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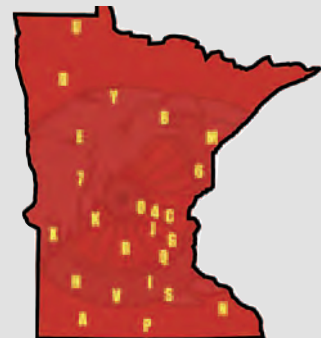
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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Riding season has been staying for a long time this fall. I hope you're enjoying the outdoors and getting some miles in.

We have just returned from Meeting of the Minds in St. Louis, MO. It was a very busy and educational weekend. What a wonderful way to learn and network. From educational and

motivational sessions, to the all important socializing that takes place, it's a great event! You should try to add it to your calendar for next year in Louisiana.

**VOTE VOTE VOTE**

And get to know your legislators! Find out where they stand on all issues that are important to you. You should know where they stand on motorcycle issues before Bikerday at the Capitol.

Ride Safe!

*Jane*



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Well my wife healed up nicely from her knee surgery. I forgot to tell you, we also were celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 8<sup>th</sup> and her knee was replaced on the 9<sup>th</sup>, so we had a little bit going on. And how many people do you know give their wife a new knee for their anniversary? They always lose diamonds, but a knee replacement, they install it on the inside and is almost forever.

Moving forward, we need to start looking at elections. Like I say every year, have you ever thought of running for a position in your chapter or maybe even on the state level? If you're ever curious or would like some input or information, I'm always happy to help.

And have you ever thought of attending a committee meeting? There's always a lot of information and it's fun being a part of the Committee, A.B.A.T.E. University, Rally, Ways and Mean, Gambling, Young Riders / Young Riders scholarships, Publications or a B.O.D.,

just to name a few. And I guess I've been a part of all of them. Most I've never missed, some I hit once in a while, but there's always a lot of information and a lot to learn

People always ask questions. Why do we do this? Where does this go? Why is that? Come on out and attend and learn for yourself what's behind the scenes at A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

And let's not forget, we have Bikerday at the Capitol coming up, so if you can, try and get the day off of work. It's only 1 day. Come out and attend Bikerday at the Capitol. Remember, these politicians are just like you and me, they ride motorcycles, they're your neighbor, they're just as common as everyone else. Some of them even drink beer. And your appointment is set up for you. You don't even have to call anyone. Just register online, so try to make time for Bikerday at the Capitol.

Time for me to go. I have to haul some grain for a friend of mine, and maybe he'll even let me drive a tractor, but I know the combine is out of the question.

Till next time,

*Jim*



# Bikerday 2025 Confirmed!

Bikerday 2025 has been confirmed. The date is January 30, 2025 in the Capitol Rotunda. More info soon.

*Mack*

You will see Bikerday this year is on Thursday not Wednesday. Be sure to point that out to folks when you are sharing the information because it is outside of our typical day. Regardless of the day change we are confident we can be successful but we need your participation, please plan to attend. Thanks to Mack for his effort getting the arrangements made.

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

Hello A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota!

It is voting season. I want to take a moment to encourage everyone to get out and cast your vote. Your voice is important, and your participation makes a difference. Bring a friend or family member along—it's a great way to make an impact together.

For those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jerry, and I'm proud to serve as one of the newest members of your A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Legislative Team.

I've been riding motorcycles on the street for nearly 30 years, and throughout that time, I've had the opportunity to own and appreciate many different makes and models. Currently, I have three Harleys in my collection: a '74 Super Glide, a '96 Springer Bad Boy, and a '14 Ultra.

Beyond my personal love of riding, I am deeply committed to advocating for the rights of motorcyclists. I am a proud member of the Choppers MC and have been actively involved with A.B.A.T.E., the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the Minnesota Confederation of Clubs (COC), and the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) for many years.

I want to emphasize how valuable each and every

one of you are to our mission of preserving and regaining our rights as motorcyclists. This work requires dedication and time, but there are a few simple ways YOU can contribute:

- VOTE - Your voice matters in shaping policies that impact us.
- Join or renew your A.B.A.T.E. membership - Stay connected and support our community.
- Join or renew your MRF membership - Amplify our voice on the national stage.
- Take the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey using the QR code - This takes less than 60 seconds.

Thank you all for your support and for standing up for our rights. I look forward to meeting more of you and working together to make a positive difference for the motorcycling community.



National Motorcycle Profiling Survey

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*Jerry*

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## Next Meeting(s):

November 21<sup>st</sup>, Hennepin Technical College,  
Brooklyn Park, 5:00-7:00 pm

The last task force meeting was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Saint Paul College. We had Senator Julia Coleman (48,R) join us at the beginning of the meeting via Microsoft Teams to talk about the lane splitting statute that will take effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, but I will get into that a little later in this report.

We were informed that there was no record or minutes of the July task force meeting. The Commissioner's Designee to the task force (head of the task force) stated that there was a malfunction of the recording equipment. He then went on to state that he no longer has the time to go through these recordings and publish meeting minutes. In his own words, "It's not a priority of mine." In my opinion, it is rather unsettling that a group of voting members appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) attend an advisory task force meeting that is hosted and run by the DPS, and those members do not have access to voting records of said meeting.

In the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force Operating Policies and Procedures, it states, "The Staff Advisor (the DPS Information Officer or a person assigned by the DPS) serves as recording secretary for the task force and is responsible for seeing that meeting minutes, agendas, and necessary background information are sent to members at least one month before the next meeting. It is also the Staff Advisors responsibility to ensure the meeting minutes along with any recommendations are sent to the Commissioner's Designee within seven days after any meeting. The staff advisor shall be a non-voting member of the task force." I will be looking further into this to see if more can be done to restore records of these meetings, but for now, we are right back to square one.

Now, on to the lane splitting topic. As I stated earlier, Senator Julia Coleman attended the beginning of the meeting. As her time was limited and always important, we immediately dove right into lane splitting. She was curious what the holdup is on getting the lane splitting public service awareness (PSA) campaign out to educate the public on this new law going into effect that will affect all Minnesota roadway users. She stated her office door is always

open to anyone at the DPS that has questions on the legislation, in hopes of nudging this campaign along to get the information out before next spring. For now, all there has been is a few interviews and some news reports, some of which were inaccurate.

As the task force did that evening, I would once again like to express my gratitude to Senator Coleman for spending time with the task force in the pursuance of the betterment of Minnesota motorcyclists. After the Senator left the meeting, the discussion continued.

There was concern expressed by the head of the task force that \$200,000 was not enough funds to spread between this fall and coming spring. The consensus of the voting members was that we need to get this information out as soon as possible, in any way possible. There have been motorcyclists lane splitting in this state illegally for years. Some do it responsibly and some do it irresponsibly. Some of those that have done it irresponsibly have ended up in serious injury or fatal crashes. The difference now is that this riding practice is under a microscope. Considering the DPS will not be ramping up the lane splitting PSA until spring, a voting member suggested that one side of the tab renewal notification insert be dedicated to this topic. After all, this expense is in the program's budget every year. The task force members were then informed that the insert design had already been approved, but perhaps a sentence could be added at the bottom of one side. Choosing the insert theme has been voted on by task force members for many years. Perhaps if this was brought before an advisory task force prior to locking in a design theme, there would be another outlet for this time sensitive information. This same member requested that the task force be included in this process going forward, as it has been in the past.

This report is getting long and I will have more to share next month, which will be before the next task force meeting.

