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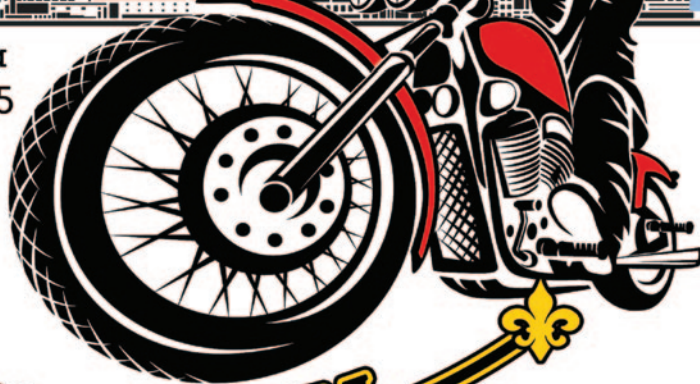
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- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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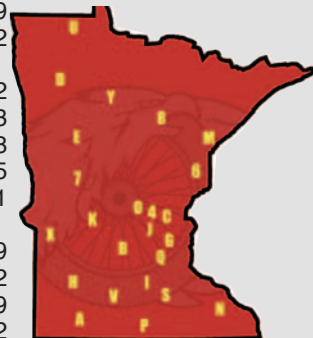
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss 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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What a busy summer! I have been traveling so much that I struggle to get out on a bike. Hopefully, you're getting some miles on your bike!

The State Rally Committee has worked very hard to put on a successful event. I hope you were there and had a fantastic time.

Will you be attending the Young Riders Rodeo? Bring kids of all ages to this new event geared to get youth involved in outdoor and two-wheeled events. I'm sure it will be a great time for everyone. Be sure to help out where needed.

Meeting of the Minds will take place in Shreveport, Louisiana, September 25-28. Will you be there? I will be attending!

Heartland STEAM meetings take place via ZOOM. Email me if you'd like to get involved.

Between events and conventions, I am trying to get out to chapter meetings.

See you soon!

Jane



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Well, I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our State Rally. I hope everyone had a great time. As for myself I know I always have a good time. It's always great to meet new friends and catch up with old friends.

On a sad note, our riding season is getting closer to the end. I hope everyone got out and got some miles on. But if you're like myself when the season comes to an end, you always wish you had more miles in for this season, but you'll have the winter to plan to get more miles on for next year. As for myself, once again, I'm going to cheat and go to Texas this winter and hope to start riding in January. Last year it was a little cool, but when it got to February, it was great riding..

That's all I have for now.

Ya, I know kind of short but wait till next month.

Till next time

Jim



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State Rally time is here! The committee has been hard at work and this should be a great State Rally. Hope to see you there. Remember to keep membership tri-folds on

hand. You never know when you might meet someone that does not know about us and would like to help.

Summer is slipping away, so keep on riding while the weather is nice.

Ride Free,

Mitch

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

Due to unique circumstances, there will be three Special Elections soon for openings in the Minnesota legislature. One in the MN House and two in the MN Senate. If more than one candidate runs in his or her party for the vacancy, then a special primary election will be held before the election for the legislative seat. Special elections in Minnesota usually have low participation. With fewer people voting, every vote becomes more important. Freedom-minded bikers can make a huge difference in these special elections. If you live in one of these districts, please ask the candidates if they support motorcycling rights and common-sense motorcycling safety. Majority control of the MN legislature depends on who wins these special elections and who will control the agenda in 2026.

Your vote matters - Use it wisely. Below is some information on the candidates and a sample of the A.B.A.T.E. of MN legislative agenda.

Yours in Freedom,
—Mack Backlund
and the entire A.B.A.T.E. of MN Legislative Team
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September 16, 2025

Special Election House District 34B (Vacancy)

This election fills the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Melissa Hortman.

House District 34B represents parts of Brooklyn Park, Champlin, and Coon Rapids.

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November 4, 2025 Special Election Senate District 29 (Vacancy)

This election fills the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Bruce Anderson
Senate District 29 includes much of Wright County, and parts of Hennepin and Meeker counties.

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Ethan Cha is currently State Representative 47B.

I have no record of position on our issues.

Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger is currently State Representative 47A.

I have no record of position on our issues.

Here is a list of bills of particular interest to motorcyclists. Bills that will be around to help or haunt us in 2026.

SF54, HF964

Reduction of sales tax for older motorcycles. We support.

SF2639, HF2494

Uninsured and underinsured mandate for motorcyclists. We oppose.

SF2484, HF2519

Digital Fair Repair Act, addition of motorcycles. We support.

SF2891, HF2956

Remove cap on reasonable attorney fees for motorcyclist equal access violations. We support.

SF1505, HF686

Development of a model policy for safe traffic stops. We support (If motorcyclist anti-profiling language is added).

Contact the candidates, ask if they support our positions!



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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HELLO!

I hope you have all seen the Bike Rodeo going on in Willmar at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds, September 27th, 2025 from 10 am - 2 pm. I have a bunch of bikes already but we can always use more for kids to use.

We will be doing games, and education for bike safety. I know that this is a long way for some of you, but if you want to do this in your area, come check out what we are going to do and implement a bike rodeo in your area. We will be serving a light lunch. We are taking donations to help out for the day!

FYI- this is also Charlee's birthday, so we will be having cupcakes. :)

See you then!

— Harmony



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Next Meeting(s):

October 12th, Ugly Bar,
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— Kristy



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Next Meeting (s): September 18th, Saint Paul College, 5-7:00 pm

The last task force meeting was July 17th at St Paul College. Some of the members participated in an intermediate rider course just before the meeting, which is always fun. I am happy to report that the members did receive the last meeting's minutes, I just prefer to have them more than 2 days prior to the meeting along with the agenda for review. Jay is using some form of an AI filter that takes the recording of the meeting and boils it down to a condensed minutes format. It's not perfect, but it does record the motions. With this new technology, I would expect that the recurring problem of the members not receiving meeting minutes should cease for future meetings. As discussed at the last meeting, again we talked about getting some of the advisors from the different departments back to the meetings for their input. One specifically discussed was Kent Bernard from MNDOT construction. He used to come to the March or May meeting and give us an overview of what the major construction projects were going to be for the year. Jay made it sound like Kent was interested in getting involved again, which would be beneficial to the function of the task force.

