

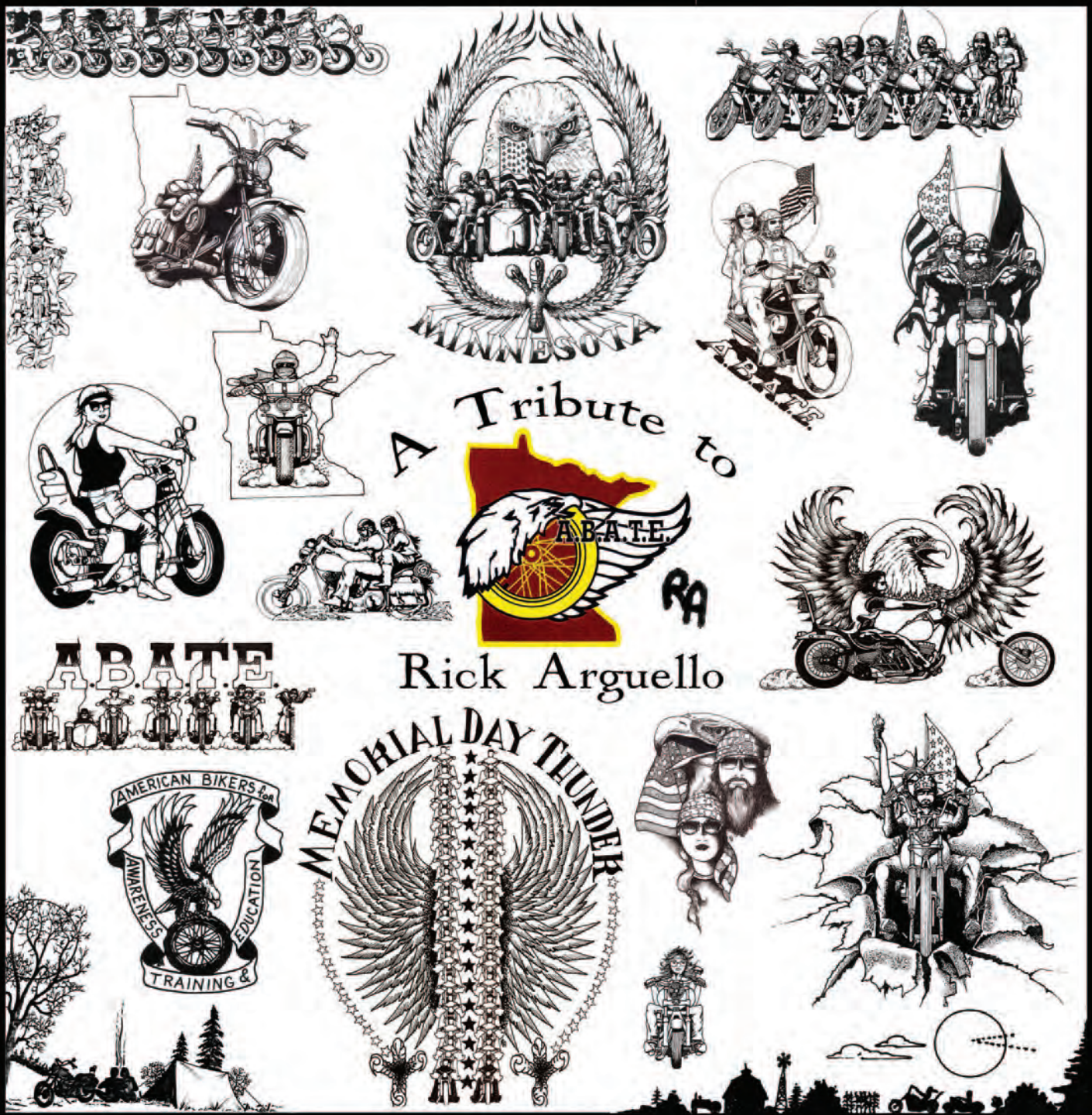


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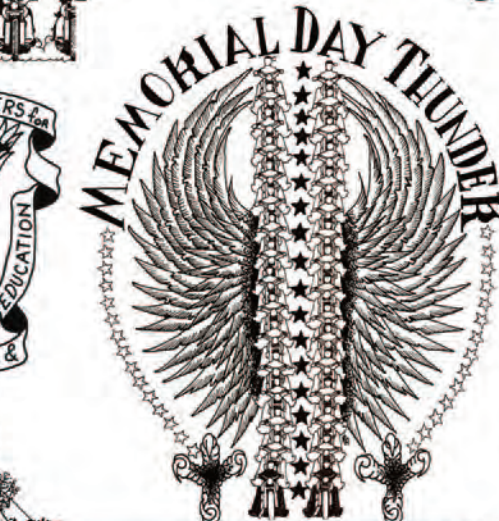


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Rick Arguello





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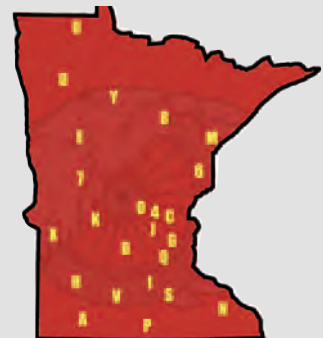
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American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Minnesota is a not for profit, grass roots organization that is committed to educating motorcyclists and the general public about motorcycling. A.B.A.T.E. members ride many different 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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It's A.B.A.T.E. election time! Are you going to run for a position? Your Chapter needs your help and support. Don't be shy about an officer position, there are always people willing to guide you. Some chapters are at risk of closing if they don't get participation. Please help out! At a minimum, attend chapter meetings and help with events. It can be a lot of fun working with and getting to know chapter members. Many hands make light work.

There are a lot of chapter fundraisers this time of year. Get out and meet people from all over the state. We can be a lot of fun at parties! Getting to know others in fun situations can actually make the meetings more enjoyable. We should all look forward to getting together whether it be for parties, meetings, or political events.

Are you tracking the legislation we talked about at Bikerday? Check the Legislation TEAM report for more information.

See you soon!

*Jane*



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Well, we made it to February. Like I always say, February is a short month. In March it starts getting warmer and the next thing you know, we're riding again.

But I'm cheating the system. I'll start my riding season in February down in Texas. I plan on being back just before the April B.O.D.

Although last winter, we were planning a trip and there was a little hiccup in the road, but I'm hoping this year will go a lot smoother.

Did you happen to get nominated for an office position in your chapter this year? There's still time. There's no time like the present to jump in with both feet. You can even nominate yourself.

As for myself, things got interesting when I attended my first B.O.D. over 20 years ago, and to be truthful, I learned a lot on how the legislative system works. And by attending Bikeday at the Capitol, it helped me build confidence in talking to our representative or senator and finding out that they are no different than anyone else.

I hope everyone is making plans to make it to A.B.A.T.E. University this year. It's always fun to meet old friends and make new ones, and this year's event sounds like it's going to be a fun filled weekend.

Till next time,

*Jim*





### Letter to the Editor:

The tribute to Rick on the cover is just a sampling of Rick's drawings. Rick Arguello was the artist who designed our A.B.A.T.E. of MN logo. His contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of MN started from the very first Road Noise newsletter, then numerous A.B.A.T.E. of MN State Rally posters, State Rally t-shirt designs, chapter event flyers, and more.

