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FRIDAY

Gambling Meeting- 6:00 pm
Pre-Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
Facebook 101- 7:30 pm
State Rally Meeting 8:00 pm

**APRIL 25-27
2025**

Share the Road/Co-Rider/Lane Splitting
MC/MRO- Know the difference
History of A.B.A.T.E. of MN- Part 2
Membership and Retention

SATURDAY CLASSES

BANQUET

Please email Tim at jensen.t@outlook.com to reserve your meal by APRIL 5th, you will pay \$30.00 at A.B.A.T.E. U

Pasta Primavera- vegetables sauteed with garlic and fresh herbs, deglazed with lemon.
Old fashion Pot Roast- slowly roasted pot roast with carrots and topped with gravy.
Northwoods Chicken- lightly breaded chicken breast sauteed and baked, topped with spinach mushrooms, and prosciutto, and drizzled with mornay sauce.

YOUNG RIDERS

Games & Lunch 11-1

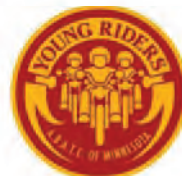
State Products, Biker Lawyers, MRF, Permanent Jewelry, Dar's Goof, Maureen's Sewing & Patches, Dark Knight Custom Laser Engraving

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FUNDRAISER EVENTS

Human Foosball- Teams of 3
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Submissions are encouraged, however, are subject to editing and will be printed at the discretion of the Road Noise Committee. The use of foul language, personal attacks or the use of language that may be libelous or interpreted as inciting hate or sexual harassment is not permitted. User comments are reviewed by moderators to ensure that comments meet these standards. Anyone submitting an article, "Letter to the Editor," or photograph may request that it be returned by including with submission a self-addressed stamped envelope. Letters to the Editor must be accompanied with the author's signature. For electronic picture submissions, use a tiff or jpeg file format.

GRAPEVINES AND REPORTS

The deadline is the 10th of the month prior to publication.

- DO NOT submit in all uppercase, or insert backgrounds.
- Include your chapter/committee name on the subject line of the email that you send to the Road Noise.

Use the following basic outline:

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

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Get address changes to me ASAP.

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Minutes:

from Chapter, Committee, and District meetings can be e-mailed to stateoffice@abatemn.org.

Mailing Labels:

The State Office can print current mailing labels for your Chapter's newsletters, reminder cards, and event flyers.

Feel free to call me with questions, concerns, and inquiries 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, or leave a message and I will return your call ASAP.

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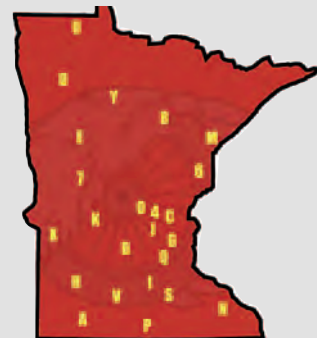
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Congratulations to all A.B.A.T.E. of MN Officers! You have been voted in by our membership, and they are counting on you to do your best to represent all of us.

Outgoing officers with ZOHO accounts - please give the new officer the password for the account.

Incoming officers with ZOHO accounts - sign in to the account, click on My Profile in the upper right corner. Click on My Account - edit your name, add your phone number and delete previous number(s). Change the password and delete other device sign-ins. RECORD THE PASSWORD! You will need to pass it on when you leave your position. I look forward to meeting and visiting with all of you.

Summer is here (or close). There are a lot of events coming up. Attend what you can, you never know who you might meet. We are beginning plans for Heartland STEAM 2026. I would like to have an in person meeting Sunday morning at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, following A.B.A.T.E. U.

Will I see you at Heartland STEAM in Iowa? A.B.A.T.E. University? The NCOM Convention in Biloxi? Bikers in the Beltway in DC? Or at a Chapter meeting or fundraiser? My schedule is filling up, but I look forward to each event.

See you soon!

Jane



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Well, we made it to April and the winter should be behind us. March gave us a little teaser of what's to come and I'm sure a few of you got out and road.

Did you get your reservations made for A.B.A.T.E. U? It's always a great time. And don't forget to make your reservation for the Banquet, they will be having a guest speaker also that evening, who has been a great friend to A.B.A.T.E. over the years, don't miss it.

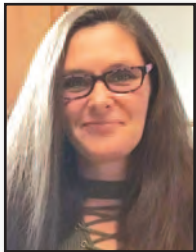
And after we get done with A.B.A.T.E. U, start making plans for the Rally. I know everybody's been hard at work getting things lined up. Remember, you don't just snap your fingers and it gets done. It's a lot of hard work by volunteers to get this event put on, and if you would like, you're always more than welcome to join in and be a volunteer for the Rally. All you have to do is show up for a meeting and they will be more than happy to take the help.

Or when you get to the Rally you can always volunteer at that time also.

Tell next time,

Jim





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This month I am sharing a letter written to Rick Lewis from Scott "Hawk" Roemhildt, Dated May 3, 1988.

And so begins the journey to the Road Noise.....

"Rick,
My name is Scott Roemhildt...Hawk to my friends. I talked to you at the Sioux Falls Show/Swap about a month ago, about joining A.B.A.T.E. My only problem is that I'm from North Mankato, MN, and there's no nearby Chapter. Presently I am too busy to spend time helping get a new Chapter off the ground.

However, I would like to contribute to A.B.A.T.E. as much as I can. That's why I'm offering to join the Southwest Chapter, and assume responsibility for the State Newsletter.

I have a B.S. in journalism, and have done many newsletters over the past few years. I have a computer program that would really make the newsletter look sharp. It gives me seven styles and any size of type I want. It works great on things like this.

I don't have a means to copy the newsletter, except through a copying place like Kinko's or Insty-Print. I checked on costs, and they vary between \$75 and \$100 for 1600 two-sided copies. I don't know how that compares to what you'd been paying.

If you would care to talk to me about the newsletter, I can be reached at xxx-xxx-xxxx after 6:00 p.m. Hope to hear from you, Rick!

I would like to join A.B.A.T.E., regardless.

Scott Hawk Roemhildt "

We thank Hawk for stepping up to the task! I'm sure we can all appreciate his efforts, work and the volunteer time he put into this!

— Gaida Gator Trout



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As I write this, the sun is shining and temps are in the 40's. What wonderful weather for the end of February! Hopefully this continues so we are riding when you are reading this and haven't been dumped on with snow.

A.B.A.T.E. University is this month and it is jam-packed with great seminars and I am looking forward to the banquet. If you are not able to attend, make sure to talk to someone who did. They should have lots of information to share. Contact me with any questions or concerns with the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances.

— Mitch

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The time has come, THIS is the last report I will be submitting due to having resigned as your liason to NCOM. It has been a struggle to try to get beyond old prejudices and move on, but there are those that get it and those that never will, so, Thank you for the opportunity. *— Dale*

NCOM Convention - May 8th - 10th, IP Casino Resort Spa, 850 Bayview Ave., Biloxi MS \$169.99 per night Fri. & Sat. (+ \$10 per night resort fee) book by April 17th to get the special rate (888) 946-2847

Let me introduce myself, my name is Jane and I have been attending the NCOM convention for about 25 years. Throughout the years, I have met many wonderful people from across the US. I'm looking forward to being more involved than just an attendee this year.

There are a few new people on the NCOM board. The official announcements will come at the convention. By the way, did you know that Hardtail will be holding a session at the convention?

I hope to see some of you in Mississippi.

— Jane



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As I write this, election results are just starting to come in. I have a few things to address, but will wait until A.B.A.T.E. U. It doesn't seem that members are reading their Road Noise Articles anyway.....

Remember to keep the memberships coming into the State Office, not Membership & Retention!

Keep on Keepin on!

- Shelly



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Hello Biker family,

Not much going on here, just getting things ready for A.B.A.T.E. University later this month. Now is the time to order your chapter rockers to pick up in Alexandria.

