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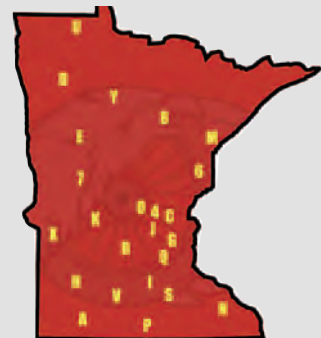
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There are chapters of A.B.A.T.E. located throughout Minnesota. Each of these chapters is represented on the A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The B.O.D. also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The B.O.D. meets once each quarter to discuss 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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Summer is going so fast. I have just returned from Sturgis and will soon be getting ready for our A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally. By the time you read this, we will probably be in Litchfield enjoying all the weekend festivities.

At the end of September, Meeting of the Minds will take place in St. Louis. Have you made plans to attend, and spend some time learning about the things that are happening across the U.S.? It's also a great

time to meet people from other states and share information.

Start thinking about our October Board of Director's meeting. It's a good opportunity to learn first hand about all of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota legislative concerns and committee activities. Maybe you would like to get involved in a committee or even run for a Chapter Rep. or District Director position. It's a good time to learn what those positions are all about.

Don't forget - election day is coming soon! Watch for our voter guide. We need motorcycle friendly legislators.

*Jane*



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I hope everyone had a great time at the rally. I know I did, it's always fun to see everyone, old friends, and make new friends.

Next event's coming up will be Bikerday at Capitol and then A.B.A.T.E. . followed by a few fundraisers here and there also,

And let's not forget election season is just around the corner. Maybe it's time to step up and run for an office position, sometimes it looks intimidating, but it's really not, everyone is always more than happy and willing to help out with anything you might

need help with like President, Chapter Rep, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant @ Arms, or even a State position.

And as for myself, I'm always willing to help out anyone with any questions or concerns and always willing to lend a hand,

With that I'm going to cut it short this month, it's been a busy summer and I just got done spending a day at Twine Ball Day in Darwin. If you've never attended, you should try it sometime, put it on your calendar for next year.

And can you believe how fast this summer went by? Looks like I'm gonna have to head to Texas end of January to continue my summer riding.

Till next time

*Jim*



hold your Chapter manuals. READ the requirements and find out who gets financial compensation/reimbursement and why. While you are at it, question if they receive the aforementioned compensation or reimbursement. Where are their monthly Road Noise reports and B.O.D. reports?

Hey, fall is in the air. Motorcycle events are winding down for the season and elections are happening, not only on the TV, but right here in our SMRO.

Consider doing more than being a member. Holding an officer position is challenging and rewarding. Please hook up with those that

The keys to any organization are in the hands of those that show up. They are not afraid to get their hands dirty and usually do this with a smile on their face.

*Still — Just Dale*

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

It is reported in the August Road Noise that we are forming a legislative team. That information has been stated and a report shared at the July A.B.A.T.E. board of directors meeting. At this time there are three A.B.A.T.E. members on this team, Mack Backlund, Lake chapter, Jerry Collins, Southeast LC chapter, and me, Tri-County chapter. We will keep everyone informed on what is taking place, what we are doing, and what is happening in motorcycle rights as quickly as we hear about it.

As mentioned in the August Road Noise we will use the method we feel will get the best results to publish this information, Road Noise, Web site, Facebook, E mail blasts or a combination of these. Please help us by paying attention to what is going on and tell us what you hear in your community from legislators, legislative candidates, or others you come in contact with. We all need to be vigilant.

The Legislative team is currently discussing the

content and questions that should be included in our Legislative Candidate survey. We want to be sure the questions asked address issues important to our members and questions that when answered give us an idea of the position candidates take on our issues. Thanks to Mack, he is doing a major portion of the work preparing this survey. We will publish the results in the October 2024 issue of Road Noise. Be sure you have a look at the position candidates in your area have on our issues and consider that when you decide who gets your vote.

We are working on getting the e mail for the Legislative team set up on Zoho so team members can receive and share information. Thanks to Darryl for his help and efforts on this.

Bikers lives matter. Get trained, ride smart, ride safe.

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

*— frank*



# STATE RALLY REPORT

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## Next Meeting(s):

October 18<sup>th</sup>, Best Western Plus, Willmar, 8:00 pm

By the time this is published, the Rally will be in full swing!

I hope you had a blast, and I have a lot of people to acknowledge and give them a HUGE THANK YOU:

- To all of our sponsors, your support is appreciated. Please check out the list of sponsors in this issue and visit their businesses to pay it forward.
- To all of our vendors, we so much enjoyed working with you and hope to see you next year.
- To our entertainment, your music helped bring us together and made the Rally go round!
- To all of our volunteers, your time and hard work during the Rally did not go unnoticed. You made the Rally successful!!
- To the fair board, for generously working with us to improve our partnership.

And to everyone on our Rally Committee. It takes a village of 20 sub-committees and approximately 35 people to plan this event all year long. Your hard work, dedication and communication throughout the year was outstanding. Thank you for making the planning process a well-oiled machine!

While it's fresh in your mind, if you have any feedback or suggestions for next year, please email rally@abatemn.org. If you have any pictures from the Rally, please email them to marketing@abatemn.org.

Watch for next month's report to give preliminary Rally 2024 results. We are taking a much-needed break in September. Our next Rally meeting will be at the October B.O.D. location Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at the Best Western Plus in Willmar.

To all sub-committees, if you cannot attend please submit your thoughts on the 2024 Rally and suggestions for next year in an email report to rally@abatemn.org.

Until next time, ride safe & free. You have earned it!

— *Dougie Cohen*



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The number of motorcyclists who have died in traffic accidents so far this year is significantly higher than last year, 26 riders compared to 16 last year, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. That is a 56 percent increase. It is also the highest number for this period since the state began keeping records. That compares to only 46 motorcycle fatalities all of last year.

"Motorcyclists and motorists need to work together to share the road to prevent more motorcycle fatalities," says Lt. Bob Zak, Minnesota State Patrol.

According to the DPS, 14 of the riders who were killed were not wearing helmets at the time, and 17 of the fatal accidents occurred in rural areas.