When I was the Road Noise editor, Rick would regularly send me new drawings, as he did with all the Road Noise editors. Rick could not hear and was not a computer guy so Rick and I corresponded old school, via mailed letters. He was a very generous man and told me if I wanted to use his drawings or parts of his drawings that I could as long as they would be used for A.B.A.T.E. of MN.

Rick is probably up there still drawing for A.B.A.T.E. Thanks Rick!

*Charm*



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Looking back at last month's report, I realize that I covered all the important happenings of the November meeting. The January meeting will be a week after this report you are reading is due, so this one will be short. The day before this report was written, I requested an updated motorcycle crash fatality report. I was informed that they were waiting on the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) for the final detail. The last report I received was prior to a fatality that occurred during the first weekend of December. As soon as I have the finalized statistics I will give a 2024 overview.

Just a couple of days ago I had someone reach out to me inquiring about the details surrounding what is involved in becoming a rider coach. I gave him all the info I had and pointed him in Jay Bock's direction. I continue to bring up the fact that there is a serious shortage of rider coaches in the state, and will continue to do so from time to time in hopes that it will bare fruit. That's all I have for now. Make your own choices and keep your head on a swivel.

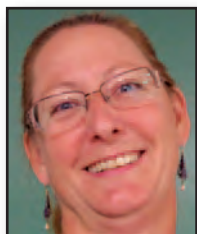
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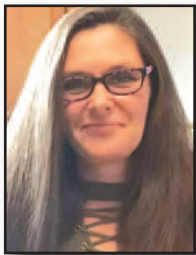


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Was great to see all the faces and leather at Bikerday at the Capitol. This submission is a little late due to Bikerday being a little earlier this year, but for anyone interested in attending next year, I hope you find this interesting, and I hope you get involved as well.

**Page from Lower Corners Welcome Packet (?),  
March 1st, 1994 (IN PART)**

## '9 Simple Ways to Impact the Legislative Process'

By: Bob Illingworth,

Lobbyist for Minnesota Motorcycle Riders  
Association / A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
(We lost him 3/24/2009)

### 1. BE A REGISTERED VOTER

If you are not a registered voter, your letter will mean absolutely nothing to that legislator. Every association should know how to vote. Every association should be able to present this information to their members in a simple and direct manner.

### 2. KNOW WHAT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN AND WHO YOUR LEGISLATORS ARE.

Every association should print each member's legislative district on the person's membership card and every association should also print an annual legislative index for their members listing all Minnesota Representatives and Senators and Federal Representatives..  
Make your members job easy.

### 3. KNOW THE BILL NUMBERS, KNOW THE AUTHORS OF THE BILL, AND KNOW THE ISSUE

Every association should recap the bill introduced into its simplest terms. People want to know the meat of the issue. Give them the meat and throw away the bun.

### 4. WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR A LETTER

- A. Be specific and brief. Why do you want him/her to vote a certain way? What is it that you are in support of or opposed to?
- B. Don't threaten. Don't tell them you will vote them out of office. The legislator may be undecided on the issue, and a negative letter may send them to the other corner.

Every association should print a sample letter so their members know how to write their legislator.

They may need some direction as to how to proceed or they may give up and not do anything.

### 5. PHONE CALLS

Use only for last minute impact. A call does not carry the same kind of impact as a letter in your legislator's hand. If they receive a letter, they read it when they can give it their full attention, and they can then respond in writing, thereby giving you a written commitment on their position on the particular bill in question.

### 6. HANDWRITTEN VS. TYPED LETTER ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD

Every association should encourage its membership to hand write their letters. Legislators believe that if you take the time to sit at your kitchen table to write them a personal letter, you are also the one who will take the time to go to the polls on election day.

### 7. PETITIONS AND FORM LETTERS

Every association should remind their members that petitions and form letters do little, often ending up in the same place as a letter from someone who is not a registered voter.

### 8. ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO WRITE

Talk to your neighbors about issues besides your own. We will scratch their back if they scratch ours. There is strength in numbers, and we must capitalize on that.

### 9. FOLLOW-UP

This is the area which most associations seem to need the most work on.

- A. Write your legislator after the issue has been heard. Thank them for listening to your concerns even if they voted in opposition of your viewpoint.
- B. Get involved with your legislator when the legislature is in recess.

Most legislators will gladly make appearances in their district. Name recognition is important to them politically, so they are usually more than happy to get out in the public eye.

### THE BOTTOM LINE:

If you understand the legislative process and how it works, you will be able to motivate your membership into taking part in our great democratic process. You will be able to reach those who can make an impact.....your membership, the voters.

— Gaida Gator Trout



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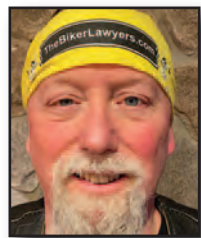
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AS of 1/1/2025 you no longer able to purchase "juvenile products" in Minnesota that contain forever chemicals! Good news for our neighbors that sell dirt bikes/ATVs, or anything aimed at the less than 12 years old. But don't despair because when YOU do a follow up to the Blkerday questionnaire and contact your state representative and senator and ask them to come up with a common sense EXEMPTION to this!

Do some research into this law and see how far & wide this law goes, you should take notice of the wording "juvenile products" and question if, IS that all? Or is it a beginning to an end of Internal Combustion Powered recreational vehicles? Part of a larger green agenda? We deserve to know, hear their answers, but WE must ask the questions.

As a courtesy to those in the motorcycle rights & freedom business that travel by airplane, the deadline is 5/7/25 to have in your possession a real i.d, or an enhanced drivers license or another form of federally approved I.D.

*— Dale*



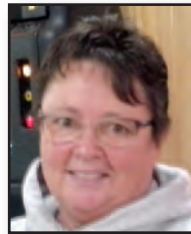
**GAMBLING  
REPORT**

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**Next Meeting (s):**

February 20<sup>th</sup>, Dan & Gabby's Home, 6:00 pm  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, TBD, 6:00pm  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 pm



**STATE OFFICE  
ADMINISTRATOR**

**SHELLY DEUTSCH**

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Not a lot going on in the State Office right now. Chapter Presidents, remember to send your nomination form back ASAP after your February meeting! I will need to send out the Absentee Ballots and get them back right away so the Chapter Packets make it back to the Presidents for the March voting meeting.

If you have questions on your membership, please call the State Office and not the Membership & Retention person, it will just prolong the process, send all membership renewals to the State Office, not the Membership & Retention person. If you need tri-folds or tear-offs, contact the Membership & Retention person. I know it's a bit confusing since I did both jobs, but now it is separate again.

Keep on Keepin on...

*— Shelly*



**BUDDY BEAR  
REPORT**

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**No Report Received**

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

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



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

## **This is Reflecting on Bikerday at the Capitol 2025**

By the time you read this, Bikerday at the Capitol 2025 will be a fond memory. We hope you had an inspiring and informative experience. This annual event serves as a critical opportunity for motorcyclists to make their voices heard and build meaningful relationships with our state legislators.

Interacting directly with House Representatives and Senators is the most impactful way to advocate for the issues that matter to the motorcycling community. Our collective voice is key to protecting the freedoms and rights we hold dear.

## **Celebrating Past Successes**

Looking back, we've achieved significant milestones together. The last legislative biennium brought successes such as securing the approval of ground lighting and advancing lane filtering/splitting laws. These wins are a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together.

## **The Road Ahead: Key Legislative Priorities**

This biennium, we face even greater challenges. Here are a few items we need to focus on.