One last item. Attention trike operators! If you have a full motorcycle endorsement and ride a trike, these next statements do not affect you. If you are a trike operator that has a driver's license with a "three-wheel restriction," there are changes coming. Soon you will be required to have a "motorcycle endorsement with a three-wheel restriction." This does not require any further testing. It simply means that you will need to pay the \$17 endorsement fee every four years when you renew your driver's license. You will receive a notification in the mail. This will affect approximately 1,800 people in this state.

Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

— Jon Fernholz



# STATE RALLY REPORT

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## Next Meeting(s):

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

January 17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D. location

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

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

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

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

We are off and running with Rally 2025 budget planning.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted suggestions for the next Rally. We are reviewing each one and have received some great ideas! From registration improvements, to having a social hour at each chapter tent, with a chapter tent decoration contest. Keep the suggestions coming, send them to rally@abatemn.org.

We just reviewed the sponsor form, and that will be printed and distributed shortly. It is not too early to start getting your list ready of businesses ready to contact to become a 2025 Rally sponsor.

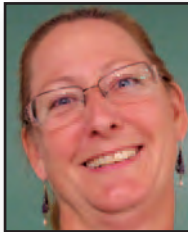
We are holding a contest for the picture design of the 2025 Rally flyer, and a contest for the picture design of the 2025 Rally T-shirt. The winner will receive a free 2025 Rally ticket. Please submit your ideas by Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> to rally@abatemn.org. We will be reviewing them and deciding at the January B.O.D. Rally meeting on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have already signed another 2-year contract with the Litchfield fairgrounds for the Rally location for 2025 and 2026. I know we do get suggestions for looking at a new location. Owning our own land is not realistic when that would require year-round volunteers. We have a tough time filling volunteer spots for only one weekend as it is. And a lot of work is needed to change venues, even just to rent a property. So, if you are serious about the suggestion, I am asking you to email rally@abatemn.org and request a Location Proposal form. You will need to do all the work to thoroughly research a potential new location. All the information needed is listed on the form. The next two years will go by fast, and it will require new planning strategies throughout the year to re-stage the Rally somewhere else. That is why I am requesting that any completed proposal forms need to be submitted by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, if you want the new location to be considered for the 2027 rally.

As I write this, I have not seen the new Rally calendar yet, but I hear it is the best one ever. I cannot wait to see the pictures of all of you having a blast! When you read this, order forms for the new Rally calendar should already be available through your chapter.

And congratulations to Mike Olkives from Sand Dunes, and Harmony Lillie from Glacial Ridge, our 2024 Rally King & Queen! Hope you have a great Thanksgiving, and some warm weather to still ride!

*— Dougie Cohen*



# STATE TREASURER

**“MITCH”**

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It has been kind of quiet lately. Guess everyone is getting ready for the holidays.

Fundraisers will be coming up soon. Let's try to support each other and have fun at the same time!

As the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota budgeting process gets underway, let me know if you have any questions or input.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*— Mitch*



## MRF REPORT

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The last weekend in September, we attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds conference, in St. Louis, MO. This annual event allows motorcyclist rights advocates the chance to share legislative accomplishments of their states, shape the MRF's federal legislative agenda, and learn from leaders in the movement about how to be effective voices for motorcyclists. Next year Meeting of the Minds will be in Shreveport, LA September 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. We took in a lot of information and will be trying to get to different meetings throughout the state to share what we learned.

*— Ryan "Moon" Triebenbach*





# WRITE TO RIDE

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If you are reading this and it is before 8:00 pm Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and you have not voted yet, stop reading and go vote!

Something to think about!

I recently had the opportunity to visit with a group of people that have been in the motorcycle rights movement for many decades. We were talking about some of the history, talking about the time when freedom of choice regarding use of motorcycle helmets was the target issue. We agreed that we have done reasonably well restoring that freedom. During that era, we became known as the anti-helmet people, but we declared we were not anti-helmet, we were freedom of choice people.

As we talked, I began thinking about how some have changed. I began wondering when and why they transitioned. It has become apparent to me that for some people the movement "fighting for the freedom of choice" has become fight for the freedom of choice as long as my choice agrees with their desire. What happened to the fight to protect yours or my freedom of choice as long as it does not infringe on the rights of others? As a past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business." Have we forgotten about that? Many others will agree, it has changed. It's worth thinking about

As you read this, we have decided or are very close to deciding who will serve in 134 Minnesota house seats, one Minnesota Senate seat, eight members of the Minnesota congressional delegation, one US Senator, and the President. Are big changes happening or will the status quo remain? Whatever the result, we need to live with it for the next two or more years.

Do you know the position that the people elected have on your important issues? Have you taken the time during the election season to get to know these people? Have you established relationships with them? These were the early steps for protecting our freedom of choice. Have you built relationships with those that will rule the country?

What's the next step? Bikerday at the State Capitol, Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>. There you can meet with those that represent you. If you cannot make it that day, you have other options. Visit your Minnesota house or senate members in their home office, or at local townhall meetings. The same can be said for those that represent you on the federal level, visit them in their home offices or at local gatherings. It's great to make the trip to St Paul or to DC and if you do you can strengthen those connections by visiting locally. If you are not able to meet in the state or nations capitol you can still do it locally, and an advantage of local meetings is you can save a bunch of time and money.

Most important, continue to write letters, make phone calls, and let them know what is important to you and why it is important. If you don't take time to stand up for your freedoms, who do you expect will do it for you? When you get replies please share with W2R for your patch and our records.

Thanks to all Veterans for protecting my freedom. Let "Awareness" "training" and "education" carry over to your riding skills

—frank

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## NCOM LIASON

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This being November, I want to say thank you for reading this, being members, and for supporting the work a few do for so many.

The MRF just had a great conference that is always inspiring and motivational to say the least. The unity amongst the groups that attend, including NCOM, is getting better, so please consider experiencing this for yourself.

Now is time for you to plan your attendance at any or all these conferences for 2025 starting with NCOM in Biloxi, MS (my apologies for incorrectly listing the wrong city in last month's Road Noise) May 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup>. Next up is the MRF's Bikers Inside the Beltway held in our Nation's Capital, Washinton D.C. on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Then in September the MRF has their 41<sup>st</sup> annual Meeting of the Minds in Shreveport, LA from the 25<sup>th</sup> thru the 28<sup>th</sup>.

There is so much to learn and share with our fellow concerned motorcyclists, starting by how to afford to attend any of these conferences, and that is where I will end this for now.

Together WE do great things!

— Dale



## EDUCATION

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### Next Meeting(s):

November 19<sup>th</sup>, Via Zoom, 6:30 pm

The last state-run rider training course ended on October 6<sup>th</sup>, which officially brings the 2024 training season to an end. I hope some of you got out to participate in one this year whether it was for your first time, or to sharpen your skill set. I will wait another five days or so before I reach out to the college system to get an overall attendance percentage of the Young Riders Scholarship recipients for this year. Between the scholarship program (gambling funds), District Rider Training (state general funds), and chapter sponsored rider training, my hope is to have a breakdown of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's funds spent and the number of riders that were trained using these funds in time to report at the October Board of Directors meeting. If it is not all available by then, the information will be reported in the next Education Road Noise report regardless.

There will be more to come about what we, as an organization, have done to train and educate not only our members, but also the Minnesota motorcycling community at large.

In the meantime, I would like to take a moment to thank ALL veterans for your service to this great nation. You have my respect and unwavering gratitude.

*"Education is the foundation of all we do in life. It shapes who we are and what we aspire to be."*

-Julie Payette

*— Jon Fernholz*



## MARKETING DIRECTOR

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Hi!

I have been saving everyone's pictures that are sent to me or ones I happen to see from each chapter. I would like to make a photo album from Shutterfly with the year's events. If you want something in it, please send it to me. I want to have the first one done for the January B.O.D. I think if we have these, showing what we do, we can entice people to see this and want to see what we do.

