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Use the following basic outline:

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

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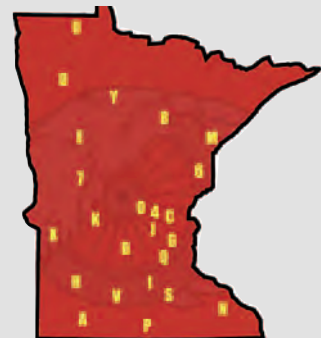
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Remember the phrase "United We Stand, Divided We Fall?"

We must work together if we want to accomplish our goals. Whether it be legislative issues, increasing our membership, or raising money to accomplish our goals, we need to put our differences aside and work as a team. Are you ready to work with our Legislative Team to protect our Write to Ride, and Share the Road with our Young Riders, while supporting our Gambling Committee who raises money for Rider Training Scholarships and other worthwhile causes?

A new year is almost here, are you ready? Let's stand together and see what we can accomplish!

Thank you for all of your support with the passing of my dad. My family is very appreciative of your thoughts and prayers during this time.

See you soon!

Jane



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I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Make sure you get out there and run for an office in your chapter or at a state level.

Till next time

Jim



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Next Meeting(s):

January 16th, via Microsoft Teams, 5:00-7:00 pm

As I write this report in early November, the riding season is slowly coming to an end. Since we are in between task force meetings, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on motorcycle crash fatality statistics. Please keep in mind that there are still motorcyclists out on the road and these numbers are not finalized.

Unfortunately, fatalities spiked this year. There have been 74 fatalities year-to-date compared to 64 last year. We haven't seen this high of a number since the 2022 riding season. 52% of them were not wearing a helmet, 41% were single-vehicle crashes, 27% did not have a valid endorsement or permit, 32% were negotiating a curve during the crash, and 21% were alcohol or drug impaired.

I don't like to dwell on these grim statistics but at the same time, we do need to track them to potentially learn from other people's mistakes. Without preaching or telling anyone how to live their life, I pose some questions to you. What are you personally doing to lower your risk factor while enjoying the ride? Do you wear protective gear? Do you avoid using drugs or alcohol while riding? Do you take rider training to keep your skills sharp? Ultimately, do you ride within your skill set? These are simply questions to ask yourself and make choices about.

My deepest condolences to all of those that have lost a friend or loved one that lived this lifestyle we so deeply cherish.

I hope you all enjoy/endure the holiday season. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

Jon

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

A concern was addressed at the October A.B.A.T.E. Board of Directors meeting about getting legislative information to our members in a more timely fashion. The first item I want to address is comments made indicating our former Legislative Director had time, and spent a great deal of time at the State Capitol. So everyone understands, Gary our past Legislative Director lives about 130 miles/two hours from the capitol. Gary is a volunteer, he has a job, a home, a family and a personal life like so many of our A.B.A.T.E. volunteers. Gary was not able to sit at the Capitol during the legislative session. He needed support from others, support that is often lacking.

As most know by now, we have formed a Legislative Team. This was done in part to address the issue of communication. The task of getting and the responsibility of disseminating information to our members will now be spread across the Legislative Team members, who are still volunteers! We also need all A.B.A.T.E. members to help with this task. When you get information (very important) verify that it is true and accurate and if so, share it with others. We all have the same amount of time each day and unless we are in the military, in intensive care or are incarcerated, we make the choice on how we use that time. Can we all do better?

One of the things suggested was that because people have busy lives, we should have a process built into our website to send out alerts. It was suggested this program would send out alerts to all members if action is taken on items of interest to our members. I am not sure if or when that is going to happen but I have a suggestion for those interested. Go to our web site, [abatemn.org] click on the [Legislation tab], select [Learn how to track a bill]. This will take you to Minnesota Legislature page and you will be able to go down to, [My Bills Personalized Bill Tracking] menu. Follow the paths on this link and you will be able to sign up to be notified by the legislature if action is taking place on bills you are tracking. It is there. It is available. But it is up to you to use it or not!

We will also consider asking each chapter to provide one chapter contact to receive information from the Legislative Team. We

would ask them to pass on the information received accurately. They would be communicating information coming from A.B.A.T.E. but will not be authorized to speak on behalf of A.B.A.T.E. beyond sharing information provided. In addition, as in the past, we will publish what is happening in Road Noise reports for all to see and share information at the Board meetings for the Chapter Representatives to take back and share at the chapter level.

A.B.A.T.E. will be making Bikerday at the Capitol shirts available. It will be a long sleeve T or a button shirt with long sleeves and a collar. It will have the "Better Government through Citizen Participation" message on the back and the A.B.A.T.E. logo and Bikerday on the front. T-shirts \$40.00 button shirts \$50.00. Contact Kari at A.B.A.T.E. products to order yours. Order by December 10th and it will be available at the January Board meeting, and you can wear it to Bikerday on Thursday, January 30th. **ARE YOU REGISTERED YET?**

Do you plan to take a rider training class in 2025?

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

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Merry Christmas to All!

Remember that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota memberships make a great Christmas present to friends and family that are not already members. And contact Kari to get some A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota products for yourself!

— Mitch

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WRITE TO RIDE

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I would like to share this quote; "In business I dealt with the 80/20 rule of 80% of employees just do as little as they can to continue getting a paycheck while 20% strive to excel in what they do. I am experiencing a 90/10 rule out here in the motorcycle world. The main reason is most people/bikers have no idea what is happening in our government today. They are only interested in their immediate environment."

– David Hoha, MRF State Representative.

The 2025 legislative season is starting soon, I encourage you take part. You can contact those that represent you, ask them to be your voice and to speak in support of your position on issues important to you. The information below is from our operations manual. I am including it to help you understand what the responsibilities of the program manager are and what the responsibilities of A.B.A.T.E. members that wish to participate are. Please look closely. You will not find any place in the managers responsibilities that requires them to tell you when to write, what to write about or what to say. Those choices are up to the member. We will occasionally share information or suggestions concerning issues our members may wish to consider.

Write To Ride Program

1.1.1 Mission

The goal of the Write to Ride program is to encourage awareness and communication between A.B.A.T.E. members and government legislators at the state and federal levels.

1.1.2 Function

The person or persons coordinating the Write to Ride program will collect, and file for reference, copies of correspondence between A.B.A.T.E. Members and their legislators. The communication does not need to be motorcycle issues specific but can be related to any issue of legislative concern. Although written communication is preferable, verbal interaction may, at the discretion of the program coordinator(s), be used to earn a Write to Ride patch or rocker if reasonable verification of the exchange is provided. Copies of e-mail correspondence will also be accepted. Eligible

first-time participants will receive the Write to Ride patch and a corresponding year rocker. A.B.A.T.E. members will be awarded a rocker for each subsequent year of participation. Patches and rockers will be awarded only to members providing reasonable proof, each calendar year, of communication with a legislator. If reply correspondence is addressed to multiple recipients, only one member will be presented with the patch/and or rocker.