Next, we continued discussion on the rider training program overview. Rider Coach enrollment is slightly up, which is good news. They currently have 110 coaches, but they would like to have 120-130 coaches available to teach courses to meet current rider training demands. In 2026 they will hold rider coach training sessions in May and August. If you are interested in being a coach, please let me know.

We also had a short discussion on lane splitting and the PSA press conference. The DPS rolled out the majority of the lane splitting PSA campaign the same day the law went into effect. While there was good news coverage, it is of my opinion (also shared by other members of the task force) that it should of been launched sooner.

As far as motorcycle crash fatalities are concerned, we are currently sitting at 35 for this year, compared to 39 at the same time last year. Less is good, less than that would be better. It is unfortunate that almost 49% of these fatalities were riders that did not have a motorcycle permit or endorsement. This problem continues to grow and I am unsure how to curtail it. If you have a good relationship with the law enforcement agency, perhaps share this info mation with them. Maybe if citations get served and motorcycles get impounded, the riding public might be more willing to comply with the education portion of the riding experience?

For anyone that is interested in joining the task force, applications are available on the Secretary of State website for the new term that will start in September. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

— Jon



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The State Office is running as it should. Keep checking your membership cards & getting them renewed before the expiration date on the bottom. It does work out nice if you get them sent in the month prior to the due date, (you will not lose any time from the membership, it adds on to what is already there) then, we can save money by not having to send the postcards out. Every little bit helps!

If you call the State Office and don't get an answer, please feel free to call me on my cell. Remember State Office hours are in the evening. But if you call during the day and I'm home I will answer and try to help you out.

There is still plenty of riding for the summer, keep the tear offs & tri-folds with you!

Keep on Keepin on!

— Shelly



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Next Meeting(s): September 10th, Davanni's, Rogers, 6:00pm

A.B.A.T.E. University - April 17th - 19th,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

The committee is hard at work figuring everything out. If you would like a banquet, please contact me at ABATEU@abatemn.org.

Thanks,

— Stephanie

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I have been busy lately, making it difficult to attend the monthly ZOOM meetings. Here are a few notes:

NCOM is working on putting together a calendar of events that they would like to attend. Watch for NCOM membership tables at motorcycle events.

The NCOM website (onabike.com) has been updated with new member contact information.

We are still waiting for confirmation of the NCOM Convention next spring.

— Jane

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Bob & Toni McChesney August 2023-July 2025
Jim & Kelly Pierson December 2024-May 2032

You can become a Young Rider Supporter!

We are offering the opportunity to become "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders." Private parties may be listed as "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" at a small donation of \$200 per year. A.B.A.T.E. chapters can be listed as "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" at a fee of \$400 per year. Either group may participate in 6-month increments. How it works, make a minimum \$100 personal donation, \$200 chapter donation and we will recognize the donor as a "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" for six consecutive months, double the donation we double the time. Businesses that make a donation of \$700 will be listed as "Proud supporter of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders" for twelve consecutive months. Our method of recognizing supporters will be to post their name and the donation period covered in Road Noise, on our Web Site and on the Young Riders Facebook page.



EDUCATION

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Next Meeting(s):

September 8th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

At the July B.O.D. the board approved to let me shift around District Rider Training Funds (DRT) from district to district in an effort to use those funds where they might be needed. This, of course, would be subject to District Director approval. So far, the Education budget has reimbursed \$800 this year for rider training. There are still requests and invoices coming in.

I plan to have full figures and participation numbers ready by the October board meeting.

As far as the Young Rider's Scholarship is concerned, out of the 92 students we registered this year, only 4 students' classes have been cancelled and refunded to us, which translates to 88 youth funded. I will not have attendance figures until the October B.O.D. Harmony is still working on getting us a 501(c)(3) classification. She has had to change the name of the organization a few times, but it sounds like we are close to getting that approved. That is it for this month. Keep your rubber on the road folks.

"You don't understand anything until you learn it more than one way."

-Marvin Minsky

—Jon



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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How can you engage your members? Members are more likely to renew if they are invested. One way to build that investment is to get chapter members to chapter meetings.

Crafting an engaging meeting experience:

- Warm Welcome: Designate a greeter to welcome members and guests, fostering a welcoming atmosphere. Introduce new members and guests at the start of the meeting.
- Concise Agenda & Handouts: Provide a clear agenda for members to follow. Supplement this with handouts containing key information for them to reference later.
- Entertainment & Recognition: Inject fun into the meetings by:
 - Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or chapter achievements.
 - Having small presentations for members achieving goals, like earning a "Write to Ride" patch.
 - Including lighthearted activities like word searches, providing candy, or sharing a motivational poem.

Encourage Participation

Actively seek member input by:

- Asking for ideas and offering tasks to get members involved.
- Engaging different individuals to present various agenda points.
- Thanking members for their contributions.
- Inviting them to join committees or help plan events.

Accessibility: Offer Zoom or phone-in options for remote members and encourage their full participation.

Guest Speakers:

Invite relevant speakers, including:

- Lawmakers.
- A.B.A.T.E. State Representatives or Committee Chairs.
- Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) representatives.
- Representatives from other motorcycle organizations.
- Motorcycle lawyers.
- Bike repair shop mechanics.

The Where In A.B.A.T.E. Is April and Harmony Adventure is in full swing. Remember to bring your guests to your meetings. Sign them up and get the membership patch.

I am here for you. I am here to help.

Until Next Month Friends – Together We Are Stronger!

—April



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Using the tools April and I have given you to get members is one way to market A.B.A.T.E. When you think about marketing, you think that you are selling something. You are selling yourself and the organization. What we do is fight for motorcycle rights. Why wouldn't we want all motorcyclists to know about us?

When I first started with A.B.A.T.E. I knew nothing about it. I knew that my, then boyfriend rode a motorcycle and went to a meeting once a month. I started working at a dive bar where motorcycle riders came in all the time and I got to ask if they knew about A.B.A.T.E. since they rode. 90% of riders did not. The other 10% did but did not want to be involved in an organization. When you get negative feedback, it is not you, so do not give up asking! You might find that one person who will be your next head table member!

Keep talking about A.B.A.T.E. and keep riding and keep being safe!

— Harmony



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):
September 13th, Carver Beach Playground,
Chanhassen, 4:00 pm
October 17th, B.O.D, Baymont by Wyndham,
Owatonna, 6:00 pm

— Angie



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello biker family. I am writing this while on vacation in South Dakota, no not Sturgis.

I hope you all enjoyed your time at the State Rally and found what you wanted/needed from State Products. If not, email me and I will see what I can do.