As always, if you have ideas, needs for you or your chapter please email me, and I will do what I can.

See you at the U.

- Kari
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Next Meeting(s)

April 25th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

May 31st, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

July 18th, BOD Location, 8:00 pm

August 24th, Litchfield Fairground, Litchfield, 1:00 pm

We had a great February meeting. We discussed the budget and did the best we could to try to cut expenses. Huge thank you to Gaida Trout for stepping up to run these added items: bike wash, memorial program, and Rally yearbook categories.

We are looking for the following for the Rally, please email Deb Kviz at debkviz@outlook.com:

- Tattoo Vendor
- Motorcycle Dealership Vendor

If anyone is interested in being the Rally advertising chair, please email Rally@abatemn.org.

The following will be available at A.B.A.T.E. University:

- Advanced Rally tickets - if your chapter ordered advanced tickets to sell.
- Volunteer Sign Up Sheets - discuss with your chapter what you want to sign up for, spots fill up fast!
- Rally Flyer - each chapter will receive ten copies; extras will be on the table.
- Sponsor Forms - each chapter will receive ten copies; extras will be on the table.
- Chapter decoration contest details.
- Chapter social hour details.
- Bike Wash details.
- Rally Yearbook details.

If you have Rally suggestions, please email rally@abatemn.org. We are particularly looking for fundraising suggestions to do during Rally week.

If you would like to be involved in the Rally meetings, but cannot attend, contact Ingrid Cohen at 763-516-7029 to have you added to the Rally group chat on Facebook Messenger. An audio call is placed to the group chat 5 minutes before the meeting starts. See meeting times at the top of this article. All VPs are required to attend (in person or by messenger) or provide a replacement.

See you on Friday April 25th at 8:00 pm for the Rally meeting at A.B.A.T.E. University. We will be taking a group photo of all Rally sub-committees!

- Dougie
Rally Chair



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What's Marketing? Getting the word out about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Positive images, wanting people to join our cause. Having strong leaders with goals and ideas to help encourage others to stand up and fight for what we believe in.

Not everyone has the same ideas, goals, or ambition. That's a good thing. Cookie cutter humans does not sound like fun. We need to stand together on motorcycle rights. That's what we need to "market" to people who don't



WRITE TO RIDE

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Many people have asked how recovery is going, so here is an update. As of March 5th, the surgeon has given me the green light to raise my arm high enough that I can use my right hand to brush my teeth and feed myself. He gave the OK to lift things as heavy as my cell phone or a cup of coffee. He tells me that by the end of March I should be able to lift three or possibly even five pounds. Recovery is slow but it is moving in the right direction.

We have a fair number of people submitting communication with their legislators, many as a follow-up to Bikerday at the Capitol. We are seeing some action being taken that will benefit motorcyclists. Thanks to all that have submitted communications please keep up the good work, if others have communications please send us copies.

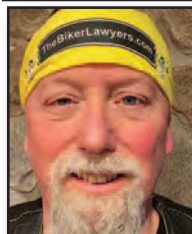
There are a few issues that affect motorcyclists that you may want to consider writing about. (see more details in Legislative Team report) Some of these issues were part of our information shared at Bikerday and others are items A.B.A.T.E. has not taken a position on but may affect us. I have included a brief summary

know what A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is. We aren't a "boys club" or Harley Davidson, only an organization. We need to rid people of these ideas.

Come to our Membership and Marketing class to learn how to get our membership up and our cause out there.

Be safe,

— *Harmony*



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):

April 25th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,
6:00 pm; May TBD

of some of the bills but please search the current status of the bill to get all of the details. Be sure when you write to share your thoughts that unless A.B.A.T.E. has stated a position on the matter people should know the comments you express are your thoughts not the position of A.B.A.T.E. of MN.

I also want to add this reminder when you are writing. The following comments are taken directly from the Minnesota State Legislature web site and is information we have published in the past

- This is recommended procedure when communicating with our legislators.
Address Format - Representatives
Honorable (Full Name)
Begin your letter: Dear Rep. (Last Name):

Address Format - Senators
Honorable (Full Name)
Begin your letter: Dear Sen. (Last Name):

I suggest using the more formal introduction recommended as a professional courtesy rather than using Mr, Mrs, or first name. I would also suggest proofreading your communication to be sure it is accurate and informative.

Thanks for all you do

— *Frank*



DIAL-A-RIDE

KYLA BAKER

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Pick-ups for 2024

May 18th two pickups in Douglas County
May 28th one pickup in Steele County, six
pickups in Pine County
June 23rd one pickup in Pope County
September 18th one pickup in Stearns County
September 28th one pickup in Dodge County
September 30th one pickup in Sherburne County

Sober Cab

We provide a service to pick up and deliver people to and from A.B.A.T.E. events to keep them safe. If you have an event coming up and need a sober cab, call Kyla Baker at (218) 407-

4005 with your request, and we will do what we can. If your chapter provides this service, please let us know, as we would like to know how many people, we have helped keep off the highways and get them home safely. Riding season is approaching fast, so if you intervene with someone who cannot get to their destination safely, please let us know. Once again, call Kyla Baker at (218) 407-4005 or email kylab1998@gmail.com.

Color Ride for Fall

The Color Ride for Fall is in the planning stages. If you are interested in helping or doing Road Guard, please contact Sharon Polman at (218) 507-5163 or polmanse@hotmail.com. The ride is scheduled for September 26th to 27th in the Bemidji area. We are planning a 150-mile ride. Donations for the ride are also welcome and can be sent to:

Dial-A-Ride Treasurer Linda Olson
5921 Sunset Rd • Mound, MN 55364

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Polman

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Legislative Team Report

Here is a quick picture of what is going on in St. Paul:

This first item was introduced is at the request of A.B.A.T.E.

Sf 54 Senator Gruenhagen.
In lieu tax imposed on older passenger automobiles and collector vehicles expanded to motorcycles.
Hf 964 Representative Harder
(House version of SF 54)

Here is an item that could be a concern for young people and could impact Young Riders.

SF 1298 Senator Hauschild.
Off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and electric-assisted bicycles exempted from prohibitions on PFAS in certain juvenile products.
HF 81 Representative Heintzeman
(House version of SF 1298)
HF 81 passed committee March 4th.

This next issue was addressed in the past but now has corrections that help protect motorcycle safety fund.

Sf 1283 Senator Nelson.
Extending driver's license expiration, would make driver's license renewal every 8 years (currently 4 years)
Currently no House companion bill

At the request of ABATE of MN I expect to see action very soon changing the language related to Equal = access, 604.12 I expect the new language will replace \$500 recovery with Reasonable Attorney fees in the current statute.

This last item effects freedom of choice,
it would undo the freedom motorcyclists will have beginning July 2025, the freedom to choose to lane split/filter under certain circumstances. Supporters are claiming this is done for safety.

I understand this position has been encouraged by some that are in current or past leadership roles of other organizations.
Sf 910 Senator Bolden.
Repeals freedom of choice for motorcyclist to split or filter lanes
HF663, Representative Hicks
(House version of SF 910)

Please take time to research the full version of these bills and then make you opinion known by contacting your Senator or Representative.

*Submitted on behalf of A.B.A.T.E.
of Minnesota Legislative Team*

- frank



EDUCATION

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Next Meeting(s):

April, TBD, via Zoom

Early March is a busy time for the Young Riders Scholarship program. Today alone, I registered five youth to take the Basic Rider Course (BRC). As of today (March 10th), we have spent over \$15,000.00 for 60 youth to receive motorcycle training in the 2025 training season. We have enough in the budget for 30 more students to take a BRC and I would expect that the scholarship funds will be exhausted by the time you read this report, if not a week or two after. I believe we are making a difference in the lives of these young people that are wanting the education we can provide

for them. We are still working on getting a 501(c)(3) established, so that we can generate more funding sources in the hopes of expanding the program.