1.1.3 Program Manager Responsibilities

- Provide information to A.B.A.T.E. members about the Write to Ride program and its function
- If requested, help members identify their legislators and provide appropriate phone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses
- Order patches and rockers as needed, typically through A.B.A.T.E. Products
- With discretion, replace a member's earned patch and/or rockers
- Collect, file, and retain copies of submitted correspondence
- Organize records for patch and rocker recipients:
 - o Legislator contacted, Subject of correspondence, Date of correspondence
 - o Patch and/or yearly rocker awarded, Date that the award is presented to th member

1.1.4 Member Participation Responsibilities

- Establish initial communication with the legislator
- Forward a copy of the reply correspondence to the Write to Ride Manager(s) along with the A.B.A.T.E. member's name, and chapter name
- If there are multiple reply recipients, please indicate which A.B.A.T.E. Member will receive the patch and/or rocker
- Although not required, a copy of the initial correspondence may be included with the reply
- In the absence of response from the legislator, a Member may submit a copy of the initial correspondence, indicating the communication format used (postal service, e-mail, etc.), the date the contact was initiated and the number of attempts made

Are you registered for Bikerday?

Are you finding ways to improve your riding skills?

— frank



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Next Meeting(s):

December 16th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

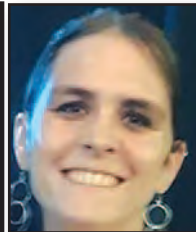
The rider training numbers are finalized for this year, and I will start with the Young Riders Scholarship program. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota spent \$24,605 of gambling funds to pay for 95 youth to take the Basic Rider Course statewide. Of those ninety-five youths, just over 88% attended the courses we paid for. While just over 11% were "no shows". This is right on par compared to last year's attendance results, which were right, around 88%. It is encouraging to see that this high attendance percentage is continuing, especially considering the fact that we paid for thirty more scholarships in 2024 compared to 2023. We should be proud of what we have accomplished, but we also have room to grow this success. As the program currently stands it is operated by us as an organization using gambling funds, which limits our donation sources.

We have applied to start a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that will be called "A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Young Riders Scholarship." Although "A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota" will be part of the name, it will be a separate organization with its own board of directors and different tax classification. This would allow any individual, business, or organization to donate to the scholarship fund and write it off as a tax deduction. Thanks to Harmony Sturgis and other members of the Education Committee, this 501(c)(3) application has been submitted and we are waiting to hear confirmation from the IRS. I not only hope but expect this will be operating in time for the 2025 rider training season.

Now, on to this year's rider training numbers from state and chapter sponsored courses. There have been some new numbers added since the October Board Meeting. Between District Rider Training (DRT) funds and chapter funds, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota spent a total of \$2,450.00 to train fifty-eight riders. If you combine the scholarship program, DRT, and chapter funded rider training, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota spent \$27,055 to train 153 riders during the 2024 rider training season. The majority of which had no connection to our organization. Simply, we are putting our money where our mouth is. Training and Education (the T & E of A.B.A.T.E.). I am encouraged by this year's rider training statistics, and I hope they will continue to increase.

*"If you think education is expensive,
try ignorance."* -Jeff Rich

— Jon Fernholz



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January 8th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

February 5th, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm

I hope everyone is enjoying their holidays! The committee is still hard at work putting the classes and schedule together.

If you are planning to go to the January B.O.D., we might be trying out a new game that will be presented at A.B.A.T.E. U for the first time! Set up teams of three to have ready if we can make it happen!

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

Thanks, *— Stephanie*



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next meeting(s):

January 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose,
12:00 pm

Happy Holidays!

— Kristy

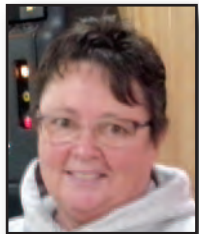


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If anyone needs refills for membership totes, let me know. Other than that send me pictures of a few events from 2024, so I can get the books going.

— Harmony



MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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December, where did the year go? Our numbers keep dwindling. I have been talking to a lot of different Chapters on what more we can do to get our membership list back up. We have all the tools in place with the Chapters. Our Marketing person Harmony gave all the Chapters a membership kit and a list of County Fairs in the entire State. At the end of every week the State Office sends out a membership list to all the officers (the head table), the District Directors are supposed to keep the Chapters updated at least once a month on these. The State Office also hands out new and expired lists to the chapters at every B.O.D., also giving the chapters a postcard to send to expired members asking why they are not current. So, when I ask for help at the B.O.D., I am asking for any ideas you may have to help get this problem figured out.

People do not realize how close we are to losing our Freedom to Ride! I can see in the list we are not retiring; we are dying. Family members see the fatality numbers go up every year and pressure their loved ones not to ride any longer. Rally numbers are going down and a lot of our memberships came from people going to the Algona Freedom Rally.

Here are the figures from November 2nd: 1,196 singles and 1,156 couples, 2,352 in all, that is down -29. I am not going to mention the three highest chapter increase anymore, I thought maybe that would make it a competition, but when our highest increase is only a +3.

See ya down the road,

— Shelly



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

- December 14th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- January 17th, B.O.D. location, 8:00 pm
- February 15th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- March 15th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- April 25th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm
- May 17th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm

The Rally Sponsorship form is now available. See a copy in this month's Road Noise and on the state website at abatemn.org. Please help us get Rally sponsorships. The sooner a business signs up, the longer they will receive advertising in all our publications throughout the new year.

Reminder, 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 15th to rally@abatemn.org. We will be reviewing them and deciding at the January B.O.D. rally meeting on Friday January 17th.

We have submitted the Rally budget for approval. Although we had an excellent 2024 Rally and have received lots of positive feedback, we did not make a profit this year. For 2025, we will be extra vigilant with watching expenses. We are also looking into new Rally fundraising ideas and ways to increase our profit margin. The Rally is a celebration for all our hard work throughout the year. In addition, the State Rally's purpose is to increase membership and funds to help fight the good fight for the following year. If you, or your chapter has ideas on this subject you would like to share, please consider attending our Rally meetings listed above. You can also email any suggestions to rally@abatemn.org.

Hope you have a great Christmas!

— Dougie Cohen

Rally Chair



MRF REPORT

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Hello all!

