (multiple times) and enjoy the ride. Also, if you're interested, there are all levels of motorcycle training classes that will be starting soon...Just Saying!!!

One more item before I sign off...SUPPORT the other chapter fundraisers when possible. Talk to those people you see out on the roads riding about A.B.A.T.E. and sign up new members. It is the only way we continue to move forward!!

Peace and Love Always

Hugs

– Michele

## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Moose Lodge, Faribault, 1:00 pm  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's Bar, Owatonna, 1:00 pm  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, Box Car, Waseca, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, Bike Parade, Mankato  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the Bikes,  
Owatonna Fairgrounds  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, Passport Ride following meeting  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, Ride to Poopy's

Hello everyone!

Hope everyone is doing well. I know that I am getting excited for the summer! We had a good turnout for the chili contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Diesel, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Zoomer, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Dirck.

We held our elections. Officers elected are as follows: President: Mike Smith, Vice President: John "Zoomer" Knudson, Treasurer: Cathy Buck, Secretary: Stacia Round, Chapter Rep: Dirck Hogan, Sargent at Arms: Roger May, Misti Plotz, Hans Junker, Mike Olsem. Congrats to all officers. Spring is just around the corner. So please be careful. Make sure you keep an eye on other people out there.

– Mike Smith  
Straight River Chapter President

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## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

April 21<sup>st</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:00 am  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Sioux Falls, SD  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University & B.O.D.

Greetings from Southeast LC:

Things are starting to gear up for our chapter as we start the planning for the summer party and B.O.D. meeting. We already have many things ironed out and nailed down. We made it through the winter party, this time without having to postpone it. We had a fair turnout, and everything went well. We made a little money and that's always good.

The new location for the monthly meetings is working out quite well and we are happy to not have to compete with the bar crowd and sports fans. This may be a future site for upcoming events such as the Winter Party.



**Straight River Officers elected in February.**



**Straight River Chili Feed.**

We sent a donation to the POW/MIA Riders to help cover the cost of bringing home the remains of a Sergeant shot down in Vietnam in 1972. After much searching and red tape, this soldier's remains were found and identified and will be coming back home. The Soldier is from St. Charles, so will be brought him back to Minnesota to his family. What an awesome achievement and we are very proud to donate towards this cause.

We welcome all new members and can't wait to see you at our monthly meetings. Dates, times, and locations are listed above. As usual, we thank all those that have renewed their memberships and we look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings. We welcome your input and ideas at the monthly meetings. Remember, this is your chapter. The officers just keep the meetings running smoothly.

So, until next time, stay safe if you are out on two wheels, like many of us down here are. Watch for sand and gravel as well as other riders and vehicles. Be Vigilant.

See you all at A.B.A.T.E. University in April.

– Terry

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

April 14<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

May 12<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

June 9<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

April 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 11<sup>th</sup>, Spring Ditch Cleanup

June, TBD, Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Memorial Ride

August, TBD, River Valley Gives Back Ride

Hello all and welcome to April!!!!

It looks like, due to some early nice weather, there have been a few of you who've already had a head start in getting out your bikes! Hopefully we can look forward to what may be a good start to a great riding season!

Wow, what a nice turnout for our 1<sup>st</sup> RIVER VALLEY GET TOGETHER we had in February! So many we had not seen in months; it was "a happy" reconnecting! A few of us got together to put together a social gathering to not only reconnect, during the off riding season, but to get to know each other better outside of our meetings and events. We welcomed past, present and future members!! Stay tuned for the next one...they will be random.

Thank you and congratulations to all of the new Officers for stepping up! Also, a huge thanks to the past Officers for all of your hard work throughout the year!

Don't forget about A.B.A.T.E. University this month! We encourage you to attend... especially our new officers. There is a lot of information available to learn, or a refresher course, as to what your position requires of you. There are other wonderful classes as well; along with games, auctions and of course great times to be had! You can make your reservations at the Holiday Inn, located in Alexandria (320)763-6577.

Our Annual May Motorcycle Awareness Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with a Fun Run to follow. Please join us in getting the message out to the motoring public that motorcycles are back on the roadways! We hope to see good numbers of participants again this year.

Our Spring ditch pickup and luncheon will be Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 10:00 am in the CHS parking lot in LeHillier. All are encouraged to come and help. The more hands available, the faster it goes.



We are finalizing the planning for our Mike Berg Memorial Ride, "If we can save just one life...", which will be scheduled on a Saturday in the middle of June. Stay tuned for details on our River Valley Chapter Facebook page.

We also are in the planning stages for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual River Valley Gives Back to be in August. Yay! Please do check out our River Valley Facebook page for details on things to come.

A big welcome to our new members and thank you to those who renewed their memberships. We are looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and chapters events!

And as always; keep an eye out and plan to attend the other chapters events and fundraisers!