Many of the fatal accidents were caused, at least in part, by driver errors. The agency said riders in 11 of the accidents failed to negotiate a curve. Three others were caused by a second vehicle failing to yield. The DPS is urging riders to take motorcycle safety classes; protect themselves by wearing helmets, protective and reflective clothing; and not drinking and driving. Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center (MMSC) Program Coordinator Bill Shaffer says training courses, even for experienced riders, are always a good idea. "Training can save a rider's life," said Shaffer. "It teaches riders crash-avoidance techniques to stay safe on the road. You can never get too much training as a new rider, returning rider or experienced rider."

— *Sharon Polman*



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I will start with an update with how we, as an organization, are educating ourselves. I reached out to each chapter to get a feel for what rider training has occurred since we are about halfway through the rider training season.

So far, Lake Chapter has hosted an IRC with eight participants and an ARC with seven participants. Mostly chapter funds were used, but \$300 was reimbursed by Southwest District Rider Training (DRT) funds.

Glacial Ridge Chapter contracted an IRC that had three participants, using funds from the Tri-County membership challenge. They also contracted a BRC paid for out of personal pockets, with the exception of one participant who was reimbursed \$300 from Southwest DRT funds.

Heart of the Lakes Chapter contracted an IRC with eight participants using chapter funds. Tri-County Chapter contracted an IRC with ten participants using partial chapter funds. Way West Chapter hosted a Road Guard Course that had ten participants using chapter funds.

Between chapter and state general funds, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has spent \$2,300 on training 47 motorcyclists so far this season. That averages out to \$49 per rider. Keep in mind that these numbers are approximate and will be solidified at the end of the training season. As far as DRT funds are concerned, only the Southwest District has used the \$600 budgeted for them by the state. The other three districts still have \$600 each, available to use for rider training this year. To clear up confusion, Road Guard Course ARE eligible to be funded by DRT funds.

On to the Young Riders Scholarship update. To remind everyone, the scholarship program can only use gambling funds and is completely separate from the A.B.A.T.E. of MN Young

Riders. I have been tracking activity to the best ability. When we shut the scholarship down in early April, we had spent approximately \$25,500 on 98 students. Some classes are canceled by the colleges and the student re-registers for a different date. Some students decide to back out and actually have the respect to reach out and ask me to cancel them in time for us to get our money back. As it currently stands, 94 students have been paid for at a cost of \$24,605.

As I have reported before, we received more attendance information from the college system last year than we were supposed to. I am unable to give you a play by play and will have to wait until the training season is over and get an overall percentage of students, we spent money on that attended their rider training courses. I will be able to give our membership a geographical breakdown of where the money was spent, but I will not be able to decipher if the student in that area actually attended or was a no-show.

We are currently in the process of creating a 501(c3) called "A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Young Riders Scholarship." This will separate the scholarship program from A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota much like Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride did years ago. This will allow anyone to donate to the program and use it as a tax write-off. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota gambling funds will be eligible to be donated to this new 501(c3).

As far as the Share the Road program is concerned, I have received presentation reports from members of Buffalo Ridge Chapter and North Star Chapter. Since the April board meeting, there were presentations given to 61 kids in the Marshall area and 70 kids in the Bemidji area for an overall total of 131. A huge thank you to the members of these two chapters that are educating up-and-coming motor vehicle operators about motorcyclists. Keep educating yourself!

*"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you'll find him in a boat drinking beer all day."* -Anonymous Joker

*— Jon Fernholz*





# WRITE TO RIDE

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By the time you read this the primary elections will be over and general elections are coming up quickly. Have you met the candidates? Do you understand their position on issues important to motorcyclists? We will do our best to keep you informed, but it is important for you to take part. Don't rely on others to do it all. Go to events, make phone calls, send letters. Be sure you are informed. Know who you are voting for and more important why you are voting for him or her. Is it habit or is it the right candidate?

If you have interest in meeting some legislators and candidates, Tri County chapter will be hosting our FREEdom fall social on September 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Carver Beach playground, 900 Carver Beach Road in Chanhassen, Noon to 4:00 pm. Each year we invite candidates from

the surrounding area and often get a good turnout. We expect the same this year. Stop by and meet some legislators and candidates. This is an opportunity to speak in person with people that want your vote.

Just a reminder:

*"Think rider training, the life you save may be your own."*

*— frank*



## STATE TREASURER

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State Rally time! Hope to see you there. Busy summer, so it's short and sweet this month.

Contact me if you have any questions on A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota finances.

*— Mitch*



## MRF REPORT

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Hello all:

There have been a few things going to keep an eye on. This is one of the articles that I wanted to share with you.

An investigative report by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on Tesla crashes caught our eye this week. The report used crash data submitted by Tesla to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and cross-referenced it with state accident reports. All told, WSJ evaluated 222 crashes involving Tesla's.

Of those 222 crashes, 44 occurred when a Tesla, operating in Autopilot, "veered suddenly." An additional 31 happened when the vehicles "failed to stop or yield." Much of the report focuses on Tesla's use of camera technology to identify surroundings on the road. Tesla relies heavily on cameras to support its automated driving system. However, other manufacturers of autonomous vehicles use a combination of

technologies, including cameras, radar, and LiDAR (Light Detection And Ranging).

Beyond the hardware issues, the report also cited slow updates to the algorithm used to support the Autopilot system. While all video footage taken during these crashes is transmitted to Tesla, they often cite protecting their proprietary technology as a reason to keep the footage from the public. In reports to NHTSA, much of the data is redacted from public view. In analyzing some of the 222 crashes in the story, the Wall Street Journal used mechanics and hackers to download videos from crashed Tesla's. This process requires physically removing the main computer from the vehicle, accessing its data, and pairing it with the video images.

The spotlight on Tesla and its Autopilot system is growing hotter. Last summer the Washington Post did their investigation into Tesla crashes. That story, titled: "The Shocking Toll of Tesla's Autopilot," included the infamous quote from former NHTSA Safety official Missy Cummings, "It's very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Tesla's."

Safe riding to all!

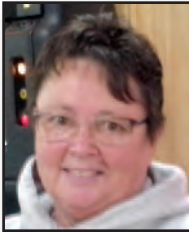
*— MRF Rep, Moon*

# MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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I just do not know where to start. Memberships are going down. What do we need to do here? Are we really ready to just quit and let the pieces fall where they may? I am not!