Other than that, my chapter had a camp out at a State Park and just from us coming and going, we had a gentleman approach us and we signed him up. We had young people at the camp out, so that made us more approachable. And let's be honest, when you talk about how pretty a tomato is we are not seen as a threat.

Be safe! Too many crashes this year.

*— Harmony*



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November 10<sup>th</sup>, Via Zoom, 11:00 am  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, Via Zoom, 11:00 am

Fall, a time for fundraisers, bonfires, flannels, and sweaters. Check out the calendar of events for other chapter meetings and fundraisers. Have some fun and support other chapters too.

If there is anyone interested in helping create the covers for the Road Noise issues, please reach out to me or one of the other committee members if you have questions or would like to join us.

Remember to support and THANK Veterans for our freedom! Happy Thanksgiving, take time to enjoy family and friends.

*— Tammy*



# YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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We have a meeting coming up, but it will be done before you get this. Are you interested in being a part of our group? We can always use another brain.

Bikerday is coming up soon and the kids get an excused day off school to go the Capitol to learn about government. I'd love to see more kids join us. Last year was great, let's make the next one even better.

There is also the Juniors in High School Minnesota House Program. Young Riders that attend will receive a Write to Ride patch and be recognized in the Road Noise. If you are interested or have a junior interested, look on the Young Riders Facebook page.

Bikerday is January 30<sup>th</sup>.



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Biker Family,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! Not much to report on this month as Morgan and I are starting to slow down for the winter months ahead. However, we are still available for your fundraisers if you want products at your event or if you need something for an auction, please email me.

Reminder this is your last call for 2024 rockers as I will be placing an order on the 15<sup>th</sup> for these, so I have them for January B.O.D.

If you have ideas, suggestions, etc. for products, please email me.

— Kari



## DIAL-A-RIDE

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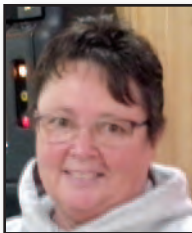
2024 Fall Color Ride (pictured above), what a beautiful day, we increased in number of bikes and riders. Picture is taken at the Federal Dam Park where we stopped for burgers and hot dogs. We held an education meeting for our guests to tell them what we are all about. Very good response from our guests, quite a few had no idea who we were or what we do.

Planning for next year's event is already in the works, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Weekend camp out and ride on Saturday. Changing the route to the Itasca State Park area. More information as time gets closer.

No report of interventions for this past month, if any of you have done an intervention please contact "Big John" Nelson and/or Bill Ernst.

Respectfully submitted

— Sharon Polman



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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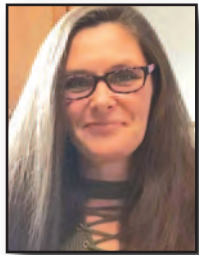
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The October 2<sup>nd</sup> report shows 1,207 singles and 1,152 couples, which is down thirty-four from last month's report. The Chapter with the largest increase was South Central, with +37 members. Quite sure the State Rally having the "Day Pass Plus" was a big contributor to that! We need to do more of these kinds of specials! The Chapter with the next highest increase was Flatlanders with a +8, way to go!

Start checking your expiration dates and renew now if you plan on being nominated for next year's election!

See ya down the road!

— Shelly



## HISTORIAN

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I hope everyone is ready for the upcoming holidays, chapter events and fundraisers. This is the season we don't ride; however, we still meet up with our fellow riders and friends to help support each other in our events and efforts. And I absolutely love that brotherhood and sisterhood!

I do not have anything historical to submit for this month. Between work, home projects, meetings and jury duty, time got away from me.

I am, however, looking for any outrageous, crazy, fun stories that any chapter would like to share (Include pictures if you can). Keep in mind, we may share these stories at the A.B.A.T.E. University. I still have yet to coordinate with our A.B.A.T.E. University committee. With the approach of the upcoming seasons, when I do not want to be outside, I suspect more will get done.

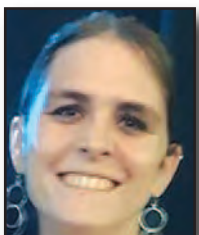
To those who do not attend the B.O.D. meetings, please know I am still collecting and working on the collection of Road Noise issues and Memorial lists of past members. I should have updated lists at the January B.O.D. If anyone has anything they would like to share with history, contribute to history or inform history about, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or please hand off to your chapter rep to bring to me at the next available B.O.D. meeting.

Thank you so much to those who have sent me information. I really appreciate it.

To those who have never been to a B.O.D. meeting, I invite you to join us. It is open to all members, and you can really gain a lot of information and see for yourself how we work together as a team to get things done and get the important information out there to everyone.

Stay tuned for next month! Ride Safe. Ride Free.

*— Gaida*



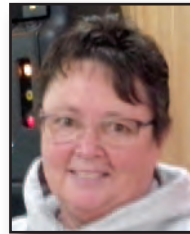
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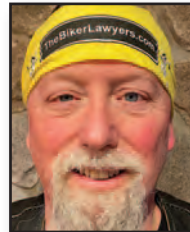
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It's been really quiet here. Nothing new to report. Keep on keepin on!

*— Shelly*



## GAMBLING REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s):

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Bill Ernst Home, 6:00 pm

December 11<sup>th</sup>, Frank and Vicki Ernst Home, 6:00 pm

January 17<sup>th</sup>, B.O.D., 6:00 pm

*— Dan*



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next meeting(s):

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

Our committee last met on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We looked over bills, deposits, and fundraiser reports. I would like to thank the committee members for all that they do. We have an excellent group of people. Come out and meet all of us at our next meeting.

I would like to say Happy Veterans Day to all the Vets out there. Thank you for your service and your sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom. We are forever grateful.

*— Kristy*



## BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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**No Report Received**

# Veteran of the Month

## Member of the Month

### Randy Deters, Lake Chapter

Randy began his military career in San Diego, three weeks after graduating High School. After Navy boot camp, he attended the Medic/Hospital Corps School and graduated with academic honors and a meritorious increase in rank.

His first duty station was the Medical Center in Chicago, IL. He and seven other Navy Medics, under the command of a Master Chief Corpsman, implemented the first operational Military Base Ambulance and Emergency Room Service in the US Navy (and as best we knew in the entire US Military). It became a model for the Naval Base Ambulance & Emergency Services.

Later, he transferred to the Naval Regional Medical Center in Bremerton Washington, across Puget Sound from Seattle. He was primarily assigned to the main Naval Base Hospital. He had a line of duty injury (not combat related). After recovery he was assigned to the USS Wm H Standley CG-32 Guided Missile Cruiser as the 2nd Medic. She was still in port, but set for sea in a few months, she sailed without him. After a brief tour on the ship, the injury reasserted itself and he was placed in the medical reserves until the end of his enlistment, when he was Honorably Discharged and given DAV status.

The US Navy Medical Corps gave Randy his start on a 47 year career as a civilian Paramedic, 911, Emergency Room, Clinical Educator & Flight Medic. Eventually he ended up at Waconia Ridgeview Ambulance service for 18 years, a great place to be a Medic. In early 1990's he was given a PR task to meet with a bunch of "bikers" on a spring Saturday morning to get "bears" from them.

That story, and it is a GREAT story to tell you sometime, began a 30 year association with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, LAKE CHAPTER!!

They gave him Buddy Bears for the Ambulance Service and he gained a lifetime of friends and family. After being in AZ for 15 years, he retired and came back home to Minnesota, my family and to A.B.A.T.E. Lake Chapter. .... "I am Back Home."