Pending approval of the State budget in April, there will again be District Rider Training funds available. \$600 per districts during the 2025 rider training season. Please discuss this with your chapter and district director about getting individual or contracted rider training courses scheduled. If you or your chapter contract a rider training course and can't fill a spot, please let me know. Perhaps I can help you find people to fill the slots, even if it's me. I love a good training course! I'll check in again next month.

"The world is a book and those who do not travel only read one page"

-St. Augustine

-Jon



BUDDY BEAR CORNER

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Delivery Information

The much-anticipated delivery of Buddy Bears will take place at A.B.A.T.E. U. on April 26th in the commons area. This event promises to be an exciting opportunity for all involved to get their hands on these delightful bears.

Receipt Forms

At the time of delivery, you will also be provided with "Buddy Bear Receipt Forms." It is crucial to keep these forms with your bears, as they will be necessary when you deliver the bears to their final destinations.

Instructions and Reporting

In addition to the receipt forms, detailed instructions on how to report a delivery and handle the forms will be given. Please take the time to review these instructions carefully to ensure a smooth and successful delivery process.

Respectfully submitted by

- Mama Bear
Sharon Polman



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Next Meeting(s):

April 13th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm
May 10th, Zoom Meeting 10:00am

As we get into riding season, remember we are invisible to cars, look twice or three times before going use care until the salt and sand are cleaned up too.

The Road Noise Committee needs one or two more proofreaders to help proof this publication. Contact any one of us and we can fill you in on what you would be doing. Thank you to Donna for all your help with proofing the newsletter.

Keep in mind when you are out and about, we could use all featured articles for Veterans, Business, Bikes or Members just snap a picture and get some information and send to roadnoise@abatemn.org. Thanks.

Happy Spring!

- Tammy



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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A.B.A.T.E. University is this month. Membership 2025 kickoff starts at A.B.A.T.E. University. Saturday 2:00 pm. Room TBA.

- Come and kickoff Membership 2025 with Harmony and I
- Pick up your 2025 Swag Bag
- Brainstorm Membership ideas
- Get ready to participate in the Chapter Challenge
- Get the first look at the new Membership Patch

YOUR Chapter has a new member, now what? New members come to us in a variety of ways. Some we know and some we do not.

Membership Retention begins as soon as a member signs up thus making it important for us to reach out to them as soon as possible. The State Office publishes new members in the Road Noise each month. If you need membership lists your District Director is an excellent resource to get them from.

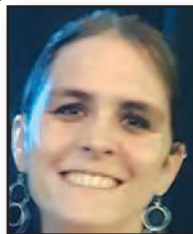
As a chapter you could send them an introduction packet with a welcome letter that could include:

1. Chapter Contacts: Chapter President, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Membership Coordinator
2. List of upcoming meetings
3. List of upcoming Chapter events
4. List of upcoming State or other Chapter events
Is a group from your chapter going, set up a meet up time
Include a free ticket if you have one
5. Invite them on a bike ride either casual or organized
6. Invite them to coffee or breakfast

Until Next Month Friends -

Together We Are Stronger!

- April



A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY

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CHRISTENSEN

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Next Meetings:

April 9th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

April 25th - 27th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,

(320) 763-6577 **Please only call the phone number listed above for the room reservations.**

We will have free Young Rider events and lunch for them on Saturday from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

BANQUET with a guest speaker. We will have the choice of three meals. Pasta Primavera, Old Fashioned Pot Roast, and Northwoods Chicken.

The cost is \$30, this does also include tax and gratuity. Please reach out to Tim Jensen at jensen.t@outlook.com and let him know what meal, how many and names no later than April 5th.

We will be asking that both hospitality rooms be closed while classes are in session and during the banquet.

A.B.A.T.E. U Shirts 2025: Shirts, long sleeves, and sweatshirts to be printed on site this year. Size, style, and color subject to availability. Pricing is as follows: T-shirts \$25, Long sleeves \$30, Sweatshirts \$35, Zip-up Hoodies \$45, Hockey Hoodies \$55.

Do not forget to start getting those old A.B.A.T.E. shirts together for the staff and get them to Kari. You can also bring her stuff for her "New to you" table!

Do not forget your Auction Items! Do not forget your Chapter Challenge form!

We are looking for at least ten people to help with the jail on Saturday night. Please let me know if you are willing to help.

We are doing Human Foosball for our Saturday night fundraising event. You will need teams of three. It is \$10 a person until eliminated.

If you have questions about anything, please reach out to me at (763) 443-4732 or by email at aba-teu@abatemn.org.

- Stephanie

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Stephanie Christensen

Stephanie has been an A.B.A.T.E. of MN member for over two decades and has been a member of three Chapters: Metro, Sand Dunes and East Central.

She started her journey with A.B.A.T.E. by going to A.B.A.T.E. University as a getaway. She became the A.B.A.T.E. U Chair in 2019 and has continued to do a great job in this position.

She joined the Young Riders Committee in 2023.

Stephanie's children, Jordan, Gavin and Audrey, have been highly involved in helping her and A.B.A.T.E. of MN as well as the Young Riders. I can surely see that they will also be Members of the Month in the future.

Thank you Stephanie, "Passenger Princess", for all you do!



MRF REPORT

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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2025 State Rally



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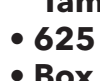


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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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Next Meeting(s):

May 15th, location TBD, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

We are back in the odd time of the meeting cycle, as the next one will be 10 days after I submit this report. However, I do have some new things to write about. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has **FINALLY** published some information on the legalization of motorcycle lane splitting/filtering that will go into effect July 1st. I would encourage you all to

search the internet for "motorcycle safety center" and read it for yourselves. There has been some discussion about the scenarios they have published versus the actual language of the statute. There is a link in that section to the statute as published by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. Take a look and see what you think the difference might be. There has been a lot of back and forth with this, but it is the state statute, the enforcement law, and then it is ultimately up to the judicial branch of our government to interpret what is legal.

As the ground begins to thaw and we inevitably get our bikes out, please keep your skill set in mind and consider taking a rider training course early in the season to reinforce your muscle memory. Above all else, make your **OWN** choices and keep your head on a swivel.

-Jon

Veteran of the Month

Master Sergeant

Franklin L. Frost

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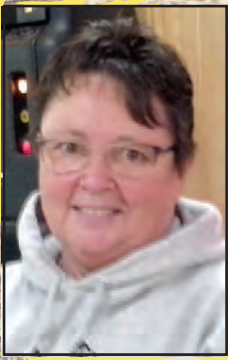
"Master Sergeant Franklin L. Frost, United States Army, is cited for exceptionally meritorious service from May 1953 through June 1973. As a member of the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1960, he won praise as an extraordinarily capable radar operator / crew chief and was personally credited with three significant aircraft "saves". Upon entering the United States Army, he distinguished himself by graduating with honors from the United States Army Information School. Master Sergeant Frost again distinguished himself by exceptional technical achievements and extraordinary professionalism as liaison representative for the Armored Sentinel. From May 1966 to July 1967, Master Sergeant Frost served as the Information Supervisor of the 11th Public Information Detachment (Press) in Vietnam. In January 1968, Master Sergeant Frost graduated with honors from a defense Language Institute Vietnamese Language subcourse which he undertook voluntarily while continuing to act as the Information Supervisor of the 2nd Armored Division. He did two tours in Vietnam. He has been instrumental in training and developing a vastly experienced staff, and through conscientious personal attentiveness, has contributed not only to the technical ability but to the welfare and morale of the enlisted men and women he is responsible for. He played a significant role in the administrative reorganization of the information office and the redirection of its command information program."

My father. I am so proud of him. Gone, but never forgotten.