State membership has 1,206 Singles and ,1332 couples, 2,538, that is down another -64 from last month. The chapter with the highest increase this month is Up North with a +8, next was Northwest with +4, and the next was North Star with +3. Only one more chapter had a plus, it was Way West with a +2. Every other chapter was a no loss-no gain (1) otherwise every other chapter was a negative. The highest there was a -21. Maybe we need to start looking at cards at the meeting?

I really know we can do better that this, it is riding season, what will our numbers look like when the bikes get put away for the season?

See ya down the road,

*— Shelly*



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

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A.B.A.T.E University, save the dates,  
April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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**Next meeting(s):**

October 6<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

Stay safe out there.

*— Kristy*

# PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello State Rally goers!

I hope you all either found me or will find me at the State Rally. Did you get your State Rally t-shirts, pins, or anything else that I had at our State Rally in the Products building? Did you find what you were looking for? If not, let me know.

NOW is the time to order your 2024 rockers for your chapter. I will bring them to the October B.O.D. in Willmar. I would much rather do one large order than 24 small orders, so please get your counts to me as soon as you can.

Morgan and I have slowed done now with summer events coming to an end, but we still have a few dates on our calendar for chapter events. Please email me and I will see if we can make it to your next event.

As always, please email me with any questions, concerns, ideas, and any chapter events that you would like State Products to attend.

Until next time,

*— Kari*



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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September 8<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 11:00 am

*— Tammy*



# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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## Next Meeting(s):

September 19<sup>th</sup>, Saint Paul College, 5:00-7:00 pm

The last meeting was on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Saint Paul College. 12 members were appointed to the task force and those 12 members could vote. The Secretary of State's website reflects this data and has also been updated to include three open spots for new applicants. Curt Quiner, a Tri-County member and a member of the CMA, has applied and is expected to be appointed. You might recognize him as the person that does the blessing of the bikes every year just before the State Rally Memorial Run. Thank you Curt!

The new president of the SCVR will also be applying, so that leaves another spot open for anyone who is interested. If you are interested in applying, I can get you the information. Members also received the May meeting minutes just in time for the July meeting. So, we have voting members and the meetings have records! Progress is occurring.

The recent trend is to have a guest speaker come in and talk at the beginning of the meetings, which can potentially eat up valuable time. We've had a few different law enforcement entities, first responders, legislators, etc. come in and speak. This meeting we did not, so we took the time to discuss a list of subject areas to focus on. The consensus was that we should focus on discussion topics that the task force would like input on at the next meeting and find a guest that can give relevant input to our focal point at that time.

The lion's share of the meeting time was spent discussing the new lane splitting/filtering statute and specifically the public awareness campaign. Ideas were floated around regarding topics to educate the motoring public such as, but not limited to: the safety aspects for the motorcyclists, not only the convenience for the motorcyclists but

also the motorists, and congestion relief through the process of splitting and filtering. Currently we are at ground zero when it comes to the public awareness campaign. You could expect to see some of the lower budget items from this campaign during the fall riding season. The more grandiose parts such as radio and TV spots will most likely ramp up in March 2025.

A quote from the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) website was read at the meeting and it rings true. It reads, "Passing legislation to permit lane splitting may be the easiest part of the process. Significant effort would subsequently be required to educate the law enforcement community, officials, and administrators within state departments of transportation and public safety, prosecutors, the judiciary, and the general motoring public on the benefits to those groups and motorcyclists to make lane splitting safe for everyone. Using public service announcements and campaigns, traditional broadcast and print media, social media, and other forms of information sharing could assist in highlighting the safety, congestion reduction, and other benefits of lane splitting."

This is the challenge DPS and the task force has in store for them. I would encourage you all to go on the AMA's website and read their full endorsement of lane splitting practices citing the University of California Berkly's research and the HURT report.

I'm not telling you that you should split lanes of traffic on your motorcycle, but I am encouraging you to educate yourself on the subject as there is a lot of information out there.

Currently there have been 38 motorcyclist fatalities compared to 40 last year at this time. 28% of them were unendorsed or unpermitted riders. 34% were single vehicle crashes. 17 fatalities were wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, 18 were not wearing a helmet, and there were three unknowns.

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

*—Jon Fernholz*



# YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders Scholarship program is in the process of turning into a 501(c)(3)! The difference is that a 501(c)(3) can accept donations and they may be tax deductible. The organization can have its own fundraisers and we will be able to have more money for more education. There is more, but I am late getting this in. This is exciting news and if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

We have TWO kids now in the running for the State Park Passport Club. Let's get those kids out there and make some memories, time goes to fast. The lawn will wait, the bike can be washed later. Family, that is what's important.

### You can become a Young Rider Supporter.

We are offering the opportunity to become a "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.

### Current proud supporters of A.B.A.T.E. Young Riders

Jane Doyle ..... June 23 - May 25  
Jon Fernholz ..... June 23 - November, 24  
Jim & Kristie Orn ..... June 23 - May, 25  
Alex & Kelly Erickson ..... June 23 - May 25  
Vicki & frank Ernst ..... June 23 - May, 25

Tri-County chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... June 23 - May 25  
Buffalo Ridge chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of MN .... November 23 - October 24  
Kris Gruhot ..... November 23 - October 24  
Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN ... Jan. 24 - Dec. 24  
Bergdale Harley Davidson,  
Albert Lea MN ..... January 24 - December 24  
Freedom First Riders chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... February 24 - January 25  
Stephanie Christensen ..... March 24 - August 24  
Rolling Prairie chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... June 24-May 25  
East Central chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of MN ..... June 24- May 25

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

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

*— Harmony*



## STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

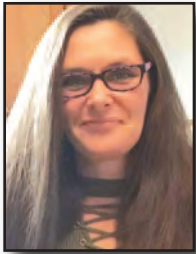
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The State Office has been quiet lately.

One thing I have noticed in some of the renewals, some of these are officers coming in three - four months after they expired. We really need to work better at staying current, especially officers, we want to lead by example.

I run and send the post cards out on the 2nd of every month, (except July, I wait until after the Algona Freedom Rally, no need in wasting postage). I've said it before, simply place the post card in an envelope, add your check and mail.

Keep on Keepin on... *Shelly*



# HISTORIAN

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This month I would like to highlight the front page, cover, of the September 1993, Vol. 7, Issue 9 of the Road Noise. Author, Unknown.