### **1. Revisiting Statute 604.12 (Equal Access Law)**

Originally passed in 1998, this statute includes a cap of \$500 on legal fees—a figure that no longer reflects today's costs. We are committed to removing these outdated caps to ensure motorcyclists can access adequate legal representation and receive fair compensation when their rights are violated.

### **2. Preserving Helmet Laws**

Preserving the current helmet laws remains a cornerstone of our advocacy. The free-

dom to choose is central to the motorcycling lifestyle, and we stand firm in defending this right.

### **3. Opposing Oppressive Insurance Mandates**

We reject discriminatory insurance requirements targeting motorcyclists. However, we urge all riders to discuss Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UI/UM) coverage with their insurance providers. This coverage could make the difference between financial stability and devastation after an accident. Trust us—this is advice born from experience.

### **4. Challenging EV Sales Mandates**

We strongly oppose electric vehicle (EV) sales mandates that compromise choice and disproportionately affect motorcyclists. Freedom of choice remains a guiding principle in our advocacy.

## **A Call to Action**

The theme for this year is the same as every year: freedom and unity. Motorcyclists want the freedom to live and enjoy this lifestyle without excessive regulation or restrictions. Bikerday at the Capitol is our largest platform to ensure that freedom endures.

The responsibility to preserve this lifestyle lies with all of us. Let's stay united, stay informed, and keep fighting for the rights and freedoms that make motorcycling such a cherished way of life.

Thank you for standing with us and being part of this vital mission. Together, we can ensure that the road ahead remains open for generations to come.

Loud Bikers Save Rights

*—Jerry*

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



# YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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As of right now, we have two Young Riders in the State park passport program. This runs into April, so even though it's freezing, go out and explore a state park local to you! Making memories is what it's about.

We have Bikerday patches for our Young Riders, which is a nice incentive. We will have year rockers for each year the youth attends.

If you are interested in finding ice races near you and don't know of any, let me know! This is a neat thing that kids are doing and if they are involved in this, chances are they are involved in something in the summer, also.

We need to be aware of the new law that went into effect.

## 116.943 PRODUCTS CONTAINING PFAS.

This affects youth dirt bikes and ATV's. More information will be available.



## PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello fellow bikers, are you sick of the cold yet? I am! I am ready for spring so I can hopefully get out on my bike again.

A.B.A.T.E. University will be here before you know it and I hope you are ready to see the new things I have picked out.

Morgan and I still have some dates available for Chapter fundraisers, so please reach out and we will do our best to make it.

As always, if you need products, have ideas, or want State Products at your event, please reach out so we try to accommodate you and your needs.

See you soon

*— Kari*



## MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Greetings my fellow membership committee members. Did you know that every member of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is a member of the membership committee? Which means you have a voice in membership and I want to hear it. Email me, call me, text me with your ideas, thoughts, concerns, etc.

Your Chapter Rep should have come back to you with the 2025 Membership Kick off Event. A Membership Challenge will go live at A.B.A.T.E. University. Each quarter the chapter with the highest increase in percentage of their total membership of new members, based on state office numbers, will win \$500.

Where in A.B.A.T.E. is Harmony and April Adventure. Throughout the year Harmony and April will be randomly visiting each chapter. If you have a guest with you who signs up for a membership while we are there you will earn a special membership patch.

Until Next Month My Friends...  
Together We Are Stronger

## CURRENT PROUD SUPPORTERS OF A.B.A.T.E. YOUNG RIDERS

- Jane Doyle .....June 23 - May 25
- Jon Fernholz .....June 23 - November 25
- Jim & Kristie Orn .....June 23 - May 25
- Alex & Kelly Erickson .....June 23 - May 25
- Vicki & Frank Ernst .....June 23 - May 25
- Tri-County chapter
  - A.B.A.T.E. of MN .....June 23 - May 25
  - Lake chapter A.B.A.T.E. of MN ...Jan. 24 - Dec 25
  - Freedom First Riders chapter
    - A.B.A.T.E. of MN .....February 24 - January 25
  - Rolling Prairie chapter
    - A.B.A.T.E. of MN .....June 24 - May 25
  - East Central chapter
    - A.B.A.T.E. of MN .....June 24 - May 25
  - Bob & Toni McChesney .....August 23 - July 25
  - Jim & Kelly Pierson ..December 2024 - May 2032



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

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**WRITE TO RIDE**  
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### Next Meetings:

February 5<sup>th</sup>, Denny's, Rogers, 6:00 pm  
April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,  
(320) 763-6577

The committee is still hard at work putting the schedule together.

### RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN!

PLEASE ONLY CALL THE PHONE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE FOR THE ROOM RESERVATIONS.

A.B.A.T.E. U Shirts 2025: Shirts, long sleeves, and sweatshirts to be printed on site this year. Size, style, and color subject to availability. Pricing is as follows: T-shirts \$25, Long sleeves \$30, Sweatshirts \$35, Zip-up Hoodies \$45, Hockey Hoodies \$55.

Don't forget to start getting those old A.B.A.T.E. shirts together for the staff and get them to Kari. Also, start getting your Auction Items together.

This year we will be having a banquet on Saturday evening, with a guest speaker. The cost is \$30 and includes: meal, salad, bread, butter, coffee, water, tax, and service charge (tip). Payment is due at A.B.A.T.E. U. Email Tim Jensen at jensen.t@outlook.com to reserve your meal. Place your order no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Banquet options: Pasta Primavera - vegetables sauteed with garlic and fresh herbs, deglazed with lemon. Old Fashioned Pot Roast - slowly cooked pot roast with carrots and topped with gravy. Northwoods Chicken - lightly breaded chicken breast sauteed and baked, topped with spinach, mushrooms, and prosciutto, and drizzled with mornay sauce.

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

Thanks, Stephanie

Write 2 Ride patches and or rockers were earned by members from Flatlanders, Metro, Way West, South Central and one Young Rider during the last quarter of 2024.

In 2024 we have tried to share some meaningful communications with our members, in Road Noise.

- January page 7, we begin by sharing basic information on how to contact your legislator.
- February page 6, We spoke about WRITE TO RIDE, The goal of the program.
- In March page 10, we addressed some legislative issues that A.B.A.T. E. had a position on, some that are still relevant in 2025.
- April page 10, we explained some of the benefits of attending, and taking part in Bikerday at the Capitol.
- June page 8, we review How do I contact my Legislator? Just in case you missed it in January.
- October page 11, we took a quick look at some areas of our live effected by politics
- October page 31, we shared our candidate survey addressing some issues of concern.
- December page 6, we gave you some tips on how to track a bill
- December page 7, revisited How do I contact my Legislator? This is what Write 2 Ride is about.

What did we miss, what do we need to do to get you more comfortable taking part. Please feel free to send any suggestions, ideas, questions or other my way. If you need reminders on these topic please visit the Road Noise archives and read complete reports.

In 2024 we had members from 16 of our chapters send record of communication and requests for Write 2 Ride patches and rockers. What can we do to get members from every A.B.A.T.E. chapter across the state to take part?

### Tip of the month:

*Don't stand on the top of the ladder when you trim trees.*

*Frank*



# PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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## Next Meeting(s):

February 9<sup>th</sup>, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am

If you are looking for something to do for the next couple of months, check out the Calendar of Events for many Meetings and Fundraisers to keep you

busy until spring.

As I said last month The Road Noise Committee needs to update the reminder list for the articles in the Road Noise, there are many people that no longer write these articles. So, we need each chapter's grapevine and report writer's names and emails. If there is more than one in a committee that writes or submits reports and pictures regularly add them and remove the names who don't. Please send them to roadnoise@abatemn.org in subject line refer to reminder list for Road Noise articles.