- G. Trout



"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Election results will be announced at A.B.A.T.E. U, so if you voted for me, thank you. If not please let me know what you need out of your District Director. I hold District meetings one month prior to the B.O.D.'s, that way we can discuss things that need to be addressed at the next meeting. At the first meeting I held, we went over a few things and I heard a comment that the Chapter Rep never brought this up at the meeting..... That is why we hold these! We also talk about problem issues and places where we think we can improve. Attendance has really become an issue, so I would like to talk to the Reps and Presidents after the B.O.D. I have to leave right after the board meeting. I have my oldest granddaughter's Sr. Prom in Luverne Saturday night, and the youngest, twins, have their 1st Holy Communion on Sunday!

One thing that was brought up at the last meeting was communication. Things are not available at our fingertips, like on the web page. Remember to go to www.abatemn.org not .com..... the .com page hasn't been updated for a few years!

Well, that's about it for now.

Until next time, *Shelly*

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

April 19th, VFW, Madison, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 19th, Potluck, Easter Egg Hunt -
Children invited, VFW, Madison, 1:00 pm
April 25th - 27th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Alexandria

GREETINGS,

Riding season is upon us!!! Be mindful of the road conditions this time of year, there is a lot of loose sand and gravel on our roadways.

I am hoping our Chapter has a great turnout for A.B.A.T.E. U. Any new officers, please plan to attend the classes that coincide with your position and any of the other classes offered. It is always a great time.

Good luck to all of us who bought raffle tickets!

See you all out on your bikes soon! Stay safe.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

- Gypsy Mama

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

April 5th, Monthly Meeting, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm
May 3rd, Monthly Meeting Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University

Greetings!

Prom came & went. Ramping up for the riding season. We have campouts planned and it would be neat if anyone wants to join us! Memorial weekend is our first one at Birch Lake.

Salt and sand are still on the roads, so take care as you get your bikes out. If you're female, and are ready, there are a few spots left in the May women only, BRC, held in Willmar. Contact Harmony for the private link to sign up.

ROLLING PRAIRIE

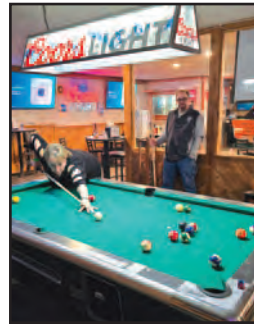
Next Meeting(s):

April 5th, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 4:00 pm Committee meeting 3pm

Hello biker family. I hope you enjoyed the Chili Feed a few weeks ago. I know I had fun seeing all of you. Did you try Tom's HOT Chili? Have you regained your tastes? You can voice any complaints or comments to him directly at A.B.A.T.E. University.

Next up on our agenda will be our Washout, then Adopt-a-Highway. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates.

- Stay safe, Giggles



Lake at East Central Heart On Fundraiser and at Heart of the Lakes Pool and Dart Tournament (right).

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

April 12th, Hawk's Sport Bar and Grill, Monticello (Please note 2nd Sat.) 3:00 pm
 May 4th, Missile Park, St. Bonifacius (Please note Sunday not Saturday) 3:00 pm
 June 7th, TBD, 3:00 pm
 July 12th, Airport Marine and Storage, Pequot Lakes, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 3rd, Ditch Pick up, St. Bonifacius Community Center, 12:00 pm
 May 24th, Chapter Memorial Ride, Details to follow
 May 31st, Intermediate Training Class, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 8:00 am -1:00 pm
 June 1st, Advanced Training Class, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Our March Election meeting was held at Madigan's in Maple Lake. Thank you to all the members who served this past year in officer positions. Your hard work was immeasurable. To those who have stepped up for the coming year welcome and thanks for your commitment to service. President, April Murch; Vice President, Jim Kosse; Secretary, Sandy Bengtson; Treasurer, Cyndi Buttweiler; Chapter Rep, Scott Trout; Sergeant at Arms, Mike Jencks, Jim Bengtson, Randy Deters, Dean Webb, Tammie Webb, and Keith May.

A.B.A.T.E. University is fast approaching. We look forward to gathering with you all there. Please come visit us at our hospitality room where we will be sharing delicious food and snacks on Friday and Saturday nights. We will be located on the 1st floor in the common area.

As we near riding season our annual intermediate and advanced training classes have been scheduled for May 31st and June 1st. Please see our ad in the Road Noise (page 27). This is an excellent opportunity to improve your riding skills. Please contact Sherry Edgett at 952-292-5806 or sedgett50@gmail.com by May 15th. Classes are limited to 10 people and fill up fast. These classes are sponsored and paid for by Lake Chapter for anyone with a valid endorsement and insurance.

While this is a not a Lake Chapter event a Friends of Dale Run is organized for June 14th for Dale Morin, who is an A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota member. Dale is a current Lake Chapter member where he has served the chapter in multiple roles for multiple years. Dale has also been/and is a member of other A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota chapters. Dale has been battling with significant health concerns for several years. Dale is finding himself needing to begin the process of relocating to assisted living. During this time of great financial insecurity this fundraiser is designed to ease that burden for him. Details will follow regarding the run so please watch the Road Noise and Facebook for that information. In addition, donations may also be given to any Chapter Officer who can forward them to The Friends of Dale Run Committee.

– Until next month my friends- Ride Free, April

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

April 2nd, Shaggys Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
 May 7th, VFW, Hutchinson, 7:00 pm
 June 4th, Niesens Bar, Biscay, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th, 26th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
 May 14th, Springs Ditch Pickup, Old Fellows Park, Hutchinson, 6:00 pm
 May 17th, 18th, Spring Fling Bike Show, Litchfield Fairgrounds.
 June 7th, SC Burger Day, Mies
 Outland Demo Days, Watkins
 June 21st, Fun Run Membership Drive, LaPlantes, Litchfield.

We had a great March meeting to vote on new 2025 officers. Congratulations to the following (see photo on page 16):

President: Gina "Silverfoxx" Maningoine; Vice-president: Mike Niece; Chapter Rep: Doug Louris (not pictured); Treasurer: Noel Huggett (not pictured); Secretary: Tina Myllykangas; SGT @ ARMS: Curt Schmitz, John "Veeeight" Maningoine, Mike Voigt, Kevin "Shooter" Haugen, Bear Ackman Grady Huggett (not pictured)

Thank you, especially to our new officers, for stepping up to help make South Central successful.

April Murch, our new State Membership Chair, visited our meeting and got us PUMPED UP for spreading the A.B.A.T.E. word and getting more memberships, thank you April! And a huge shout out to Pat Haugen, she stepped up to be in charge of our chapter membership duties.

We are still looking for a chapter volunteer to be in charge of Darwin Day and the SC rally week. If interested, please contact our new President Gina.

We are busy planning all of our events listed above, hope you will join us. Can't wait to see you all at A.B.A.T.E. University, should be a great time!

– Ingrid Cohen



New South Cental Officers.

BUFFALO RIDGE

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SOUTHWEST

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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No Report Received.

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

April 27th, Bogi's on Main, Hinckley, 1:00 pm (Changed to April 27th due to the original date being on Easter)
May 18th, Marge's, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 18th, Roadside cleanup, 11:00 am
July 11th-13th, Jack Pine Riders Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown

Congratulations and welcome to all new and returning Jack Pine Rider officers.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 18th, 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.

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 or visit the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events.

– Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

April 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
May 13th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 7th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka, 4:00-8:00 pm
April 8th, Bike Night, VFW, Coon Rapids, 5:00-7:00 pm
April 20th, Sunday Breakfast, Route 47, Fridley, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
May 25th, MetroMorial, Route 47, Fridley
May 13th, Bike Night, VFW, Coon Rapids, 5:00-7:00 pm

Spring is here and to celebrate, we are having a Bike Night every 2nd Tuesday at the Coon Rapids VFW from 5:00-7:00 pm. Taco basket and Margaritas are the specials for the event. The VFW has asked that we use the dedicated motorcycle parking for the Bike Night. We will make sure that it is marked so that there is little confusion. This is a great time to bring a person and sign up a new member or to renew your membership and come to a meeting. See you there.