In addition to being in the Medic career for 47 years, for the past 20 years he has also rescued dogs, Brittany Spaniels. "Given I no longer rescue humans, maybe in my next 20 years of retirement, I can find a way to join those two focuses of my life, and find a way to help and engage something like Pets for Vets." The next Journey.

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

MIKE BURGESS, DIRECTOR

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No Report Received

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

Meeting locations are tentative and waiting to be confirmed. If there is a change, the new information will be available on the Flatlanders webpage.

November 16th, Legion, Glenville, 2:00 pm

December 14th, Georges in Geneva, Geneva, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Flatlanders Christmas Party

Hello from the Flatlanders!!

We want to thank everyone who came to our 6th Annual Summers Done Run on the 13th and 14th of September. Thank you to those who camped for the weekend, thank you to those who came for the ride on Saturday and thank you to those who came for the food Saturday evening. Thank you to those who brought side dishes and food for the event. Thank you to the members who donated silent auction items and went to local businesses and received silent auction items. It is because of each of you that we once again had a successful fundraiser.

Personally I would like to give a special thank you to a couple of people who do everything they can to support our Chapter every year... Jim Zenk for smoking up the meats (pork butt & ribs) and providing some of the best BBQ around every year. And Marlene Bergdale and the rest of the Bergdale Harley Davidson family for the wonderful donations to the silent auction every year.

Each year, this fundraiser has gotten better and better and it's not based on the money earned. It is about the memories made with those who are old friends, those who are new friends and those friends who have become family. Although there is a lot of hard work that goes into the planning and preparation, when it all comes together, it was well worth it. Sitting around the tables during the day and the fire at night, seeing the smiles, listening to

the laughter, enjoying the company of others and seeing how relaxed and comfortable everyone is, does a soul good. It is the perfect reminder of how our everyday life should be... Grateful for the small things, being kind, being humble, and loving your neighbor. In this crazy world when things are all messed up and our country is so divided, it is our biker community/family that we can always count on.

We may have different opinions and we may not always agree, but we are family and that is the most important thing. So with that said, support the other chapter fundraisers and show your support for what they are trying to accomplish. Volunteer when the opportunity presents itself, because your help would be greatly appreciated. Spend your gambling money and give it to those who need it most. That is the purpose.

Share what A.B.A.T.E. is with others to increase the awareness of who/what we are and possibly sign up new members. Get out and ride as much as you can as the season is coming to an end. Although everything I have shared is important, there is one other item that far supersedes everything else... November 5th. Make sure your voice is heard and that is to **VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!** And if you are completing absentee ballots make sure they are mailed in on time. "We the People" need to ensure our freedoms because no one else will!!

*The greatest danger to American Freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution.*

- Thomas Jefferson

Peace, Love and Hugs

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

(See Flatlanders photos on the next page.)



# Flatlanders 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summers Done Run



# SOUTHEAST LC

## Next Meeting(s):

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

Hi All:

Mother Nature has been nice to us with all the nice weather. Maybe she is making up for the crappy weather in the spring and early summer. Anyway, some of us joined Straight River chapter for their Buddy Bear ride on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day for riding, and I got to see roads I have never been on before. Thank you, Mike Smith, for an awesome ride.

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Darlene, Rick and I attended the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action recognition/memorial ceremony in Rochester. This ceremony is held to honor those who never made it home and are still missing. It was a very moving ceremony and gave a person a lot to think about. It is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September. If you have never been to one of these ceremonies, I suggest you go once.

October 5<sup>th</sup>, we held our first Toys for Tots ride in conjunction with Straight River. We had about 30 bikes or so. Lots of toys and cash were collected for the Marines to give out at Christmas. It was another beautiful day for riding. Mr. & Mrs. Clause (James {Tiny} Vandemark and Terry Panek) joined us on our ride. They caught the attention of several little ones.

The chapter is currently starting the planning process for our winter/early spring party. We are looking to have this in early March, so mark your calendars. Hopefully by then, we will not have to worry about the weather so much and not have to change the date like last year because of a snowstorm. Let's get some chapter members to get involved with this. New ideas are always welcome. We did add some new members recently and we welcome you. Can't wait to see you at the monthly meetings (dates, times, and locations are listed above). Current members and those who have renewed their membership, we would love to see you at the monthly meetings. Your input is important and very much appreciated.

Don't forget to vote in November. Your vote is important.

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.

- Terry



**Toys for Tots Ride Photos**

**The Clauses with Mike Smith from Straight River and Ruby the reindog (above right).**

**The Clauses, James (Tiny) Vandemark and Terry Panek from Southeast LC (above left).**

**Mrs. Clause and her granddaughter Harmony King who joined us on the ride (below).**



# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

November 10<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser

Hello All!

Well it's bye-bye to the riding season for this year... hope everyone had a chance to get in as many of the rides and events that you had planned for. It sure was great seeing a lot of our A.B.A.T.E. family this summer... let's try to make sure to keep in touch with each other over the winter months!

Speaking of keeping in touch... our chapter is looking forward to our **January Thaw Dance Fundraiser**. Make sure you save the date for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Donations for our awesome silent auction are greatly appreciated. Advanced tickets will be coming

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# RIVER VALLEY

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soon, so watch for more details on our River Valley Chapter facebook page.

Thank you to those who came out and helped with our Fall Ditch Cleanup and Lunch. It was a small group, but we got it done! You are appreciated!!

To our new members, we welcome you and hope to see you at our monthly meetings. And to those who

renewed their memberships, thank you for your continued support.

Hey, let's all remember to pay attention to our Road Noise calendar of events and then try to get out there and support our fellow chapter's fundraisers as much as we can. Every little bit helps!

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

– Anthony Crandell, President

## TRI-COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

November 7<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm

December 5<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm

(Christmas get together)

A big thank you to Lake Chapter President April and Vice President Jim for attending our October meeting as our guests. April presented our chapter with an emergency backpack for our \$100 Gold sponsorship last year to their Grounded Hogs fundraiser. Our chapter again voted to sponsor this event being held February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the Gold level!

Our chapter also voted to reimburse our president for the expense of his hotel room for attending the October Board of Directors meeting held in Willmar on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter also pays for our chapter rep to attend this event. Thank you to these guys for representing Tri-County!

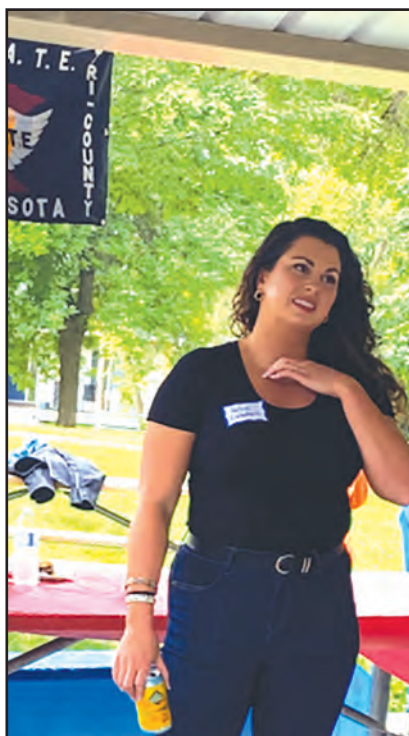
Our Freedom Social was an awesome event! Our special guests were Senator Julia Coleman, Representative Bobbi Harder, Assistant State Coordinator Jim Orn, and lobbyist Phil Stalboerger. Senator Julia discussed the lane splitting bill. A big thank you to Bill for grilling the burgers and hotdogs! We also got to use our two newly purchased tents that looked great, and will look even greater after we add some verbage on the tents, we will add FREEDOM FIGHTERS on two flaps and TRI-COUNTY A.B.A.T.E. with the MN A.B.A.T.E. logo on the other two sides.

