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- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
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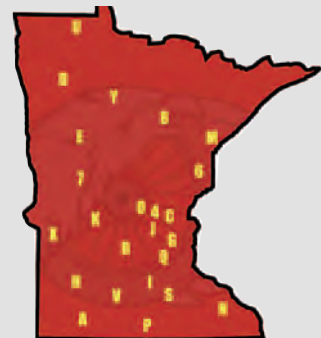
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# Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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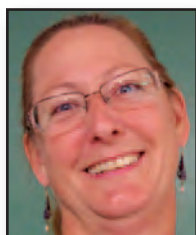
How many of you attended our A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally this year? Did you have a good time? What a wonderful example of leadership and teamwork! Thanks to the rally committee, everyone who volunteered... and attended.

The October Board of Directors meeting is almost here. Are you planning to be there? If you show up, you will get first-hand information about what's happening with our organization. You will also be able to help your chapter representative at the next chapter meeting. There's a lot of information discussed at these meetings.

November elections will be here soon. Do you know who you're voting for? Have you done some research to see how your legislators stand on issues that are important to you? Don't reply on social media - everyone has an opinion they want to share. Search for facts!

See you soon!

*Jane*



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October already? Hope everyone has been getting out and enjoying the great fall weather, and hopefully it continues.

I wanted to remind the Committee Chairs and anyone else with input that December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submitting items to myself and the Ways & Means Committee for next years budget.

Hope to see lots of you at the October B.O.D.

*Mitch*



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Sorry, I don't have much to say this month. My wife had her knee replaced at the time the Road Noise was due and I guess she took priority. Maybe next month you'll be in luck and my article will be twice as long. Thanks.

Till next time

*Jim*



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I had a really great time at Rally this year. I am glad we were able to line up Chapter pictures. I took a ton of pictures and want to get them on thumb drives. If you want one, reach out. This is just for the ones that I took.

I have ideas on having BBQ's and other family get togethers to get new members to join. Summer is coming to a close, so we should be vamping up on doing holiday things to pull community members out. Even if we can get them to join just to support our cause, they may get the Road Noise and see something they like, to be more involved with like Rally, or Young Riders or a fundraiser or ride.

Just random thoughts.

Enjoy the colors that will be here before you know it. Take lots of pictures!

*Harmony*





Revised letter to the editor, another attempt!

Having read the letter from a former Legislative Director published, July, 2024 Road Noise page 6. I am not sure who specifically the writer is upset with, it just says leadership. Although not currently in a leadership role I am choosing to reply because there were comments added that referenced our Write to Ride program, that does concern me. I submitted a letter for the August and September 2024 Road Noise issue, but it was not published. It may not have met with the strict standards for letters to the editor, there may not have been space or there may have been other reasons unknown to me that it was not published.\*

The July letter states "Some members of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota leadership team talked with a State Senator about Lane Filtering at Bikerday. So, everyone knows I was present when it was brought up by Senator Coleman. As I recall she simply asked about thoughts on the issue. I and others in attendance replied A.B.A.T.E. did not have an official position, I added that I personally supported it. There were Lake, Tri-County and other chapter members present at that meeting so I expect the word spread quickly that it was brought up. The July letter said the bill was introduced and there was a hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Just so everyone understands, the bill S.F. 5174 was introduced and first reading on March 21<sup>st</sup>, I think I heard it was introduced March 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. At that time there was not a house companion bill. About a week later, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, I heard there was to be a hearing four days later. When I heard of the hearing, I sent a message to inform others. The message was sent to some Tri-County, Lake, and some other chapter members. Tri-County chapter then sent a message to members, I expect most Tri-County and many Lake chapter members received that message.

The message sent stated Lane Splitting would get a hearing "support it or oppose it, I suggest you encourage all you can to attend". I am only aware of one A.B.A.T.E. member being in the audience during the hearing. (Looking back, I realize I should have sent the message to all contacts on ZOHO, my bad).

The July letter to the editor asked why members were not informed. I would like you to consider Senator Coleman asked about the issue at Bikerday. Many people, from multiple chapters were present when it was mentioned. Senator Coleman introduced the bill, many Tri-County, Lake and some other chapter members live in Senator Colemans district. Messages were sent to members of the largest chapters in Senator Colemans district. Did the message reach them? Did they or didn't they have the opportunity to know about the hearing? Did members that knew go to the hearing? Did members that knew write, or call their Senator? Did these members tell others? It is very unusual that a legislative change that affects us moves this rapidly and I agree, others and I could have been watching a little closer. Please keep in mind when I say others I am talking about each of us. We do not have a full-time staff person dedicated to watching and following everything that happens, we all need to help. This may not have turned out the way some wished, but all had the same opportunity as others to voice a concern.

I would like to share a quote taken from the Legislative director report submitted and published in November 2017 Road Noise page 9. "This is a new issue in our state, if the vote didn't turn out the way you wanted it to please don't take your ball and go home" then he adds "The bottom line is this is only one issue, bikers face many challenges and we can't take them on by ourselves we need strength in numbers to protect our community."

Ride with care! – an engaged Member, frank

\*Editor Comment: The original letters were not received on either occasion for inclusion in the past two issues of Road Noise. The blame perhaps goes to the "internet" as they may have been lost in "space," before being delivered to the printer. Our apologies!



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As of writing this article, I am working on the memberships from the State Rally. So far, I have 71 into the database, only 59 more to go, of the 71 done, we have 46 new members! We sure need them!

The September 2<sup>nd</sup> report does not look good my friends, we are still going down! What is going on? This month we had only one chapter with a + in the membership, way to go Way West with a +3. Two chapters had a 0+/- all the other 21 chapters had a loss; the biggest loss was a -20.

What is the membership going to look like over the winter months?

See ya down the road...

— Shelly

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

On November 5<sup>th</sup> A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members and all Minnesota motorcyclists can play a part in the future of motorcycling. That's not hype, it is a true statement. November 5<sup>th</sup> is election day and there is a lot at stake for bikers in the North Star state. Every Minnesota House of Representatives member is up for election or re-election (and one MN Senate seat due to a resignation). Now is the time to flex your "political muscle" and support, aid, and vote for those who believe in true motorcycling rights and common-sense safety.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Legislative Team has once again produced a Minnesota House of Representatives Candidate Survey in hopes of

clarifying the positions of those running for office. In this issue of Road Noise, you will find replies from candidates who submitted responses from mid-August, after the primary vote, to the Road Noise deadline of September 10. (Note: some candidate comments were quite long and edited for brevity). Rest assured, we will keep compiling the responses and update the spreadsheet on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota web site until election day. Your voting rights are every bit as important to your ride as gas or oil. Proper care of all three will secure your right to ride long into the future.

Yours in freedom,  
Mack Backlund

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



## YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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As of right now, we have two kids in the running for the State Park Passport winnings! This goes until April, so you have lots of time.

We got the rockers for the kids, Fledglings, Falcons and Eagles.

We have the Young Riders Scholarship 501(c)(3) paperwork in and we are just waiting now. This is different than the Young Riders program. We are still and always looking for sponsors for the Young Riders program. Our meetings are on zoom if you are interested in joining us.

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.

Here is 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 Website and on the Young Riders Facebook page.

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- Buffalo Ridge chapter
- A.B.A.T.E. of MN --- -November 23 - October 24
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- Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN -- -Jan. 24 - Dec. 24
- Bergdale Harley Davidson,
- Albert Lea -----January 24 - December 24
- Freedom First chapter
- A.B.A.T.E. of MN -----February 24 - January 25
- 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

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A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Treasurer  
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# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TASK FORCE

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### Next Meeting(s):

November 21<sup>st</sup>, Saint Paul College,  
5:00-7:00 pm

With the next task force meeting being held a week after the deadline for this report, I don't have a whole lot to share.