We have started planning the MetroMorial. It will be at Route 47 in Fridley with Southern Express playing. More details to follow.

– Shad

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

April 6th, St. Martin Bar and Grill, St. Martin, 12:00 pm

May 4th, Trobec's, St. Stephen, 12:00 pm

June 1st, Hideaway, Rockville, 12:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):

May 31st, 2nd Annual Ride for Terebinth, Sal's Bar,
St. Joseph

Registration starts at 9:30 am KSU at 11:30 am. Stops
include: Pooch's Corner Pub, Freeport, The Watering
Hole, ElmDale. Ending at Sal's where there will be
Burger Basket Specials and Auction.

A special thank you to East Side VFW, St. Cloud, for
hosting our March meeting!

Polar Plunge; 3 brave
or possibly crazy
Central Chapter
members and 1
Glacial Ridge member
jumped for the Polar
Plunge on February
15th. Together they
raised \$1,258. Thank
you to everyone that
donated and
supported the



jumpers. It's always so fun to watch from the shore.
Haha. They are already starting the team for next year.
So if you are interested talk to Travis "Cowboy".

Congratulations to all incoming officers. We would also
like to thank all the outgoing officers for everything
they have done this past year. Can't wait to see what all
we can do this year.

President- Travis Rolfes; Vice President- Joe Wisner;
Chapter Rep- Chad Heggestad; Secretary- Travis Rolfes
Treasurer- Sherry Rolfes; Master Sargent- Ron Rolfes
Sargent at Arms: Aaron Fenzel, Travis Geis, Joey Lang,
Gerald Hommerding, and Lindsey Rolfes.

– Until next month, Ling and Cowboy

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

April 2nd, Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

May 7th, Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 5th, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

We've set the date for our annual Bunwarmer party which
is April 5th at the River Inn in Scanlon. The party starts at
6:00 pm with The Aftershock playing at 8:00 pm. There
will be door prizes, live auction, and games, so be there or
be square! There are rooms with special rates available at
The First American Inn in Carlton, phone number is (218)
384-3535.

– Stay warm!! Ed

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UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

April 13th, Calumet Saloon, Calumet, 3:00 pm

May 11th, Calumet Saloon, Calumet, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 28th, Membership Ride and Gun Raffle

Up North Chapter election results: President Chris
Parks, Vice President Al Backlund, Treasurer Katie
Backlund, Secretary Angie Morberg, Chapter Rep Stan
Nordahl, Sergeant at Arms Bill Wilde.

And a friendly reminder, we could use some more
participation at our meetings which are held every
second Sunday of the month at the Calumet Saloon at
3:00 pm. Please join us.

This year our Up North Chapter Membership Ride and
Gun Raffle will be June 28th. We will have fliers out on
this very soon with information.

It is starting to look like riding season. Everybody
please stay safe.

– Chris Parks, Up North Chapter President

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

April 6th, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am

May 4th, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am

June 1st, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-26th, A.B.A.T.E. U., Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 3rd Dirty Rotten Biker Fest, Princeton Fairgrounds
May 19th-20th, Bikers Inside the Beltway

Hey All!

Congratulations to the newly elected officers! Here's
the new line up at East Central: Jim Pierson at
President; Fred Pawelk at Vice President; Tim Jensen at
Chapter Rep; Catina Sager at Treasurer; and Deb Kviz at
Secretary. Our Sargent @ Arms are Dar Krutsch, Kevin
Branchard (KB), Larry Wilson, John Sager, Maris
Schilling, and Sylvester Nagel.

Thank you one and all for stepping up! I'm looking
forward to a wonderful year!

Don't forget A.B.A.T.E. U is coming up this month.
I hope you have a room by now. There might still be
some available. (320) 763-6577.

It's getting nice out already, people. Keep your head on
a swivel. They're not looking for us yet.

– 'til next time. Shiny side up! President Jim

SAND DUNES

No Report Received



NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks! I would like to Start out by saying THANK YOU!! Thank You to all Past and New officers! Thank You for taking time out of your day to help ride this Motorcycle Rights train to the station!!

A.B.A.T.E. University will be here before we know it. Hopefully You got Your ticket to the Banquet. When there is a banquet, you need to realize that the speaker is taking time out of their day to talk with YOU. Please show them respect and show up and listen. There will also be some awesome classes for taking in some new info and knowledge. And then there is the games! FUN!

I would like to thank all of my chapters for getting a Road Noise article in March's Road Noise! As little as this seems, this is how your chapter members find out when the next meeting is. Not everyone has the internet.

Rally sponsorship forms are out. Please help to get sponsors for your Rally. If you are a business, this is an awesome way to get good advertising.

Bikers in the Beltway is coming in May. If you haven't been, this is an amazing time to meet your federal legislatures. It also is an amazing ride out there. I did it back in 2020. Much fun and memories.

Hopefully see you on the road soon!!

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE *Edgar*

NORTH STAR

Next Meeting(s):

April 27th, at A.B.A.T.E. University, upstairs balcony, 9:00 am.
May 17th, NorthStar Chapter's meeting and Ditch clean up. Ditch clean up at 1:00 pm, Officers meeting at 3:00 pm, Chapter meeting at 4:00 pm.
June 7th, NorthStar Chapter Meet and Greet. Location to be announced.

Upcoming Event(s):

April 4th-5th 35th Annual Heartland S.T.E.A.M, Isle Casino and Hotel, Bettendorf Iowa..
April th, Northeast Chapter's Bunwarmer, , Gate Ave, Canyon, 6:00 pm-2:00 am.
May 30th-31st, Northwest Chapter 36th Annual Spring RideIn, Memorial Park, St. Hilaire.

Chapter nominations are as follows:
President: Kyla Baker, Vice President: Matt Peoples, Secretary: Matt Peoples,
Treasurer: Sharon Polman, Chap. Rep: Kyla Baker, Sgt@arms: Jennifer Gardner, Patches Gehrke, Jason Lindsey

– Be safe, Patches

HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s):

April 11th, VFW, Detroit Lakes, 7:00 pm.
May 11th, Silvermoon, Perham, 5:00 pm.
June 8th, Little Bear House, 45465 445th, Perham, TBA.

A Blessing of the Bikes event is being held in Erhard on May 17th, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. A ride is planned for around the lakes and parks.

GET OVER IT band will be playing at the Depot Bar after the ride.

ENJOY LIFE.

– Scott

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

April 12th, VFW Post 936, 6:00 pm
Greetings FFR,

Thanks to everyone who made the March Meeting to cast their votes for the next year's Officers and Sergeant's at Arms. Here are your new Officers for the next year: President: Gary Goracke; Vice President: Joe Chisholm; Treasurer: Bill Cameron; Secretary: vacant; State Rep: Rich Reimers. Thank you for everyone's dedication and commitment for the past year(s) depending on the position!!

We have A.B.A.T.E. University coming up, April 25th-26th, at the Alexandria Holiday Inn. We will again have the Hospitality Room and we are hoping to see you all come and enjoy some good classes and activities. Schedule will be published.

Be looking out for the upcoming ditch pickup dates sometime in May! Getting ready for the next riding season? Don't forget to check your air pressure in your tires!! Be safe, Ride Safe out there!!

"Expect the Unexpected" – Big Papa



NORTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

April 5th, Rod & Racheal Olson residence,
Mentor, 4:00 pm

May 3rd, St. Hilaire City Park, 11:00 am

Ride to follow, weather permitting.