Thank You! *Tammy*



# EDUCATION

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## Next Meeting(s):

February 17<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

As I write this report in early January, we currently have eight youth registered and paid for through the Young Riders Scholarship program. I am happy and proud to report that we have our first return student. This student took the Basic Rider Course (BRC) last summer through the scholarship program. At the time he was 17 years old and ineligible to take the road test with his instructor at the end of the class. When I asked him what his motivation was for taking the BRC again this year was, his response was encouraging. Prior to last year, he had never even sat on a motorcycle. He was so focused on learning the mechanics of operating a motorcycle that he wasn't able to absorb the "safety aspects" of the course. Now that he is 18, he would like to take the course again and focus on some of the other aspects of the training, and also have the opportunity to pass the road test on a motorcycle provided by the Motorcycle Safety Program. One wonders how many students, regardless of age, have similar struggles that this scholarship recipient has endured. This a great example how A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota funds are continuing Training and Education. This scholarship program is not a "one and done" situation. As long as the student is under 21 and we have funds

available, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will continue to pay for their rider training courses.

Some of you might be aware, there is a federal grant program through the National Safety Council called "Road to Zero." Recipients are awarded grants for projects, programs, and research dedicated to achieving the mission of zero traffic fatalities. The combined Young Riders and Education committees have been gathering data to apply for one of these grants for either the Young Riders program or the scholarship program, or even both. It depends on if we get the 501(c)(3) classification in time. Just imagine the impact we could make with an extra \$25-50,000 in scholarship funds.

I've been working with the college system to get all of the college websites up to date. All the colleges that host rider training courses in this state have posted their course schedules. Only one college does not have our scholarship information posted and we are in the process of getting that rectified. The college I am referring to is in Pine City. If you know of any youth planning on taking a course there, please direct them to get the scholarship information from a different college site or simply go to abatemn.org and find it there. That's it for now, I'll check in next month.

*"Don't just teach your children to read. Teach them to question what they read. Teach them to question everything."*

— George Carlin

*— Jon Fernholz*



## MARKETING DIRECTOR

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Hi!

I have sent out messages to chapters who would like refills on the membership totes. They will be filled at the April B.O.D. I have heard from a few. If your chapter doesn't use your tote, you can bring it to A.B.A.T.E. University. It can be used elsewhere.

I'm happy to announce that I have got our Constant Contact up and running! This is a newsletter that we can use to get information out to everyone. I will have information to those who are wanting to sign up to receive this newsletter. I sent out a "test email" and can't wait to do more training to make it a useful tool for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

Stay safe,

— Harmony



## STATE RALLY REPORT

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### Next Meeting(s)

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

— Dougie Cohen



## WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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### Next meeting(s):

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

— Kristy

## BIKE OF THE MONTH

# 2018 Indian Roadmaster



The Bike of the Month is from Kent Augustin of Rolling Prairie. It has a 111 cc engine, Custom Paint and a Hannigan side car was just added in Spring of 2024. This was a holdover model from 2018, and first ridden in 2020. My wife loves to ride her new convertible.



# NORTHWEST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!!!

## Officer Election Time!!

There is so much unused talent in YOU Folks! Please take a moment and wonder what YOU could do for YOUR Chapter?

- What can YOU do for protecting Motorcycle Rights?
- With You're Help WE can grow strong together.
- Get involved and Help to make YOUR Chapter a little better.

A.B.A.T.E. University!! Just around the corner in April. Bring a Friend. Bring an auction Item. Bring a Smile. Always a fun and informative time.

If You made it to Bikerday. THANK YOU for taking time to Protect YOUR Motorcycling Freedoms. Whether you made it or not send You're legislature a Thank You Note. Good communication with the folks sitting behind the desk is key. These folks work FOR YOU, Give them a little respect and they will more than likely give your ideas a chance to move forward.

Stay wrm and get them Bikes ready to Roll!!

Take Care and Ride Free, *Edgar*

## BORDERLAND

### Next Meeting(s):

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finn's, Badger, 6:00 pm  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, Skippy Finn's, Badger, 6:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

Borderland Ground Hogs party

Hello Borderland!

Now that Bikerday at the Capitol is in the rearview, it is worth repeating how important that day is. Making relations with our state legislators and getting their support for our motorcycle rights.

Chapter officer nominations are now open and we thank all that have accepted nominations. Let's make this a great year! We hope to see you at our Ground Hogs party. We will have a potluck dinner, optional white elephant gift exchange (\$25), and games. Also, bring your sold A.B.A.T.E. University Raffle tickets to our meetings and sell! sell! sell!. Remember the \$ we get from ticket sales is our \$ for charities! See ya at Skippy's.

Twistin' da Wick, Tim

## FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

February 8<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW, 6:00 pm

Greetings FFR,

I want to thank everyone that was able to make our December Meeting/Christmas Party at the Eagles 3063. Good food with good friends. Also, I want to give a shout out to everyone that took the day to go to the Capitol on January 30<sup>th</sup>, for Bikerday!!

The Chapter is 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 ahold of the President.

February meeting will be the second round of nominations for Chapter Officer positions.

"Expect the Unexpected"

- Big Papa

# HEART OF THE LAKES

## Next Meeting(s):

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, Chance's 905 2nd Ave NE Staples  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, Chapter Pool and Dart Tournament,  
Silver Moon, Perham

February, wow, where did the time go? Bikerday is fast approaching, and I know that this year is going to be just as good and better than last year.

Our Chapter has been focusing on growing our activities and with that, our members. It's been a bit of a struggle, but I am optimistic. Any ideas any of you may have will be welcomed.

As I renew my tabs, I realize it is only a short couple of months until spring. So, my fellow riders, do you have your first long trek planned or is it starting to tickle the back of your minds? I am more of a walk out of the house catch a glimpse of the bike, go back

in to quickly pack a bag, bungee it on, send a text to the hubbs that the bike "sternly talked me into an adventure" kinda gal. Whether you are a planner or not, shine them up, give them their spring work overs and before you know it we will all be rolling though the wind!

God's smile on you all,

- Jess

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## NORTH STAR

No Report Received

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## NORTHWEST

No Report Received

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

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No Report Received

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## TRI COUNTY

### Next Meeting(s):

February 6<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm with fundraiser committee meeting at 6:30 pm  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, Cy's Bar, Chaska, 7:00 pm with fundraiser committee meeting at 6:30 pm

Thank you to our State Coordinator, Jane Doyle, for attending our meeting. She's always a bundle of energy and information!

Congratulations to Evan Luhman ( son of our Chapter President Jon and Treasurer Kristy) on receiving a Write to Ride patch and rocker. Evan is a Young Rider, and too young to be a Chapter member, but definitely shows interest in our political agendas and attends our monthly meetings! Way to go Evan!!

Membership has decreased, so as a Chapter, let's see who we can contact and get some new members or resign up some expired memberships!! Katie will bring a list and we can all call or write to these faces

we haven't seen!! Let's bring memberships back up!!

Don't forget we ordered 100 Buddy Bears!! Know an organization or hospital we can donate some to? We usually get our furry friends at or after A.B.A.T.E. U. in April and it's usually a date in summer so members can ride their bikes to the location!

Chapter nominations were held and will be held next month also. Thanks to all of our past Chapter officers, You have all done an outstanding job!!