The Motorcycle Safety Center had a booth in the products building at the State Rally this year. They brought out their motorcycle simulator. Did you get a chance to try it out? I did, and I actually passed without crashing!

I found it challenging considering the controls were set up like a metric bike and I haven't ridden one in years. A big thank you to the rider coach that came out and spent his weekend promoting motorcycle safety.

Motorcyclist fatalities are currently at 51 compared to 57 last year at this time.

Please find a way to stay safe out there while enjoying the ride. Make your OWN choices and keep your head on a swivel.

*— Jon Fernholz*



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

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A.B.A.T.E University, April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

The committee is hard at work putting the classes and schedule together. If you have questions about anything, please reach out to me at (763) 443-4732 or by email at abateu@abatemn.org

Thanks,

*— Stephanie*



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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Ice sales at Rally went very well, sold a lot of ice, and want to thank all A.B.A.T.E. members that stepped up to help sell.

Chapters that are involved with Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, please send reports of pick-ups to John Nelson bigjohn.jn7@gmail.com, by October 31<sup>st</sup>, this information is needed to report to the State of Minnesota Motorcycle Task Force.

Chapters with posters, coasters and, Dial-A-Ride handouts, please send list of establishments and amount given out send to Bill Ernst wjernst84@gmail.com by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

2024 Riding Season Statistics as of September 1st: 51 Killed in 48 crashes compared to 57 killed in 55 crashes in 2023. The record set for most fatalities was in 1980 with 121 motorcyclists killed in 112 crashes, 42% decrease, showing that the education that is now being utilized is making an impact. A.B.A.T.E. began in Minnesota in 1984. Helmet use was 21 were wearing helmets and 25 not wearing. Motorcycle crashes: Rural area 24 Urban area 24, 21 crashes were single motorcyclist involvement, 27 crashes were involved with another vehicle. Accidents involving Trikes and Spyders were two, involving an animal five, four of them deer, three passengers, 30 endorsements, 18 no endorsement. 18 crashes involved failure to navigate curves, six were drug and alcohol, and 42 crashes were unknown cause.

Unable to Ride, call Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride.

*— Sharon Polman*



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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### Next Meeting(s):

October 13<sup>th</sup>, Via Zoom, 11:00 am

Check out the Calendar of Events for many fall rides, or just get out and enjoy the scenery. And with fall comes leaves and critters on the road take extra care and enjoy our last few nice days. We all know what is lurking in our next few months! Welcome to Erin Fredricks for joining our committee. We are also looking for someone who could create some of our issue covers, if you would like to help let one of the Road Noise committee know and we can answer any questions you might have.

Happy Halloween!! *— Tammy*





## EDUCATION

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### Next Meeting(s):

October 14<sup>th</sup>, Via Zoom, 6:00 pm

Considering that my last report had a lot of information in it and not too much has happened since, this report will be brief.

I am still waiting for the rider training season to wrap up to get an attendance figure for the 2024 scholarship program. I mentioned in my last report that the scholarship program is in the process of splitting off and becoming its own charitable organization. We are still figuring out the tax classification and trying to formulate a board of directors. If you have any questions or are interested in being involved, do not hesitate to contact me. As soon as the training season has ended, I will reach out to our State Treasurer to get a financial total that chapters have spent on rider training courses for the year. That is all for now, enjoy the fall riding season!

*"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."*  
— Robert Frost  
— Jon Fernholz



## STATE RALLY REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

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

December 14<sup>th</sup>, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

January 17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

April 25<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University - B.O.D., Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm

May 17<sup>th</sup>, Litchfield Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

As I write this it is right after the rally weekend. I have some Additional people to thank for their hard work! To the Litchfield Rescue for patrolling the rally all weekend, along with First Aid and everyone else who stepped up to help with medical issues. To our setup crew and chapters who stepped up to provide equipment, pump water, grate the grounds, and help with damaged tents during weather issues. To Inspire by Tina and Asshole's Garage for providing the awesome food court tent. I am sure there are many more who stepped up to help in some way, like helping with the stage, too many to list names. We had a great rally weekend thanks to you all! And the numbers prove that attendance was up from last year's count of 719. Here are the numbers: 952 came through the gate. That is progress! 95 RV/campers, which does not include all the tents! 211 total Day Passes.

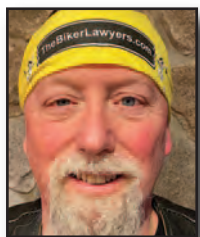
Ingrid and I learned a lot with this being our first year running the rally. We have already started to put together ideas for making next year bigger and better, and run a little more efficiently. And we welcome your ideas too. Thank you to those who submitted ideas to the Rally Suggestion Box, we will be reviewing them. As always, if you think of any ideas, please email rally@abatemn.org.

See the above rally meeting schedule, we will see you at the October B.O.D. We will be reviewing the Sponsorship Form at the October meeting, so if you have ideas on that please attend To the Rally Committee, please have your reports ready for this meeting and your ideas for next year.

Thank you for making the 2024 Rally an enormous success!! We look forward to working with you for 2025.

— Dougie Cohen

Rally Chair



## GAMBLING REPORT

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Nothing new to report.



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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No Report Received

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ROAD NOISE

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Hello everyone!

This month I would like to highlight a TOP contributor of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Sadly, he is no longer with us, but he deserves respect and acknowledgement. When you get your Road Noise copies, have you ever stopped to read the very first page? Usually in the bottom center are named the Road Noise Committee Members. At the bottom of that list are the Contributors. And one of those Contributors is RICK ARGUELLO. Who is Rick Arguello? Well, to put it lightly, he was an amazing artist with a passion for A.B.A.T.E. Look at our A.B.A.T.E. of MN Logo. He designed it. And throughout many, if not all Road Noise issues, you will see bits and pieces of his art. Just look for the RA in the drawing. I never had the privilege of meeting this talented man, but I have gotten to know a certain Rick Lewis. And Rick Lewis has shared with me, with us, many treasures from the past. Including a handwritten letter from Rick Arguello to Rick Lewis, dated 8/7/87.

It is as follows;

*" Dear Rick, I'm requesting for some applications and all the information you can give me about 'A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota'. I would like to join A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota as I've always supported A.B.A.T.E.*

*A few years ago I used to have membership with A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska and A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa. It's good news to me to know that there is now an A.B.A.T.E. chapter in Minnesota.*

*I had gotten your name and address from Ron Henderson whom you've met while in Sturgis. Ron is a good friend of mine and I'm also from the Winona, Minnesota area. Please acknowledge as soon as is possible as I'll be waiting to hear from you and thanks. Sincerely yours, Rick."*

This simple letter led to a long dedication to A.B.A.T.E. of MN and the artwork we now take for granted today. The next time you look at our State Logo, or any artwork within our Road Noise, or elsewhere, and you see those RA initials with it, please give a nod and a thank you to that wonderful and dedicated man that I'm sure we all wish we could have met. He is definitely a legacy we should all treasure.

*Gaida "G" Trout*



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello all, First off, I would like to say thank you to all those that helped out in the Products area during the State Rally. I appreciate all the help I received so that I could enjoy our State Rally.

Secondly, I would like to thank Dougie and Ingrid for their leadership planning and during the State Rally. Without their guidance, the Rally would not have been successful.

Next, I would like to thank all the volunteers that worked together throughout the Rally and those that picked up shifts when we were shorthanded.