Hopefully elections went well for everyone, now on to the next four years. Not much to report this month with the holidays coming up. We are trying to make it to some of the other Chapter meetings to touch base with as many people as we can. If anyone has any questions you are more than welcome to reach out to me. Thank you everyone for your support and hope all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

— Moon, Ryan Triebenbach

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



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ABOUT AIM / NCOM: The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is a nationwide motorcyclists rights organization serving over 2,000 NCOM Member Groups throughout the United States, with all services fully-funded through Aid to Injured Motorcyclist (AIM) Attorneys available in each state who donate a portion of their legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into the NCOM Network of Biker Services.

Quotable Quote:

"When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an Outlaw."

- Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)



DIAL-A-RIDE

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Close of another year of hard work keeping our mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, and sisters safe throughout the 2024 motorcycle season. With the way things are heading, Dial-A-Ride is joining the forces of education, and what impairment is and how it can affect riding ability. Minnesota has now made marijuana use legal, but no one has come up with how to detect if someone is impaired enough not to be on the highway. Personally, I would say if you have had some pot in any form, that you may be impaired.

We as motorcyclists need to ban together and set up a solid network for Dial-A-Ride throughout the State, this would mean we need someone from every chapter that is an active member to help our cause to keep everyone safe. Dial-A-Ride has taken on the Color Ride in September that could really use some members throughout the state to make this a big fundraiser for us as well as a thank you at the end of the season for everyone's efforts to keep our roads safe.

Another avenue I can envision for Dial-A-Ride is a legislative committee to introduce something pertaining to impairment detection.

Once all the statistics are in for fatalities for the 2024 riding season I will put it in my report.

Dial-A-Ride will be having their officers' elections in January, so nominations are now open to members of Dial-A-Ride, contact John Nelson if interested.

Respectfully submitted,

— Sharon Polman



BUDDY BEAR REPORT

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No Report Received



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

December 11th, Frank and Vicki Ernst Home,
6:00 pm
January 17th, B.O.D., 6:00 pm

As we are about to enter the new year it is worth looking back at all the wonderful things we were able to accomplish with gambling funds. Chapters helped numerous friends of our community with hardship funds, multiple donations to veteran organizations, organizations like Dial-A-Ride and the Young Riders Scholarship program just to name a few.

For 2025 we are hoping to expand our giving and to do that we will need the continued support of the chapters who are the heart and soul of our sales. For those chapters that in the past have not jumped in with both feet, just ask a chapter member from one who has how good it feels when you can make some of these awesome donations.

Finally, the Gambling Committee does know about the mistake on the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets and posters. Can you find it?

— Dan



STATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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State Office has been very slow the last few weeks. President Election Packets will go out on or near December 15th. If you do not receive it for your January meeting, please call ASAP! DO NOT wait until voting day in March!

Remember if you plan on making or taking a nomination at your January meeting, you need to be current with your membership. Take a peek at your cards now!

Other than that, not much to report. Keep on Keepin on...

— Shelly



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello Biker family. Not much new to report on this month. I hope you all got your shirts ordered for Bikerday at the Capitol. I will bring them to the January B.O.D. in Crookston.

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

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,

— Kari



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, Via Zoom, 11:00 am
January 12th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

As winter settles in remember to check out the Calendar of Events for Committee, Chapter meetings and Fundraisers to help fill in the next few cold months and get out and support A.B.A.T.E. Chapters and have some fun too.

Next month brings the B.O.D., Bikerday, and State and Chapter nominations start, consider running for a position to bring new ideas. It is one way to get involved more so the whole A.B.A.T.E. organization continues to move forward.

As always we need your help filling the Business, Veteran, Bike and Member(s) files, these are for the featured articles in the Road Noise. Please send any information to roadnoise@abatemn.org. Thank You.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Road Noise Committee!

— Tammy



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Author: Unknown; Date: Circa 1990's

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

The very first question people ask:

What does A.B.A.T.E. mean? And the answer:

American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education. And the second most asked question is:

Just who and what is A.B.A.T.E. all about? Now, the answer to this one is a little longer.

A.B.A.T.E. is a statewide, non-profit organization of individual motorcycle riders that have come together for the express purpose of attempting to better the lot of all motorcyclists in the State of Minnesota.

How, you ask, how do we do this? Through voluntary involvement in our communities and on a statewide charitable and political basis.

First, through community involvement: i.e., blood drives to various hospitals throughout the state, working with charitable organizations:

- Supporting the MMRA Charity Ride to the various State Hospitals.
- The Hug-A-Bear program to provide teddy bears for the police departments to use in traumatic situations involving young children.
- The food shelf drives throughout the State.
- Many toy gathering programs for the Salvation Army - KARE 11 - and the Marine Corps Reserve, etc.

These are some examples of our involvement, the list goes on and on. Secondly, through Political and Legislative Involvement:

- Letter writing campaigns against the likes of HOV lane restrictions for motorcyclists, insurance blacklists and bans on certain types of motorcycles. And a successful campaign with the help of MMRA to make May of each year "Motorcycle Awareness Month."
- To supporting various Local and State politicians, not with money, but by working for them, handing out flyers and putting up signs, etc. In some areas of the state, we have been successful in getting elected those who support our views. Motorcyclists, working together, represent a large voting block. Politicians understand votes and each of us has only one - and they do count.

But we are not all work either - during the year we sponsor many rides, poker runs and events as a way of getting together just to have fun.

A.B.A.T.E. is not a club, nor do we seek to take the place of any club. We have but one rule at our events: No Attitudes. We are a blanket organization, encompassing all clubs and lone riders, yet working for the betterment of all riders and clubs. No matter

what you ride: Honda, Beemer, Kaw, Yamaha, Norton, Ducati, Triumph or Harley, we need your help and support - and whether you know it or not, you need ours. So help us help you!

Now is the time for all riders in this State to come together and work together (through A.B.A.T.E. we can do this) to help ourselves. For we are all about the same things - riding our bikes with like minded people.

We are now living in the 1990's, motorcycles are over 100 years old and all around us, we see other misguided groups trying to regulate our chosen lifestyle.

The Federal Government started in the 60's with blackmailing the states with federal highway funds - all motorcyclists had to wear helmets - that struggle continues in many states today. In the 70's came HOV lane laws and seat belt laws. The 80's saw blacklists and bans on certain model bikes by the Insurance Industry. Can we afford to sit by and say these folks aren't talking about me/us?

And how about the media? Movies and TV since "The Wild One" have sought to project bikers in a bad light. Oh yes, we have a stereotype in the mind's eye of the public.

Let's face it, most people fear what they don't know, and what they see - from the riders on bikes zipping in and out of traffic, to the leather clad rider rumbling past with loud pipes - Get the picture?

And that brings us full circle to A.B.A.T.E.

American Bikers - We ride in the U.S of A.