Short and Sweet!

- Peace out, Ger

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## FLATLANDERS

No Report Received

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## STRAIGHT RIVER

No Report Received

# RIVER VALLEY

## Next Meeting(s):

February 9<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

March 9<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00pm

## Upcoming Event(s):

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, River Valley Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Gathering, Blue Moon, Kasota, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

Hi All!!

Thanks to all of you that attended our January Thaw fundraiser! We always look forward to catching up with friends both old and new! It's you that makes it a huge success every year! And a BIG thanks to everyone on the dance committee for a job well done.

We are so excited for our 2<sup>nd</sup> RIVER VALLEY SOCIAL GATHERING, that is coming up Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm to around 7:00 pm, at the Blue Moon in Kasota. It's a get together for us to get to know each other better outside of our meetings and events. We welcome past, present and future members!!

Have you registered for A.B.A.T.E. University? It's not only educational but it's a great time getting together with all of our Chapters. Try it, you might like it. To make reservations... the date is April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn located in Alexandria... (320)763-6577.

Our May Motorcycle Awareness Parade and Fun Run, to continue to promote motorcycle safety and especially awareness, is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Planning is underway. The parade will be Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A motorcycle fun run will follow. As the details come together, we will get them out there for everyone to see in flyers and on our Facebook page. Start seeing motorcycles!!!!

Please encourage anyone you know to join A.B.A.T.E. We are continually fighting for our rights as bikers. Informational tri-folds and tear-off sheets are available from just about anyone. Every membership helps!

Remember... there are plenty of events throughout the off season to get involved with our fellow Chapters.

Welcome new members! It is always exciting to see new faces. More voices!!

– Lori Sotebeer, Sgt-at-Arms

# SOUTHEAST LC

## Next Meeting(s):

February 16<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

March 16<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

April 20<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

## Upcoming Event(s):

March 8<sup>th</sup>, Winter/Spring Party Fundraiser and Membership Drive, American Legion, Stewartville, 4:00 to 8:00 pm

April 12<sup>th</sup>, End of Winter Ride, more details to come

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

Hi All:

Well Christmas and New Years Day have come and gone. I hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday season with their family and friends. Riding season is just a few months away now. Time to get those bikes looked at, maintained and ready for the riding season.

Remember, Officer final nominations will be held with elections in March. Our Chapter is losing several officers, so if you are wanting to get involved and don't know how you can, consider volunteering for an officer position. You need to come to the February meeting to have your name formally recognized as a nominee to be put on the March ballot. The officer positions opening up are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If we don't get any members to step up and take on these positions, we may have to dissolve the Chapter, which would be quite sad.

At the December meeting, there was a lengthy discussion on whether we should consolidate our Chapter with Straight River Chapter. We are wanting feedback from the Chapter members on your thoughts regarding this. Please reach out to an officer with your thoughts or come to the February meeting to voice your thoughts and concerns. We sincerely welcome your opinion on this.

As I write this, Bikerday at the Capitol is only a few weeks away. We are hoping for a great turnout, so hopefully you were able to make it. Your voice does matter when you are standing in front of your legislators.

Jerome has the A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. They are \$100 each and it gives you a chance to win \$29,999, or any one of the other cash prizes. He will have them at the February, March and April Chapter meetings.

Please don't forget to come to the February meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

– Until next time, bye for now. Terry



# Chapter Grapevines



**SHELLY DEUTSCH, DIRECTOR**  
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Well, a month ahead, a month behind, some days I wonder where I am and what I'm supposed to be doing! As I write this I haven't left for vacation. When you read this, I should be close to coming home. Two weeks in Mexico, when it is cold and icy here, is glorious! I'll be getting my prescription for vitamin D filled.

I wasn't able to attend Bikerday at the Capitol; did you go? If not, did you write letters? I wrote mine before I left. If they reply remember to send a copy of your letter and the reply to Frank to get your Write to Ride patch or rocker!

The next Southwest District Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Glacial Ridge will be hosting this meeting at 4pm at the VFW in Belgrade. Please plan on staying and help Glacial Ridge with their benefit, an Adult Prom! Get all gussied up and have some fun!

We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of Chapter Nominations. Think about helping out your Chapter by accepting a nomination. If a member sees something in you by nominating you, why not try it out? They may see more in you than you do yourself! Thanks to all who have stepped up!

Until next time...

*Shelly Deutsch*

## **ROLLING PRAIRIE**

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

February 1<sup>st</sup>, VFW Post 1914, St. James, 4:00 pm  
(3:00 pm Chili Feed Meeting)  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, Clubhouse, Ormsby, 4:00 pm  
(3:00 pm Chili Feed Meeting)

### **Upcoming Event(s):**

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chili Feed, VFW Post 1914, St. James,  
5:00-8:00 pm  
April 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Heartland STEAM, Bettendorf, IA  
April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn,  
Alexandria

Hello biker family,

Not much to report on. Just getting ready for our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Chili Feed on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the VFW in St. James. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. Call Kari at 507-830-0644 for advanced tickets. Come join us for some yummy chili and all the fixings but don't forget about the silent auction.

– See you later, Giggles

## **GLACIAL RIDGE**

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

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Marcia's, Brooten, 6:00 pm  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, VFW Post 1825, Belgrade, 1:00 pm  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, TBD, TBD, 6:00 pm

### **Upcoming Event(s):**

March 1<sup>st</sup>, Adult Prom-Casino Royale Style, VFW Post 1825, Belgrade, 5:00 pm-12:00 am

Good day!

Glacial Ridge is staying busy getting ready for prom. We will have tickets at the door, D.D.'s, hotel rooms blocked, and fun.

We have had game night, celebrating birthdays, lots of staying in and waiting for warmth! Planning for rides and campouts this summer helps a little.

Be safe, stay warm and see you soon.

## **BUFFALO RIDGE**

**No report received**



**Lake Chapter Christmas celebration.**

## LAKE

### Next Meeting(s):

February 1<sup>st</sup>, Rockford Township Hall, Rockford, 3:00 pm  
 March 8<sup>th</sup>, Madigans, Maple Lake (Elections), 3:00 pm  
 April 12<sup>th</sup>, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato, 3:00 pm

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

### Upcoming Event(s):

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

We held our December meeting at the Choo Choo Bar in Loretto.

If your mail was delivered fast enough you might have received this in time to make sure to come to the GROUNDED HOGS FUNDRAISER on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-11pm. We hope you came to the Rockford Township Hall and enjoyed all the fun that happened: The FREE great music being played by Everett Smithson, the delicious FREE food at the buffet, and the cold FREE drinks being served.

Hopefully you had a chance to bid on all your favorite auction items. This event supports A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Dial-A-Ride.

Another Bikerday has come and gone. Hopefully new relationships were forged with legislators and old ones were renewed.

We had the honor of decorating a Christmas tree for the Howard Lake Waverly School District Winter Carnival. Not a branch was left undecorated. The tree was donated to a family in need at the end of the carnival.

The first round of officer nominations began. Thank you to those who stepped up to serve. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round will occur at our February meeting, please consider running for office. It is an honor and privilege to serve the chapter, if you cannot make the March voting meeting and would like an absentee ballot, please email the state at [stateoffice@abatemn.org](mailto:stateoffice@abatemn.org) before



**Christmas Tree Decorations for Howard Lake Waverly School District.**

February 10<sup>th</sup> to request a ballot.