Our chapter also voted to have a pizza party at our December meeting with free pizza, and bring a white elephant gift to exchange if you desire. Always fun!! Bring some cookies to share if you want to also!!!

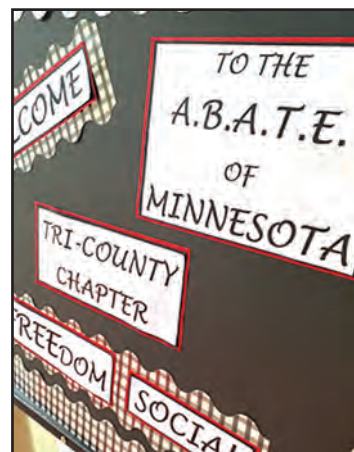
Speaking of December.... that means elections for 2025 will be starting in January! Our chapter should be proud for all we contributed this year to our motorcycle organizations and member friends in need.

It's still October as I write this report and the fall colors are coming, so get out on your bike or just a walk to enjoy the beauty of our changing season. And do you know what sound a witches motorcycle makes???? BROOM BROOM .

Happy Halloween 🍎 PEACE OUT FRIENDS!! – Ger



Senator Julia Coleman, 48th Dist. (R)



Lake Chapter President April gifts a First Aid Backpack to Tri-County President Jon for our previous years Grounded Hogs fundraiser donation.



# STRAIGHT RIVER

## Next Meeting(s):

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Reggie  
Brewhouse,  
Owatonna, 1:00 pm  
Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, The Box Car,  
Waseca, 1:00 pm  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, Channel Inn,  
Warsaw, 1:00 pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

Plans are in the works for our chilli cookoff/contest in February.

Hello Everyone! Hope everyone had a good summer. I know I did!

We have a couple of events coming up on

October 26<sup>th</sup>. Trunk for Treats in Medford and Halloween event at Harley in Faribault.

Our chapter's Buddy Bear donation ride was a success. All 80 of the little fellas were dropped off September 28<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend we collaborated with SouthEast LC for Toys for Tots donation ride. We had a good turn out and a great ride. Both weekends turned out to be beautiful weekends.

Hope everyone is getting those last minute chores done. Old man winter is going to show his face too soon.

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



**Blooming Prairie FD**



**Ruth's House Faribault**



**Dundas PD**



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# Chapter Grapevines



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Thanks to all who helped with the Hospitality Room in Willmar at the October B.O.D.! It looks like the next time the Southwest District hosts will be January 2026!

Are you ready to vote in the election? Are you voting to keep your biker rights, or are you voting down the line? Do you know what each candidate stands for? Have you been in contact with any of the candidates? We all need to do our part to help keep our rights and to protect what we love. If we don't, who will?

Our next SW District meeting will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, be there by noon to order food. Buffalo Ridge is hosting the meeting at Brittons Road House, located at 101 2nd St in Garvin. This is their Christmas Party meeting. If you want to join in on the fun, they will be doing a gift exchange of \$20-\$30 gifts after the Chapter meeting. They play a fun dice game for the gifts!

Until next time!

*Shelly Deutsch*

## WAY WEST

### Next Meeting(s):

- October 26<sup>th</sup>, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm
- December 28<sup>th</sup>, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

- December 28<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party, Snorts Bar, Nassau, following the meeting

Greetings all,

Wow, October will be gone by the time you read this. As I write this at 5:45 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, it is still 82 degrees out! That will change in a quick hurry, I guess, if we must. Thanks to all who came to the ditch pick-up.

As you can see from the upcoming meeting schedule we voted to go back to the winter schedule, so October, November and December are at Snorts Bar in Nassau at 2:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. They are kind enough to open an hour early for us. We will also be having our little Christmas gathering following the December meeting. We are in full "Toys for Kids" mode, let us get our cans out and donations in as soon as possible.

You are all in my thoughts...not my dreams,

– Gypsy Mama



**Way West**



**Check presentation from the Minnesota Memorial Run. Pictured are three Buffalo Ridge members: Liz Herzog, Kris Gruhot, and Eriann Faris (also representing the MN Memorial Run.**

## **BUFFALO RIDGE**

Greetings Freedom Fighters!

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter has moved their monthly meeting location to Dave's Muscle Cars in Lynd. Meetings will remain the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm, unless otherwise noted on our Facebook page.

The Buffalo Ridge Chapter was the recipient of a donation from the Minnesota Memorial Run organization, once again. We are extremely grateful for their support and are saddened to see this run come to an end. Like just about everything else these days, committee members just aren't showing up, so the planning falls on just one or two people, which gets overwhelming. We want to give Eriann Faris a shout out, along with the entire MMR Committee for the years of support for our "Share the Road" program. It's been a great run!

Our chapter is honored to be hosting the District Meeting this December. It will be held at Bitton's Roadhouse in Garvin, on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Arrive at noon to order a meal if you wish, and the meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm. After the meeting, we invite you to take part in our annual gift exchange game. Each person bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$20-30 if you want to participate.

Until next time:

– Kris Gruhot, Sec/Treasurer

## **SOUTHWEST**

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

November 1<sup>st</sup>, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm  
December meeting has not been determined yet.

But that event will include our annual Christmas party and meeting. It will be a bundled sorta gathering. Keep posted!

At the December Christmas party, we will collect dry, nonperishable, food items for one of the local food shelves. In the past the food shelf staff has been delighted with our donations that help them provide better holiday meals to those in need!

Keep our service men and women, as well as their families in your thoughts and prayers!

### **VOTE!**

– BAM

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## **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

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

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chili Feed, The Village Inn, LaSalle 3:00pm  
Meeting, 4 pm Regular meeting

December 7<sup>th</sup>, Chili Feed, Last Chance Saloon, Hanska  
3:00 pm, Meeting, 4:00 pm Regular meeting Christmas party to follow

January 4<sup>th</sup>, River's Edge Golf Course, St. James 3:00 pm  
Chili Feed Meeting, 4:00 pm Regular meeting

Happy Thanksgiving fellow bikers!

Not too much going on in Rolling Prairie except for planning our Chili Feed. Details will be announced in the next months. Yes, Tom will have his HOT Chili for those brave enough to try it.

We finished up our Adopt-a-Highway for the year last month. Thank you to those that showed up to help.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun Day is in the books and we are grateful to have the youngsters join us for a day to learn more about motorcycling and safety on the road.

Until next time,

– Giggles



# LAKE

## Next Meeting(s):

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave's Town Club,  
Delano, 3:00 pm  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, The Red Lodge, Waverly,  
3:00 pm (new location)  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, TBD, 3:00 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup>, Rockford Township Hall,  
Rockford, 3:00 pm  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, Madigans, Maple Lake,  
3:00 pm  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, TBD, 3:00 pm  
*\*\*Please note March and April meetings  
are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month instead  
of the 1st.\*\**

## Upcoming Event(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup> Grounded Hogs Fundraiser,  
Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

We successfully held our bi-annual ditch pickup along highway 7 in St. Bonifacius. Thank you to all who attended to help keep the community clean.

Our October meeting was held at Chris Kalway's house where an Oktoberfest was prepared for us. Thank you to Chris and Scott for all that you do to prepare that for us. It was fantastic as always. The meeting, the food, the fellowship was enjoyed by all.

We enjoyed our ride to and our time at Tri-County's Freedom Social in Chanhassen. It was wonderful to visit with our fellow chapter and discuss the current legislation, past and upcoming. We had a semi-fall run, as a chapter. The ride ended at the St. Michael theater where we viewed the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary showing of **Blazing Saddles** on the big screen.