As always, if you need products for your chapter, want State Products at your event, or need an auction item, email me and I will do my best.

Until we meet again,
— Kari



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Next Meeting (s):

September 7th, Zoom meeting, 11:00 am
October 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm
November 9th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

There are many fundraisers, meetings and rides to enjoy this fall keep checking the grapevines and calendar for where and when.

Our committee is looking to add proofers, with more hands/eyes on the reports and grapevines it means lighter work for all. We are an awesome group come join us!

Do not forget to THANK the Rally Committee and volunteers, for all their hard work that went into making our Rally another great time!!

— Tammy



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s)

October 17th, B.O.D., Baymont

By Wyndham, Owatonna, 8:00 pm

December 6th, Eagles Club,

Litchfield, 12:00 pm

As you read this the 2025 State Rally will have just taken place. Not much to report this month. Next month we will provide all the stats from this year's rally. I hope it was everything you expected and came for!

I do want to thank everyone who worked so hard during rally week and all year long to bring you the best State Rally possible: Rally Committee, Vendors, Sponsors, Volunteers, Bands, Litchfield Rescue.

We appreciate every Chapter that helped with signing sponsors, hanging flyers, volunteering, and participating in the Rally events. As I have said before, the Rally is what you make of it and put into it. We hope you were able to enjoy time with your extended motorcycle family. And a successful Rally also brings funds into A.B.A.T.E. to fight for our motorcycle rights, which is why we are here in the first place. So, thank you for all you have done in 2025 for A.B.A.T.E. and for the MN State Rally!

Ride Free,

— *Dougie,*
Rally Chair



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I hope everyone is doing great, been riding safe and enjoyed all that A.B.A.T.E. of MN 2025 Rally had to offer. Shout out to the Rally Chairs and Committees for doing such a great job, again!

If you were unable to make it to our last two History of A.B.A.T.E. of MN classes at A.B.A.T.E. University, I wanted to make sure to get this info out to you. It may seem small and miniscule, but as it is something our organization promised from the beginning, it is important for ALL members, especially officers, those who document and those who create anything A.B.A.T.E. of MN related, to understand and please abide by.

We all know what the acronym, A.B.A.T.E., stands for in the State of Minnesota, American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education. But have you ever wondered why we put a period between the letters? Is it to recognize the letter for each word in the phrase? Well, yes and no.

Obviously, it helps to separate the words in the phrase that describes who we are. However, did you know it was a promise our founding members made in 1987?

In early 1987, as our founding members sought out becoming incorporated as a non-profit organization, it was discovered that there was a family-owned business, already in existence in Minnesota, by the name of Abate's, Inc. On May 4th, 1987, a consent to use the name Abate was issued. However, the agreement came with the request that we would ALWAYS use a period between the letters of ABATE (A.B.A.T.E.) and to hold a good standing with the public. Although I am assuming this agreement may have been long forgotten, since it has been 38 years, it is still VERY important that we honor our word and our promise.

We were privileged to use a 'name' that was already in existence in Minnesota as a corporation in 1987. And we made a promise. So please. When writing your documents, entering your information, making a flier or poster, ordering your products or ANYTHING that says A.B.A.T.E. of MN on it, PLEASE use the dots, periods, whatever you want to call it, in between the letters of A.B.A.T.E.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and your help in keeping our word. Stay safe, ride safe, love you all.

— *Gaida Gator Trout*



WRITE TO RIDE

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Elections, elections, elections! Yes, this is the hot issue. Three special elections are coming up, house District 34 B, Senate District 29 and Senate District 47. See the Legislative Team report in this edition for more details. If you live in one of these districts, please take time to become informed about motorcycle related issues and the candidates. Next make sure you cast a vote for the candidate that supports your position.

See the list of bills of particular interest to motorcyclists included with the Legislative Team report in this issue.

The midterm general elections are a long way off on the calendar, November 3, 2026, but campaigning has started. The Governor and US Senate seat each have several candidates announced with more expected. I have heard of multiple candidates for 6 of the 8 Minnesota US House seats and I am sure more will announce soon. All 134 State House seats will be up for grabs. Candidates will be holding campaign events, attending parades and asking for your support. Are you contacting them and asking them if they will support your position on matters of importance to the motorcycle community? Do they support your position? If not, can you influence them, help them understand why these issues are important? Candidates will be asking for your support, will you be supporting those that support you?

Approximately 40% of the Minnesota Motorcycle fatalities reported this year have been single vehicle crashes. Could rider training help save lives?

— *frank*

MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Judy Soder & Duane Tchida

Duane Tchida and Judy Soder are Jack Pine Chapter members but their contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota go well beyond their local chapter.

Duane and Judy have served their local chapter as chapter officers – Duane as long-standing President and Judy as chapter treasurer.

The Upper Kettle River Shakedown, the Jack Pine Rider's annual July fundraiser is, in large part, successful due to the tremendous leadership of Duane and Judy – "Skipper," as Duane is known, leads the team of volunteers that pull off this event every year at the campsite near Finlayson/Askov. Judy is in charge of the chapter's merchandise booth as well as being responsible for the income and expenses.

Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride – both Duane and Judy have served on the Board of Directors for Minnesota Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride for many years. Duane has held leadership positions including President and Vice-President and Judy has served as the Treasurer. In addition, Duane has performed most of the mechanical and aluminum welding repairs to the trailers for many years. Duane volunteers to provide rides for people needing Dial-A-Ride services in the Pine County area and for a number of years, Duane was the person that answered the Dial-A-Ride phone when someone called for assistance and would contact and dispatch volunteers throughout the state of Minnesota. At the State Rally, Judy was heavily involved in managing the ice sales.

State Rally – for several years, Duane served as a Co-Chair for the annual State Rally at the Meeker County Fair Grounds in Litchfield over Labor Day weekends.

For these reasons, Duane and Judy should be recognized as Members of the Month!





MRF REPORT

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The MRF congratulates a legend.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) proudly congratulates "Chopper" Charlie Gilmore on his induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame as the 2025 recipient of the Freedom Fighter Award.

A legend in the motorcycling world, Charlie's journey began in the 1960s with a passion for riding that evolved into a lifelong commitment to rider rights and motorcycle culture. As a Vietnam veteran, ordained minister, and former national chaplain of the Sons of Silence, Charlie has lived a life defined by service, both to his country and to the motorcycling community.

Charlie is a founding member of A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa's District 8, and his impact on the motorcyclists' rights movement is immense. His powerful and emotional "Price of Freedom" presentation has inspired countless riders and advocates across the country.