### ***"Have you asked yourself the question, What can A.B.A.T.E. do for me?"***

Sorry, Wrong! The real question is; what can you do for yourself and A.B.A.T.E. Just joining is not enough. The key to A.B.A.T.E.'s success is participation. To understand why you should participate, you first have to know what it's all about.

**A.B.A.T.E.** stands for American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education.

**A.B.A.T.E.** is a political watchdog, working to ensure that you, the biker, has a voice in the political process. Preserving your freedom of choice is a never ending battle.

**A.B.A.T.E.** promotes safe motorcycling with rider awareness, rider skills and with the 'Dial-A-Ride' program dealing with impaired motorcycle riders.

**A.B.A.T.E.** is working to improve the image of the motorcyclist / biker. The public's view of bikers as outlaws or social outcasts is totally unjustified. It is also your responsibility to improve that image and be an active part of society. Educational programs, fundraisers, charity benefits and volunteer work are a few examples of how we are working to improve the

motorcyclist image.

Most important of all, A.B.A.T.E. is a brotherhood. As an A.B.A.T.E. member, you will meet people from all walks of life.

To accomplish this, we need you, the member, to do one thing - PARTICIPATE. Don't wait for us to come to you, ask what you can do to help yourself and others. This means attending meetings, helping to organize and participate in rides, activities and functions. It means having lots of fun in the process!

So, Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. We're here to help those who want to keep their freedoms and stay in the wind."

As an active member and participant in A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, I encourage everyone to take a stand and become a Chapter officer or become a committee member. We are all volunteers, but we are all here to fight for our freedoms. I promise you, becoming more involved, you will meet some incredible and amazing people!

*Gaida "G" Trout*



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Hope those who did parades and fairs had good responses. Not much to report, otherwise. Be safe!



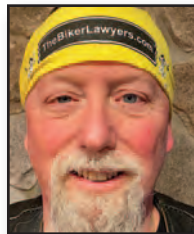
# BUDDY BEAR REPORT



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20 Buddy Bears were delivered to the Kossuth County EMS at the Iowa Freedom Rally.



## GAMBLING REPORT

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No Report Received



## Friends of Young Riders

■ Bergdale  
Harley-Davidson,  
Albert Lea

## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



## Route 57 Pub & Grub

7820 University Ave NE • Fridley, MN 55432 • 763-444-1347

On behalf of the Metro Chapter, we'd like to nominate Route 47 Pub & Grub as a Business that is due recognition for their ongoing support of ABATE through the Metro Chapter and of the Motorcycling Community at large.

Route 47 has been a long time supporter of the Metro Chapter. Over many years, they have actively supported our Chapter by hosting many of our fundraising events, through fundraising breakfasts and more. Over that time they have maintained pricing on food items and have absorbed costs that have been beneficial to our Chapter fundraising efforts.

In addition, Rt. 47 is friendly to the Motorcycling Community at large. They are able to do this in a way that puts the general public, motorcycle enthusiasts, organizations and club members all together in a safe, and fun environment which benefits all of us.

Nick Capra

# BIKE OF THE MONTH



## A common field one day. A field of honor forever.

On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, the U.S. came under attack when four commercial airliners were hijacked and used to strike targets on the ground. Nearly 3,000 people tragically lost their lives. Because of the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, the attack on the U.S. Capitol was thwarted.

The Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania is a somber tribute to the brave souls who saved the U. S. Capitol Building from attack. Their names appear on the gas tank of a Harley Davidson Sporster Flight 103 tribute motorcycle on display at the memorial. Some believe that motorcycles are a true symbol of freedom and this motorcycle is emblazoned with quotes like “let’s roll,” “the world will never forget Flight 93,” and “a common field one day. A field of honor forever.”



## May we never forget.



# NORTHEAST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

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What a strange, wet summer this has been. At least we got some use out of that overpriced rain gear this year. Did your chapter host a ride or event? Did you participate, volunteer, or promote? Did you attend and promote your rally? I know for many of you the answer to this will always be yes. There are also some who don't know who to ask or how to get involved.

We can all help these members. When they share an idea, encourage them to champion that idea and to help them bring it across the finish line. We have a lot of younger newer members coming in. They enjoy the games we play and the bikes we ride. We need to meet them in the middle and at least watch their games, possibly even get involved. When we work together we all win.

A huge portion of our lawmakers are up for reelection. Do the research. Know where your lawmakers stand on the freedoms that you value. If you don't see the focus you want, write them, call them, email them. Know the names and numbers of the house or senate bills you're asking them to support and if at all possible, get them to share that commitment in writing. Vote for the ones with a proven history of upholding YOUR freedoms, regardless of party. Be that resource that they can reach out to when they have questions about legislation related to motorcycles.

Beyond that, get out there and enjoy those freedoms that we all fight for. Until next time, ride safe.

*— Chad Marchand*

## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

- September 4<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 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. No chapter events to speak of but we did have a special guest at our August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. State District 3B Representative Natalie Zeleznikar came by for a question and answer

session relating to her views on motorcyclist's rights in the state of Minnesota. She has become a steadfast A.B.A.T.E. supporter as well as the biker community in general and has close family members who ride. She stayed for most of the meeting and the members had a great give and take conversation. We would like to thank her for her time and interest.

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

Ride safe,

— Ed







Photos from the South Dakota Social Hour held during the Sturgis Rally. Great representation from Minnesota! (Photo courtesy of Up North Chapter)



# SAND DUNES

## Next Meeting(s):

September 8<sup>th</sup>, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Sand Dunes Fall Ride ,  
Time and Location TBD, it's a mystery!

Greetings all!

There is little to report currently. As of this writing some of us are fresh back from Sturgis. Our Rally is over and probably only a few more months of riding. We do have a chapter fall ride on September 14<sup>th</sup> but the start time and location are apparently a mystery at this point.

Sand Dunes completed a Road Guard class and added five new road guards to the chapter. Of course, we will be happy to support other chapter rides with road guards when possible. Short and sweet this month. That's all. Ride Safe and Peace Out!

– Mike Olkives

# EAST CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

September 25<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis,  
11:00 am  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion ,St. Francis, 11:00 am  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> B.O.D. Willmar Holiday Inn

## Upcoming Event(s):

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Ride, Tower,  
October 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> , B.O.D. Willmar  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Parade, Anoka  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Turkey Bowling, American Legion,  
St. Francis  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, " Heart On" Chapter Fundraiser.