In event of rain, meeting will be at
Broadway Station, St. Hilaire

Upcoming Event(s):

May 30th-31st, 36th Annual Spring Ride In,
St. Hilaire City Park

September 7th, Food and Toy Run

Happy Spring Bikers!

Thanks go out to Greg McGlynn for
graciously hosting the March meeting!
We had an excellent turnout and great
time!

Mark your calendars and come out to

greet Rod a Happy Birthday on April
5th. The birthday party to follow the April
meeting!

Meet your new 2025

NW Chapter Officers (pictured above):

President - Gary Hasby;

VP - Lon Greenlee;

Treasurer - Eileen Todahl;

Secretary - Julie Simek;

Chapter Rep - Ashley Hand;

Sgt@Arms - Greg McGlynn,

Gary Johnsrud, Don Conard, Travis

Shimpa, Rod Olson, Ben Hand

Thank you for stepping forward and
leading our chapter into 2025!

36th Annual Spring Ride In is going to be
a blast! This year we have new vendors,
band, biker games, memorial ride and
more! Set up your camper on May 30th
and prepare for the ride and party held
on May 31st!

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

April 8th, Skippy Finn's, Badger,
6:00 pm.

May 3rd, The Hobo, Newfolden,
4:00 pm.

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Alexandria.

May 3rd, Borderland Chapter
Membership Drive and Fundraiser,
The Hobo, Newfolden, 5:00 pm.

Spring has Sprung and it is time to
ride! We congratulate all 2025
Borderland Chapter officers and
welcome all new members!

First, I do want to let the great Road
Noise committee off the hook for the
jumbled first paragraph I wrote in the
March Road Noise. They do such a
great job, and I do not want to
criticize their great work. There is
not a West chapter and we do not
have a member named Patches.
These things happen and again,
Thanks to the Road Noise Committee
for their great work!

We did decide to move our
Membership Drive to The Hobo this
year. We will see how this works.
Don't worry Skippy! Bring those door
prizes, silent auction items, and a
pocket full of cash to make this a
great fundraiser for our chapter. And
a great job on selling those A.B.A.T.E.
University raffle tickets!

Freedom is still not free! Ride safe and
see ya at The Hobo!
- Twistin' da Wick, Tim



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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I would like to thank everyone for stepping up to be Officers and helping your Chapter. I know that we are
getting the itch to get the bikes out, but before you do, do a walk around and check to make sure it's all
good. And make sure to check your tire pressure.

Until next time, ride free, *Mike*

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

April 20th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

May 18th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

June 15th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

Upcoming Events:

April 4th, 5th, Heartland STEAM, Bettendorf, Iowa

April 12th, Winters Done Run-registration starts

at 9:30am at the Rochester Harley Shop and kickstands up/engines started at 11:00 am.

We will go rain, shine, or snow. Feel free to come in a car if you wish. The public is welcome in whatever you wish to ride or drive.

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 3rd, River Valley is having their Freedom Awareness Ride, Mankato—all are welcome to ride!

May 4th, The Blessing of the Bikes, Owatonna Fairgrounds—all are welcome, volunteers are needed.

May 26th, Straight River is participating in the Memorial Day Parade, Owatonna—all are invited to ride with them

Happy Spring Everyone: Riding season is upon us for those of us that live in the southern part of the state. Several, including my husband, have already been out riding as the temps have been in the mid 50's to low 60's.

We are having a Winters Done Run on April 12th. We will be leaving from the Rochester Harley Shop. We will start registration at 9:30 am with kickstands up or engines started at 11:00 am. We will keep the ride short, to about 80 miles, as we never know what Mother Nature will throw at us. We will go rain or shine or snow. The public is welcome and if you don't feel comfortable riding, you are more than welcome to ride in whatever vehicle floats your boat (cars, trucks, tractors).

We had our Winters End Party this past Saturday. Although our turnout was on the lower side, we still did alright. We had lots of good food and a bake sale with lots of goodies. We also had a silent auction with several items sold, including a quilt with pillows made by a few of the Chapter members. The quilt was bought by Stitch from the POW/MIA Riders. Thank you so much Stitch. Rumor has it he wasn't leaving the party without that quilt. I am very sorry, but unfortunately, I didn't get any pictures from the party as I dropped the ball on that. I'm not very good about taking pictures, I always forget to do that. I do have one of the quilt and pillows we made. It turned out quite nice.

We welcome the new members we signed up at our last meeting and look forward to seeing them at our monthly Chapter meetings. We also look forward to seeing the members who renewed their memberships as well as all the other members at our Chapter meetings. The new officers will be taking their positions at the April meeting so come and meet them.

I think that's it for now. See you soon

— Terry



The quilt (above left) The quilt was made by Chapter members James (Tiny) Vandemark, Terry Panek, Gary and Kim Zwart, along with friends of Tiny's: Denise and Jim. We are very happy to have Stitch from the POW/MIA Riders buy the quilt and matching pillows from the silent auction. He was very happy to have gotten it.



Southeast LC chapter (above right) giving 30 Buddy Bears to the Women's Shelter INC which covers Olmsted and Fillmore Counties. The representative was very happy to get the bears and said the kids will be excited to get them.

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

April 5th, Paul & Gerry's home 32144 141st Ave. Montgomery, 12 pm, Lunch provided. Fundraiser meeting 12:30 pm, Chapter meeting at 1:00 pm

May 1st, Cy's Bar, Chaska, Fundraiser meeting at 6:30 pm, Meeting at 7:00 pm

June 5th, Carver Beach Playground, Chanhassen, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

May 3rd, Chapter Fundraiser Carver Motorcycle Ride

Please take note of the changes in location for a few of our meetings. More to come on the June meeting.

Thank you to our guests, Rob Benjamin and Virgil Legrid, for attending our meeting. Virgil is running for SE District Director and Rob is the MRF spokesperson.

Buddy Bears will be arriving soon! Start thinking of a new home for these little guys to help someone out during times of stress or trauma. We have previously donated to police, firefighters, domestic abuse centers, and hospitals. Once we decide on where they go, we will setup a date and time for delivery.

Hope to see everyone at our chapter fundraiser May 3rd in Carver. Registration 10 am - 12 noon. Door prizes still needed. Bring to the April or May meetings. Ride leaves at noon.... Rain or shine! Cost \$20 per person! Help support your motorcycle rights! See you there!!! Thank you to all our Chapter officers during this last year and again this year! Your commitment does not go unrecognized! We appreciate all of you and your hard work and time making our Chapter what it is! Thank you all!!!



Tri County voted for their chapter elected officers!

STRAIGHT RIVER

Upcoming Event(s):

April 12th, L&M, Meet and Greet,
Special on burger baskets for the event. We can set up the table and get the word out about A.B.A.T.E. (membership drive) ** refer to New Business

April 15th, Spaghetti Feed to raise funds for van that can be used for event, VFW, Rochester

April 25th-26th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Alexandria, Everyone is welcome. Informational events, banquet, Straight River has a room.

Waiting to get the giveaway merchandise from Harmony for the Straight River booth.

May 2nd & 3rd, CashWise Food truck

May 3rd, Awareness Parade, Mankato

May 4th, Blessing of the Bikes, Owatonna, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Brandon Flores has requested volunteers to line up bike parking and Straight River will also have an informational table at the event. Contact Stacia to volunteer.

Memorial Day weekend ride will be to Conesville, la camping is \$50 for all weekend and the Cycle Silo.

May 26th, Memorial Day Parade, Owatonna. We will have bikes, Dial-A-Ride trailer and a Young Riders trailer. To volunteer to participate or drive a vehicle, contact Stacia.

June 8th, Chopper has invited members to come over for Dam Days

June 9th, Lori & Mike's wedding

June 15th, POW/MIA are having a "Family Cookout", Stewartville

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is doing well and you are enjoying the spotty warmer weather. The election is done! Thanks to everyone that has stepped up and accepted nominations.