A master builder and restorer, Charlie's custom choppers have been showcased internationally, and he has restored hundreds of motorcycles that are now displayed in museums across the

United States.

His unwavering dedication to the MRF and its mission has helped protect the rights of all motorcyclists. Charlie's contributions have earned him numerous honors, including the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's John "Farmer" Eggers Award (2010) and the NCOM Silver Spoke Award (2022). He embodies the spirit of the Freedom Fighter Award and stands as a symbol of grassroots advocacy at its best.

This honor is made even more special as Charlie joins his brother, Dick "Slider" Gilmore, a fellow Hall of Fame Freedom Fighter.

Meeting of the Minds is at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino in Shreveport, Louisiana this year from September 25th to the 28th. If you are a first time attendee and between the ages of 18 -35 you will receive a 35 percent discount on event registration. The cut off date for early registration and hotel discount is September 10th (group code MRFI25C). Please go to www.mrf.org to register.

— Shadow



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Nothing new to report.



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.

October 17 & 18 Board of Directors Meeting
Baymont Inn and Suites by Wyndham
245 Florence Avenue
Owatonna MN 55060
507-455-1142

Call the hotel to reserve your room(s) or use the link sent through ZOHO to all chapters



A.B.A.T.E. has a block of 50 rooms, with 42 available. Rooms must be booked prior to September 17, 2025, to receive the discounted room rate listed below:

Room Rate: \$114.90 for any of the following rooms:

Standard 2 Queen Room (35)

Standard King Room (15)

Accessible Queen Room (2)

Hospitality Room will be provided Friday Evening by The Flatlanders.

Straight River will have a silent auction as a small fundraiser

Outside food & alcohol is allowed

Applebee's and Jimmy Johns across the parking lot

Complimentary Breakfast is available

Bar available onsite serving beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages

Veteran of the Month

Brian Kropiwka

United States Navy

Member Straight River Straight Jackets

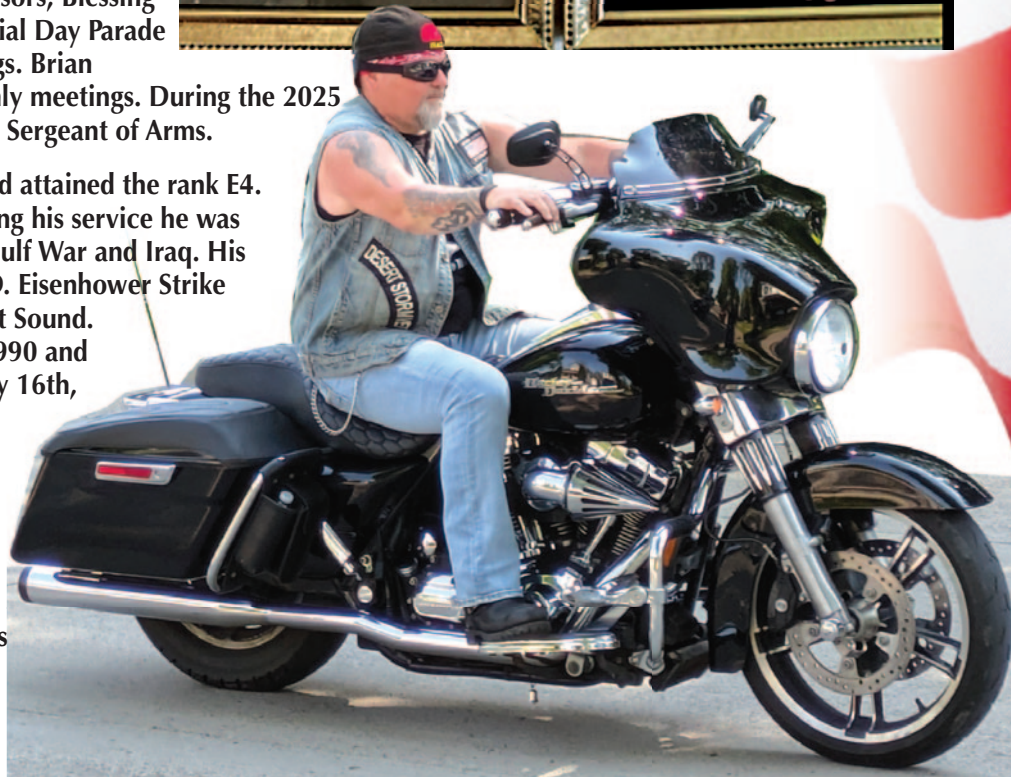
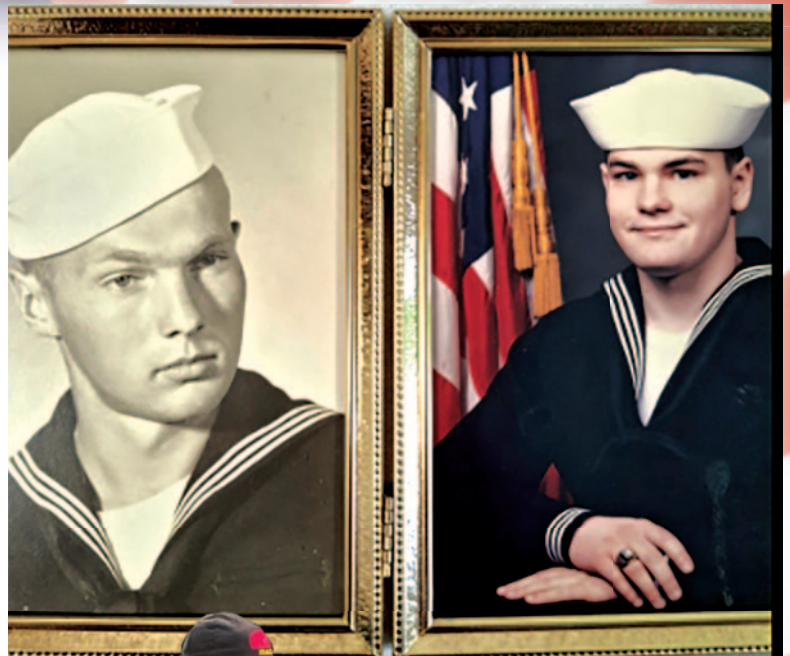
Brian became a member of A.B.A.T.E. in January of 2025. He has helped the Chapter with attaining sponsors, Blessing of the Bikes and the Memorial Day Parade as well as attending meetings. Brian regularly attends our monthly meetings. During the 2025 elections he was voted in as Sergeant of Arms.