Our Chapter is invited each year to Joe Boys Ride. Joe Boys is a charitable organization in St. Joe dedicated to supporting local Cancer Patients . Each year we supply Road Guards with law enforcement to organize this ride . I would like to send out a Thank You to all our volunteers.

We are in search of a " King and Queen" for the Anoka Halloween Parade on October 26<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

Try to Sign Up a friend or someone new to motorcycling

– Jim



Sand Dunes elevator picture!

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## CENTRAL

No Report Received

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## JACK PINE RIDERS

No Report Received

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## METRO

No Report Received

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# NORTHWEST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines



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Howdy Folks!!!!

Minnesota A.B.A.T.E. State Rally!! It's time! It's time to make new friends, new memories, and new fun!! Please take time to help out at Your Rally.

Still a lot of good riding left. Carry a tri fold. Meet new people. Sign up new or old members. With all the crazy we have in this world we need all the people we can get to help us fight for our Freedoms!!

Any questions or problems, give me a call 218-849-5021.

Keeping this short as I'm packing for Sturgis.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE *Edgar*

## BORDERLAND

### Next Meeting(s):

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Wilderness Bar and Grill, Williams,  
3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

Borderland Chapter, Fall Colors ride, TBD

Hello Borderland!

So Now that our A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally is in the rear view, we want to thank the Rally Committee for doing a great job and to everyone else that made it a success! We are now looking forward to a nice fall riding season and at our September meeting we will plan out our Fall Colors ride.

We are now nearing Federal and State elections. Did you vote in the Primaries? Are you registered to vote? Are you planning to vote in the general elections? I hope you answered yes to all three. We also have to vote for candidates that want to restore our liberties and freedom! So educate your family, friends, and people you know and get them registered to vote.

Ride safe and we'll see ya in Williams.

- Twistin' da wick, Tim

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Forada City Park, 11:00 am

FFR met at the Wood'n Hearts in Glenwood for our July meeting and at the city park in Forada in August and both of them were well attended.

FFR made a donation to the Wood'n Hearts for their continued support of Veterans and Service members past and present at the July meeting.

After the meeting in August, we had an additional get together to discuss some ideas for fundraising and we are still looking for some great ideas from the chapter. Please get those ideas to the President or VP. 12 tickets were handed out for the State Rally to members that have contributed to bringing in money to the chapter.

I hope everyone that wanted to attend the State Rally over Labor Day Weekend had a great time there!!

Get out and enjoy the last few weekends of fall with some wind therapy! Put together a ride, invite the chapter, enjoy spending time with fellow riders!!

"Expect the Unexpected"

- Big Papa

# NORTH STAR

## Next Meeting(s):

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Wilton Liquor Store, Wilton,  
4:00 pm.

## Upcoming Event(s):

September 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, Color Ride

# HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received

# NORTHWEST

No Report Received



**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**  
**Chapter Grapevines**

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By the time you read this , the rally will be over and all the hard work will be done. And the planning for next year's rally has begun. Now it's time to ride. Before you know it, the days will be shorter and the leaves will be changing. Ride safe. Until next time, ride free.

*Mike*

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm  
October 1<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, State Rally, Meeker  
County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
Buddy Bears Run, Date TBD  
October, Fall Ditch Cleanup, Date TBD  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, January Thaw Dance and  
Fundraiser

Hello All!

Welcome to September! I hope everyone had a wonderful riding season...it went way too fast! But hey, we're not done yet... fall riding is coming up next!

We would like to thank everyone that turned out for the River Valley Gives Back Ride this year, and a thank you to the planning committee for their work in putting everything together to make it a success.

I hope everyone that attended the State Rally had a

wonderful time. It's always great being able to get together with our A.B.A.T.E. family! I'm definitely looking forward to next year.

Our Buddy Bear Run and Fall Ditch Cleanup are coming up soon. We will set the dates at our next meeting.

We have started planning for our January Thaw Dance by booking ROOK for our band! The date is set for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need as many volunteers as we can for this to once again make it an awesome dance! Stay tuned for more details coming up.

Welcome to our new chapter members and thank you to those who renewed their memberships. We are looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and chapter events!

Don't forget to continue to get out there and support as many of the other chapters events as you can.

Please be safe riding this fall as harvest starts.

– Anthony Crandell, President

# TRI COUNTY

## Next Meeting(s):

- September 14<sup>th</sup>, Carver Beach Playground, Chanhassen, 10:30 am
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm
- November 7<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm
- December 5<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

- September 9<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Social, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm, see ad in Road Noise for more information
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Adopt a Highway pick up, meet by trains on Highway #21 between Jordan and New Prague, 10:00 am

Thank you to our "Riders in the Storm" for riding in the rain for our Buddy Bear deliveries! 25 bears went to the Ronald McDonald House and 25 were donated to the Jordan Fire Department! I'm sure each little bear will get big hugs from their new owners.

Our chapter voted to purchase two 10 x 10 EZ UP tents to use at social events! Bill Ernst will make the purchases for our chapter.

Congrats to two members who received their Write to Ride rockers: Vicki Ernst & Jim Bengston.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and be safe!

- Peace out, Ger



**The granddaughter of Jordan Fire Chief Pekarna taking over the fostering of the Buddy Bears!**

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## FLATLANDERS

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## STRAIGHT RIVER

No Report Received



**Chapter Grapevines****SHELLY DEUTSCH, DIRECTOR**  
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It's been a long painful summer here. Not a lot of riding. I was no more than cleared to ride and then, "It will be in your best interest not to ride". Well, when it's my back and legs I guess I better listen.

I have been holding SW District meetings one month prior to the next B.O.D. These meetings have been pretty well attended, 4 chapters out of 7 have been attending each meeting. Lake Chapter will host our next District meeting. After attending a Buffalo Ridge meeting, they agreed to host the December meeting. Time, date and location to be announced.

With the National election coming up, I've been seeing a lot of negative comments on Facebook, both sides. Please do not let this get into your Chapter meetings. We don't want division there too, VOTE BIKER!

Are you registered to go to Meeting of the Minds this month in St Louis? Always very informative!