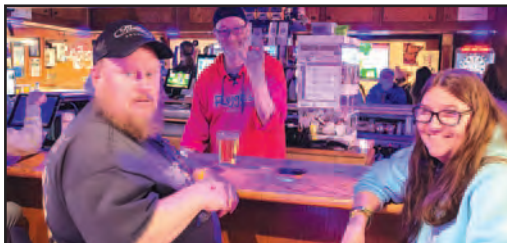
Straight River has a lot of events planned for this summer. Please watch Facebook and read the Road Noise.

See everyone at the A.B.A.T.E. U. As this riding season begins, be safe and ride responsibly.

- Regards, Mike Smith



Straight River elected offices.



FLATLANDERS

Upcoming Event(s):

April 12th, VFW, Wells, 3:00 pm

May 10th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Flatlanders Wash Out & Camp Out - I35 Northbound Rest Area at the MN/Iowa border, with a ride to follow - 5:00 pm, Kurt and Alicia Wallaces, 115 5th Street SE, Geneva

Hello from the Flatlanders!!

We would like to start off by saying, welcome to all the new officers across A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Thank you for your willingness to step into these roles that you may not feel quite ready for, but want to do more in this great organization. Those of us who have been around for awhile and even served in these positions are here to assist you any way possible. Never be afraid to ask questions or make a mistake, because the only true mistake you can ever make is not asking for help!! We also want to say thank you to those who are leaving an officer position. Your contributions and efforts have only made your Chapters better and A.B.A.T.E. of MN, as a whole, greater.

Let's talk about legislation and a law that we as motorcyclists should be supporting, which is the new Lane Splitting Law that is set to go live on July 1st of this year. This law is about making the roads safer for us and allowing us to maneuver through stand still traffic and avoid being rear ended from distracted drivers or due to traffic congestion. There is a bill that has been introduced in the Senate, SF 910, and a companion bill introduced in the House, HF 663, that will repeal this new law if it passes. I know there are those of us who don't care one way or another, who did not want this law at all, and who will never use lane splitting. That's not the point. The point is when motorcyclists are granted a new freedom (Law) and they do not fight to keep it, once it is gone, it is so much harder to get back. The more laws we have that benefit motorcyclists the better we are. The less government control and influence we have, the better we are. With this said, I would ask each and everyone of you to write to your legislators and ask them to vote "No" to repealing this law, not as an A.B.A.T.E. member, but as a motorcyclist/biker who enjoys his or her freedoms.

As Spring is beginning, the fundraisers across the state will increase. These make for great rides and we all know that we love to ride. It is so significant that we all make an effort to support other Chapter fundraisers and not just those in our own back yard. This is one of the things that our Chapter talks about each meeting. We see who has fundraisers, which ones work best to be able to attend and who can/wants to go to show our support. If we have to divide and conquer, we do that too. We plan, we discuss and we decide where we are going and we go. It is this process that has allowed us to be able to support River Valley's January Thaw, South Central's Toys for Kids, Heart of the Lakes Pool & Dart Tournament, and Southeast LC's Winter Bash so

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RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

April 13th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm
May 11th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm
June 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th - 27th, A.B.A.T.E. University
May 3rd, Motorcycle Awareness Parade
May 10th, Spring Ditch Cleanup
June or July TBD, Mike Berg & Fallen Friends
Memorial Ride

Hi All!! It's finally here...Spring time!!!! I know we are all looking forward to getting our scoots out for the riding season! I'm sure there will be plenty of awesome events coming up where we can get a lot of good riding and wonderful socializing in with old and new friends!

With that being said...our annual Motorcycle Awareness Parade is right around the corner. It's scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd with a Fun Run to follow. You do know that..."this is where the fun begins"!!!! So, do join us in letting people know that we are back on the roads! Check out our flyer in this month's Road Noise and our Facebook page for detailed information. We look forward to seeing everyone!!

Another important event coming up for us, in June or July, is our 6th Annual Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Memorial Ride! We are still in the planning stages for the date, which will be decided at our next meeting, so stay tuned for details on our River Valley Chapter Facebook page and the next Road Noise.

Congratulations to all of our new and returning Officers!!!! Thank you for stepping up to fill all of the positions. Also, thanks to our past Officers for all of your hard work throughout the year!

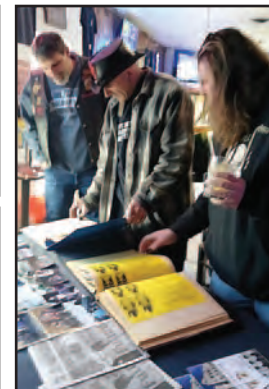
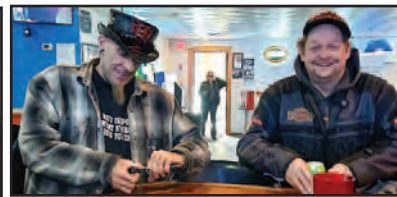
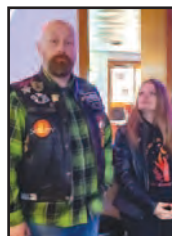
Don't forget about A.B.A.T.E. University this month! There is a lot of information provided to learn, or to refresh your memory, as to what your position requires of you. There are other awesome classes you may also like to attend. And oh my, do not forget about all the fun to be had with the auctions and games...not to mention getting to see our motorcycle friends and even make some new ones!

Thanks to all that came out for our 2nd RIVER VALLEY GET TOGETHER we had in February at the Blue Moon! It's so nice to get together and reconnect during the off riding season. And it's such a plus to get to know each other a little better outside of our meetings and events. Stay tuned for the next one...

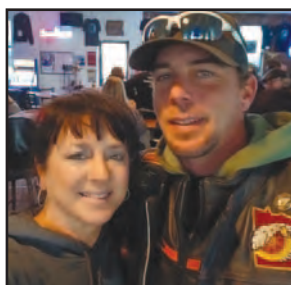
Our Spring Ditch Pickup and Luncheon/After Party will be Saturday, May 10th. We will meet at 10:00 am in the CHS parking lot in LeHillier. All are encouraged to come and help. The more hands available, the faster it goes. Then off for a little break and then go and meet everyone for a nice lunch and conversation.

To our new members...we welcome you and hope to see you at our monthly meetings. And to those who renewed their memberships...thank you for your continued support.

There are upcoming chapter fundraisers. If you can fit any into your schedule, they would appreciate support.
- Lori Sotebeer, Sgt-at-Arms



**River
Valley
Photos**



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far this year. I feel as though I can speak for our Chapter and say "Not one of them disappointed in any way, we had so much fun, great conversations, met some new people and appreciated the hospitality". Again, with the riding weather coming in fast, ride to a Chapter fundraiser, support them and their efforts and I would bet they will support yours!!

On to another topic: A.B.A.T.E. "U"niversity, April 25th - 27th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria. If you had not planned on attending, there is an excellent chance that you are going to miss out on a lot of great information (seminars/classes), opportunities to meet other members from across the state and to have a whole lot of fun. This Board of Directors meeting and University starts off our new year. It is our reset, restart and move forward meeting with some new and a lot of old members, some new and old officers, hopefully a lot of new ideas and a new year to get things done. There is still time to change your mind and join in!! Hope to see you all there!!

With that said, I think I have said enough this month!! Always remember: The center-point of riding a motorcycle, and of life itself, is Freedom!

- Peace, Love and Hugs,, Michele Legried
State Secretary A.B.A.T.E. of MN

Membership 2025 at A.B.A.T.E. University

Kick Off party with April & Harmony

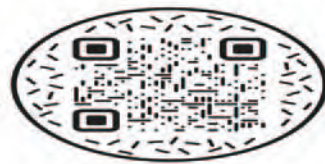
Time- 2:00 pm

Conference room- TBD

What's our party about?