The chapter voted to spend our gambling money this year on a Young Rider Scholarship which we are excited to add to the sponsorship we are also doing for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year. We hope this will help see an increase in the training of young riders. We have chosen dates for our rider training classes and are hoping to hear back soon. Stay tuned for announcements regarding sign up for those.

Gaida, our products rep, has some fun new items for 2025. Contact her to get yours.

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's 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, Jim Kosse and Cyndi Buttweiler • **Silver:** A&E Outdoors, Buffalo Floral & Landscaping, Common Sense Wealth; • **Bronze:** O'Hern Coach & Cartage, Gather Kitchen, Old Homestead Café, & Dave Truax.

– Until next month my friends- Ride Free, April

## **SOUTH CENTRAL**

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

February 5<sup>th</sup>, SOS Clubhouse, Cokato,  
7:00 pm

March 5<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club, Litchfield,  
7:00 pm

### **Upcoming Event(s):**

May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Spring Fling Bike Show,  
Fairgrounds, Litchfield

Our Toys for Kids deliveries took place with the Meeker and McLeod counties. Each county received \$1,100 and a big load of toys! Huge thank you to Bill & Kristy LaPlante for coordinating these deliveries.

Our participation in the Litchfield Candy Cane Parade was cold this year, but we had a blast. Thank you Dustin Suchy for playing Santa! See our attached pics of these events.

Our annual Spring Fling Bike Show will be 2 days again this year on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to construction at the arena, the event will be held at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. Stay tuned for more info and save the date! If you have any questions about the bike show, or want to donate door prizes, you can contact Michelle Voigt at 320-292-6352.

Can't wait to ride again, just a couple more months and we can vroom vroom!!

\_ Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



**2024 South Central  
Toys for Kids Delivery!**



**2024  
Litchfield  
Cane  
Parade**



## **SOUTHWEST**

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

February 7<sup>th</sup>, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, Community Center, Rushmore, 7:00 pm

Hope everyone had safe and happy travels over Christmas and New Years Day.

The cliché is so true, "The worst part of riding a motorcycle is December, January, February and most of March." And that goes for most of us Midwest riders.

Please keep our soldiers, veterans and their families in your thoughts and prayers!

- BAM (Becky Murphy)

## **WAY WEST**

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

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 2:00 pm (Elections)

Greetings,

Elections nominations are here, with Elections of Officers at the March meeting. If you're interested in stepping up, get your name on the ballot.

In no time, spring will be upon us. Is your bike road ready? Now is the time for maintenance.

Jake gave Joe a giant squeezing chicken for his birthday, be prepared to be annoyed...lol.

Stay safe and well all,

- Gypsy Mama

(See Way West Toys for Kids photos on the next page.)



# Way West Toys For Kids 2024





# NORTHEAST DISTRICT

# Chapter Grapevines

**CHAD MARCHAND, DIRECTOR**  
(320) 342-3271 NortheastDir@abatemn.org

**No Report Received**

## METRO

### Next Meeting(s):

February 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

February 10<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio, 4:00-8:00 pm  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, Taco Night, Casa Rio, 4:00-8:00 pm  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, St Patty's Day Event, Route 47, Fridley  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, Donnie Smith Bike Show

Sunday Brunch, please check [www.metro-mn.com](http://www.metro-mn.com) and our Facebook page for more info and updates.

We are just two months into 2025 and have some amazing events coming up. For starters, March 15<sup>th</sup> is our St Patty's Day Event at Route 47 Pub & Grub in Fridley from 6:00-10:00 pm. I know this will be the event to be at. There will be live music, a silent auction, bake sale, photo booth, great food, great beer, and great people. Come down and have some fun!

Also in March is the Donnie Smith Bike Show at the River Centre. This is a fun event to go to. The smell of leather, the vendors, the swap meet and tons of cool bikes is what helps make the Bike Show a success. It's also a great place to meet new people and meet up with old friends. Metro Chapter will have a Membership Outreach Booth at this event. This is also a great time to sign up new members or to renew your membership. Stop in and say hi.

If you would like a calendar, we have em'. They are \$20 for 1 or buy 5 and get one free. They are a great conversation starter. Feel free to contact Nick, Jameson, myself or let any chapter officer know if you would like to purchase one.

This is what the Shadow knows.

- Be safe, Shadow

## JACK PINE RIDERS

### Next Meeting(s):

February 16<sup>th</sup>, End Zone, Rutledge, 1:00 pm  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, Woody's Bar, Sandstone, 1:00 pm  
April 20<sup>th</sup>, Bogi's on Main, Hinckley, 1:00 pm  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, Marge's, Brook Park, 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Event(s):

April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, Roadside cleanup, 11:00 am  
July 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Jack Pine Riders Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown

It's time again for chapter elections. Nominations for chapter officers will be accepted at the February meeting. Elections will be held at the March 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 or visit the Jack Pine Riders Facebook page. Also be sure to check your sister chapter grapevines for more events.

- Respectfully, The Grapevine Jesus

## NORTHEAST

**No Report Received**

[www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)

## UP NORTH

**No Report Received**

ROAD NOISE



**CENTRAL**

**Next Meeting(s):**  
 February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hayloft, St. Augusta, 2:00pm  
 (Different time and place then stated before)  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, East Side VFW, St. Cloud, 12:00pm  
*A special thank you to Sal's Bar in St. Joesph, for hosting our January meeting and holiday party.*

**Upcoming event(s):**  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Central Chapter Voting, East Side VFW, St. Cloud, 12:00 pm  
 May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ride for Terebinth, Sal's Bar, St. Joseph, 9:30 am

Central Chapter had our Holiday party on January 4<sup>th</sup> at Sal's in St. Joseph. It was a great time with good food, fun games and good company. Thank you to those who made it happen and can't wait till next year!

Nominations for officer positions will be taking place during the February meeting. Voting will be at the 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

– Until next month, Ling and Cowboy

**EAST CENTRAL**

**Next Meeting(s):**  
 February 2<sup>nd</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am  
 April 6<sup>th</sup>, American Legion, St Francis, 11:00 am

**Upcoming Event(s):**  
 February 8<sup>nd</sup>, East Centrals Heart-On fundraiser, American Legion, St Francis  
 April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hey All,  
 Happy Valentines to All! I hope you're all staying warm and dreaming of the nice riding days to come. The Heart-On event should be on soon and I hope to see you out there on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



**East Central Christmas Party.**

Bikerday has come and gone so make sure you do some follow-up with your legislator and thank them for their time. Not much else going on...Time to look ahead to A.B.A.T.E. U. Look on the calendar and hit the events. That's all for now.

'til next time. Shiny Side Up!  
 – President Jim

# State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

## **A.B.A.T.E. OF MN STATE COORDINATOR**

Thank you for the nomination for State Coordinator. If elected, Jim and I will do our best to support you in anyway possible. We will work with board members, committees, chapters, and individuals to continue to strengthen A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

— Jane

## **A.B.A.T.E. OF MN STATE TREASURER**

I have accepted the nomination to continue being the State Treasurer. I look forward to helping this organization grow and prosper. Great things are ahead of us and I want to be part of it!

— Michelle "Mitch" Backlund

## **A.B.A.T.E. OF MN ASSISTANT STATE COORDINATOR**

I would like to thank Jane once again for asking me to be her running mate this year again. As I was writing this, I had to figure out how long I have been the assistant state coordinator, Mack had asked me to fill-in for the October B.O.D. 2015 after the passing of our good friend Kevin Todd.