If you are thinking of running for SW District Director (because I'm not) please have someone nominate you at the January B.O.D.! It's the only time.

Until next time... *Shelly Deutsch*

**BUFFALO RIDGE**

Hello Freedom Fighters!

We are wrapping up our summer sessions of Share the Road with the final class being held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Our official tally of children reached is now over 1,125. We want to thank our partner, the Minneota Memorial Run committee for their past and present support of this program.

We want to thank SW DD Shelly for attending our August meeting and giving us an update on things at the state level. Our membership numbers continue to plummet, but we will continue to stick together to bring the Share the Road program to our local driver's education programs.

We have a change in our meeting place, as the bar we have been meeting at is now for sale. So, for future meetings, we will be meeting at Dave's Muscle Cars in Lynd. Feel free to BYOB! Snacks will be provided. Our next meeting dates are Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. If the weather holds, we can go for a ride after meetings.

Thanks for reading!  
- Kris, Sec/Treas - Buffalo Ridge Chapter

**GLACIAL RIDGE****Next Meeting(s):**

August 31<sup>st</sup>, September meeting at Rally, 6:00 pm  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**

August 30<sup>th</sup>- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Chapter Campout, Glacial Ridge State Park  
October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. Meeting, Best Western Plus, Willmar

Greetings and salutations:

Lots of rain this summer. Other than that, not much!  
Have a great rest of the summer.

- Glacial Ridge Chapter

# LAKE

## Next Meeting(s):

October 5<sup>th</sup>, Chris Kalway's House, Howard Lake, 3:00 pm  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Town Club, Delano, 3:00 pm  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

August 25<sup>th</sup>, Wood pickup in Waverly Deliver to Rally Grounds, 2:00 pm  
August 31<sup>st</sup>, Informal gathering at Chapter tent Saturday, 12:00 pm  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, District meeting under the Lake Chapter Tent at the Rally, 9:00 am  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, Ditch Pickup, St. Bonifacius Community Center, 11:00 am

We are excited to support the Wright County Food Shelf in Waverly again this year with our Toys for Tots donation. Please bring donations to the December meeting.

Nominations for the Steven J Kreitlow have begun. Nominations can be emailed to [sapphire033171@yahoo.com](mailto:sapphire033171@yahoo.com) or given to the Chapter President. If you need a list of qualifications, please let April know.

We were able to hold our bike show at Camp Friendship in July. The campers, counselors, and chapter members enjoyed it immensely. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Buddy Bear drop off at River's of Hope.

In collaboration with East Central and Sand Dunes Chapters a ride is being planned to attend Tri-County Chapter's Freedom Social on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Information on times to be announced on the Chapter Facebook page and will also be emailed out.

If you are not getting our emails and would like to please email [lakechaptermn@gmail.com](mailto:lakechaptermn@gmail.com).

Preparations for the 2025 Grounded Hogs are well underway. If you would like to be a sponsor, please reach out any chapter member. Advanced tickets will be available for purchase soon. \$15/advanced \$20/at the door. Everett Smithson will again be our entertainment. Jim Kosse is looking to build a bike sculpture out of old motorcycle parts. If you have any to donate, please contact him. This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-



**Staying Cool at our July meeting at Breezy Point.**

Ride.

Start saving your photos for the 2025 calendar. It is never too early to start preparing those can be emailed to [lakechaptermn@gmail.com](mailto:lakechaptermn@gmail.com).

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Until next month my friends- Ride Free

– April

## SOUTHWEST

**No Report Received**

**B.O.D.  
OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> -19<sup>TH</sup>  
WILLMAR**



**Fun Run Membership Drive 2024.**

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

**Next Meeting(s):**

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Valley Inn, Eden Valley, 7:00 pm  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Silver Lake, 7:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**

November 30<sup>th</sup>, Toys for Kids fundraiser, Litchfield  
 Eagles Club, 6:00 pm - 12:00 am

It's been a busy but great summer! I can't believe it goes by so fast. We are already planning our annual Toys for Kids event. Join us the Saturday night after Thanksgiving for silent auction and DJ music at the Litchfield Eagles Club. Bring a toy to donate or \$5.00. Not a lot else to report. We are recouping from the rally. lol.

Hope you enjoy the fall riding season!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary

**ROLLING PRAIRIE**

**Next Meeting(s):**

September 6<sup>th</sup> Last Chance Saloon, Hanska, 7:00 pm  
 October 5<sup>th</sup>, The 91 Bar, Hanska, 3:00 pm

**Upcoming Event(s):**

August 30<sup>th</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup>, State Rally, Meeker  
 County Fairgrounds, Litchfield  
 September 7<sup>th</sup>, Fallen Friends Memorial Ride, Last  
 Chance Saloon, Hanska  
 October 5<sup>th</sup>, Adopt-a-Highway, Camper World,  
 Madelia, 12:00 pm  
 October 12<sup>th</sup>, Family Fun Day, Herman Park, New Ulm  
 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Hello biker family and friends,  
 Our Fallen Friends Memorial Ride will be held on  
 September 7th at Last Chance Saloon in Hanska.  
 Registration will be from 10 am until 11:30 am with a



**Amanda Weibel, Pat Haugen, Myah Zwart.**

memorial service at 11:30 am. Kickstands up at 12 Noon. Cost is \$20 per driver and \$10 per passenger. There will be a burger bar following the ride and Dark Horse will be performing.