Brian served in the Navy and attained the rank E4. He served 1989-1993. During his service he was in Sadi Arabia during the Gulf War and Iraq. His service was in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Strike Group, aboard the US Puget Sound. Desert Shield August 7th, 1990 and during Desert Storm January 16th, 1991 combat phase.

His most memorable event of his service was coming back to port after the Gulf War. The Air Force did fly overs, the port was lined with people holding banners and cheering their return. The welcome they received left him speechless.

During Brian's service he attained Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, SW Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star and the Kuwait Liberator Medal. Brian had training for pipefitting, fire fighter and welding during his service. Brian followed his grandfather's tradition of service. His grandfather served during WWII.

"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"





NORTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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I had the privilege to attend the East Central chapter meeting in August, where Jim retook his seat at the head table as Prez, three months after his horrific crash. Three different chapters were represented with two being chapter Presidents. What a rush. Continued healing my brother. Sturgis is over for another year and we need to start concentrating on chapter fall fundraisers. Please get out of your comfort zone and attend a neighboring chapter event.

At the July B.O.D. three executive board members announced this is their last term. If you have any interest, please contact one of them with your intentions. If you haven't started thinking about the March 2026 STEAM being hosted right here in Minnesota, please mark your calendar. It is like A.B.A.T.E. U on steroids.

I have not been receiving crash stats but am on a daily site and it seems to me most crashes are due to human error.

April says memberships are increasing, so keep up the good work. A special congrats to the Up North Chapter for receiving the first quarterly \$500 for new members. Be smart and ride safe.

— Pedro

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

September 21st, Outback Saloon & Grill,
Stanchfield, 1:00 pm
October 19th, Endzone Bar & Grill, Rutledge,
1:00 pm
November 16th, Park Tavern & Café, Braham,
1:00 pm
December 21st, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction,
1:00 pm

The next roadside cleanup will be in September. Chapter meeting to follow the 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. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events.

For updated chapter events and information, check out the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page.

— Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

CENTRAL

No Report Received

UP NORTH

No Report Received



NORTHEAST

Next Meeting (s):

September 3rd, Gopher Bar and Grill, 6:30 pm

October 1st, Gopher Bar and Grill, 6:30 pm

November 5th, Gopher Bar and Grill, 6:30 pm

Hello all! School started already, where does the time go?

We had a pretty good July here, lots of decent riding weather and our first chapter membership ride and campout in quite some time. We had an excellent turnout for the ride and many people who stayed to camp for the night. We had several renewals and new members who greatly enjoyed themselves. We'll be looking to make this an annual event due to the success this year.

By this time, the State Rally will have likely come and gone, here's hoping that it was a great success.

– Ride safe, Ed



SAND DUNES

Next Meeting (s):

September 14th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

October 12th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

November 9th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Greetings all!

As of this writing many of us have just returned from Sturgis and are looking forward to the State Rally, which is in process or over by now. I'm always interested in the Sturgis Rally Tally. This year there were zero deaths in Sturgis although there were two deaths reported in the Rapid City district. There were 71 DUI Arrests, 133 Misdemeanor Drug Arrests, 56 Felony Drug Arrests, 596 Total Citations, 15 Non-Injury Accidents, and 19 Injury Accidents. Considering there were nearly 700-thousand people at the rally I think those tallies are fairly light.

With the Rally over, there are two, maybe three, riding months left. Fall is my favorite time of year



to ride. The temperatures are cooler, and the colors are brighter. If you are looking for an event, consider the Young Riders Bike Rodeo at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds on September 27th starting at 10:00 am. Lunch will be provided by A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

That's a wrap. Be well, ride safe and peace out!

– Michael Olkives



Metro Buddy Bear drop at Ronald McDonald House.



Metro members at Sturgis.



Metro Road Guard Training class.

METRO

Next Meeting (s):

September 9th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm
October 14th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

September 8th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, 4:00-8:00 pm
September 21st, Brunch, Route 47,
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Another eventful month has come and gone in this riding season. Many of you attended Sturgis and while it's still on a bucket list for me, I'm sure many of you are coming back with stories of fun rides, exciting nights, and camaraderie with your fellow bikers.

Metro hosted our first road guard training course. 14 people became road guard certified or renewed their certification to help keep charity runs and group rides safe! A huge thank you to Eric Bout-it our master sergeant at arms for helping get this class up and running. The instructors from Pine Technical and Community College did a

fantastic job leading the class. St Paul Harley Davidson was more than welcoming to host the class. This is what we are about. Training people to be better bikers in all aspects. And this is just the beginning! Keep your eyes open, because Metro has more surprises up our sleeves!

By the time this issue reaches your doorstep the State Rally will have come and gone. Jameson helped keep the Rally safe, working the security team. JJ and Lori rocked the bike show and tattoo contest as always. And I guarantee you this was a weekend to remember (or try to remember).

Ronald McDonald House was our first recipient of Metro Buddy Bears this year! They were super happy to receive them and our chapter had a blast riding out to drop them off!

Lastly, Metro Chapter is working to put on a grilling event to get out in the community and meet our officers and members. The date and location are still being locked in so keep an eye on our Facebook page for details as they become available. We would love to see as many of your faces as we can!

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

September 7th, Hay Days grounds, time TBD
October 5th, American Legion, St. Francis, 10:30 am

Upcoming Events (s):

September 5th-7th, Hay Days
September 13th-14th, 1st Annual Kelly Pierson
Memorial Buddy Bear Run
October 25th, Halloween Parade, Anoka

Hey All!

I'm back, and my VP says he is happy to let me have it. The Grapevine report, that is. All kidding aside, my officers and chapter members did a terrific job while I was down, as well as got my house handicap accessible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my many brothers and sisters of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota who have donated to mine and Lorna's

cause and most of all kept us in your prayers. The support and kindness of this organization has been really overwhelming and we **thank** all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Back to Chapter stuff. We have a real busy month coming up. Hay Days first off. This is a big event for our chapter and as usual, we have a lot of fun. Looking forward to seeing you all on September 5th-7th.

The next weekend, September 13th-14th will be our first annual Kelly Pierson Memorial Buddy Bear run. If you would like to join, contact Stephanie Christensen for info on lodging and departure times.

There's a rumor that Turkey Bowling is coming back this November. More later.

'til then, Shiny Side Up!
— President Jim



NORTHWEST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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HOWDY FOLKS !!!!