The Steven J. Kreitlow Award nominations have ended and voting for this prestigious award will be at our November meeting. The award will be presented at our December meeting. Good luck to all the nominees.

Lake Chapter is honored to be able to donate memorial patches of each of our chapter members (that we still have a stock of) to State Products for a quilt in memory of our passed brothers and sisters.

Breaking news for the 2025 Grounded Hogs: Advanced tickets are available for purchase NOW. Contact any chapter member to get yours. Tickets are \$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



## The Bibbed Riders of Lake Chapter.

member. Everett Smithson will again be our entertainment. It is time to design the Grounded Hogs T-shirt for 2025. If you have an idea please bring it to the November chapter meeting or email it to us at lakechaptermn@gmail.com This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride. We are excited to support the Wright County Community Action Food Shelf in Waverly again this year with our Holiday Toy donation. Please bring new unwrapped gifts/cash donation to the December meeting.

The 2025 Lake Chapter calendar will be available at the November meeting. It is never too early to start preparing for the 2026 calendar. Keep sending those photos to lakechaptermn@gmail.com.

Thank you to our 2025 Grounded Hogs Sponsors:  
**Double Gold:** Bitzer Garage Doors LLC

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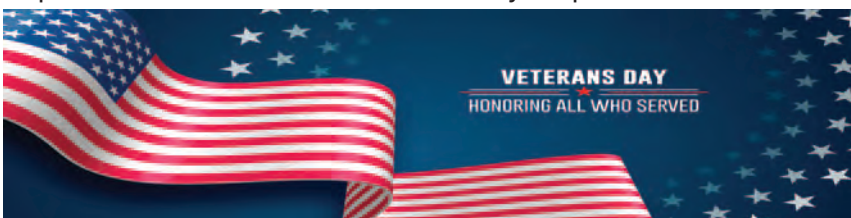
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Until next month my friends- Ride Free

- April

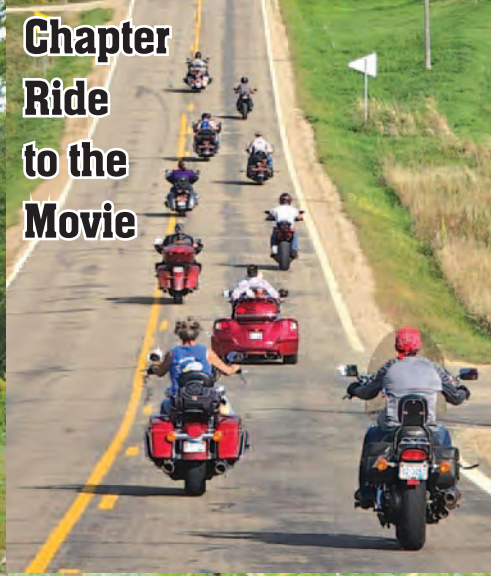
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# Lake Chapter



**Ride to Tri-County  
Freedom Social**



**Chapter  
Ride  
to the  
Movie**



**Ditch Pickup**



**Tri-County  
Freedom Social**



**Stop at Rendezvous in Annandale  
on the way to Blazing Saddles**



## GLACIAL RIDGE

### Next Meeting(s):

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Busy Beehive, Brooten, 6:00 pm  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Marcia's Bar Brooten, 6:00 pm  
 January 4<sup>th</sup>, Marcia's Bar, Brooten, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Santa Day, Marcia's Bar, Brooten  
 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 January 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party, Marcia's Bar, Brooten,  
 6:00 pm

The chapter is planning our Santa Day in December. The community does a lot for the kids for this day, so we will fit right in. Our meetings are in Brooten now and that's working well for us. We are planning our



**Mike Pesta giving Charlee her first ride. She's now going to be a biker for life. #youngriders.mn**

fundraiser for March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be a prom, so get your dresses and ties out! If you don't have a tie, no worries, we have them for sale at the door. The theme is James Bond, so that should be fun. We are planning for next year already. This summer our chapter was able to do three camp outs and get together as much as busy schedules allow. I'm not sure about your area, but the corn haulers like to spread corn and the "corn juice" all over the roads and it can be slippery.

– Be safe, Harmony

## SOUTH CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

November 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, Silver Lake, 7:00 pm  
 December 4<sup>th</sup>, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm  
 January 8<sup>th</sup>, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm

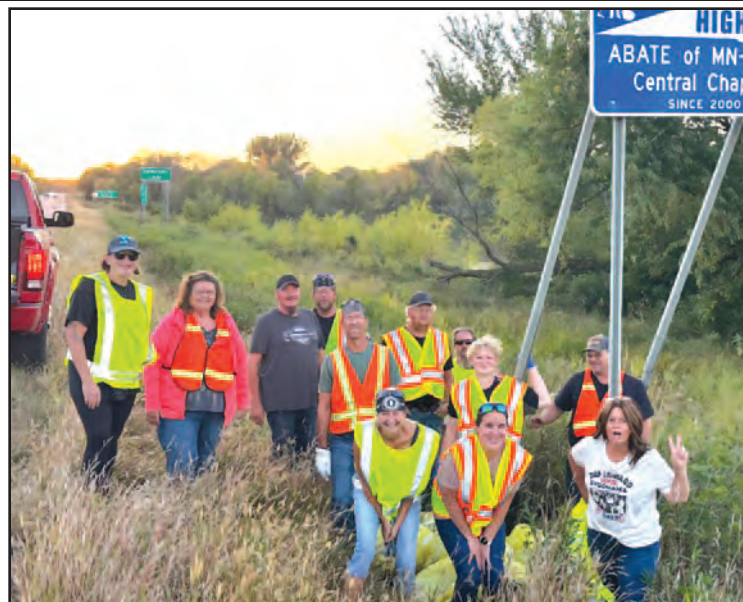
### Upcoming Events(s):

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

We had a great turnout for our Fall Ditch Clean Up, thank you to everyone who helped with this!!

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.

We will also be participating in the Litchfield Candy Cane Parade again in December. Last year there was



no snow and we all rode bikes, we'll see what happens this year!

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



# NORTHEAST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

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No Report Received.

## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

- November 17<sup>th</sup>, Mavericks Saloon, Beroun
- December 15<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction
- January 19<sup>th</sup>, Ryders Saloon, Henriette
- February 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> - 11:00 am sharp. Chapter meeting to follow highway clean up. The last cleanup had a great turn out. Thank you to all who helped out with this worthwhile endeavor.

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

For more events, check the Road Noise calendar of events. 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

## EAST CENTRAL

### Next Meeting(s):

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am
- December 1<sup>st</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am
- January 5<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St. Francis, 11:00 am

### Upcoming Event(s):

- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Turkey Bowling, American Legion, St. Francis
- February 8<sup>th</sup>, Heart On, American Legion, St. Francis

Hey All!

There it goes! Another summer riding season in the books. Hope everyone had a good one. The Holidays are just around the corner and East Central is starting by bringing back Turkey Bowling! Yep! November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 we'll be at the St. Francis American Legion rolling frozen turkeys for the local food shelf and Family Pathways. It's a great time for a great cause and it gives you a reason to not be shopping. We're having a bake sale and we'll have some chili on hand as well. Please bring an unwrapped toy and/or a non perishable food item to donate.

As always we're looking for vendors for our upcoming Heart-On. If you have any ideas or know of any vendors interested in the Heart-On fundraiser please contact President Jim or any East Central member.