– Anthony Crandell



# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2024 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2024 State Rally, to be held August 30<sup>th</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

As part of our Sponsorship program we are offering generous recognition, advertising, vendor space, and passes for the participation of you, your employees and customers in our event.

**There are five levels of Sponsorship:**

## Diamond Sponsorship

**The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000**

It includes:

- Your business will have signage on either side or above the stage area in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine, A.B.A.T.E.'s official publication (circulation 4,000+)
- A full page ad in our Rally program and your company name and logo included on the cover
- Your company name and logo listed on our website
- 12 free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Gold Sponsorship

**The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000**

It includes:

- Medium signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your Company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a half page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Six free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Silver Sponsorship

**The Silver Sponsorship is \$500**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a quarter page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Chrome Sponsorship

**The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Two free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Copper Sponsorship

**The Copper Sponsorship is \$100**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- One free weekend pass to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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Although A.B.A.T.E. is a not for profit organization and contributions are not tax deductible, you may be able to deduct this investment in your company's advertising budget. Check with your tax professional.

Partnering with us will make the 2024 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2024 Rally is 2,000.

Our members are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who support those businesses who support them. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota please visit our website at [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org).

**For more information, please contact:**

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532  
Email: [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

*Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon!*

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is  
August 1, 2024**

# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2024 State Rally Sponsorship

## Sponsor Information

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed  Business will mail/email

*Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your ad/business card*

## Recruiting Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Promotional Tickets

Mail tickets to Business Contact  
\* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2024

Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Identification will be required

Quantity given: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Michelle Backlund  
16550 226<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Elk River, MN 55330

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Sponsor Receipt

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2024 State Rally Sponsorship

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Inc. thanks you for your support!*

If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund  
(763) 263-1532 or email [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)  
Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2024

If you don't receive your tickets by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 contact Michelle Backlund

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4/3/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	TBD, Watch Facebook or contact Ingrid	7:00 PM
4/3/2024	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:00 PM
4/4/2024	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Bar and Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
4/4/2024	Tri-County Chapter Fundraiser Ride Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
4/4/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
4/5/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
4/6/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
4/6/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Son's of Silence Club House, Cokato	3:00 PM
4/6/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	4:00 PM
4/6/2024	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed wrap up Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	3:00 PM
4/7/2024	Central Chapter Meeting	Side Bar, Cold Spring	12:00 PM
4/7/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
4/7/2024	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
4/7/2024	Ways & Means Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
4/8/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
4/9/24	Borderlabnd Chapter Meeting	Skippy Ginn's, Badger	6:00 PM
4/9/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
4/12/24	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Bucks Mill Brewing, Detroit Lakes	7:00 PM
4/12/24	Heartland STEAM	Sioux Falls, SD	
4/13/24	Heartland STEAM	Sioux Falls, SD	
4/13/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Moose Lodge, Faribault	:00 pm
4/14/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
4/14/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
4/19/24	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/19/24	Gambling Meeting	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	6:00 PM
4/19/24	State Rally Meeting	A.B.A.T.E. U, Litchfield	8:00 PM
4/20/24	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/20/24	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	ABATE U, Litchfield	TBD
4/21/24	A.B.A.T.E. U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria	
4/21/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Doc's on 23, Askov	1:00 PM
4/21/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
4/27/24	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Eagles, Albert Lea	3:00 PM
4/27/24	Northstar Chapter Meeting	The Woodshed, Laporte	4:00 PM
4/28/2024	South Central Food Drive	Family Fare, Litchfield	10 - 1:00 PM
5/1/24	North East Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/1/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 906, Hutchinson	7:00 PM
5/2/2024	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
5/2/24	Tri-County Chapter Fundraiser Ride Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
5/2/24	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
5/3/24	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
5/4/2024	2024 Spring Fling	Litchfield Civic Arena, Litchfield	10 - 4:00 PM
5/4/24	Borderlanhd Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	3:00 PM
5/4/24	Dirty Rotten Biker Fest		
5/4/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
5/4/24	Glacial Ridge Tour Wood-N-Hearts	Wood-N-Hearts, Glenwood	2:00 PM
5/4/24	Motorcycle Awareness Parade		
5/5/24	2024 Spring Fling	Litchfield Civic Arena, Litchfield	10 - 4:00 PM
5/5/24	Central Chapter Meeting	Doochies, St. Martin	12:00 PM
5/5/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
5/5/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Bonifacius	3:00 PM