You may be reading this at YOUR State Rally or maybe just after. I'm confident that YOU Brought a friend. I'm also confident that YOU Helped out while you were there. I'm also Confident that the Rally committee and EVERYONE that made this possible did an AMAZING Job!! THANK YOU to ALL That Helped Out!!

Bikerday next year is Wednesday, March 25th. Please let your employer know that you will be absent that day to attend Bikerday. **This is By Far the MOST IMPORTANT Day for Motorcyclists!** We like to stay in contact with our legislators all year, although Bikerday is a great time to see them face to face. It's also a good time to meet and talk with others that might not be in your area.

Fall is in the Air. As you ride around our beautiful state enjoying the fall colors, take time to visit with other Bikers and introduce them to A.B.A.T.E. Also use caution as the deer are on the move. Good luck to those that hunt. Harvesting a deer feeds our family and also reduces the chance of hitting that deer on the road.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE — Edgar



Photo of Northwest group meeting.

NORTHWEST

Next Meeting (s):

September 5th, Chainsaws, 7:00 pm. Potluck supper, please bring a dish to share.

October 4th, Municipal Liquor Store, Goodrich, 11:00 am

September 6th is our Food and Toy run, which will be held at Chainsaws. Campers are welcome. KSU at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend. Potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share. Gun raffle at 7:00 pm that night.

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting (s):

September 13th, Brophy Park, 12:00 pm

Greetings FFR! It is sad that this is already September, and everyone knows what that means. Only just a few nice weekends to get out and ride!

There are a few other Chapters that are having some end of the season rides, membership runs, and fundraisers. I have posted a few on our FFR Facebook page.

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend and hopefully you were able to attend the last blast at the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally!

Get out and enjoy some wind therapy before the riding season is over!!!

"Expect the unexpected"

– Big Papa

BORDERLAND NORTH STAR

No Reports Received

HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting (s):

September 12th Meet for ride 11:30 am, New York Mills Cenex, Meeting to follow at Fall Down, 7pm.
October 10th Chapter meeting TBD

September, by the time this is published the Rally will have happened, and I'm sure it went well as always. Thanks be to everyone that participated and/or volunteered/voluntold to make it happen. Congrats to the king and queen.

Plenty of riding left for the season, I am planning to take in some fall colors throughout Minnesota/ Wisconsin this year. I hope you all have fall riding plans as well.

Our Chapter held a Bike and Car show during Frazee Turkey Days. Thanks to all who made this happen. Bike Show winners as follows, Best of Show- Aaron Weatherhead with his 2009 Electra Glide. Best Paint Jeremy with his 2022 Road Glide, Vintage Dan Erb, with his 1974 Yamaha D350 and lastly People's Choice, Ron Kitterson with his 1984 FXSB.

Our chapter also delivered Buddy Bears to the Frazee 1st Responders (see photos on the next page).

Gods smile on you all,

– Jess

HEART OF THE LAKES

From the Frazee Rescue and Frazee Fire Department:

This evening Frazee Rescue and Frazee Fire received Buddy Bears from members of A.B.A.T.E. (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education) of Minnesota.

These bears will be used to help calm children who have been involved in accidents and other traumatic experiences.





SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Chapter Grapevines

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Greetings Southeast District,

Summer is winding down unfortunately and then the biker unfriendly time of year in Minnesota will be here. Until then there is still plenty of biker friendly things to do.

The October B.O.D. will be held in Owatonna at the Bayview Inn and Suites co-hosted by the Straight River and Flatlanders chapters. The hotel is very excited to have us so if you can attend please do. We will need Sgt. at Arms from the Southeast District for the meetings on Friday night and the board meeting on Saturday morning.

At the July B.O.D. meeting, Jane, our State Coordinator, made the announcement that she will not be running for another term as did Michele our State Secretary. I also said that if there is someone else out there that wants to be the SEDD for the right reasons I will nominate them and help them get up to speed with the job. Don't worry that me and Michele are abandoning A.B.A.T.E., we are just rearranging some of our priorities and more than likely will remain involved in different positions.

— Virgil

TRI-COUNTY

Next Meeting (s):

September 13th, Carver Beach Rd Park,
Chanhassen, 10:00 am
October 2nd, Cys Bar, Chaska 7:00 pm
(unless you hear otherwise)

Upcoming Event (s):

September 4th, Highway Pickup by trains on
Hwy #21 between Jordan & New Prague,
6:00 pm
September 13th, Tri County hosted Freedom
Social event

Thank you to all members who rode in the Harley Heaven ride! September 13th is our chapter hosted event the Freedom Social! Time is 12:00 - 4:00 pm with beverages and food available! Wear your A.B.A.T.E. shirts! Let's value our freedom together!

This is pretty generic and short as our meeting was held after the Road Noise deadline.

— Peace, Ger

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting (s):

September 13th, Tony and Stacy Roe's Home,
20261 890th Ave., Albert Lea, 10:00 am.
Summers Done Run Fundraiser Ride to follow!!

Hello from the Flatlanders

Wow!! It's been a busy summer!! So many things going on, I hope everyone has had the opportunity to get some riding in. I also hope that you all have been able to participate in some of the great fundraisers the other chapters had/have. Supporting each other ensures our continued success!!

Another thing that makes us successful is Memberships!! However it's not just about getting people to join, it's about keeping them interested and making them feel welcome! When you're out and about, share our A.B.A.T.E. story, share your experiences, and give those that are interested a trifold. Afterall, we are an amazing group of people, but there is always room for more! One last thing, life can change in a heart beat, so do more of what makes you happy!

— Peace, Love, & Hugs, Michele Legried



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting (s):

October 12th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

November 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

Upcoming Event (s):

October 4th, Fall Ditch Cleanup

Hello All, and welcome to September! Can you believe how fast the riding season flew by? It's been an incredible summer on the road—but we're not done yet... fall riding is just around the corner, and it might be the best part of the year!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Memorial Ride. We were blessed with gorgeous weather, and while the turnout was smaller this time (lots of other events that weekend), it made for a more personal ride with time to really connect. Special shout-outs to Slick and Parris for planning a fresh route with new stops—definitely a fun change of scenery! Thanks also to everyone who helped out, made donations, or supported in any way. Your continued involvement helps us keep spreading the message of motorcycle safety and rider training. "If we can save just one life..."

To everyone who made it to the State Rally—hope you had a fantastic time! There's nothing quite

like gathering with our A.B.A.T.E. family from all over the state. Already looking forward to next year!