Awareness & Training - For the young and inexperienced rider to know the laws, your bike and its limitations - To the older, more experienced, rider to ride safer, straight and sober; and **Education** - For us as riders, and to the public at large, first to "see us" and then to see us as "Not such a bad group after all."

How many of us have had this experience? You pull up to a stop light on your bike and you glance around at the faces in the cars around you, and it's always the same, in the back seat, the small faces with those big eyes, ready smiles and friendly waves of hands, looking back at us.

That touches me the most, the children, they have no fear of us, only wonderment, of man and woman and machine - their fear is learned as they grow.

Our future is truly in our hands!

It's a long, hard road we seek to ride, and we need to start riding it together - for our own good. And that, my friends, is what A.B.A.T.E. is all about! Help Us Keep You On The Road; And Forever Free!

I, personally, would love to know who wrote this. I find it amazing and powerful. Ride Safe, Ride Free

— Gaida

Veteran of the Month

Terry Olson

**Tri-County Chapter
Vice President**

Proud Veteran and member of American Legion Post #359 and VFW Post #5919. Terry joined the US Army in December of 1975.

After completing basic training at Fort Leonard Wood as well as AIT in Texas, he went on to serve active duty at Fort Ord in California until December of 1978. He spent the next 22 years serving in various reserve units with his last unit supporting troops in Korea. This gave him the qualifications necessary to become a member of the VFW.

Terry retired in June of 2000 after a 25 year career in the military. Each Memorial Day, Terry visits the three cemeteries in his town of Mound, Minnesota, and has the privilege of reading the names of each of the Veterans who have passed and are buried there as a part of the Minnetonka American Legion Post #398 annual service.



On behalf of the members of the Tri-County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, we thank you for your service.



Friends of Young Riders

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



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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No Report Received

BIKE OF THE MONTH

Patsy Cline

is a 2018
Harley-Davidson
Deluxe FLDE,
107 cubic inch motor.

Custom paint pink and Aspen white with pearl top coat done by Joe Ruby. Patsy won Best Paint and Best of Show trophies at State Rally.

— Way West Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

frank ernst

frank ernst has been an advocate for motorcyclists since the first person ever slapped an internal combustion engine on a bicycle.

His many hats and accomplishments for our community are too numbered to list, so here are just a few. frank has been on the boards of: the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists, the Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition, and the Minnesota Confederation of Clubs. He has also been inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

During his continuing time with A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, frank has held the role of Gambling Manager, Assistant State Coordinator, State Coordinator, Trustee, and a burr in my saddle.

During the last Tri-County chapter FREEdom Social, frank (at the tender young age of 80) had no problem jumping up and down on the top rung of a step ladder in the rain, while wearing loafers, to make sure that all could see the "Start Seeing Motorcyclists" banner. Might I add, he had no qualms about using his chapter president as a potential catch pillow.

frank, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for us.... I think?

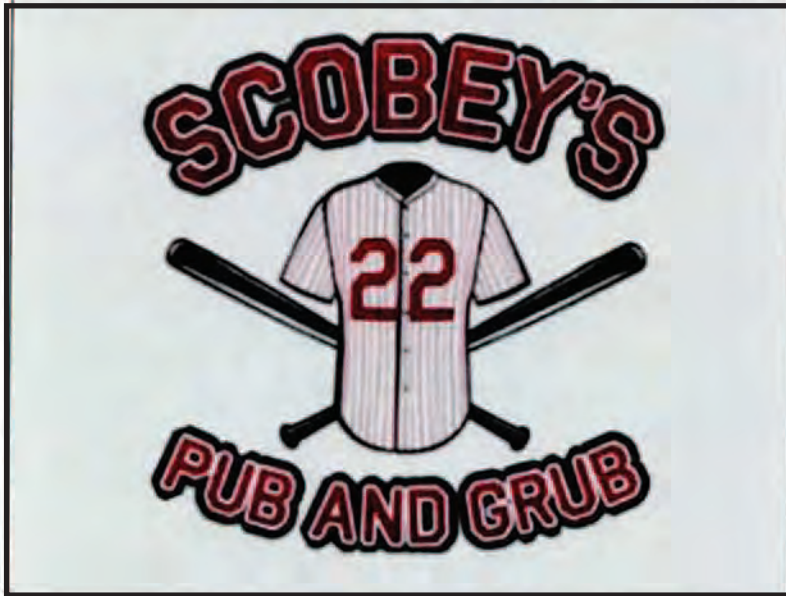


A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA

JANUARY 2025 B.O.D. MEETING IN CROOKSTON, MN

JANUARY 17TH – 18TH

WELCOME PARTY FRIDAY EVENING FROM 7-11PM IN:



LOCATED AT THE HOTEL – WELCOME TO ORDER OFF THE MENU

THE ACOUST HICKS BAND WILL PLAY FROM 7-11PM

CROOKSTON INN

& Convention Center

2200 UNIVERSITY AVE

CROOKSTON, MN 56716

CALL: 218-470-1000 FOR THE A.B.A.T.E. ROOM RATE: \$103

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LIGHT SNACKS – COFFEE AND WATER

WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE FIRST MEETING BREAK

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines



SHELLY DEUTSCH, DIRECTOR
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Hello to everyone! I've heard that the Farmer's Almanac states a winter like last year, mild and dry. Then the next time I hear, cold with lots of snow. Only Mother Nature knows, I guess.

Please try and help out other Chapter's fundraisers by attending them. Check out the Calendar of Events, maybe even go to a Ways & Means meeting. It's a good way to see how other chapters are raising and spending their money!

Have you checked out who represents you now? Do you know how A.B.A.T.E. aligns with them? It's never too late to reach out to them, maybe congratulate them and let them know what our concerns are.

First of all, I want to thank those who had confidence in me to be the Southwest District Director for the past 2 years. After visiting with chapter members at the State Rally and the B.O.D. in Southwest District, I have decided to run again for District Director, if nominated. I have tried my best to stay connected with all the chapters. I've attended all the chapter's meetings at least once during the year, some more, we've held a District meeting every quarter, and I've answered a lot of concerns by phone. So, it's up to you!

Happy Holidays! Have you thought about buying a membership for a Christmas gift?

Until next time,

Shelly Deutsch

GLACIAL RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

- December 7th, Marcia's Bar & Grill, Brooten, 4:00 pm
- January 4th, Marcia's Bar & Grill, Brooten, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

- December 7th, Winter Parade Float, Brooten, 6:00 pm
- March 1st, Casino Royale Adult Prom, VFW Belgrade 1825, Brooten, 5:00 pm

We are planning for our Prom, March 1st having the theme of Casino Royale. Tickets available from Harmony. We have our bikes tucked in for the winter.



Just a couple members hiking to Inspiration Peak.