On October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon will do our fall Adopt-a-Highway at the old Camper World location by Madelia. Meeting will follow at The 91 Bar in Hanska at 3 pm. October 12<sup>th</sup> we will host our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Fun Day at Herman Park in New Ulm from 10 am to 4 pm. Please bring a dish to pass and beverages of your choice. We will have games for all to participate I think that is all for now,

– Giggles



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date     | Chapter                                       | Location  | Time         |
|----------|---|---|--------------|
| 9/1/24   | SW District Meeting                           | Lake Chapter Tent, Rally Grounds                    | 9:00 AM      |
| 9/1/24   | MN State ABATE Rally                          | Meeker Fairgrounds, Litchfield                      |              |
| 9/2/24   | MN State ABATE Rally                          | Meeker Fairgrounds, Litchfield                      |              |
| 9/4/24   | North East Chapter Meeting                    | The Chalet, Hermantown                              | 6:30 PM      |
| 10/5/24  | Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting                 | Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd (BYOB)                     | 6:00 PM      |
| 9/6/24   | Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting               | Last Chance Saloon, Hanska                          | 7:00 PM      |
| 9/7/24   | Fallen Friends Memorial Ride                  | Last Chance Saloon, Hanska                          | 10:00 AM     |
| 9/7/24   | Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting          | Forada City Park                                    | 11:00 AM     |
| 9/8/24   | Borderland Chapter Meeting                    | Wilderness Bar & Grill, Williams                    | 3:00 PM      |
| 9/8/24   | Publication Committee Meeting                 | Zoom  | 11:00 AM     |
| 9/8/24   | River Valley Chapter Meeting                  | Eagles Club, Mankato                                | 12:00 PM     |
| 9/8/24   | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting                    | The Buff, Big Lake                                  | 5:00 PM      |
| 9/10/24  | Metro Chapter Meeting                         | VFW, Coon Rapids                                    | 7:00 PM      |
| 9/10/24  | Southeast LC Bike Night                       | Tillys, Oronoco                                     | 5-9:00 PM    |
| 9/11/24  | Metro Chapter Taco Night                      | Casa Rio, Anoka                                     |              |
| 9/14/24  | North Star Chapter Meeting                    | Wilton Liquor Store, Wilton                         | 4:00 PM      |
| 9/14/24  | Sand Dunes Fall Ride                          | TBD   |              |
| 9/14/24  | Tri-County Chapter Meeting                    | Caver Beach Playground                              | 10:30 AM     |
| 9/14/24  | Tri-County Freedom Fall Social                | Carver Beach Playground, 900 Caver Beach Rd, Carver | 12-4:00 P.M. |
| 9/15/24  | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting                  | VFW Rochester                                       | 11:00 AM     |
| 9/19/24  | Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force Meeting | St. Paul College                                    | 5-7:00 PM    |
| 9/21/24  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Ride                    |   |              |
| 9/20/24  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Campout                 | Glacial Ridge State Park                            |              |
| 9/21/24  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Campout                 | Glacial Ridge State Park                            |              |
| 9/22/24  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Campout                 | Glacial Ridge State Park                            |              |
| 9/25/24  | East Central Chapter Meeting                  | Americna Legion, St. Francis                        | 11:00 AM     |
| 10/2/24  | North East Chapter Meeting                    | The Chalet, Hermantown                              | 6:30 PM      |
| 10/2/24  | South Central Chapter Meeting                 | Valley Inn, Eden Valley                             | 7:00 PM      |
| 10/3/24  | Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting                 | Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd (BYOB)                     | 6:00 PM      |
| 10/3/24  | Tri-County Chapter Meeting                    | Cy's Bar, Chaska                                    | 7:00 PM      |
| 10/5/24  | Rolling Prairie Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up      | Camper World, Madelia                               | 12:00 PM     |
| 10/5/24  | Lake Chapter Ditch Pick up                    | St. Bonifacius Community Center                     | 11:00 AM     |
| 10/5/24  | Lake Chapter Meeting                          | Chris Kalway's House, Howard Lake                   | 3:00 PM      |
| 10/5/24  | Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting               | The 91 Bar, Hanska                                  | 3:00 PM      |
| 10/6/24  | East Central Chapter Meeting                  | Americna Legion, St. Francis                        | 11:00 AM     |
| 10/7/24  | Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting                 | Marcia's Bar, Brooten                               | 6:00 PM      |
| 10/8/24  | Metro Chapter Meeting                         | VFW, Coon Rapids                                    | 7:00 PM      |
| 10/6/24  | Way and Means Committee Meeting               | Ugly Bar, Montrose                                  | 12:00 PM     |
| 10/7/24  | Metro Chapter Taco Night                      | Casa Rio, Anoka                                     |              |
| 10/12/24 | Rolling Prairie Family Fun Day                | Herman Park, New Ulm                                | 10 - 4:00 PM |
| 10/13/24 | River Valley Chapter Meeting                  | Eagles Club, Mankato                                | 12:00 PM     |
| 10/13/24 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting                    | The Buff, Big Lake                                  | 5:00 PM      |
| 10/18/24 | BOD   | Best Western Plus, Wilmar                           |              |
| 10/19/24 | BOD   | Best Western Plus, Wilmar                           |              |
| 10/20/24 | Southeast LC Chapter Meeting                  | VFW, Rochester                                      | 11:00 AM     |
| 10/26/24 | Halloween Parade                              | Anoka   |              |
| 11/2/24  | Lake Chapter Meeting                          | Town Club, Delano                                   | 3:00 PM      |
| 11/6/24  | North East Chapter Meeting                    | The Chalet, Hermantown                              | 6:30 PM      |
| 11/6/24  | South Central Chapter Meeting                 | American Legion, Silver Lake                        | 7:00 PM      |
| 11/7/24  | Tri-County Chapter Meeting                    | Cy's Bar, Chaska                                    | 7:00 PM      |
| 11/10/24 | Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting                    | The Buff, Big Lake                                  | 5:00 PM      |
| 11/23/24 | East Central Turkey Bowling                   | Americna Legion, St. Francis                        |              |
| 11/30/24 | South Central Toys for Kids Fundraiser        | Eagle Club, Litchfield                              | 6:00 PM      |

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## RULES:

- Must be a member of Young Riders.
- Must have a photo showing Young Rider member at the State Park sign, must have a photo release for anyone in the photo.
- Photo must be date stamped or you must provide other method to verify date of visit.
- Runs from April 15th, 2024, until April 20th, 2025
- Prizes awarded at A.B.A.T.E. University on April 26, 2025

## How to enter:

- Send a picture of the Young Rider member name and location of the Minnesota State Park to [youngriders@abatemn.org](mailto:youngriders@abatemn.org) or Facebook messenger.

## PRIZES:

- 1st place- \$100.00
- 2nd place- \$50.00
- 3rd place- \$25.00



**A.B.A T.E. of Minnesota Young Riders**



# FREEDOM EVENT

## Tri-County FREEdom Fall Social

*Hosted by: A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Tri-County Chapter Members*

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Guests Welcome from Noon to 4 P.M.**

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*Pets welcome, subject to park rules.*

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### **This is a FREE event!**

Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and/or Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota welcome, but NOT required.