Coming up soon—our Fall Ditch Cleanup and After Party! We'll lock in the date at our next meeting. It's a great way to give back to the community—and kick back afterward to celebrate a job well done.

January Thaw Dance...our biggest event is just a few months away, and we'll need all hands on deck to make it epic! Whether you're an organizer, cook/server, or just great at rallying the crew—we need you! More info coming soon—stay tuned!

A warm welcome to our new chapter members, and a big thanks to those who renewed their membership. We can't wait to ride, laugh, and volunteer together. Be sure to join us at our monthly meetings and upcoming events!

Don't forget to show up for our fellow chapters fundraisers. Let's keep the A.B.A.T.E. spirit alive across the state!

Keep the shiny side up, and ride safe!

– Big D, President

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting (s):

September 21st, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

October 19th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

November 16th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

Upcoming Event (s):

September 9th, Bike Night, Tilly's, Oronoco,
5:00-9:00 pm

Hello All:

The summer is very quickly coming to an end much to my dismay. We had our Summer Shenanigans Ride and Party the last Saturday in July. Unfortunately, it was not very well attended which is quite sad that we can't get chapter support for our efforts. The ride was about 150 miles and took you to Peterson, Mable, Cresco, Iowa, and Ostrander before returning back to the

Isle Bar and Event Center. I think this will be our last one.

We are working with Straight River on a Toys for Tots Ride to be held the first Saturday in October. This will start from the L & M Bar in Dundas and will end in Ostrander. Hope we have a good turnout. In case of weather, please free to come in a vehicle of your choice. Watch Facebook for flyers and more information.

Don't forget about our Bike Nights the second Tuesday of the month. September 9th will be our last one for the season. Also, don't forget about our monthly meetings--see above for the times and dates of future meetings.

I think that's about it for now.

– Terry

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting (s):

September 14th, The Box Car, Waseca

October 12th, Channel Inn, Warsaw (subject to change if they have a band)

November 9th, Reggie's Brew House, Owatonna

December 14th, Classic's Pub, Waterville

Hello Everyone!

We are having a blast in Straight River Chapter! Some of us participated in the Hero's Ride which had over 100 bikes.

Some of us camped at the Shenanigan's for SELC. Was hoping to see more Chapters represented. Straight River completed our Buddy Bear Donation Ride today and delivered our remaining 50 Buddy's. Started in the rain and ended in the sunshine.

We have a plan for setting up camp, firewood delivery and seeing the rest of our A.B.A.T.E. brothers and sisters at Rally!

Straight River will be taking part in the HAF Memorial Ride September 13th leaving from Steele County Fairgrounds at 10:00 am. POW's Spaghetti feed is at the VFW in Rochester, September 16th, 4:00-7:00 pm. Mark Ugland's Memorial Ride October 4th, details to come, watch our Facebook posts.

And we can't forget the B.O.D. in Owatonna October 17th & 18th.

We have a few months left for good riding and we are looking forward to as many days on the bike that we can get.



I have witnessed a few instances of lane splitting, and so far so good. It was done correctly.

See more
Straight River photos
on page 25.

Straight River delivers Buddy Bears!



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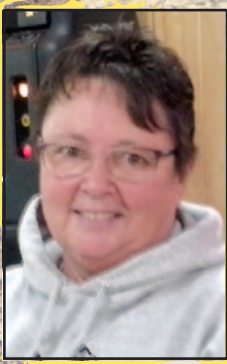
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Hello September! Did you attend our Minnesota State Rally? A lot of work goes into setting this event up. How about volunteering, did you help out? It's a great way to meet other A.B.A.T.E. members.

I'm sure you've all heard by now, there will be some openings on the head table at the B.O.D. coming up in April. Do you think you're up for a challenge? Reach out to some of these members stepping down and think about it. Maybe you don't see it in you, but others may! There was a lot of information at the July B.O.D., make sure your Chapter Rep's are doing their job and keeping the chapter informed. If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Until next time, *Shelly*

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting (s):

September 5th, Knight's Lounge, Ormsby, 7:00 pm
October 4th, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 4:00 pm
November 1st, Thunder Bar, Good Thunder

Upcoming Event (s):

September 6th, Fallen Friends Memorial Ride,
Knight's Lounge, Ormsby, KSU 12:00 pm
October 4th, Adopt-A-Highway, old Camper
World, Madelia, 1:00 pm

Hello Biker family, We are finalizing our plans for our Fallen Friends Memorial Ride on September 6th at Knight's Longe in Ormsby. Registration begins at 10:00 am, Memorial Service is at 11:30 am. Cost is \$10 per person. We will be selling walking tacos following the ride. Our 50/50 Raffle ticket drawing will be held at 8:00 pm. There is free primitive camping at the bar following the ride for those that don't want to leave or our Dial-a-Ride trailer and driver will be available as well.

Once we have finished with the raffle, our next focus is our annual Chili Feed sometime in March, hopefully. We will start posting information on that shortly. Plan on coming to St. James to try some of our freshly made chili and soups. I think that is all for now.

– Stay safe, Giggles

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting (s):

October 1st, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
November 5st, American Legion, Silver Lake,
7:00 pm
December 3rd, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

South Central was busy with two events in August. First was the Litchfield Eagles Club Breast Cancer Run. The Eagle's Club has been a huge supporter of A.B.A.T.E. for years, and we are happy to provide the Dial-A-Ride trailer for their annual run. A Big shout out to Danny and Angie Cairl from our chapter who drove the trailer and assisted riders with their needs!

Second was Darwin Twine Ball Day. We work the A.B.A.T.E. vendor booth at this event. Huge thank you to Jim & Kristie Orn and Luke Dollerschell for working the booth, and a big shout out to Troy Olson and Joyce Compart who helped sell all of our rally raffle tickets!

We have also been busy planning our chapter details for rally week. Can't wait to report next month on how everything went.

Hope to see you out on the road!

– Ingrid Cohen

LAKE

Next Meeting (s):

September 6th, Red Vest, Rockford, 3:00 pm
October 4th, S.O.S Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm
November 1st, Rendezvous Bar and Grill,
Annandale, 3:00 pm
December 6th, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

Our July meeting was held at the Choo Choo Bar in Loretto. Thank you to them for hosting. We had two members, Jim Kosse and Scott Trout, earn their Write to Ride Rocker and two members, Sandy Bengtson and Cyndi Buttweiler, earn their patch.