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

- December 6th, Corner Club, Ocheyedan, 5:30 pm (Christmas Party)
- January 3rd, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Our December meeting/Christmas party is scheduled for Friday evening, December 6th at Corner Club in Ocheyedan. Happy hour will begin at 5:30 pm. We will order when everyone has gathered. Again, this year, members and their guests will purchase their own meal and drinks. Please bring nonperishable foods to be donated to one of the local food shelves.

Be ready at our January meeting with your nominations for local chapter officers!

Be safe out there, as the thrills and chills of winter challenge us all! Keep our military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

– Becky Murphy

BUFFALO RIDGE No Report Received

LAKE

Next Meeting(s):

December 7th, Red Lodge, Waverly (new location),
3:00 pm

January 4th, Choo Choo Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm

February 1st, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford,
3:00 pm

March 8th, Madigan's Pub, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm

April 12th, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

*Please note March and April are the
2nd Saturday of the month instead of the 1st*

Upcoming Event(s):

December 20th, Christmas Party with the Knee's,
Dave's Town Club, Delano, 5:00 pm

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

We held our November meeting at Dave's Town Club
in Delano. Thank you to Mike, our fantastic bartender.
Voting for the Steven J Kreitlow award happened.
Stay tuned next month to find out who the deserving
winner is of this prestigious award. Nominations were
completed for Member of the Year. We will vote in
December.

Breaking news for the 2025 Grounded Hogs Party.

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. The submissions for the
GH T-shirt will be revealed at our December meeting.
This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota,
Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders
Foundation and Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride.

We headed off to see our friends at East Central to
deliver their free Grounded Hogs tickets that came
with their sponsorship. Thank you again East Central
for your support.

Bikerday registration is live on the A.B.A.T.E. of
Minnesota website. If you plan to attend register, if
you register show up. This is a very important year for
Bikerday. Some of us may have new representatives
to rebuild relationships with.

We are trying to find a new venue for the Bowling for
Kids event as our last one is no longer available. We
are trying for Sunday, January 12th from 11:00 am to
1:00 pm. Save the date for us.

We are excited to support the Wright County Food
Shelf in Waverly again this year with our Holiday Toy
donation. Please bring new unwrapped gifts/cash



Lake visiting their friends at East Central.

donation to the December meeting.

The 2025 Lake Chapter calendar will be available
soon. 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

Gold: Frederick Creek Sheet Metal, Keith "Smoker"
Efron, Family Counseling Center, Buzz and Karen,
Scott and Gaida Trout, Thirsty Buffalo Saloon,
Tri-County A.B.A.T.E. of Mn, East Central A.B.A.T.E. of
Mn, Sand Dunes A.B.A.T.E. of Mn

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

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

December 7th, Last Chance Saloon, Hanska, 4:00 pm
(3:00 Chili Feed Mtg), Christmas Party to follow

January 4th, River's Edge, St. James, 4:00 pm
(3:00 pm Chili Feed Mtg)

February 1st, VFW Post 1914, St. James, 4:00 pm
(3:00 pm Chili Feed Mtg)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 30th, Bikerday to the Capitol

Greetings fellow Bikers,

Not much going on here right now. We are working
on finalizing the details for our annual Chili Feed and
I will let you know as soon as we have the date nailed
down.

Hope you all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy
New Year!

– Giggles



2024 South Central Active Members

SOUTH CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 4th, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
 January 8th, Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian, 7:00 pm
 (potluck 6:00 pm)

Upcoming Event(s):

January 8th, Christmas Party Potluck, Horseshoe Bar,
 Lake Lillian, 6:00 pm

We announced our 2024 South Central Active Members (see photo). A huge thank you to these individuals (listed right) for all their hard work throughout the year!

That's all for now, stay warm!
"May your Christmas be as smooth as a freshly paved road, and your ride as joyful as the open highway."

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary

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| Mike Niece | Sabrina Groff |
| Tina Myllykangas | Patrick Ouradnik |
| Clarence Schmitz | Kristy LaPlante |
| Judy Schmitz | Billy LaPlante |
| Jim Orn | Danny Cairl |
| Kristie Orn | Angie Cairl |
| John Dietel | Smiley Cairl |
| Steve Dobsmeier | Curt Schmitz |
| Joyce Melson | John "Veeeight" Maningoine |
| Micheal Voigt | Gina Maningoine |
| Michelle Voigt | Amanda Weibel |
| Myah Zwart | Brian Schemmel |
| Glenn Newgaard | Brian Rick |
| Troy Olson | Porkchop Sundin |
| Joyce Compart | Peggy Sundin |
| Kevin Haugen | Charlie Ardolf |
| Pat Haugen | Tad Lothert |
| Grady Huggett | Brenda Lothert |
| Noel Huggett | Jim Nowak |
| Doug Louris | Deb Nowak |
| Jen Sommerfeld | Mark Berggren |
| Doug Cohen | Dustin Suchy |
| Ingrid Cohen | April Suchy |



Hotdish Feed

See Way West Chapter News on Page 19

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

December 28th, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm

This will also be a Christmas gathering, please bring a dish to pass.

Greetings all!

I hope you're all turkey stuffed and had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.

The weather has still been great and as of this writing, there are still bikes on the road.

Way West has mourned the passing of Dale Monnens. Dale was a past President of Way West and was

instrumental in the beginning of our Chapter. Tammy, Jake and the family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Our Toys for Kids is underway and thank you to everyone for helping out, donating and remembering this feat that this Chapter so much endears.

The election is over. Some are happy and some are sad. It's time to move forward and get things done and work together.

I hope the upcoming Christmas holiday is a safe and memorable one for each of you.

Otherwise, not much going on.

– Be Kind, Gypsy Mama



No Report Received

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 1st, Triple R, Kimball, 12:00 pm

January 4th, Sal's, St. Joseph, 5:00 pm: Followed by Holiday Party at 6:00 pm

February 2nd, Rodolph's Redneck Roost, Holdingford, 12:00 pm

March 2nd, East Side VFW, St. Cloud, 12:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 7th, Candy Cane Parade, Hideaway Bar, Rockville, 5:00 pm

January 4th, Holiday Party after January Meeting: Sal's Bar, St. Joseph, 6:00 pm

March 2nd, Central Chapter Voting, East Side VFW St. Cloud, 12:00 pm

May 31st, 2nd Annual Ride for Terebinth, Sal's, St. Joseph, 9:30 am

A special thank you to The Ultimate Bar, Waite Park, for hosting our November meeting

Just a few things this month:

Candy Cane Parade will be on December 7th in Rockville. We will have the Dial-A-Ride trailer in the parade. If you would like to help decorate and or walk with in the parade, please contact Gerald or Michele H. Look on Central Chapter Facebook page for event information as well.