I am planning to have a quilt made with memorial patches for all A.B.A.T.E. members so if you chapter has extra patches they would like to donate, please bring them to the October B.O.D.

Until we meet again, ride safe.

*— Kari*



## STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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Not a lot going on, still working on the State Rally Memberships.

Remember when sending applications in, write legibly, include zip-codes & phone numbers.

Keep on Keepin' on

*Shelly Deutsch*



## NCOM LIASON

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As you are reading this, realize that nearly the entire NCOM board attended the MRF's M.O.T.M. in St. Louis, MO because TOGETHER we will do great things!

We need you to support the work we do. Last month I asked you to get involved, read the operations and procedures manual and learn to question who, what, and WHY, and make sure you understand what the position requirements are. You'll be better at the job knowing full well what's expected.

We, your NCOM Board of Directors hope you can join us at our convention in Gulfport, Mississippi on Mother's Day weekend 2025.

*— Still, just Dale*



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next meeting(s):

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

See you then!

*— Kristy*



## WRITE TO RIDE

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If you haven't cast your ballot yet the time is near, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

This month I am going to share some opinions and suggestions! Just my thoughts. Take them or leave them, it's up to you. Here are some things I would like you to think about before you go to the poles to cast your ballot.

How do you decide who to vote for? Do you vote for the candidate from the political party your parents voted for? The candidate your union tells you is the best choice? The candidate that is of a race, sex, religion or geographic area you favor? Or perhaps you just vote for whoever is running against the incumbent because you think everyone in office now sucks! Does any of that sound familiar? Do you know where the candidates you get to choose from stand on issues of importance to you?

Please keep in mind the people we elect will make many decisions on what you are required to do, allowed to do, or prohibited from doing. They decide how many tax dollars will be collected and how those dollars will be spent. They decide how many fish you can catch, and when you can catch them, how fast you can go on the state highway near you and when they will set the clocks ahead or back one hour because they want to, it goes on and on. When they are done with all that they decide on the things that are important to us as motorcyclists. Can I ride in the HOV lane, how many headlights can I have, can I look like a motorcyclist when I walk in the local business, do I need to wear a helmet or special-colored clothes when I ride, do I need to buy insurance to protect me from other people that are allowed to drive with inadequate coverage. Where does it end?

I would like to offer a suggestion, learn about the candidates! Go to local candidate meet & greets, write letters, send emails, make phone calls, research their past. Ask candidates how they stand on issues important to you. Take a look at your candidates reply or lack of reply in our candidate survey published in this issue of Road Noise. Take the time and make the effort to be informed. If you write or call, share your replies with Write2Ride. We track the information and when appropriate share the information with others. It is the responsibility of each of us to gather the information we need to make our decision.

After you have done all this work, break with tradition if necessary and vote for the candidate that will support your position on issues.

It is important to add, if you are one of the people that doesn't vote because you think your vote doesn't matter, or because you think elections are rigged, or because you hate them all, please reconsider.

Take the time to vote, your vote is your voice and it is important.

*— frank*

*Ride with care and be aware, your right of way will be violated.!*

# MRF Chili Contest at the 2024 A.B.A.T.E. OF MN STATE RALLY

Hello! Hope everyone is getting some riding in.

MRF was at the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally in Litchfield and fun was had by all. We had a good turnout for the Chili Cook Off. LeAnn from Way West chapter won Most Unique and Best Overall and Tom from Rolling Prairie won Hottest.

Thank you to all that participated and those that helped make the event successful.

While I had to step away for another meeting: Kari, Jeff, Teri, Gary and Todd took over. Thank you to Shelly for helping bring stuff down and having extension cords and spoons.

We look forward to seeing those that attend Meeting of the Minds in September in St. Louis MO.

Ryan "Moon" Triebenbach,  
Minnesota MRF Rep



**Jeff, Kari, Teri, Gary and Todd at the State Rally!**



**Most Unique Chili  
winner was LeAnn  
from the Way West chapter.**



**Most Unique**



**Best overall**

**Best Overall  
winner was  
LeAnn.**



**Hottest**

**Hottest Chili  
award went to  
Tom from  
Rolling Prairie.**

# Veteran of the Month

## Dan Johnson

New Glacial Ridge Member Dan Johnson is the Vet of the Month, joining Glacier Ridge June of 2024.

Dan is a member of American Legion Post 80.

Dan entered the Navy in June 1981, served 3 years as a Machinery Repairman Fireman (MRFN) on the USS Denver.

Dan is very proud of being a vet and seeks out many Veteran events and rides, especially American Legion Riders rides.

He had the opportunity to run lead in the American Legion Legacy Ride (which was a 1,100 mile ride, being his longest ride, to date).

*We thank you Dan for your services and are very appreciative that you choose to join Glacial Ridge Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of MN.*

*"Home of the Free, Because of the Brave"*



## BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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# BIKE OF THE MONTH



**1972  
Harley  
Shovelhead  
FLH**  
owned by  
**Aaron Escher,**  
a new **A.B.A.T.E. of  
MN member.**

The 1972 Harley Shovelhead FLH currently has a 96 cubic inch Ultima shovelhead motor with an S&S super “e” carb. It has the stock 4 speed transmission, stock frame and rake, 16” wheels front and back, 1” ape hangers, and monroe air shocks for c2 and c3 Corvettes with a Viar tankless compressor in the headlight nacelle, and a nash kicker arm.

# MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



## Gene & Charm

Gene and Charm are Lake Chapter members.

Both have held various Officer and Committee roles over the years and Charm has designed many of the covers for Road Noise.

They have helped A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota become what it is today, and they sure dress up nice too!

*Thanks for everything  
Gene & Charm!*



**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Saturday October 19, 2024 9:00 AM • Best Western Plus, Willmar MN**

<b>Opening</b>	9:00 AM Call to order	Jane Doyle
	Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome	Shelly Deutsch
	Invocation	Edgar Burke
	Roll call	Michele Legried
	Agenda approval / changes	Jane Doyle
	Secretary Report - July 2024	Michele Legried
	Treasurer's Report	Michelle Backlund
<b>Legislative Reports</b>	Legislative Team	Team Member
	Motorcycle PAC of MN	Mark Senn
	NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	Dale Peterson
	MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	Ryan Triebenbach
	Write to Ride	Frank Ernst
<b>Committee Reports</b> <small>(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)</small>	A.B.A.T.E. University	Stephanie Christensen
	Education	Jon Fernholz
	Young Riders Program	Harmony Sturges
	Gambling	Dan Matzdorff
	Buddy Bear Program	Sharon Polman
	Historian	Gaida Trout
	Marketing	Harmony Sturges
	Membership & Member Retention	Shelly Deutsch
	Passport Run	Jon Smith
	Products	Kari Duncan

	Publications	Tammy Winkels
	State Rally	Dougie Cohen
	Ways and Means	Kristy Luhman
<b>Other Reports</b>	State Office	Shelly Deutsch
	MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)	John Nelson
	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force	Jon Fernholz
	MN Motorcycle Club Coalition & Confederation of Clubs of MN	Dale Peterson and Jane Doyle
<b>Old Business</b>	By-Law Proposal regarding Conditional Memberships	
	Heartland STEAM 2026	
<b>New Business</b>	ZOHO email information	
<b>Officer Reports</b>	Treasurer	Michelle Backlund
	Secretary	Michele Legried
	Southwest District Director	Shelly Deutsch
	Northwest District Director	Edgar Burke
	Northeast District Director	Chad Marchand
	Southeast District Director	Mike Burgess
	Assistant State Coordinator	Jim Orn
	Trustee	Mack Backlund
	State Coordinator	Jane Doyle
	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS /ADJOURNMENT</b>	



**NORTHWEST DISTRICT**  
*Chapter Grapevines*  
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Howdy Folks! Would like to start out by thanking EVERYONE that helped to make the State Rally another Amazingly Great Time!! THANK YOU!! Also, would like to thank ALL the sponsors. Without YOU, WE could not do it!!