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5/5/24	Lake Chapter Pick up	St. Bonifacius Community Center, St. Bonifacius	
5/11/24	River Valley Ditch Cleanup		
5/11/24	Rolling Prairie Adopt-A-Highway	Camper World, Madelia	1:00 PM
5/11/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	River's Edge Golf Course, St. James	3:00 PM
5/11/24	Rolling Prairie Washout	St. James Area Rest Stop	8-12:00 PM
5/11/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Bar, Owatonna	1:00 PM
5/12/24	Publication Committee Meeting	Via Zoom	11:00 AM
5/12/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles club, Mankato	12:00 PM
5/12/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
5/13/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
5/14/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
5/15/24	South Central Ditch Clean Up	Odd Fellow's Park, Hutchinson	6:00 PM
5/16/24	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force Meeting	St. Paul College, St. Paul	5 - 7:00 pm
5/18/24	Freedom First Riders Annual Bike Show		
5/18/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Spring Ride	Bailey Ray's Roadhouse, Santiago	9:00 AM
5/18/24	State Rally Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
5/19/24	Freedom First Riders Annual Bike Show		
5/19/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	highway pickup)	1:00 PM
5/19/24	Ride for Terebinth	Sal's, St. Joseph	10:00 AM
5/19/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
5/19/24	Tri-County Adopt-a-Highway Pickup		
5/25/24	Lake chapter Memorial Run	Hopkins America Legion, Hopkins	9:00 AM
5/31/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Campout		
6/1/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Campout		
6/1/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rendezvous Bar, Annandale	3:00 PM
6/1/24	Northstar 2nd Annual Meet and Greet	Cameron Park, Cameron	12-4:00 PM
6/1/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Last Chance Saloon, Hanska	9:00 AM
6/1/24	Rolling Prairie Summer Kickstart	Last Chance Saloon, Hanska, Registration	10:30 AM
6/5/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian	7:00 PM
6/6/24	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	City Hall Bar and Grill, Minneota	6:00 PM
6/6/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Heidi's Bar, Sedan	6:00 PM
6/8/24	Lake Chapter Riders Training Class		
6/8/2024	Sand Dunes Bike Rodeo	Bailey Ray's Roadhouse, Santiago	
6/8/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car, Waseca	1:00 PM
6/9/24	Lake Chapter Riders Training Class		
6/9/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
6/9/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
6/10/24	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio Restaurant, Anoka	4 - 10:00 PM
6/15/24	State Rally Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
6/16/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Squirrel Cage, Willow River	1:00 PM

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# NEW & RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

## BORDERLAND

Justin Loewe .....R  
 Darrell /Lois Jo Bittner .N  
 Terry / Julie Johnson .N  
 Carolyn Skogstad .....N  
 Hudson Tetrick/  
 Nate Nohr .....N  
 Brian Hanning/ Danita  
 McDowell .....N  
 Isaac Drowlow .....N  
 Dale Roland .....N  
 Chad Nuy/  
 Jennifer Hansen ...N

## CENTRAL

Glen/Julie Woodbridge R  
 Steve/Julie Heying ...R  
 Jessica Richter .....R  
 Keith Wilson .....R  
 Jason "Smity" Smith .N  
 Roy Willard /  
 Heidi Hughes .....N  
 Duane "Chris"/  
 Holly Christian .....R

## EAST CENTRAL

Jim LaSpisa .....R  
 Thomas / Donna  
 Mevissen .....R  
 Jim /Vicki Palmer .....R  
 Dan Dobbs /Jessica  
 Oman .....R  
 Quintin Nelson .....R  
 Marcia Borchardt .....N  
 Mark / Jenny Jacques .N

## FLATLANDERS

Bryan Traynor .....R  
 Fred /Cali Vokoun .....R

Mark Reynolds .....R  
 Rick Rottman .....N

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Richard L Hertwig .....R  
 James Vearrier .....R  
 Mark /Ivanna Buchite .R

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Mike Pesta .....R  
 Mark /Susan Schuler .N

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Doug Feela .....R  
 Chad Dalland .....R  
 Justin / Kristina Grotjohn R

## JACK PINE RIDERS

James Rolston .....R  
 Mike Lynch .....R

## LAKE

Michael Davis (SOS MC)/  
 Kari Davis .....R  
 Laurie Otten .....R  
 Jill Kielblock .....R  
 John Amdor III .....R  
 Eric Witstine .....R  
 Evan B Komar /  
 Carole E Kruse .....R  
 Dave Clifton /  
 Rebecca Hasslen ...R  
 Kevin /Mindy Finn ....R  
 Brian /Shandi Heinsch .N  
 Barb Larson .....N  
 Jon Fernholz /  
 Kristy Luhman .....N  
 Eric Olson .....N  
 Scott Benedict .....N  
 Rodney/Denise  
 Hoppenrath .....N

Daniel P /Lorna M Lyrek R  
 Krista Henke .....R

## METRO

Bob Dooley .....R  
 Tom Morrison .....R  
 Ron Michaletz .....R  
 Thomas J Morrison ...N  
 Mike DeVine .....N