Central Chapter Member Holiday party will be on January 4th at Sal's, St. Joseph, 6:00pm, right after the January meeting. Come join us for a fun time, good food, games and just celebrate all we accomplished this year as a chapter. Please RSVP by December 20th, on the Central Chapter Facebook page event and for event information.

Nominations for officer positions will be taking place during January and February meetings. Voting will be at March meeting. If you will not be able to make it to the March meeting for voting you can do an absentee ballot. You must request it from Shelly D by February 10th.

Until next month,

– Ling and Cowboy

EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 1st, St Francis American Legion,
11:00 am
January 5th, St Francis American Legion,
11:00 am
February 2nd, St Francis American Legion,
11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

January 30th, Bikerday, Minnesota State
Capitol
February 1st, Lake Chapter's Grounded Hogs
Party, Rockford Town Hall, Rockford
February 8th, Heart-On Fundraiser, American
Legion, St Francis, 1:00- 5:00 pm
April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Alexandria Holiday Inn,

Hey All!

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was awesome and we all shared a prayer for those who couldn't be with us this year. I would also like to thank all those that came out to our Turkey Bowling fundraiser for St Francis local charity's. The holidays get pretty busy so it's great that everyone took the time to come out.

I would also like to thank April and Maureen from Lake chapter for stopping by our November chapter meeting to deliver our Grounded Hogs party sponsorship tickets. That's coming up on February 1st. Before that

is the January B.O.D in Crookston. It sounds cold but they have a great event center so come up and check it out. Bring warm clothes...

I want to remind everyone that Bikerday is early this year and we have a brand new legislature to get to know. It's also on a Thursday this year and that's a little out of the ordinary. That's coming up quick so make sure you get it on your calendar.

East Central has decided to focus on Road Guard certification this year for rider education. We would like to invite other chapters to join us to fill a class as this make good sense financially. Please get ahold of President Jim if you or some people in your chapter are interested in Road Guard certification.

Another reminder that we are still looking for vendors for the Valentine Heart-On fundraiser coming up in February. Contact President Jim if you know of someone or are interested yourselves in being a vendor.

Christmas is coming and A.B.A.T.E. memberships are an awesome gift idea for those that have everything else.

Short and sweet, until next time...

– Shiny Side Up! President Jim

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

December 4th, The Chalet, Hermantown, 6:30pm
January 8th, Gopher Bar and Grill, West
Duluth, 6:30pm

Hello all,

Not too much to report on this time around. Elections are finally over and I'm sure happy about that, tired of every other TV commercial being about them. Several biker friendly local candidates were elected this go round which bodes well for future relationships. Now it's just a matter of keeping in touch and reminding them who we are which goes for any chapter in the state for that matter.

Thanksgiving has already gone by and our annual chapter white elephant Christmas giveaway meeting likely will be done also. Hard to believe how fast the year is going by. We've started planning for our annual fundraiser, the Bunwarmer. We'll have a date set by the next meeting. Please start thinking about sponsors and collecting auction items, the sooner we get going the better.

That's about it, pretty slow right now.

– Merry Christmas, Ed

UP NORTH

No Report Received



Sand Dunes Dalbo Buddy Bear delivery.

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
 January 12th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
 February 9th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

January 30th, Bikerday in the Capitol Rotunda.

Greetings all!

Things are a little slow for Sand Dunes right now. Though we did get the chance to donate 20 Buddy Bears to a woman's shelter run by Metro Hope Ministries and another 10 bears to the Dalbo Fire Department. It was so heartwarming to see the gratitude and excitement from our donations. They were very appreciative.

We also had participation by the chapter in the

annual Anoka Halloween Parade. I rode on the float representing A.B.A.T.E. as this year's Royalty King. I was joined by Harmony Sturges, A.B.A.T.E. Marketing Director, who is this year's Royalty Queen. We also had about a dozen motorcycles, parade walkers and even some Young Riders.

The Sand Dunes Mileage contest came to a close November 1st. We are currently gathering the mileage results for those who choose to participate. We will announce the winner in December.

The riding season is pretty much over. The fall rides were amazing! Spectacular colors, especially along the North Shore. Now, the long winter. Personally, I'm headed to Arizona. No more waiting for the snow to go away. That's all for now. Take care, drive safely and peace out!

– Mike Olkives

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

December 15th, Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction.
 1:00 pm
 January 19th, Ryders Saloon, Henriette, 1:00 pm
 February 16th, End Zone, Rutledge, 1:00pm
 March 16th, Woody's Bar, Sandstone; 1:00 pm
 April 20th, Bogi's on Main, Hinckley, 1:00 pm
 May 18th, Marge's, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 15th, 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 18th, 11:00 am sharp. Chapter meeting to follow

highway cleanup. The last cleanup had a great turnout. 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

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

December 10th, VFW, Coon Rapids,
7:00 pm
January 14th, VFW, Coon Rapids,
7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s)

December 9th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka,
4-8 pm



**Metro Hope Dalbo (above) and
Anoka Halloween Parade below.**



January 13th, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka, 4-8 pm
January 30th, Bikerday at the Capitol
January 17th-18th B.O.D meeting
Sunday brunch - tbd
Please check www.metromn.com
and our Facebook page for more info.

We still have State Rally calendars for sale. The calendars are \$20 and if you buy 5 you get one free. If you would like one, you can contact Jameson, Nick, Ron or myself. We also have chapter patches for sale and Ron has a patch as well. Did I mention that his potatoes are awesome?

The Anoka Halloween Parade has come and gone and we couldn't ask for such wonderful weather. East Central, Metro, Sand Dunes and Glacial Ridge chapters joined forces and made the parade successful and a whole lot of fun. One of the high points of the day was the crowd seeing how we, bikers & A.B.A.T.E, come together to help. We had one bike that didn't want to start and we had two riders whose hands were cramping from using the clutch handle quite a bit. It was also a great opportunity to have fun and make some noise. In the end the community saw us in a better light and we were able to promote the young riders.

Our St Paddy's Day event planning is starting off on the right foot. The event will be on March 15th at Route 47 in Fridley. Route 47 has a band booked and is an Iron Maiden cover band called Maiden Mpls. I hear that they are really good and are worth seeing.

As I write this article, most of us have put our bikes away for a winter sleep and have plugged the battery into a battery tender. I, along with others, will be looking counting down the days when the days get warmer and there is no salt on the roads.

— Be safe, Shadow



NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!!!!

Merry Christmas!!! And A Happy New Year!!!

Get Registered...Bikerday at the Capitol, January 30th! In my mind this is the Most Important Day for Motorcyclists. This year there are a lot of new faces at the capitol. Contact your legislators and get to know them. This has proven to be very impressive as the year goes along. These folks work for you! As with any job, unless there is communication, the problems can not be rectified. Use respect and be nice. Very Important!!