I would like to ask Each and EVERYONE of YOU, to take the time to learn who your elected officials are and who is up for election this year in your area and at the Federal level. This world seems to be turning darker every year. We must help to elect those that will protect life and freedoms as we know today. Also keep in mind that in just a couple of months WE will be electing new officers of our own. Take a moment and ask Yourself. Is there something I can do to Help or change what's going on in your chapter or state level? Is this YOUR time to stand up and Help the cause? I say it every year. There is an amazing amount of talent in this organization. Let's use it to the fullest potential.

Another issue WE have is our membership keeps slipping. WE NEED to put effort forth to sign up New and Old members. Life gets busy. Look at the older crowd and ask if they will rejoin. With the continuing problems of the state WE NEED to step up and regain our People.

Get out and enjoy the Fall colors. My favorite time of year. Get the weapons sighted in so we can eliminate some road rats so we can stay safe on the roads. Any question or concerns, please call me: 218-849-5021

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE *Edgar*

# HEART OF THE LAKES

Heart of the Lakes delivered Buddy Bears to the Ottertail County Sheriff's Department (right) and to the Becker County Sheriff's Department (below).



## BORDERLAND

### Next Meeting(s):

October 13<sup>th</sup>, Piggy's BBQ, T.R.F, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

Borderland Chapter, Fall Colors Ride, KSU at Grain Bin, Grygla, 10:00 am.

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota B.O.D., October 19<sup>th</sup>, Best Western Plus, Willmar, 9:00 am

Hello Borderland!

So, we had another great turnout at our September meeting in Williams. We discussed the Rider Training course coming to Roseau; Borderland Chapter getting involved in the Passport Run, and we voted on gambling request donations. We voted to donate to the TRF and Roseau Pregnancy Centers again and to others experiencing financial difficulty due to health problems. We thank you all for selling those raffle tickets that gives us the funds to help out those that are going through difficult times. We also want to thank Dan M. and that gambling committee for all

of their work!

So, we decided to have one more ride after meeting at Piggy's and we hope the weather is decent for our Colors Ride. As Trump would say, "We'll see what happens" - register to vote and get out and vote! If you need guidance, call me: 218-689-7969.

We are a Motorcycle rights organization, so we have to protect that. We also have to pray for those that are in trouble physically or other. Ride safe, the kick stands will be down before we know it - except for Borderland member John Bolek! You will have to ask him about his rabid coon experience in his tent at the State Rally. See ya soon.

– Twistin' da Wick, Tim

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

No Report Received

## NORTH STAR

No Report Received





Northwest Chapter Food and Toy Run.



Northwest Chapter Food and Toy Run at Chainsaws.

## NORTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

October Meeting: September 28<sup>th</sup>, Irishman's Shanty, Crookston, 11:00 am. Ride to follow, weather permitting.

November Meeting: October 26<sup>th</sup>, Greg McGlynn's place, 3:00 pm. Halloween Party.

### Upcoming Events:

Winter Social - February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Irishman's Shanty, Crookston.

October is here already! I am looking forward to some fall color rides and hoping for favorable weather!

The Membership Drive held in August was a great success. Joe and Jess created, planned and hosted Joe's No Name Fun Run and Campout at their residence near Mentor, then graciously invited the chapter to incorporate our membership drive. Attendance was awesome with 27 bikes, 1 Camaro and 39 people.

The Food and Toy Run in September turned out great, raising money for local food shelves. Thank you Chainsaw, for planning the ride and providing a place to camp with a potluck dinner after the ride.

Thank you all for your support and donations at recent events. A little goes a long way for people in need.

Save the date for the Halloween party on October 26<sup>th</sup> at Greg McGlynn's, including a costume contest and potluck dinner. Come dressed in your best costume and bring your favorite dish to share.

Please follow our Facebook page for updates on new and upcoming events and news. If you would like to receive email updates on chapter news, please let us know by emailing [northwestchapter@abatemn.org](mailto:northwestchapter@abatemn.org).

Ride Safe,

Ben Hand, President



Food and Toy Run hanging out at Plummer, MN.



Food and Toy Run Newfolden



Joe's No Name Fun Run.

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

**MIKE BURGESS, DIRECTOR**

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Well where has the summer gone? However, to me, this is the best time to ride. So let's get out and ride to some fundraisers for other Chapter's and make sure you have trifolds so we can get new members.

And if you are thinking of running for the Southeast District Director, I will not be running for it. Have someone nominate you at the January B.O.D.

Until next time, ride free,

*Mike*

## SOUTHEAST LC

### Next Meeting(s):

October 20<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

October 5<sup>th</sup>, Toy Run with Straight River, Tilly's in  
Oronoco, Registration at 11:00 am and kickstands  
up at noon  
October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. meeting, Willmar

Hi Everyone:

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Labor Day weekend and you were able to get out for some throttle therapy. I spent the weekend at the State Rally along with my husband and some other members of our chapter as well as the Straight River chapter. We had a really good time and lots of laughs with really good friends.

We are planning a Toy-for-Tots Ride with the Straight River chapter. This will be held October 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be at 11:00 with kickstands up at noon. We will start and end at Tilly's in Oronoco. There

will be a few members of the Marine Corps there also. Please bring an unwrapped toy or a cash donation to go toward the purchase of toys. Please dress appropriately as we never know what the weather will be like in October.

The Shenanigans Party in July went well, although the attendance was down from last year. We think this may be because of all the other rides and events going on in the area. Our party for next year is booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in July 2025, so add this to your calendar.

I apologize for not having a Grapevine article in the September issue of the Road Noise, but I was out of the country at that time and did not get back until after the deadline.

Please note the time change for the monthly meetings. They will start at 11:30 from now on as the VFW does not open until 11:00.

Don't forget to get out and vote in the November election. Your vote is important.

Have a great fall

– Terry Panek

# B.O.D. OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> -19<sup>TH</sup> WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

# FLATLANDERS

Hello from the Flatlanders!!

Apologies for not getting a Grapevine in last month's Road Noise. Time just plain got away from me, but I'm back this month so here goes!!

Here it is, it's October. Where has the summer gone? It seems like just yesterday we were waiting for the rain to clear, blue skies and beautiful riding weather. Well no matter, we have to enjoy what we are given and make the most of it, as I hope each of you have done so far. It is so important to take the time to enjoy life with family and friends, making memories that will last a lifetime, because you never know when there will be no more time. Be grateful for the time you are given, the life you were given and live it without regret! Try to make the fundraisers that are happening and give your support. Also, try to bring in new members, which brings new ideas and keeps the fight alive!

We want to give a big shout out and THANK YOU to the Hartland University Bar and Grill in Hartland, Minnesota. The owners, Justin and Nick, approached us about possibly donating money to our group. The year prior they started what they call the "Bug Run" to see how much money they could raise. They realized that it did very well and they wanted to donate to a

group who did good things in the surrounding communities with it. This is why they came to our meeting in July and asked us if they could give us all the proceeds to go towards our Buddy Bears. Since we use gambling funds to purchase our bears, we suggested the Young Riders Program and they jumped on board. They raised \$865, that they donated to us for the Young Riders Program, and we are so grateful to them. Thank you Hartland University for your generosity and commitment to do good things in the community! It was an absolute pleasure to join in the ride and to be a part!