With the Holidays coming up, how about giving our membership a shot in the arm by giving an A.B.A.T.E. membership as a gift to family or friends. Maybe spark something big...

Short and sweet this month but please do me a favor and say a little prayer for "Ms November" this holiday season. I know I will.

'til next time...Shiny side up!

– President Jim

## SAND DUNES

No Report Received

## UP NORTH

No Report Received



# CENTRAL

## Next Meeting(s):

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

December 1<sup>st</sup>, Triple R, Kimball, 12:00pm

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Location TBD time TBD

(Holiday Party following meeting) Watch December Road Noise and Central Chapter facebook page for more information

A special thank you to The Legion, Clearwater for hosting our October Meeting.

## Upcoming events:

January 4<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Party after January Meeting. Location TBD time TBD. Watch December Road Noise and Central Chapter facebook page for more information

We had our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fun Run on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Viking Land H-D (Sauk Rapids), Goodfella's (Foley), The 10 Spot (Royalton) and Rollies (Sauk Rapids) for hosting all of our stops. Thank you to the Fun Run committee and A.B.A.T.E members for all the hard work. Special thank you to all the road guards for keeping us all safe. It was a great turn out, a beautiful day for a ride and all the games at the stops along the way really made the day extra fun.

Until next month,  
– Ling and Cowboy



# NORTHEAST

## Next Meeting(s):

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

December 4<sup>th</sup>, The Chalet, Hermantown 6:30 pm

Hello all,

Cold weather already, where did the summer go?

We had a special guest at our October chapter meeting. State District 11A Representative Jeff Dotseth stopped in for a visit and we had a very constructive question and answer session on local and state issues. Representative Dotseth has proven to be a strong supporter of motorcyclist's rights and is a rider himself. He pledged to continue his ongoing support and we look forward to working with him in the future.

– Ride safe, Ed



# METRO

## Next Meeting(s):

Meetings: TBD

Please watch the website and facebook page for updates.

## Upcoming Event(s):

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Taco night, Casa Rio, Anoka  
4:00 - 8:00pm

December 9<sup>th</sup>, Taco night, Casa Rio, Anoka  
4:00 - 8:00pm

January 30<sup>th</sup>, Bikerday at the Capitol

Sunday breakfast at Route 47 in Fridley.

Please check [www.metromn.com](http://www.metromn.com) and our Facebook page for more info.

Great news, the State Rally Calendars have arrived and they look pretty cool. The calendars are \$20 and if you buy 5 calendars you'll get a 6<sup>th</sup> one free. You can get one by contacting Nick, Jameson, myself or any member of the Metro Chapter. Did I say that they look pretty cool?

We did all three of our Buddy Bears donations and it we had fun. We did two in September and one in October. The first one was The Ronald McDonald House on the U of M campus. It was a little tricky finding the right spot to enter to meet everyone. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Allina Health EMT in Mounds View. Allina Health was happy to receive the Buddy Bears and said they will bring smiles to quite a few kids. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the St. Anthony Village Fire Dept. They were very happy to receive the buddy bears and thanked us for the donation.

By the time of this edition of the Road Noise comes out, quite a few things will have passed. First on the list is the fall ride. Due to things beyond our control, we have decided to move the ride to next year at a later date. Sometimes things happen. We have partnered with the East Central chapter to be in the Halloween Parade in Anoka on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We had a very good showing with both chapters and it was a blast. Pictures will be in the next issue with a better report.

I was told that our chapter had 14 members at the state rally and I was told that it was a fun time. I was also told that our VP Jameson Lemke won the tattoo contest for Medium Black. I'll make sure that it doesn't go to his lead, lol.



It's also the time to put our bikes away for a deep sleep until spring. It's also a chance to do any work that needs to be done or any modifications that one has been putting off. I myself will be working on a trike I recently acquired through my dad as he recently decided it was time to no longer ride. Everyone be safe and have some fun.

- Shadow



# Chapter Grapevines



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Howdy Folks!!!!

By now most bikes are probably sleeping for the winter. *That Doesn't Mean We Stop Fighting for Our Motorcycle Freedoms!!*

Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025!!! Note that this is on Thursday this time not Wednesday. This is the Most Important Day for Any Motorcyclist!! Let your employer know you will need a day off. Also bring a youngster. Schools allow kids to have an excused absence for this. Bring a Kid. Maybe they are or want to be a Young Rider.

Also, elections are just around the corner. This is our time to vote for someone we believe will handle the situation to the best of the Bikers Eye.

We have an Amazing amount of talent in this Organization.

TAKE CARE and RIDE FREE *Edgar*

## **NORTH STAR**

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

November 17<sup>th</sup> at Wilton. Officers meeting, 3:00 pm, Members meeting, 4:00 pm.  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Fozzies, 114 3rd Street (downtown) Bemidji. Officers meeting, 3:00 pm, Members, 4:00 pm.  
Passport Run November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meet at Country Kitchen for breakfast, 10:00 am.

## **FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS**

**No Report Received**

## **BORDERLAND**

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

November 19<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finns', Badger, 6:00 pm.

Hello Borderland!

October was our last ride in meeting, and did we ever have great fall riding!

In December we will return the second Tuesday meeting date. If you are still riding, ride safe. If you are deer hunting, hunt safe and good luck! More next time.

- Twistin' da Wick, Tim.

**Borderland Photos on Page 28.**

## **HEART OF THE LAKES**

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

November 15<sup>th</sup>, locale---13721 450th Ave, Frazee, 7:00 pm.

Well, November, seriously, where did the summer and such fly too? I hope that you all have gotten some fall riding in, happens to be my favorite time to ride and ride I have.

The Chapter has been busy and will have had our first gun/meat raffle by the time this is printed, hoping that went great.

I was told that Fall Down was a great time as usual.

I'd like to take a minute and remember Dan Jagger. Dan was an enormous part of Fall Down and leaves behind some mighty big shoes to fill.

Elections...hmmm, since I choose not to speak intense politics here, all I will say is I hope the felon took it and you all done your part by voting.

Thanksgiving, I ask the Gods to surround you all by loved ones and laughter. Solitude is good for the soul but is brightened by others occasionally invading it.

Gods smile on you all,

- Jess

# NORTHWEST

## Next Meeting(s):

November Meeting: October 26<sup>th</sup>,  
McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls, 3:00 pm.  
This will be our Halloween party. Costumes  
are encouraged, please bring a potluck item.  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, Broadway Station,  
St Hilaire, 4:00 pm.

The NW Chapter will host the January  
A.B.A.T.E. B.O.D. meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>-19,  
at the Crookston Inn and Convention Center,  
Crookston. There will be a band Friday night,  
bring your dancing shoes!

Winter Social - February 15<sup>th</sup>, Irishman's  
Shanty, Crookston. Come dance the night  
away with us - there will be a live band. Food  
will be served (free will donation).

36<sup>th</sup> Annual - Spring Ride In, May 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - St Hilaire MN.



**The Northwest Food/Toy ride fundraising proceeds went to  
Fishes and Loaves the Food Shelf in Fosston this year.**

## Borderland Fall Colors Ride - A Small Group, but a Good Time!



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At The Minnesota State Capitol

# JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2025



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# Happy Thanksgiving!