So as the snow falls and natures beauty is upon us we take time to think back on the year and wonder where WE can do better. Not just for US but for the chapter or the state.

Elections start in January. Every year I see all the Awesome Talent in You Folks! Take this time to reflect and think, "What Can I Do to better this organization?" Is This the year for you? As a whole we need people to help out at all levels. I Know You Can Do It...give me a call if you have questions. Without you this wheel stops rollin!

Peace Out, Take Care and Ride Free, *Edgar*

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

December 14th, Eagles 3063, 6:45 pm

Greetings FFR,

We just had our November Meeting and I would like to take some time to thank our Veterans, both past and present for their sacrifices they have made to our country. And to the families that stood by those Veterans through everything they endured, both while on duty and when they are home.

Since I last reported, we had our semi-annual Ditch pickup in conjunction with the Eagles 3063 and we had a great turn out. Thanks to all that attended.

Still looking for people that want to be a part of a fundraiser committee for the chapter. Also, if someone is interested in taking over the Gambling position, please get in touch with the President.

Next meeting will be our Christmas Party at the Eagles 3063, at 6:45pm. Wear something festive and make this a fun party.

Bikerday at the Capitol is January 30th. Same bus schedule as years past, please mark your calendars and register ahead of time.

"Expect the Unexpected"

- Big Papa

HEART OF THE LAKES

No Report Received

NORTHWEST

No Report Received



North Star Chapter with the Lakeport Fire & Rescue (above), and below at the Adopt A Highway trash pick up.



BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

December 10th, Skippy Finn's, Badger, 6:00 pm

So, we had a lot to be thankful for on Thanksgiving day. A time to be with our families, fantastic weather, and a great feeling of optimism after the 2024 elections. Now we are entering the Christmas season, and we celebrate the birth of Christ the Savior.

But, it is also a time for giving and I have two suggestions for that: If you know friends or family members that ride but are not A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members, buy them a membership! Or if you are more generous, buy them an A.B.A.T.E. University raffle ticket! That raffle is bigger and better this year. If you want to buy or sell them, call me: 218-689-7969.

Have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year!

—Twistin' da Wick, Tim.

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Well the turkey is gone and Christmas is upon us. I hope everybody's been able to spend time with family and friends and enjoy all the holidays. Bikerday at the Capitol is set for January 30th. So make sure you register by January 15th at www.abatemn.org. We all need to do our part and attend this year. And make sure you go and support other chapters events and fundraisers.

Until next time, ride free. *Mike*

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

December 5th, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm, Christmas celebration with pizza at 6:30 pm

January 2nd, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm with fundraiser committee meeting at 6:30 pm

February 6th, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm with fundraiser committee meeting at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

Bikerday at Capitol- January 30th



Our chapter for years now has enjoyed having Evan Luhman, 16, son of Prez Jon & Treasurer Kristy, attend our meetings! He has helped at our highway pickups and our Freedom Social event and loves to help Frank out with the dogs! At our last meeting Evan had said he was looking through the previous months Road Noise and noticed the Toys for Tots drive a chapter was having and inquired why our chapter never did this. Years ago we did.... but for some reason it stopped. So, upon his delight, our chapter voted to donate

\$300 worth of kids toys to a local organization, yet to be determined. He and his dad will get the toys and anyone wanting to bring a toy to the next meeting in December is encouraged to do so! It is all about the

giving!! Thanks Evan for your great suggestion!

Congrats to President Jon for earning a Write to Ride patch!

Our chapter voted to order 100 Buddy Bears with funds coming out of our gambling fund. If you have a local organization that you think may like some, please check with them and bring your idea to the meeting.

Bikerday at the Capitol is January 30th. Shirts are available through Products on the A.B.A.T.E. MN website or from our chapter member Frank. Order by December 15th to insure receiving prior to Bikerday!! Registration is required if you plan on attending.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas party! Pizza provided at 6:30 pm! Bring Christmas treats to share if you want. And a White Elephant gift to exchange if you want! Can be funny.. new or used! Whatever you want to do!! Come enjoy the fun!

Elections will be starting in the new year! Let us know if you'd like to hold a position!

Condolences to our State Coordinator Jane Doyle in the loss of her dad. Flowers were sent to her from our chapter. Thank you Katie for handling this. We received a nice thank you from Jane per email from Bill Ernst.

Happy December!

What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride???
A Holly Davidson! 🎄

– Peace out!!! Ger

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

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

Upcoming Event(s):

January 25th, January Thaw Dance and Fundraiser

January 30th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello All!

Welcome to December!! We hope everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving. Now it's time to move on and prepare for Christmas and the New Year's festivities. On that note, if you're looking for a present for that person(s) that is hard to buy for, or who has everything, how about gifting them an A.B.A.T.E. Membership (or the Young Riders Program membership)? Perfect... problem solved!

We have been busy planning for our annual JANUARY THAW FUNDRAISER AND DANCE PARTY! Make sure you mark your calendars for January 28th, and get ready for some great times with awesome people! Watch for details on our Facebook page and in this and next month's Road Noise. We always look forward to this event because we get to see our wonderful A.B.A.T.E. family members during the off riding season... definitely a happy time!!

Reminder to start thinking of chapter, and state officer, nominations that are coming up at your January meeting. Please consider stepping up for one of the positions.

Bikerday at the Capitol is scheduled for Thursday, January 30th. Make sure you go online and register.

A big thank you to those who renewed their memberships!!!! And let's continue to sign-up new members!

Please do continue to look in your Road Noise and Facebook for other chapters events/fundraisers. It's always nice to meet new people and support each other.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a fun safe Happy New Year!

– Anthony Crandell, President

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

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

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

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

Upcoming Event(s):

January 17th & 18th, January B.O.D.

January 30th, Bikerday at the Capitol–bus leaves

Wildwood Sports Bar & Grill at 6:00 am

March 9th, Winter/Spring party fundraiser and membership drive at the Stewartville Legion, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

April 12th, End of Winter Ride–more details to come in the future

April 18th & 19th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

Greetings to All:

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Mother Nature gave us some nice weather this fall, adding on some extra riding days. Unfortunately, along with that came more accidents and fatalities. Now is deer hunting season and the rut is on. Those deer are running all over so be extra safe out there whether you are on a bike or in a car.

Our chapter has a very busy year ahead of us. We are planning our winter party for the 9th of March at the Stewartville Legion (hopefully we will have decent weather and won't have to postpone the party because of a snowstorm like last year). More to come on that. We are also planning a Spring ride for the 12th of April, sort of a spring thaw/defrost ride. And of course, we are starting to plan our Summer Shenanigans party on the 4th weekend in July. So mark your calendars, we would love to see you there.