I've enjoyed doing what I do over the past 10 years as assistant state coordinator. And if Jane is elected, I plan on continuing on attending committee meetings and if anyone who has questions or concerns to give me a call and I'm always more than happy to help anyone out,

Thank you for your support.

Assistant State Coordinator  
— Jim Orn

# State Officer/Executive Board Nominee Resumes

## A.B.A.T.E. OF MN STATE SECRETARY

Hello Everyone:

I would like to thank the group for nominating me again for the position of State Secretary. This will be my 13<sup>th</sup> year, I think, in this position so most of you know who I am. For those that do not, let me just say that I am happy a friend of mine told me about A.B.A.T.E. better than a decade ago.

Since that time I have learned so much about motorcycle rights, legislation, laws and how as a motorcyclist we get left behind, forgotten or treated like a second class citizen.

Until A.B.A.T.E. I never knew that I could help to make a difference. From the chapter level to the state level, I learned that I have a voice, I have the support of everyone else and I have the right to fight for what I believe in which is motorcycle freedom. As you can see I am passionate about A.B.A.T.E. and about helping to record what we are doing for the next generations to come. I do love being able to be part of this organization and doing my part to keep it moving forward. As your secretary I will continue to do the best job I can. Thanks again and see you in April.

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

## SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

After a two year absence I have accepted the nomination to serve as your Southeast District Director again and if elected I will strive to maintain the level of leadership expected by the SE District.

During my previous tenure as your SEDD I helped to revitalize the former Lower Corner chapter into the Southeast LC chapter that it is today, made considerable progress in getting the MC's, RC's and Associations in SE MN involved with A.B.A.T.E. of MN and provided guidance to the SE District chapters.

Previous to being your SEDD I have held the chapter level offices of Sgt at Arms, Chapter Rep and President with the Flatlanders chapter. Also, I am a member of the Flatlanders and SELC chapters.

— Virgil Legried

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Thank you to April Murch for the nomination for Southwest District Director, I have been thinking on what my answer would be if nominated, and after a few conversations with other SW Chapter members, I made the decision to accept if nominated. A special thanks to a member for the high compliments, when I said I was trying, he replied back, "no you are doing." I appreciate your confidence in me.

I would appreciate your support in the up-coming election. Thank you,

— Shelly Deutsch



# 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ABATE PASSPORT RUN

## 2025 ENTRY FORM

Dear business owner or manager,

Hello, my name is Jon Smith, I am a member of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Passport Run Committee. We are in the process of creating the 8th annual A.B.A.T.E. Passport Run, which will take place from May 1st – Nov 1st, 2025. This year there are 2 separate ways to participate. You can be just listed as a sponsor [if you just wish to donate] or a stop in the booklet either one will get you advertisement in the passport book, Facebook page and in our road noise. Participants will need you to sign and date the book. They are required and should make a purchase first, which means more business for you! The fees help cover the cost of printing, ads, and prizes for the event. If you would like to donate any prizes for the event, please include those with your entry form and fee(s). We are looking to print up to 500 booklets or more. The passports will be advertised and sold by ABATE members across Minnesota. Recognition will also be given to the business that receives the most stops!! If you have any questions, you can either email or call me at 612-708-9328, Trashysmith@outlook.com

If you're interested in participating in the Passport Run, please fill out your information below:

Name of business \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City & state zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Specials/discounts for Passport Customers to list in the book.

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Sponsor & Passport Stop \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Just Sponsor \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Multiples Year X\$50 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*PASSPORT STOPS ONLY MUST HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS TO STOP AT AND OPEN ALL SUMMER LONG\*\*\*

Send check or money order payable to A.B.A.T.E. or cash to the address below before Feb 14th, 2025.

Michelle Backlund ABATE of MN State Treasurer

Question? please contact

16550 226<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

Trashy Smith {612}-708-9328

Elk River, MN 55330

Joe Ruby {605}-949-1366

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Member \_\_\_\_\_

# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2025 State Motorcycle Rally Sponsorship Program

A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking sponsors for our 2025 State Rally, to be held August 29<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN.

As part of our Sponsorship program we are offering generous recognition, advertising, vendor space, and passes for the participation of you, your employees and customers in our event.

**There are five levels of Sponsorship:**

## Diamond Sponsorship

**The Diamond sponsorship is just \$3,000**

It includes:

- Your business will have signage on either side or above the stage area in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine, A.B.A.T.E.'s official publication (circulation 4,000+)
- A full page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name and logo listed on our website
- 12 free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Gold Sponsorship

**The Gold Level Sponsorship is \$1,000**

It includes:

- Medium signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your Company name and logo published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a half page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Six free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Silver Sponsorship

**The Silver Sponsorship is \$500**

It includes:

- Signage in the bar and band hub location
- Your company name published in the Road Noise magazine
- Your company name and a quarter page ad in our Rally program
- Your company name listed on our website
- Four free weekend passes to the Rally to use or distribute as you please

## Chrome Sponsorship

**The Chrome Sponsorship is \$250**

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

## Copper Sponsorship

**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

Although A.B.A.T.E. is a not for profit organization and contributions are not tax deductible, you may be able to deduct this investment in your company's advertising budget. Check with your tax professional.

Partnering with us will make the 2025 A.B.A.T.E. State Rally the biggest and best ever. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota is 3,500 members strong and our goal for attendance at the 2025 Rally is 2,000.

Our members are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who support those businesses who support them. For more information about A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota please visit our website at [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org).

**For more information, please contact:**

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532  
Email: [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

*Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon!*

**Deadline to be included in our State Rally Program is  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

# A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2025 State Rally Sponsorship

## Sponsor Information

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level:  DIAMOND  GOLD

SILVER  CHROME  COPPER

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ or

Credit Card Number with expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Ad/Business Card:

Enclosed  Business will mail/email

*Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your ad/business card*

## Recruiting Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Promotional Tickets

Mail tickets to Business Contact

\* Tickets will be mailed mid-July 2025

Tickets will be picked up at the Rally by:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Identification will be required

Quantity given: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Michelle Backlund

16550 226<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

Sponsor Receipt

## A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2025 State Rally Sponsorship

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Inc. thanks you for your support!*

If you have any questions please contact: Michelle Backlund

(763) 263-1532 or email [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org)

Promotional tickets will be mailed mid-July 2025

If you don't receive your tickets by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 contact Michelle Backlund

**Visit our website at: [www.abatemn.org](http://www.abatemn.org)**

*Contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.*

**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota  
2025 State Rally  
Entertainment Sponsorship**

**A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota (American Bikers for Awareness, Training, and Education), a not for profit motorcycle rights organization (501(c)4), is seeking entertainment sponsors for our 2025 State Rally, to be held August 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield, MN. With your Entertainment Sponsorship you will receive recognition at our event before each band takes the stage, a business card ad in our State Rally Program, and recognition in our monthly Road Noise publication, social media, and website.**

Please indicate your donation details below:

Dollar Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 minimum)

Check Number Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Credit Card Number with expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor Information**

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Ad/Business Card:**

Enclosed       Business will mail/email

*Do not staple or deteriorate the scan quality of your business card. You can email your business card/logo to [statetreasurer@abatemn.org](mailto:statetreasurer@abatemn.org).*

**Mail form and money to:**

A.B.A.T.E. State Treasurer

Michelle Backlund

16550 226th Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

**For more information:**

Please contact Smoker Efron at (612) 703-5755.

Email: [19smoker69@gmail.com](mailto:19smoker69@gmail.com).