On another note, we would like to ask our A.B.A.T.E. family to keep Jim and Dena Brech in your prayers as he continues to heal from a very stressful series of unexpected surgeries in late July, early August. Jim is one of our Sgt@Arms and we would be lost without him. It was a scary situation and all of his Flatlander family was praying that everything came out well. He has a pretty long recovery, but with a little help from his friends and his beautiful strong wife, Dena, he will be good as new in no time. We love you both!!

That's all I have for now, keep on keeping on!!  
Peace, Love and Hugs

Michele Legried  
State Secretary, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

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## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

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

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in our annual TriCo Freedom Social. Thanks to Frank and Bill for always being our chefs and grill masters! Also thanks to members who helped out at the Highway pickup.

Also happening in September was the Harley Heaven donation. A big thank you to all the TriCo members who participated in this ride and helped make it a success!

This is just short and sweet as it's submitted prior to our September meeting date.

Next time.... Ger



**Tri County at the A.B.A.T.E. State Rally!**

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

October 13<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

October 5<sup>th</sup>, Fall Ditch Cleanup  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, January Thaw Dance and  
Fundraiser

Hello All!

Summer's over and my how fast it went! If Mother Nature keeps the weather at bay we may still have some good fall riding left.

We hope everyone had a great time this year at our A.B.A.T.E. of MN Rally! It was sure nice getting together with old friends and meeting new ones. Thanks to all involved who worked hard in putting on this amazing event! Congrats to all of our River Valley chapter members who won trophies/plaques! And to Cheyenne and Slick (he was overjoyed in being elected for this) for participating in the King and Queen Pageant.

Our River Valley Chapter would especially like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all those who made sure Bobby Sullivan (Sgt@Arms) is still here with us today!!!! Those wonderful angels who were involved are Jake and Martha Thell, Kim Wilde and Michelle Schenack from the Way West Chapter, and Teri Brunsvold and Holly Dashem. Also, Mike and Melissa with Litchfield Rescue and Randy Deter and Mike Pesta with the Rally First Aid. And David and Big-D, and those who helped out, for making sure his stuff got home. Also, to Erin for being there with the ride to the hospital for her cousin Lori and her moral support. And thanks to all who had Bobby in their thoughts and prayers. We also appreciate Jimmy and RaeLee (Sgt-at-Arms) for filling in for his shift for security and to those that helped in other ways we may not even know. It was so wonderful and beautiful to see how we all came together as one big family....just WOW!!!! Words cannot express how very much Bobby, his family and friends, appreciate you all!! And by the way... Bobby said he has decided to retire from the tug of war games. Again...thank you!

Just a heads up... our famous January Thaw Fundraiser/Dance is in the works, so save the date for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. We will need as many volunteers as we can for this to make it, once again, an

awesome dance! And donations are greatly appreciated. More details to follow.

Don't forget that this is an election year. Get out and vote in November!

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

Pictures (on the next page) are from our River Valley Gives Back and our A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally. And, of course, please don't forget to support our fellow Chapters' fundraisers.

– Anthony Crandell , President

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## STRAIGHT RIVER

### Next Meeting(s):

October 13<sup>th</sup>, The Channel Inn, Warsaw, 1:00 pm  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, Reggie's, Owatonna, 1:00 pm  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, The BoxCar, Waseca, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

October 5<sup>th</sup>, Straight River and Southeast LC are taking donations for Toys for Tots toy run

Hello everyone! Well summer is coming to an end. Still plenty of riding season left. We have a busy month ahead of us. Buddy Bear run, Toys for Tots in collaboration with SELC, also a table set up at Harley Davidson Faribault.

Glad to see everyone at the State Rally. A lot of fun activities. Hats off to the people that set it up. Great job!

Almost forgot The Red, White and Blue fundraiser went well and plans are being made for next year's event!

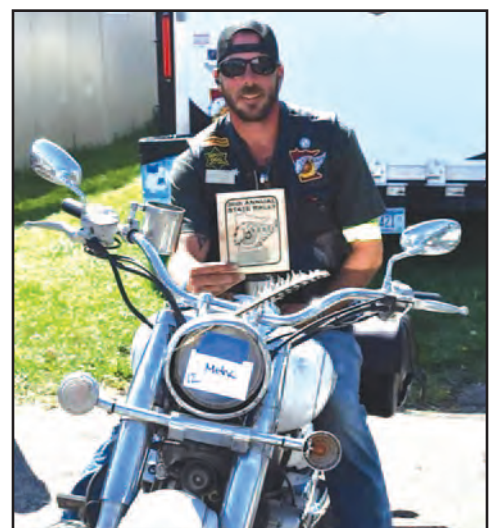
Thank you to all of the members that helped and made a great turnout. Also a Big "Thank You" to Michelle & Jay at the Channel Inn, L&M Bar, Toy Box and the V.F.W in Kenyon for all you have done. And to all that participated and donated, it wouldn't have been possible without you!

Be safe as we bring this riding season to an end.

– Mike Smith  
Straight River Chapter President, A.B.A.T.E. of MN



River Valley Gives Back and our A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally





**SHELLY DEUTSCH, DIRECTOR**  
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Thanks for attending the SW District meeting hosted by Lake Chapter at the Rally! Same 4 chapters in attendance, same 3 chapters missing. Thanks to Jane for attending, always good to see you. Sorry this will be short, I guess I sent my Membership article in twice, so trying to do this on the fly. The next SW District meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> in Garvin, hosted by Buffalo Ridge. If you want to order food, please be there by noon, I will have the address in the November Road Noise.

The March SW District meeting will be hosted by Glacial Ridge, dust your dancing shoes off. Date and location TBD. That's all I can remember...

Until next time...

*Shelly Deutsch*

## **GLACIAL RIDGE**

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

- October 5<sup>th</sup>, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm
- October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Best Western Plus, Willmar
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Busy Beehive, Brooten, 6:00 pm

We have a lot of chapter things coming up to try to get our membership back up. Having a ride that includes the whole public, we have it out to the community on the Chamber website and

promoting it everywhere. After our ride we will be having a BBQ and just chatting to new people about what we do as a chapter and as an organization.

I, personally, want to thank everyone for having me as the Queen for the year. I wish I could tell you what it means to me. I had a blast!

Santa Day for our chapter is coming up and we are teaming up with the city. This is a good way to get our chapter out there in the community. We are

planning an adult prom for our fundraiser this March. There are a few themes that we are throwing around, but no matter what it is, it's going to be a lot of fun! That's about all we have going on right now, and with our small chapter, that's ok.

– Stay Safe, Harmony





**Gaida, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Women's Category Fashion Show**

**Olga, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Vintage Bike**

**Maureen 1<sup>st</sup> Place Small Color Tattoo**

**Tammie, 1<sup>st</sup> Place 1<sup>st</sup> Place Women Over 50 Fashion Show 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best Of Show Fashion Show**

**Chris, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Plank Race 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sled Pulls**

## 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):

October 5<sup>th</sup>, Ditch Pickup, St. Bonifacius Community Center, 11:00 am  
October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Best Western Plus, Willmar

Breaking news for the 2025 Grounded Hogs. Advanced tickets are available for purchase NOW. Contact any chapter member to get yours. \$15/ advanced \$20/at the door. If you would like to sponsor the Grounded Hogs Party this year, please find the sponsorship form in the Road Noise or contact any chapter member. Everett Smithson will again be our entertainment. This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride.

The 2024 Rally was a resounding success, with all participants having a delightful time. Members took home well-deserved awards (some but not all are pictured) congratulations to all, and Jim Kosse and Nikki Arne delivered standout performances in the pageant. Fred (Fred Pa-welk) and Barney (Dean Webb) had the privilege of escorting the bride down the aisle. 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.