**\*\*\*Please wear A.B.A.T.E. apparel if you have it.\*\*\***

*Elected officials will be invited to stop by to say “hello”, as their time permits.*

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Bob/Beth Gutierrez .....R  
Bradley Warnke .....R  
Jesse Miller .....N

## CENTRAL

Robert Eggerth .....R  
James Hellermann  
Vanessa L Hcuer .....R  
Brian/Lori Mackedanz ....R  
David Boese .....R  
John "Farmer Towle .....R  
Kurt Stuve .....R  
Ron Hellermann .....R  
Mark Magnuson .....R  
Keith Hoeschen .....R  
Lloyd Schmitz .....R  
Donald Boyd .....R  
Jeff Friedrichs .....R  
John D Burg .....R  
Shawn Eggerth .....R  
Crystal Rusch .....N  
Lisa Schreifels .....N  
Dennis Marshik .....N  
Michael Hess .....N  
Gerald Kelly .....N  
Paul Jensen .....N  
Joe /Pat Welle .....N

## EAST CENTRAL

Doug /Rae Ann Mosiman .R  
Darrell /Bonnie Bullington R  
Mike /Sharen Wright ....R  
Josh Bode .....N

## FLATLANDERS

Eric Lawrence .....R  
Chad/Angela Hatch .....R  
James Handt .....R  
Daniel Stormo .....N  
Jesse Decker .....N  
Joshua/ Jessica Touchton .N  
Terry /Linda Riendeau ..N

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Gerald Vanvalkeburg ....R  
Rod Breitenfeldt .....R  
Jim / Patty Lindemann ....R  
Rich / Ann Reimers .....R  
Greg Karvonen/  
Susan "Suzi" .....R  
Neil Bleuker .....N  
Joseph Kane .....N

## GLACIAL RIDGE

Kurt /Charlene VanLuik ...R  
David Kuhl .....R  
Troy Zarns .....R  
Scott Sweeney .....N  
Joshua Samuelson .....N

## HEART OF THE LAKES

Leroy Cook .....R  
Randy Hammer /  
Betty Dollinge .....R  
Chad Canton .....R  
Troy Dierkes /  
Moriah Lelou .....N

## JACK PINE RIDERS

Liz Ovick .....R  
Patrick Youngbauer .....R  
Leroy Price Jr .....R  
Bob Swenson .....R  
Robert Krugerud .....N  
Jeremy Strand .....N

## LAKE

Maureen E O'Hern .....R  
David Duffy .....R  
Harold Kruschke /  
Pamela Anderson .....R  
Michael Shinn .....R  
Mark Rickabaugh .....R  
Aaron Escher/ .....  
Elizabeth Meyerhoff ...N  
Justin Kastanos .....N  
Larry /Jean Cooper .....N

## METRO

Eric Haglund .....R  
David Frank .....R  
Nicholas A Wright .....R  
Brian Baker .....N  
Buddy Kolu /Cindy Weeks N  
James Lessard/  
Pammie Priestley ....N  
Harold / Shannon Selix ...N  
Jeff / Brenda Wiser .....N  
Jon Storbakken .....N

## NORTH STAR

Sharon Polman .....R  
John Lom .....R  
Dawn Gehrke/  
Jason Lindsey .....R  
Jeremy VanWert .....R  
Darrel Lee Johnson /  
Kristine M Johnson ...N  
Jared /Christina Johnson .N  
Rhyan Lindsey .....N

## NORTHWEST

Greg McGlynn .....R  
Skip Norman .....R  
Troy Mercil .....R  
Neil Harmon .....N  
Russel Sultvedt .....N  
Andrea Vold .....N

## RIVER VALLEY

Dave "Heimy" Solheim ...R  
Lacey DeYoung .....R  
Jared Anderberg .....R  
Patrick Thom /  
Lisa Meister .....R  
Mike / Nancy Vogel .....R  
Kirk Nichols .....R  
Joshua Gimmer .....R  
Travis Stanton .....R  
Kayla Wyman .....R  
Patricia Stephens-Tresise .N  
Christopher Slatinsky ...N  
Troy Cornelius .....R  
Brandon Oachs .....N  
Brandon Cassandra .....N  
Robert Thoman .....N

## ROLLING PRAIRIE

Eric Dietz .....R  
Curtis Eidhammer .....R  
Jeremy Hagseth .....R  
Brad Christian .....N  
Michael Clancey .....N  
Derrick Smith .....N

## SAND DUNES

Nic Beggin .....R  
Jennifer Dierkes .....R  
Chad "Beardy" Purvis ...R  
Jodi Lee Wicklund .....N  
Kim E Parchen/  
Jennifer Neirzke .....N

## SOUTH CENTRAL

James Pease .....R  
Doug Louris /  
Jennifer Sommerfeld .R  
Selina Masters .....R  
Ezra Lideen .....R  
Glenn Newgaard .....R  
Ethan Kaufman .....N  
Peter Lindstrom .....N  
Ryan Zitzloff .....N  
Dennis Marshall .....N  
Josiah Norcutt .....N

## SOUTHEAST LC

Dan Klankowski .....R  
Scott Eggert .....R  
Tom Mitchener .....R  
Gary / Rose Noyes .....R  
Allen Frisch /Denise West .R  
Angel Ramirez .....R  
Nathan Winkels .....R  
Derek Berg .....R  
Jeff McConnell .....R  
Shawn Vaughn .....N  
Christopher Schweitzer ...N

## SOUTHWEST

Robin Leslie .....R  
Tim Groenewold .....R  
Deanne Renae Sprik .....R  
Paul Fischer .....R  
Kevin Bremmon .....R  
Terry Stern .....R  
Norman/Cheryl Gries ...R  
Jess /Lori Donkersloot ...R  
Alan Freking .....R  
Brian Stern .....N

## STRAIGHT RIVER

Ken Robertson .....R  
Shawn Wagaman .....R  
Barb Perry .....R  
Curtis /Denise Gilbertson .R  
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Russell Hestness .....R  
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William Ernst/  
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Adrienne Ackley .....R  
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## UP NORTH

Mike Salminen Jr .....R  
Darren Olson .....R  
James Yanez .....R  
Delbert Brincefield .....R  
Dean Homes .....N  
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Thomas Sullivan .....N  
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