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussing this exciting opportunity with you soon! The deadline to be included in our State Rally Program book is August 1, 2025.

**Recruiting A.B.A.T.E. Member:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIPT

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A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota 2025 State Rally Entertainment Sponsorship

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiting Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota are not tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.  
A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, Inc. thanks you for your support!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
2/1/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	Marcia's, Brooten	6:00 PM
2/1/25	Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs	Rockford Town Hall, Rockford	6:00 PM
2/1/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Rockford Town Hall, Rockford	3:00 PM
2/1/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	VFW, St. James,	4:00 PM
2/1/25	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James,	3:00 PM
2/2/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Hayloft, St. Augusta	2:00 PM
2/2/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
2/2/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
2/5/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Sons of Silence Club House, Cokato	7:00 PM
2/6/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
2/6/25	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
2/7/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Chance's, Staples	
2/7/25	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
2/8/25	East Central Heart-On, Fund Raiser	American Legion, St. Francis	1-5:00 pm
2/8/25	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW	6:00 PM
2/8/25	Straight River Chili/Feed Contest	Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatona	5:00 PM
2/9/25	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
2/9/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
2/9/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Reggie's Brewhouse	1:00 PM
2/10/25	Taco Night Metro Chapter	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
2/11/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
2/15/25	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
2/15/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Irishman's Shanty, Crookston	5:00 PM
2/15/25	Rally Committee Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	12:00 PM
2/16/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	End Zone, Rutledge	1:00 PM
2/16/25	North Star Officers Meeting	Keg N Cork, Bemidji	3:00 PM
2/16/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
2/17/25	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
2/22/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Lyle Legion	2:00 PM
2/22/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nassau	2:00 PM
2/25/25	Central Chapter Meeting	Hayloft, St. Augusta	2:00 PM
3/1/25	Glacial Ridge Adult Prom-Casino Royale Stykle	VFW, Belgrade	5:00 PM
3/1/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Pool & Dart Tournament	Silver Moon, Perham	
3/2/25	Central Chapter Meeting and Voting	East Side VFW, St. Cloud	12:00 PM
3/2/25	East Central Chapter Meeting	American Legion, St. Francis	11:00 AM
3/5/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	VFW, Belgrade	1:00 PM
3/5/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Litchfield	7:00 PM
3/6/25	Tri-County Chapter Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	7:00 PM
3/6/25	Tri-County Fundraiser Committee Meeting	Cy's Bar, Chaska	6:30 PM
3/7/25	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
3/8/25	Lake Chapter Meeting	Madigans, Maple Lake	3:00 PM
3/8/25	Winter/Spring party Fundraiser & Membership Drive	Stewartville American Legion	1-8:00PM
3/9/25	River Valley Chapter Meeting	Eagles Club, Mankato	12:00 PM
3/9/25	Sand Dunes Chapter Meeting	The Buff, Big Lake	5:00 PM
3/9/25	Straight River Chapter Meeting	Box Car, Waseca	1:00 PM
3/10/25	Taco Night Metro Chapter	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
3/11/25	Borderland Chapter Meeting	Skippy Finn's, Badger	6:00 PM
3/11/25	Metro Chapter Meeting	VFW, Coon Rapids	7:00 PM
3/15/25	Metro Chapter St. Patty's event	Route 47, Fridley	
3/15/25	Rolling Prairie Chapter Meeting	Ormsby Cluhouse - Chili feed Meeting 3:00 pm Meeting to follow	4:00 PM
3/16/25	Jack Pine Riders Chapter Meeting	Woody's Bar, Sandstone	1:00 PM

# NEW & RENEWALS FOR DECEMBER 2024

**BUFFALO RIDGE**  
 Lee Seiler .....R  
 Wesley Cole .....R  
 Bill /Janelle Wellnitz .....R

**CENTRAL**  
 Barry /Yvonne Wolbeck .....R  
 Kenny /Shannon  
 Huckenpoehler .....R  
 Gene Dibblee/  
 Dawn Winslow .....N

**EAST CENTRAL**  
 Zeke Clausen .....R  
 Tom , Teresa Small .....R  
 Russ Zirkle /Kim Lennox .....R  
 Jon /Nicole Pierson .....N  
 Lorna Erickson .....N

**FLATLANDERS**  
 Dan /Arvilla Bye .....R  
 Jeremy /Jacquie Deml  
 Mauseth .....R  
 Dean /Joleen Zilm .....R  
 Daniel Gilb .....N

**FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS**  
 Dawn Arends .....R  
 Brian Athmann /  
 Mary Malone .....R  
 Bradley A Collins .....R

**JACK PINE RIDERS**  
 Ed /Rebecca Melzark .....R  
 Duane Tchida /  
 Judy Soder .....R

**LAKE**  
 Bill T Nelson /  
 Marianne W Nelson .....R  
 Shad /Noma Skinner .....R  
 Keith /Lisa Quady .....R  
 Sherry /Mike Edgett .....R  
 Hugh Scott Brown .....R  
 Kathy Lynn Moreland /  
 Terry Lee Newbauer .....R  
 Todd LaCoursiere .....R  
 Andy Dekarski .....R  
 Keith May .....R  
 Gene /Charm Bolgrean .....R  
 Greg Twardy .....N

**METRO**  
 Jon /Donna Stutelberg .....R

**NORTH STAR**  
 Robert "Jake" /  
 Sandra "Sonnie"  
 Jacobson .....R

**RIVER VALLEY**  
 Denise McCargar .....R  
 Loren /Kymn Files .....R

**ROLLING PRAIRIE**  
 Wendell Else .....R  
 Mark Loots .....R  
 Shane Roberts .....N

**SAND DUNES**  
 Chris Mahan .....R  
 Brandon Hemann .....R  
 Dauna Zaudtke .....N

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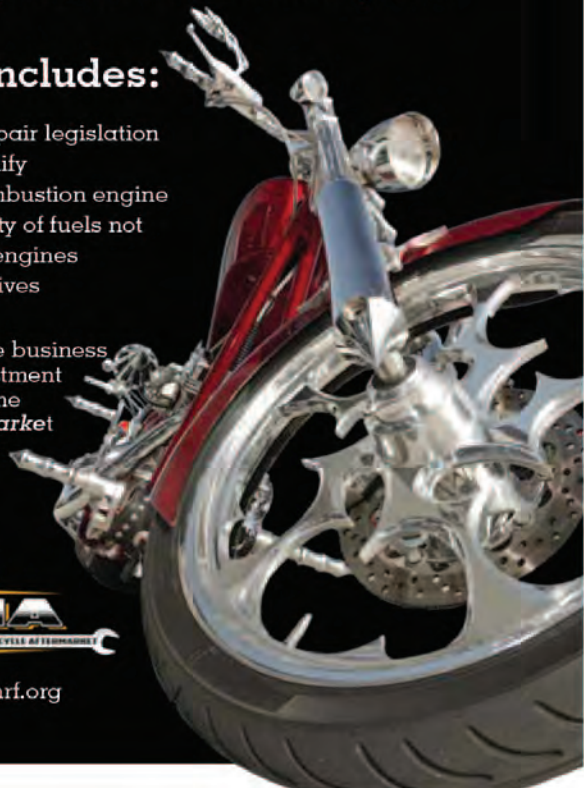
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- All sponsors be publicized in the road noise every month until March 2026
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- Bronze 1 event ticket • Silver 2 event tickets • Gold 3 event tickets

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