We hope everyone enjoyed the State Rally. Hopefully you had time to stop by the Lake Chapter tent for our social hour. We are excited to see everyone's photos from the Rally.

The Grounded Hogs fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday January 31st, from 6:00 pm-11:00 pm. Everett Smithson will be returning as our entertainment. If you would like to sponsor the Grounded Hogs, please let us know. We are looking for t-shirt designs, bring yours to the next chapter meeting, Jim Kosse is looking for a used motorcycle frame, forks, or non-functioning engine for an auction project. Contact him if you can help,

The 2nd quarter membership challenge is underway. Let's get those members signed up. We are at Bike Night at Cycle Gear in Maple Grove the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Stop by and say hi. If you would like to participate, let a chapter officer know.

Steven J. Kreitlow Award nominations started August 1st send nominations to sapphire033171@yahoo.com or deliver directly to April. If you do not get a response back, please let April know. Nominations close at the October meeting.

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Until next month my friends- Ride Free

- April

BUFFALO RIDGE

No Report Received

SOUTHWEST

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WAY WEST

Next Meeting (s):

September 28th, VFW, Madison, 12:00 pm

Greetings,

Well, the Rally is in the past by the time you read this. I hope you all had a great time! Our 1st annual Remember the Fallen Ride is also over. Pics of both of these events to come.

It's crazy September is here already, time sure flies. I have to admit, after the heat, humidity and rain this summer, I am looking forward to fall. Nothing new to report, so this is short and sweet. Keep your knees in the breeze,
Gypsy Mama

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting (s):

October 4th, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm
November 1st, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm
December 6th, Potluck, Marcia's Bar, Brooten,
6:00 pm

Upcoming Event (s):

October 18th, October B.O.D., Owatonna
October- Halloween Party
December 13th, Santa Day and Parade

With the summer winding down, we are trying to get together to do more rides before the winter comes. As we get older, it seems like we become busier. I keep saying this, but we need to make the time to do the things we love. The lawn will wait one more day. If your buddy says, "Hey, I got the day off, let's go!" Don't look for a reason not to go. Whatever you were going to do will be there tomorrow, I can promise you that. I have found that I have had to change the way I live. I have a full-time child again, with no breaks like I had. So instead of quit riding so I could go places with her, I just started riding Bob's bike. She's a great rider and we are getting outside and doing things. Make adjustments, start living and not just surviving.

Be safe!

Mike Pesta is a bonus guy in Charlee's life (She's got a lot of love and bonus people from GR). We went riding the other day and like usual, he picks her up and puts her on his shoulders.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
9/3/25	North East Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
9/4/25	TriCounty Chapter Highway Pickup	by the Trains on Hwy #21 between Jordan & New Prague	6:00 PM
9/5/25	Hay Days	28740 Oriole Ave, North Branch	
9/5/25	Northwest Annual Fall Weekend Food & Toy Run	10761 140th Ave SE, St.Hilaire	
9/5/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Chainsaws, St. Hilaire, Bring a dish to pass	7:00 PM
9/5/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Knight's Lounge, Ormsby	7:00 PM
9/6/25	Fallen Friends Memorial Ride	12)	10:00 AM
9/6/25	Hay Days	28740 Oriole Ave, North Branch	
9/6/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Vest, Rockford	3:00 PM
9/6/25	North Star Chapter Meeting	Clearbrook Liquor Store	4:00 PM
9/6/25	North Star Chapter Officer Meeting	Clearbrook Liquor Store	3:00 PM
9/6/25	Northwest Annual Fall Weekend Food & Toy Run	10762 140th Ave SE, St.Hilaire	
9/7/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	On the Hay Days Grounds	TBD
9/7/25	Hay Days	28740 Oriole Ave, North Branch	
9/7/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
9/8/25	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
9/9/25	Bike Night at Tilly's	Tilly's, Oronoco	5-9:00 PM
9/9/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Fall Down	7:00 PM
9/9/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Ride	Cenex, New York Mills	11:30 AM
9/9/25	Metro Bike Night		5-7:00 PM
9/9/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
9/13/25	1st Annual Kelly Pierson Memorial Buddy Bear Run	Tower, MN	
9/13/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Tony and Stacy's Home, 20261 890th Ave, Albert Lea, Summers Done Run Fundraiser to follow!	10:00 AM
9/13/25	Freedom First Chapter Meeting	Bropphy Park,	12:00 PM
9/13/25	HAF Memorial ride	Steele County Fairgrounds, Leaving at	10:00 AM
9/13/25	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Carver Beach Rd Park, Chanhassen	10:00 AM
9/13/25	Tri-County Freedom Social Event		
9/14/25	1st Annual Kelly Pierson Memorial Buddy Bear Run	Tower, MN	
9/14/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
9/14/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
9/14/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car, Waseca	1:00 PM
9/14/25	Up North Chapter Meeting	The Moose, Grand Rapids	3:00 PM
9/21/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Outback Saloon & Grill, Stanchfield	1:00 PM
9/21/25	Metro Chapter Brunch	Route 47, Fridley	8am -12:00 PM
9/21/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
9/27/25	Young Riders Bike Rodeo	TBD	
9/28/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	VFW, Madison	12:00 PM
10/1/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
10/1/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Thunder Bar, Good Thunder	
10/1/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
10/2/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
10/4/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	TBD	6:00 PM
10/4/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	S.O.S. Clubhouse, Cokato	3:00 PM
10/4/25	Mark Ugland's Memorial Ride	Detail to come	
10/4/25	River Valley Ditch Cleanup		
10/4/25	Rolling Prairie Adopt-a-highway	Old Camper World, near Madelia	1:00 PM
10/4/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	4:00 PM
10/5/25	Central Chapter Meeting	10 Spot, Royalton	12:00 PM
10/5/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	10:30 AM
10/6/25	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
10/10/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	TBD	
10/12/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
10/12/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
10/12/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
10/12/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Channel Inns, Warsaw	1:00 PM
10/12/25	Ways & Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
10/14/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
10/17/25	Rally Meeting	BOD Location	8:00 PM
10/19/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Endzone Bar & Grill, Rutledge	1:00 PM
10/19/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
11/1/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
11/1/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rendezvous Bar & Grill, Annandale	3:00 PM
11/5/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Gopher Bar & Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
11/5/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Silver Lake	7:00 PM
11/9/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
11/9/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
11/9/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
11/9/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brew House, Owatonna	1:00 PM
11/16/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Park Tavern & Café, Braham	1:00 PM
11/16/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 PM

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