- Chapter Challenge.
- Where in A.B.A.T.E. is April & Harmony.
- Membership patch design revealed.
- Get your chapter membership bag and learn about what's in it and why.
- Brainstorm ideas of what can help your chapter.

See you soon,
April & Harmony



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

Saturday, April 26, 2025 • 9:00 AM • Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

Opening	9:00 AM Call to order	Jane Doyle	Committee Reports (Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)	A.B.A.T.E. University	Stephanie Christensen
	Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome	Edgar Burke		Education	Jon Fernholz
	Invocation	Edgar Burke		Young Riders Program	Harmony Lillie
	Roll call	Michele Legried		Gambling	Dan Matzdorff
	Agenda approval / changes	Jane Doyle		Buddy Bear Program	Sharon Polman
	Secretary Report - January 2025	Michele Legried		Historian	Gaida Trout
	Treasurer’s Report	Michelle Backlund		Marketing	Harmony Lillie
Legislative Reports	Legislative Team	Team Member		Membership & Member Retention	April Murch
	Motorcycle PAC of MN	Mark Senn		Passport Run	Jon Smith
	NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	Jane Doyle		Products	Kari Duncan
	MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	Rob Benjamin		Publications	Tammy Winkels
				State Rally	Dougie Cohen
			Ways and Means	Kristy Luhman	
			Other Reports	State Office	Shelly Deutsch
				MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)	Kyla Baker



We provide a service to pick up and deliver people to and from A.B.A.T.E. events to keep them safe.

If you have an event coming up and need a sober cab, call Kyla Baker at (218) 407-4005 with your request, and we will do what we can.

If your chapter provides this service, please let us know, as we would like to know how many people, we have helped keep off the highways and get them home safely. Riding season is approaching so if you intervene with someone who can not get to their destination safely, please let us know.

Lake Chapter has openings for anyone interested in taking one, or both Motorcycle Training Courses this year. Improve your skills!

ABATE of MN Lake Chapter is sponsoring all attendees. If you sign up, SHOW UP!



Intermediate Rider Class

Saturday, May 31, 2025

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Advanced Rider Class

Sunday, June 1, 2025

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 15, 2025 or

If you prefer send email to sedgett50@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location
4/2/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Gopher Bar, West Duluth
4/2/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bnfire, Litchfield
4/4/25	Heartland STEAM	Bettendorf, IA
4/4/25	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore
4/5/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	TBD
4/5/25	Heartland STEAM	Bettendorf, IA
4/5/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon
4/5/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod and Rachel Olson's, Mentor
4/5/25	Rolling Prairie Committee Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield
4/5/25	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Paul & Gerry's House 32144 141 St Ave, Montgomery - Lunch provided at noon.
4/6/25	Central Chapter Meeting	St. Martin Bar and Grill, St. Martin
4/6/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis
4/6/25	Heartland STEAM	Bettendorf, IA
4/6/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield
4/7/25	Metro Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka
4/8/25	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger
4/8/25	Metro Bike Night	VFW, Coon Rapids
4/8/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids
4/11/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	VFW, Deetroit Lakes
4/12/25	End of Winter Ride	TBD
4/12/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	VFW, Wells
4/12/25	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW Post 936
4/12/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Hawk's Sports Bar and Grill, Moticello
4/12/25	Winters Done Run	Registration - Rochester Harley Shop
4/13/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose
4/13/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato
4/13/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake
4/13/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	L&M Bar, Dundas
4/13/25	Up North Chapter Meeting	Calumet Saloon, Calumet
4/13/25	Ways and Means	Ugly Bar, Montrose
4/15/25	Straight River Spaghetti Feed	VFW, Rochester
4/19/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	VFW, Madison
4/20/25	Metro Sunday Breakfast	Route 47, Fridley
4/20/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester
4/25/25	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria
4/26/25	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria
4/26/25	Membership Kick Off Party at ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria
4/27/25	ABATE U	Holiday Inn, Alexandria
4/27/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Bogi's on Main, Hinkley
4/27/25	North Star Chapter Meeting	ABATE U - Balcony
5/1/25	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska, Fundraiser mtg @ 6:30 PM
5/2/25	River Valley Motorcycle Awareness Parade	City of Mankato Public Works Parking Lot, Makato
5/3/25	Borderland Chapter Meeting - Membership & Fundraiser	The Hobo, Newfolden
5/3/25	Dirty Rotten Biker Fest	Princeton Fairgrounds
5/3/25	Glacier Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten
5/3/25	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick Up	St. Bonifacius Community Center
5/3/25	TriCounty Carver Fun Run	More info to come
5/4/25	Blessing of the Bikes	Owatonna Fairgrounds
5/4/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Trobec's, St. Stephen
5/4/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. Francis
5/4/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Missile Park, St. Bonifacius
5/7/25	North East Chapter	The Gopher Bar, West Duluth

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/7/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	VFW, Hutchinson
5/10/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Kurt & Alicia Wallaces - 115 5th Street SE, Geneva
5/10/25	Flatlanders Chapter Wash Out & Camp Out	I35 Northbound Rest Area @MN/Iowa Border
5/10/25	River Valley Ditch Spring Cleanup	
5/11/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Silvermoon, perham
5/11/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato
5/11/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake
5/11/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna
5/13/25	Metro Bike Night	VFW, Coon Rapids
5/13/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids
5/14/25	South Central Spring Ditch Clean up	Odd Fellows Park, Hutchinson
5/17/25	Heart of the Lakes Blessing of the Bikes event	Erhard
5/17/25	North Star Chapter Ditch Clean Up	Sitch Site South of Bemidji on Hwy 71
5/17/25	North Star Chapter Meeting	Woodshed, Laporte - Following Ditch Clean Up
5/17/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Ride	TBD
5/17/25	South Central Spring Fling Bike Show	Litchfield Fairgrounds
5/17/25	Womens Only Basic Riders Course	Ridgewater College, Willmar
5/18/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Marge's, Brook Park
5/18/25	South Central Spring Fling Bike Show	Litchfield Fairgrounds
5/18/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester
5/19/25	Bikers inside the Beltway	
5/20/25	Bikers inside the Beltway	
5/24/25	Lake Chapter Memorial Ride	details to follow
5/25/25	MetroMorial	Route 47, Fridley
5/26/25	Memorial Day Parade - Straight River is participating	Owatonna Fairgrounds
5/30/25	Northwest Chapter 36th Annual Spring Ride	St. Hilaire
5/31/25	Central Chapter 2nd Annual Ride for Terebinth	Sal's Bar, St. Joseph
5/31/25	Intermediate Graining Class	Hennipin Technial College, Brooklyn Park
5/31/25	Northwest Chapter 36th Annual Spring Ride	St. Hilaire
6/1/25	Advanced Graining Class	Hennipin Technial College, Brooklyn Park
6/1/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	Americon Legion, St. Francis
6/4/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Nieen's Bar, Biscay
6/5/25	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Carver Beach Palyground, Chanhassen
6/7/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	TBD
6/7/25	North Star Chapter Meet and Greet Memorial Ride	TBD
6/7/25	South Central Chapter Burger Day	Mies Outland Demo Days, Watkins
6/8/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Little Bear's House, 45465 445th, Perham
6/14/25	Friends of Dale Morin Run Ride	TBD
6/15/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester
6/19/25	ABATE of WI Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI
6/20/25	ABATE of WI Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI
6/21/25	ABATE of WI Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI
6/21/25	South Central Fun Run Membership Drive	Laplante's, Litchfield
6/22/25	ABATE of WI Summer Hummer	Greenwood, WI



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Partnering with us will make the 2025 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 2025 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.

For more information, please contact:

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532
Email: 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
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For more information:

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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon! The deadline to be included in our State Rally Program book is August 1, 2025.

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