## NORTHEAST

Lana Angell .....R  
 Sean /Tammy Kilpela ..R

## NORTH STAR

David Mathisen .....R  
 Thomas Stromwall ...R

## NORTHWEST

Lon Greenlee/  
 Melissa Westlake ...R  
 Dan Myerchin .....N

## SAND DUNES

Mark Knopf .....R  
 Pamela Jenson .....R  
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**May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10:00AM – 4:00PM**

**Litchfield Civic Arena ~ Litchfield, MN**



**Admission \$10**

**Bike Show:**

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**Bike Registration:** Friday 4-8pm, 8-10am

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11:00am - 3:00pm Crosswinds Band  
4:00pm - 8:00pm Gypsy Wagyn  
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# **34th ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PARADE**



**Saturday, May 4th, 2024 at 12:00 Noon**

**PARADE STARTS AT 1:00PM**

**Join us in getting the message out to the motoring public  
that motorcycles are back on the roadways.**

**~ ALL Motorcyclist Invited To Attend ~**

**Rain  
or Shine!!**

**SPECTATORS  
WELCOME!!**

**PARADE SCHEDULE**

**12:00pm...Meet in the CITY OF MANKATO PUBLIC WORKS parking lot.  
(Corner of Victory Drive and Hoffman Road).**

**1:00pm...Kickstands up! Parade ends at 1:30pm at SPRING LAKE PARK.**

**ROUTE: VICTORY DR, left on MADISON AVE, left on SECOND ST, across  
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# **MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN AFTER!**

**Parade Information Call: Anthony Crandell 763-310-7971**

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**SATURDAY  
APRIL 13**

9:00am - 7:00pm

**2024**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 14**

10:00am - 4:00pm

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3:30pm

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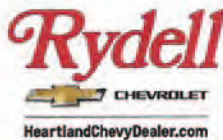
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Intermediate Rider Class

Saturday, June 8, 2024

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Advanced Rider Class

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Both will be held at Hennepin Technical College Brooklyn Park, MN

Classes are limited to 10 riders per class – Act Now!

Please contact Sherry at 952-292-5806 by May 20, 2024 or

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APRIL MAY

# RIDE FOR TEREBINTH

**MAY 19TH, 2024**

Registration 10 am – Kickstands up @ Noon

Start- Sal's Bar & Grill (St. Joseph)

1st stop- Andy's Hometown Tavern (Eden Valley)

2nd stop- Pearl Lake Lodge (Marty/Kimball)

End- Back at Sal's Bar & Grill for Auction

**\$20 PER PERSON**

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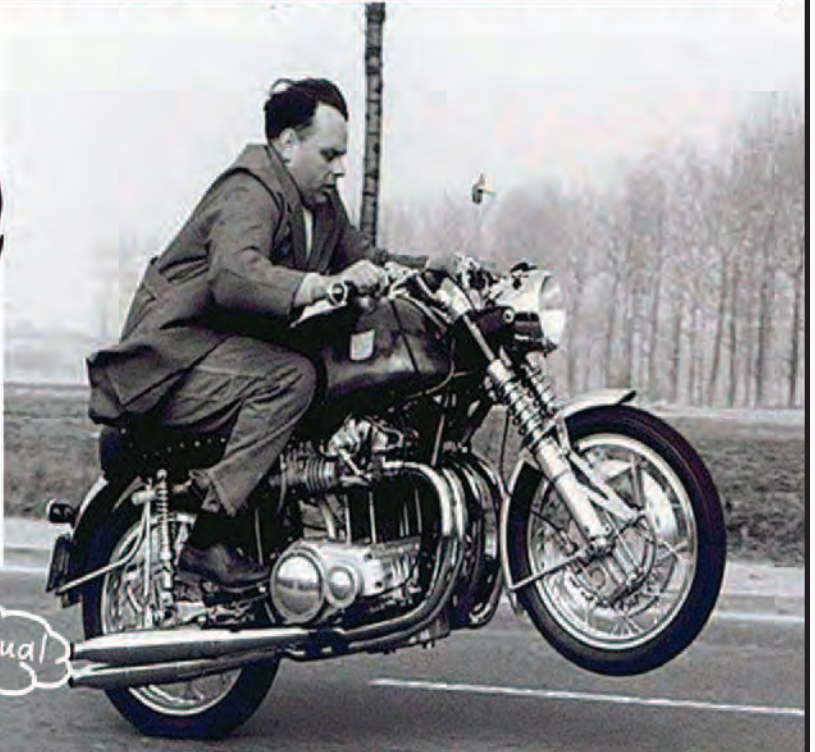
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**Contact: Lindsey Rolfes**

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# CARVER MOTORCYCLE RIDE



8<sup>th</sup> Annual

American Bikers for Awareness Training and Education of Minnesota  
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### SATURDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

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