**Lake Chapter**

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

Thank you to our 2025 Grounded Hogs Sponsors:  
Gold: Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Keith "Smoker" Efron, Family Counseling Center, Buzz and Karen, Scott and Gaida Trout; Silver: A&E Outdoors, Buffalo Floral & Landscaping; Bronze: O'Hern Coach & Cartage, Gather Kitchen, Old Homestead Café, Dave Truax

Until next month my friends- Ride Free, – April



**Keith 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sport Bike**



**Trashy's Girls.**



**Jon "Trashy" Smith with Jean (1<sup>st</sup> State Secretary) and Larry (An Original Past Rally Chair) Cooper.**



South Central Rally 2024

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Silver Lake, 7:00 pm  
 December 4<sup>th</sup>, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

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. See flyer in this month's Road Noise. If you have items to donate for the silent auction, please contact Kristy LaPlante at 320-282-6851.

I also want to thank everyone in our chapter for stepping up to help during the entire rally week. South Central Rocks!!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary

## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting(s):

To be determined at September Meeting. We will be changing over to winter schedule. It will be posted on our Facebook page.

### Upcoming Event(s):

October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Best Western Plus, Willmar

GREETINGS!! Wow, what a rally! Personally, for me, this was the best rally we've had in years! Kudos to everyone that was involved, you all did a fantastic job and thank you to everyone who participated. Way to go Way West! 20 trophies and the traveling participation trophy... 2 years running! You guys rock!

Starting in October, we go back to our winter schedule....something we forgot to discuss at our last meeting, so stay tuned to our chapter Facebook page and a notice from the President via telephone notification.

Postings of call to action are posted on our fb page. It is important and easy to complete these. The upcoming B.O.D. is in Willmar in October. Hope to see some chapter members there! It's also time to kick in our Toys for Kids program. Get out and ask businesses for donations.

We worked the booth at the Lac Qui Parle Fair. Congratulations to Hux Taffe and Averyana Athey, the winners of the boys and girls bike giveaway. There's still good riding to be done, please watch for critters, they're on the move.

I'll post more pics of the rally next month. ( **See Way West photos on the next page** )

So proud to be part of this chapter.  
 – Gypsy Mama

## SOUTHWEST

### Next Meeting(s):

October 4<sup>th</sup>, Rushmore Center,  
 Rushmore, 7:00 pm  
 November 1<sup>st</sup>, Rushmore Center,  
 Rushmore, 7:00 pm  
 December's meeting has not yet been decided! That meeting will be our Christmas party/meeting!

Where the hell has the time gone?  
 It would be nice to get a do-over for this past summer. At first, we were in flood zones. Then the 4<sup>th</sup> of July came along with the very wet, and slippery Freedom Rally! What a mess, but oh what fun!

We worked during Rushmore's city celebration. The burgers were an absolute hit, with many folks delighted to see us again!

Our fundraiser was FUN. Please keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

– BAM (Becky Murphy)





**Way West at the 2024 State Rally**



Mike, a little sunburn eh?





## ROLLING PRAIRIE

### Next Meeting(s):

October 5<sup>th</sup>, The 91 Bar, Hanska, 3:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

- October 5<sup>th</sup>, Adopt-a-Highway, meet at the former Camper World location by Madelia, 12:00 pm
- October 12<sup>th</sup>, Family Fun Day, Herman Park, New Ulm, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., Best Western Plus, Willmar

Greetings fellow bikers!

I hope you all enjoyed our Fallen Friends Memorial Ride and our State Rally! I know I had a blast.

Our President Tom was voted to have the hottest chili in the MRF chili contest. Thank you Tom for sharing your chili with those brave enough to try it.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Fun day is coming up soon. Make plans to join us October 12<sup>th</sup> at Herman Park in New Ulm from 10-4.

- See you soon, Giggles



**Rolling Prairie President Tom won the "Hottest" in the MRF Chili Contest.**

## BUFFALO RIDGE

No Report Received



# Friends of Young Riders

■ **Bergdale Harley-Davidson, Albert Lea**



# NORTHEAST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

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I'll start where I left off last month. We have what is likely the most consequential election that we will see for many many years. As A.B.A.T.E. members it is imperative that we not only vote, but know who and what we are voting for. If you're unable to find your candidate's stance on something you value it may be an opportunity for you to help them formulate a stance that is favorable to your values. Our members building these lines of communication helps our organization to turn the wheels of government. Some of us dedicate a lot of time to these efforts. If we all put in the effort there is nothing we can't achieve.

The season is winding down. Leaves are falling and we all know what comes next. Wintertime is as good a time as any to support YOUR A.B.A.T.E. Get out to one of the various events being hosted by the chapters such as East Central's Heart On, Lake's Grounded Hog, or Up North's Fever Reliever and before you know it we'll all be together at A.B.A.T.E. University.

We all have our differences. Some members vote conservative, others vote liberal. Some value faith while others walk a different path. Some love Harley while their fellow chapter member swears by a Honda. We should embrace these differences as a strength that enables us to cover the spread and reach a larger portion of the riding public. We also need to work hard to stay focused on our mission to preserve and further the freedoms that enable us to ride and not let these differences frustrate or distract us from that mission.

I'll end by saying I hope that when this reaches you that you've not winterized your bike and are still getting your face in the wind.

Until next time, ride safe. — *Chad Marchand*

## NORTHEAST

### Next Meeting(s):

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30 pm

Hello all, Cold weather already, where did the summer go? State Rally has come and gone. By all accounts attendance looked good and there were plenty of vendors, good music, and lots of events to occupy your time.

We will have a special guest at our October chapter meeting. State District 11A Representative Jeff Dotseth will be stopping in to visit and conduct a question and answer session on local issues. Representative Dotseth has proven to be a strong supporter of motorcyclists rights and is a rider himself. We look forward to having an ongoing dialogue with him in the future.

– Ride safe, Ed

## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

October 1<sup>st</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka 4-8:00 pm.  
Sunday breakfast. Please check [www.metromn.com](http://www.metromn.com) and our Facebook page for more info.

Our fall ride will be October 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. Registration starts at 11:00am. We are still discussing other details. Please keep and eye on the website and our Facebook page for more details.

We will be planning our St. Patrick event soon. Last year we got everything figured out in a couple months. Imagine what the committee will do with some more time.

As we head into fall, we a will be enjoying the days that we all can go for a ride before we put the bikes away for the season.

– Be safe , Shadow

# SAND DUNES

## Next Meeting(s):

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

## Upcoming Event(s):

October 26<sup>th</sup>, Anoka Halloween Parade, 1pm - 3:30 pm

Greetings all! Rally is over and the fall riding season has just begun. Sand Dunes had a good turnout at the Rally. Of course, we would always like to see more but for those of you who were there, I believe it was a great time had by all.

I am very proud of our chapter and the level of participation at the Rally. I know we were listed as one of the top three chapters. We had members involved in just about every component including volunteering, games participation, the Memorial Ride, bike show, tattoo contest, chili contest and Royalty Pageant.

And speaking of the Pageant, yours truly is now the new Rally King of A.B.A.T.E. of MN. Harmony Sturges is my new Queen and together we will rule with benevolence and help the A.B.A.T.E. kingdom prosper. Our first official appearance will be at the Anoka Halloween Parade, October 26<sup>th</sup>. A.B.A.T.E. of MN will have a float (trailer in the parade). We are looking for parade motorcycles and walkers.

Lastly, the riding season is nearing its end, but there is still more riding to be done. I love fall rides and it is my favorite time of year to ride. Get out there and enjoy the fall colors. And watch out for deer as they tend to be more active in the fall. That's all for now. Take care, ride safely and peace out!