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- Tri-County chapter
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- Buffalo Ridge chapter
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- Kris Gruhot .....November 23 - October24
- 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
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- Stephanie Christensen .....March 24 - August 24
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■ **Bergdale Harley-Davidson, Albert Lea**



# Minnesota Candidate Survey Results

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

Survey results received by October 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
01A	<b>James Sceville</b> <i>Comment: As a rider, I support groups who advocate for motorcycle safety.</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
01B	<b>Steve Gander</b> <i>Comment: I support common sense, more freedom and less regulation (long letter support for motorcycling).</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
01B	<b>Mike Christopherson</b> <i>Comment: If motorcycle specific, I might be inclined to answer yes.</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
03A	<b>Rich Tru</b> <i>Comment: #5 - Does not support absolutist policies, would like a carve out for motorcycles. #6 - Supports raising the cap, not eliminating it.</i>	FPI	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
07A	<b>Aron Schnaser</b> <i>Comment: #4 - Provided it consistent with other motor vehicle laws. #5 - Need to move away from fossil fuels.</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
11A	<b>Pete Radosevich</b> <i>Comment: #4 - Need more info. #5 - I generally oppose mandates, but we may need EVs.</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
16A	<b>Scott Van Binsbergen</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17A	<b>Dawn Gillman</b> <i>Comment: Avid motorcyclist and ABATE supporter. I worked hard on lane splitting and auxiliary lights for you last year.</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17B	<b>Bobbie Harder</b> <i>Comment: I authored #3 last session (HF2365).</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17B	<b>Jennifer Nuesse</b> <i>Comment: I support safety practices that make sense for MN motorcyclists. Regarding EVs, I would support a lower percentage for motorcycles.</i>	DFL	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
19B	<b>Thomas Sexton</b> <i>Comment: I'm a veteran and own a 2008 H-D Ultra Glide.</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21A	<b>Creedance Petroff</b>	Ind	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21B	<b>Marj Fogelman</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
23A	<b>Peggy Bennett</b> <i>Comment: Don't know enough to answer 6.</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
24B	<b>Tina Liebling</b> <i>Comment: I left some blank because I don't know enough about these issues to have an opinion.</i>	DFL		YES	YES			NO
28B	<b>Mary Jo Murphy</b> <i>Comment: I will support motorcycle advocacy groups. I support your agenda.</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
30B	<b>Paul Novotny</b> <i>Comment: #2 - This is an agency and office problem, not a training issue. Body cameras will help curb abuse of power.</i>	Rep		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
33A	<b>Patti Anderson</b> <i>Comment: #2 - I am opposed to mandates.</i>	Rep	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
34A	<b>Brian Raines</b>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
36A	<b>Jannelle Calhoun</b> <i>Comment: #2 - Current law needs more clarity to prevent bias interpretation. #5 - Can we have cleaner burning fuel?</i>	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
41B	<b>Tom Dippel</b>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
44B	<b>TJ Hawthorne</b> <i>Comment: I believe I would go much further than these questions to ensure freedoms for motorcyclists(#s 3&amp;5).</i>	Lib	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
48A	<b>Jim Nash</b> <i>Comment:(via email)</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
48b	<b>Caleb Steffenhagen</b> <i>Comment:(via email)</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
54A	<b>Aaron Paul</b> <i>Comment: I will look into having profiling included in on-line training.</i>	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
11/1/24	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Center	7:00 PM
11/2/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Busy Beehive, Brooten	6:00 PM
11/2/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Town Club, Delano	3:00 PM
11/2/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	The Village Inn, LaSalle	3:00 PM
11/2/24	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed Meeting	The Village Inn, LaSalle	4:00 PM
11/3/24	Central Chapter Meeting	Ultimate, Waite Park	12:00 PM
11/3/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	St Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
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	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom	11:00 AM
11/10/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
11/10/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
11/10/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's, Owatonna	1:00 PM
11/11/24	Taco Night	Casa Rion, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
11/15/24	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Locale - 13721 450th Ave, Frazee	7:00 PM
11/16/24	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Glenville Legion, Glenville	2:00 PM
11/17/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Mavericks Saloon, Beroun	
11/17/24	Northstar Chapter Meeting	Wilton - Officer's Meeting 3:00 PM	4:00 PM
11/17/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
11/19/24	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finns', Badger	6:00 PM
11/19/24	Education Committee Meetings	Zoom	6:30 PM
11/21/24	Motorcycle Safety Task Force Meeting	Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park	5-7:00 PM
11/23/24	East Central Turkey Bowling	Americna Legion, St. Francis	
11/23/24	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nassau	2:00 PM
11/30/24	South Central Toys for Kids Fundraiser	Eagle Club, Litchfield	6:00 PM
12/1/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
12/2/24	Glacier Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
12/2/24	Glacier Ridge Santa Day	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	2-4:00 PM
12/4/24	North East Chapter Meeting	The Chalet, Hermantown	6:30 PM
12/4/24	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
12/5/24	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
12/7/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigan's, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
12/7/24	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Broadway Station, St. Hilaire	4:00 PM
12/7/24	Ralling Prairie Chapter Chili Feed Meeting	The Last Chance Saloon, Hanska	4:00 PM
12/7/24	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	The Last Chance Saloon, Hanska	3:00 PM
12/8/24	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom	11:00 AM
12/8/24	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
12/8/24	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
12/8/24	Straight River Chapter Meeting	The Boxcar, Waseca	1:00 PM
12/9/24	Taco Night	Casa Rion, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
12/14/24	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Georges in Geneva	4:00 PM
12/14/24	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	11:00 PM
12/15/24	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction	
12/15/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
12/15/24	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
12/16/24	Jack Pine Riders Christmas Party	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, Following Meeting	
12/22/24	Northstar Chapter Meeting	Fozzies, Bemidji, Officer's Meeting @ 3:00 PM	4:00 PM
12/28/24	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nassau - Christmas Party to follow	2:00 PM
1/4/25	Glacier Ridge Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party	Marcia's Bar Brooten	6:00 PM
1/4/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	TBD	3:00 PM
1/4/25	Raolling Prairie Chapter Chili Meeting	Rive's Edge Golf Course, St.James	4:00 PM
1/4/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Rive's Edge Golf Course, St.James	3:00 PM
1/5/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
1/8/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian	7:00 PM
1/12/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Channel Inn, Warsaw	1:00 PM
1/17/25	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
1/25/25	River Valley January Thaw Dance & Fundraiser		
1/30/25	Bikerday at the Capitol	St. Paul	

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Charlene Kuchenreuther .....R

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## LAKE

Tom Bermel .....R

David "Too Tall" Carlson .....R

Kimber Robertson/

Joe Dawson .....R

Logan Weiland .....R

Diane Morin .....R

Dan /Carol Bitzer .....R

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## METRO

Aaron Betzer .....N

Randy Swenson .....R

## NORTH STAR

Matthew Peoples .....R

## NORTHWEST

Steve Tischman .....R

Justin /Heather Nephew ... R

Charles Beasor .....N

David Korbel /

Rosalyn Knutson .....R

Ashley Rystad .....N

## RIVER VALLEY

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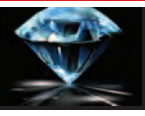


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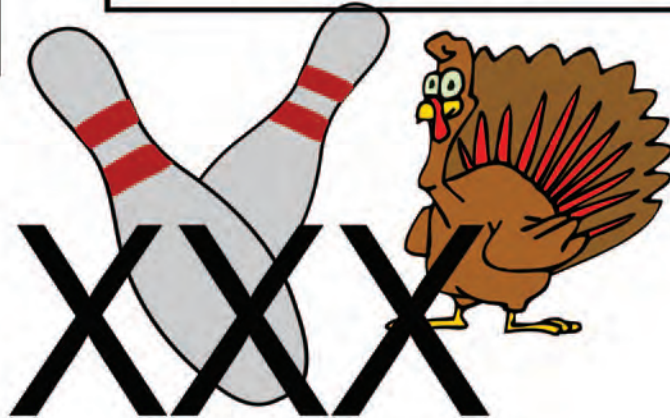


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