Don't Forget that January 30th is Bikerday at the Capitol. We need a huge showing for that as there are new members in the House who need to see and hear who and what we stand for. Registration is open and buses have been arranged. You do not have to be a member to go on the bus nor to attend Bikerday. All are welcome so bring friends and family.

Officer elections are also coming up fast with nominations in January and February and voting in March. If you want to see changes or have ideas, get involved, and come to the monthly meetings. We are always open for and welcome new ideas. And remember, you don't have to ride a motorcycle to be a member of A.B.A.T.E.

Have a very Merry Christmas (it's sneaking up fast) and Happy New Year to all of you.

– Stay safe. Terry

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

December 14th, Georges of Geneva, Geneva, 2:00 pm
 January 25th, What's Up Bar, Myrtle, 2:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders.

November has come and gone, as have the elections. Hopefully if you had the opportunity to vote, you did, and we have people in place that support motorcycle rights and what we stand for. Now we are in December, and if this month is anything like last month, we will still get some riding in. Lord knows that here in Minnesota anything is possible.

As things are winding down and you are looking for something to do, don't forget that other chapters are having fundraisers and would love the support. Also, look for ways in which to spend your gambling monies. Find a local charity that could use some help, give to someone the chapter knows that is in a hardship, whatever the cause, support it, and spend the damn money. There is always someone or an organization in need.

We would like to say...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our A.B.A.T.E. family!! May this holiday season see your home filled with joy, your hearts filled with love and your life filled with laughter all the year through!!

Peace, Love and Hugs!!

– Michele Legried,
 State Secretary A.B.A.T.E.

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, The BoxCar, Waseca, 1:00 pm
 January 12th, The Channel Inn, Warsaw, 1:00 pm
 February 9th, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Well folks, it looks like our riding season is coming to an end. We can only hope it is a mild winter like last year, and maybe I can get a ride in on Christmas Day again.

Straight River has been checking in with this year's Sponsors and Passport Sponsors for 2025. We want to get things lined up early.

Our November meeting took place today in Owatonna and then some of the members headed to Dundas to deliver the donation check from our Red, White and Blue Benefit. It felt good to be able to give to one of the communities in our area. The benefit is in the planning stages for August 2025. We would love for more members to get involved early on.



with Dundas Police Officer Murphy

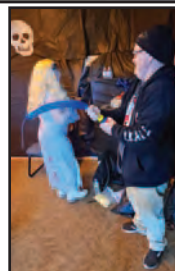
October 26th, Straight River took part in two events: Medford Truck for Treats which had over 1500 visitors that members handed out candy to and spread the word of A.B.A.T.E. and Dial-A-Ride, as well as the Faribault Harley Halloween event. Members volunteered to help with pumpkin decorating, face painting and Hans made balloon animals. (Truck for Treats photos right).

The chilli cookoff is planned for February 8th at Reggie's Brewhouse in Owatonna. Prizes again will be paid for the top 3 contestants. Entry fee is \$10. Come on down and let Straight River cook for you.

We are taking suggestions for the Memorial Day Ride for 2025. Any suggestions from members can be sent to Mike.

Until December.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
12/1/24	Central Chapter Meeting	Triple R, Kimball	12:00 PM
12/1/24	East Central Chapter Meeting	St. Francis American Legion	11:00 AM
12/2/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
12/2/24	Glacial 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
12/5/24	Tri-County Christmas Celebration with Pizze	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
12/6/24	Southwest Christmas Party	Corner Club, Ocheyedana - Happy Hour	5:30 PM
12/7/24	Central Chapter - Candy Cane Parade	Hideaway Bar, Rockville	5:00 PM
12/7/24	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's, Brooten	4:00 PM
12/7/24	Glacial Ridge Winter Parade Float	Brooten	6:00 PM
12/7/24	Lake Chapter Meeting	Red Lodge, Waverly	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	
12/9/24	Taco Night	Casa Rion, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
12/10/24	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
12/10/24	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
12/14/24	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Georges in Geneva	4:00 PM
12/14/24	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club 3063	6:45 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
12/16/24	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
12/16/24	Jack Pine Riders Christmas Party	Buffalo Tracks, Banning Junction, Following Meeting	
12/20/24	Christmas Party with The Knees	Dave's Town Club, Delano	5:00 PM
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
1/2/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
1/2/25	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
1/3/25	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
1/4/25	Central Chapter Holiday Party	Sal's, St. Joseph	6:00 PM
1/4/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Sal's, St. Joseph	5:00 PM
1/4/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's Bar, Brooten	6:00 PM
1/4/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Choo Choo Bar, Loretto	3:00 PM
1/4/25	Rolling 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	North East Chapter Meeting	The Gopher Bar and Grill, West Duluth	6:30 PM
1/8/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Horseshoe Bar, Lake Lillian	7:00 PM
1/12/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Ugly Bar, Montrose	1:00 PM
1/12/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
1/12/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
1/12/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Channel Inn, Warsaw	1:00 PM
1/13/25	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 pm
1/14/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED

1/16/25	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force Meeting	Microsoft Team	5-7:00 pm
1/17/25	BOD	Crookston Inn & Conference Center	
1/17/25	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
1/18/25	BOD	Crookston Inn & Conference Center	
1/19/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Ryders Saloon, Henrietta	
1/19/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
1/25/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	What's Up Bar, Myrtle	2:00 PM
1/25/25	River Valley January Thaw Dance & Fundraiser		
1/30/25	Bikerday at the Capital	St. Paul	
2/1/25	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs	Rockford Town Hall, Rockford	5:00 PM
2/1/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Town Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/1/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James, Chili Feed Meeting 3:00 PM	4:00 PM
2/2/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Rudolph's Redneck Roost, Holdingford	12:00 PM
2/2/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
2/6/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/7/25	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
2/8/25	East Central Heart-On	American Legion, St. Francis	1-5:00 pm
2/9/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse	1:00 PM
2/15/25	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
2/16/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	End Zone, Rutledge	
2/16/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM

OH WHAT FUN



IT IS TO RIDE

REMEMBER:

- Young Riders
- B.O.D. Jan. 17-18
- Bikerday Jan. 30
- Nominations
start for State
& Chapter offices
- A.B.A.T.E. U
April 25-27

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- Your company name and logo listed on our website
- 12 free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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- Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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The Copper Sponsorship is \$100

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and business card ad printed in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- One free weekend pass to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

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Saturday, February 1, 2025

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- All sponsors be publicized in the road noise every month until March 2026
- All Sponsors will be publicized at the event
- Bronze 1 event ticket • Silver 2 event tickets • Gold 3 event tickets

Business Name _____ Contact Name at Business _____

Address _____

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