– Mike Olkives

# EAST CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

October 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

## Upcoming Event(s):

October 26<sup>th</sup>, Anoka Halloween Parade, Anoka  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Turkey Bowling, American Legion,  
St. Francis

Hey All:

East central is proudly hosting the Rally pageant King and Queen again on this years float in the Halloween parade in Anoka! We are able to get a number of motorcycles in to accompany our float as well as including some Young



# UP NORTH

## No Report Received

Riders to help us with handing out literature. I hope the weather cooperates! Come see us at the parade!

We also have Turkey Bowling returning this year on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please come out as we support our local food shelf and other charities through the Holidays.

Don't forget the Heart-On on February 8<sup>th</sup>!

On a personal note, My family would like to thank all of you who took the time to pay respects and dedicated memorials to my wife, Kelly. They were deeply appreciated.

Until next time... Keep the Shiny side up!

– President Jim

# CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

October 6<sup>th</sup>, The Legion, Clearwater,  
12:15 pm

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ultimate, Waite Park,  
12:00 pm

## Upcoming event(s):

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Run;  
Registration 9:00am -11:00 am.  
Viking Land Harley Davidson,  
Sauk Rapids.

Kickstands up at 11:30 am.

Bikes, Trikes and Cars welcomed.

Free breakfast at Viking Land from  
9am-till all gone with

Hogtoberfest. \$15 per person/  
\$20 for a couple. Games at every  
stop with prizes given out at the  
last stop. Viking Land H-D (Sauk  
Rapids), Goodfella's (Foley), The  
10 Spot (Royalton), Rolli's  
(Sauk Rapids)

A special thank you to Tavern on  
First, Little Falls for hosting our July  
Meeting. At the end of August, we had our Biker Bash Revival. Despite some  
crummy weather we pulled it off without a hitch and all that attended had a  
blast and can't wait for next year.

Start off thanking the Biker Bash Committee for all their hard work and  
dedication this past year. Bud/ Julie Wiser, Ron/Sherry Rolfes, Steve Schwartz,  
Travis Geis, Angie Webb-Darwin, Chad Marchand and Ryan Janisch. And of  
course, all the Central Chapter members who stepped up and went above  
and beyond to help with the planning, set up, volunteering and clean up all  
weekend. It was truly an event that was successful and showed what great  
teamwork can achieve.

Thank you to all the entertainment for putting on a great show! Tim and Dar  
from Motorcycle Sled Pulls for the bike pulls and the biker game. Donny  
Manuel from Jam It Any Way Entertainment for Djing the night away. Crimson  
Edge and Diamond Back for rocking the stage and showing us all a great time.

Thank you to all the Sponsors and Vendors. We couldn't have done any of this  
without you. **Sponsors:** CJ & J trucking, Steve Schwartz, Cycle Society, Midway  
Iron, Outlet Recreation, BMP Auto Detailing, Chad Marchand, Viking Land,  
Ultimate Sports Bar, JP Motors, Andy's Towing, Mathison Motors, Smart Signs,  
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R Us **Vendors:** Tavern on First (The bartenders were awesome), Dar's Goof,  
Red, White and Blue Tattoo, Under the Hood Grill, Peddle's Custom Sewing,  
Terebinth Refuge, Nutty Gramma Nuts, Brawn Metal Works, Renewal by  
Anderson, Thomas Allen, Just North of Memphis Again, a huge thank you to  
all involved with the Biker Bash Revival and here's to next year!

Over Labor Day weekend we of course had the A.B.A.T.E State Rally. It was a  
fun weekend with all the activities going on. The Rally board and all the vol-  
unteers know how to do it. It was Motorcycle Sled Pulls last year. Tim and Dar  
are retired after 10 years. Luckily, Cowboy was able to snag one last trophy.  
3rd place for all around point winner for the year. Congrats to all the other  
chapters and their wins in all the different events. Can't wait till next year!

Until next month, Ling and Cowboy



# JACK PINE RIDERS

## Next Meeting(s):

- October 20<sup>th</sup>, Squirrel Cage - Willow River
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Mavericks Saloon - Beroun
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo Tracks - Banning Junction
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, Ryders Saloon - Henriette
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, End Zone - Rutledge
- March 16<sup>th</sup>, Woody's Bar - Sandstone
- April 20<sup>th</sup>, Bogi's on Main - Hinckley
- May 18<sup>th</sup>, Marge's - Brook Park

## Upcoming Event(s):

December 15<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas party, Buffalo Tracks Bar and Grill, Banning Junction, to follow chapter meeting.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11:00 am sharp. Chapter meeting to follow highway clean up. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

Keep in mind, you do not need to be a Jack Pine Riders member to attend any J.P.R. event. Members are encouraged to attend. And better yet, members are encouraged to bring a friend. Non-members are encouraged to stop by and see what we are all about.

R.I.P. Carl Rippie. Carl was a huge Chapter supporter, gunsmith, bar owner, father, brother, husband, and good friend to all. His beloved motorcycle is pictured above. Ride in Peace, Carl.

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events.

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

– Respectfully, The Grapevine jesus



The beloved motorcycle of Carl Rippie.  
Ride in Peace, Carl.

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# Minnesota Candidate Survey Results

*For the 2024 November 8<sup>th</sup> Elections*

Survey results received by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Note: If your candidate is not listed, they did not respond to the questionnaire by September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
For survey results received after the deadline, check the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website for updates.*

*Thank you to the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Legislative Team and Mack Backlund for collecting and compiling the survey data.*

## Candidate Questions

1. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes adults should have the choice to wear or not wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, which is the current Minnesota law. Do you support adult motorcyclists who are properly licensed and endorsed to choose their riding gear?
2. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes motorcycles are a viable part of the transportation mix. Increasingly, motorcyclists feel singled out by law enforcement because of their appearance, apparel, or because they are simply riding a motorcycle. Will you support legislation that would require additional training for law enforcement to limit the practice of profiling motorcyclists?
3. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes in fair taxation. Motorcyclists who transfer a title for a motorcycle which is ten years old or older and valued at less than \$3,000, or have a motorcycle that is 20 years old or older who ask for a "Classic" specialty plate, pay a much higher rate of sales tax than an automobile meeting those criteria. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota feels this is wrong and has introduced legislation to have motorcycles on an even scale with automobiles. Motorcycles cause almost zero damage to our roads and should not be taxed at a higher rate than cars and trucks. Will you support this type of legislation?
4. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes in keeping our current insurance laws. Each year there are proposed bills that would require all Minnesota motorcyclists to carry uninsured and under insured insurance. This is opposed by a broad coalition of Minnesota motorcyclists. There are many insurance options in addition to the liability requirements that may be of benefit to a motorcycle rider, but these policy additions should be the motorcyclist's option. Most riders already have uninsured and under insured insurance but the extra cost of this insurance could make motorcycle riding too expensive for some, especially younger riders. Additionally, the passage of any legislation may have unintended consequences. Riders who face large increases in motorcycle insurance may choose to not purchase insurance at all. Are you in favor of keeping the current insurance laws in place?
5. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota opposes vehicle sales mandates. Some states, including Minnesota, are attempting to mandate a high percentage of new vehicles sold must be plug in electric or electric hybrid. Not knowing how these mandates would affect the sale of new motorcycles, this is a great concern to the motorcycling public. Motorcyclists oppose mandates that remove choice concerning make, model, style, fuel type, or other options of new vehicles considered for purchase. Are you in favor of stopping these mandates?
6. The current equal access statute (Minnesota Statue 604.12, Subd. 3) limits attorney fees to \$500 and caps punitive damages at \$500 in civil actions for violations of access to public accommodations. Removing these caps would ensure that individuals who are wrongfully denied access can afford adequate legal representation and receive fair compensation. This would also allow more equitable access to justice and ensure that punitive damages serve as a meaningful deterrent against violation. Do you support removing these caps?

**See the Minnesota House of Representatives Survey Results  
on the next page!**

# 2024 Minnesota House of Representatives

District	Candidate	Party	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
<b>01A</b>	<b>James Sceville</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	<i>Comment: As a rider, I support groups who advocate for motorcycle safety.</i>							
<b>01B</b>	<b>Steve Gander</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: I support common sense, more freedom and less regulation (long letter support for motorcycling).</i>							
<b>01B</b>	<b>Mike Christopherson</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	<i>Comment: If motorcycle specific, I might be inclined to answer yes.</i>							
<b>03A</b>	<b>Rich Tru</b>	FPI	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	<i>Comment: #5 - Does not support absolutist policies, would like a carve out for motorcycles. #6 - Supports raising the cap, not eliminating it.</i>							
<b>07A</b>	<b>Aron Schnaser</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	<i>Comment: #4 - Provided it consistent with other motor vehicle laws. #5 - Need to move away from fossil fuels.</i>							
<b>11A</b>	<b>Pete Radosevich</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
	<i>Comment: #4 - Need more info. #5 - I generally oppose mandates, but we may need EVs.</i>							
<b>16A</b>	<b>Scott Van Binsbergen</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>17A</b>	<b>Dawn Gillman</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: Avid motorcyclist and ABATE supporter. I worked hard on lane splitting and auxiliary lights for you last year.</i>							
<b>17B</b>	<b>Bobbie Harder</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: I authored #3 last session (HF2365).</i>							
<b>17B</b>	<b>Jennifer Nuesse</b>	DFL	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	<i>Comment: I support safety practices that make sense for MN motorcyclists. Regarding EVs, I would support a lower percentage for motorcycles.</i>							
<b>19B</b>	<b>Thomas Sexton</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: I'm a veteran and own a 2008 H-D Ultra Glide.</i>							
<b>21A</b>	<b>Creedance Petroff</b>	Ind	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>21B</b>	<b>Marj Fogelman</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
<b>24B</b>	<b>Tina Liebling</b>	DFL		YES	YES			NO
	<i>Comment: I left some blank because I don't know enough about these issues to have an opinion.</i>							
<b>30B</b>	<b>Paul Novotny</b>	Rep		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: #2 - This is an agency and office problem, not a training issue. Body cameras will help curb abuse of power.</i>							
<b>33A</b>	<b>Patti Anderson</b>	Rep	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: #2 - I am opposed to mandates.</i>							
<b>34A</b>	<b>Brian Raines</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>36A</b>	<b>Jannelle Calhoun</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: #2 - Current law needs more clarity to prevent bias interpretation. #5 - Can we have cleaner burning fuel?</i>							
<b>41B</b>	<b>Tom Dippel</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<b>44B</b>	<b>TJ Hawthorne</b>	Lib	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	<i>Comment: I believe I would go much further than these questions to ensure freedoms for motorcyclists(#s 3&amp;5).</i>							



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
10/1/2024	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
10/2/2024	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
10/2/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
10/3/2024	Buffalo Ridge Chapter Meeting	Dave's Muscle Cars, Lynd (BYOB)	6:00 PM
10/3/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
10/4/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Center	7:00 PM
10/5/2024	Central Chapter 9th Annual Fall Fun Run	Viking Land HD, Sauk Rapids, Registration	9-10:00 AM
10/5/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
10/5/2024	Lake Chapter Ditch Pick up	St. Bonifacius Community Center	11:00 AM
10/5/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Chris Kalway's House, Howard Lake	3:00 PM
10/5/2024	River Valley Ditch Pickup		
10/5/2024	Rolling Prairie Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up	Camper World, Madelia	12:00 PM
10/5/2024	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	The 91 Bar, Hanska	3:00 PM
10/5/2024	Southeast LC & Stright River Donations for Toys for Tots Run	Tilly's, Oronoco	11:00 AM
10/6/2024	Central Chapter Meeting	The Legion, Clearwater	12:15 PM
10/6/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	Americna Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
10/6/2024	Way and Means Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	12:00 PM
10/7/2024	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	
10/8/2024	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
10/12/2024	Rolling Prairie Family Fun Day	Herman Park, New Ulm	10 - 4:00 PM
10/13/2024	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Piggy's BBQ, Thief River Falls	3:00 PM
10/13/2024	Publication Meeting	Viz Zoom	11:00 AM
10/13/2024	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
10/13/2024	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
10/13/2024	Straight River Chapter Meeting	The Channel Inn, Warsaw	
10/18/2024	BOD	Best Western Plus, Wilmar	
10/19/2024	BOD	Best Western Plus, Wilmar	
10/20/2024	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Squirrel Cage, Willow River	
10/20/2024	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:00 AM
10/26/2024	Halloween Parade	Anoka	3:00 PM
10/26/2024	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg McGlynn's Place	12:00 AM
10/27/2024	Metro Fall Ride	Registration at 11:00 a.m. - See Facebook for my details	12:00 PM
11/1/2024	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Center	7:00 PM
11/2/2024	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Busy Beehive, Brooten	6:00 PM
11/2/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Town Club, Delano	3:00 PM
11/3/2024	Central Chapter Meeting	Ultimate, Waite Park	12:00 PM
11/3/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	St Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
11/6/2024	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
11/6/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, Silver Lake	7:00 PM
11/7/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
11/10/2024	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
11/10/2024	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
11/10/2024	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's, Owatonna	
11/17/2024	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Mavericks Saloon, Beroun	
11/17/2024	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
11/23/2024	East Central Turkey Bowling	Americna Legion, St. Francis	
11/30/2024	South Central Toys for Kids Fundraiser	Eagle Club, Litchfield	6:00 PM
12/1/2024	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
12/4/2024	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
12/5/2024	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
12/7/2024	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigan's, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
12/8/2024	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
12/8/2024	Straight River Chapter Meeting	The Boxcar, Waseca	
12/15/2024	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction	
12/15/2024	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
12/15/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
12/16/2024	Jack Pine Riders Christmas Party	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, Following Meeting	

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### BUFFALO RIDGE

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

### CENTRAL

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

### EAST CENTRAL

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

### FLATLANDERS

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

### FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

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

### GLACIAL RIDGE

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

### HEART OF THE LAKES

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

### JACK PINE RIDERS

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

### LAKE

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

### METRO

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

### NORTH STAR

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

### NORTHWEST

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

### RIVER VALLEY

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

### ROLLING PRAIRIE

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

### SAND DUNES

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

### SOUTH CENTRAL

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

### SOUTHEAST LC

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

### SOUTHWEST

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

### STRAIGHT RIVER

Curtis /Denise Gilbertson .....R  
Jennifer Heien .....R  
Barb Perry .....R  
Ken Robertson .....R  
Shawn Wagaman .....R

### TRI-COUNTY

Adrienne Ackley .....R  
Dale Carlson .....R  
Frank /Vicki Ernst .....R  
William Ernst /  
Wendy Batz .....R  
Russell Hestness .....R  
Kevin Menzel .....R

### UP NORTH

Jason Barstow .....N  
Delbert Brincefield .....R  
Dean Homes .....R  
Jeff Java .....N  
Darren Olson .....R  
David Olson .....N  
Dylan Ovitt .....N  
Charles Rachunek .....N  
Mike Salminen Jr .....R  
Thomas Sullivan .....N  
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- 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
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