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- Include your chapter/committee name on the subject line of the email that you send to the Road Noise.

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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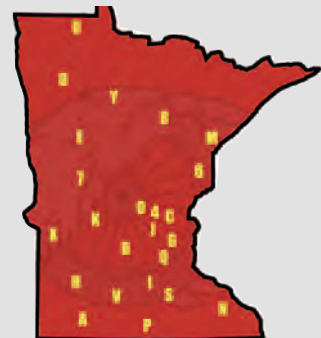
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Dear Fellow Motorcyclists:

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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It sounds like (for the people that were able to attend Bikerday), they had an excellent time. I have been reading some other reports from people that it was their first time, they highly recommend going to Bikerday. Thank you to everyone that attended, returning members and new members. It's always great to get our voice heard.

As for our next adventure, A.B.A.T.E. U, make sure you get your reservations made with the hotel. Remember, this is a free event. There is no charge for any of the meetings. It's always nice to leave a little donation for people with their hospitality rooms, and it's a fun filled weekend. I guarantee it.

And let's not forget about the silent auction and the live auction. The silent auction will be if we have extra donations.

And there was also something being said about human foosball. You'll just have to show up to find out for sure.

Well, it looks like it's time for me to go out and jump on the bike again. Did I tell you I was in Texas? Don't worry. It was only going to be 65 today, so a little chilly, but I'll survive.

Till next time,

Jim



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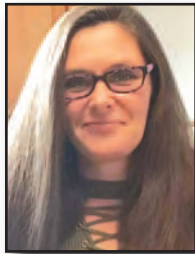
March already! This year is going by fast and that means we will be riding again soon. I am sure some of you have not stopped, but I am not one of those. I usually wait until most of the sand is off the roads. But I am hoping the warmth of Spring is on the way. (It is below zero as I am writing this!)

April will bring Heartland STEAM and A.B.A.T.E. University. These are great events and I hope you are making plans to attend. Any new Chapter Treasurer's should plan to attend the session I will put on at A.B.A.T.E. U. If you are not able to make it, let me know if you have any questions or need any forms.

Take care and we will hopefully meet sometime soon!

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This month I wanted to share with you all a letter from an issue of American Motorcyclist, as reprinted in the Lower Corner Chapter Newsletter, December 1992. It was not written by a Minnesotan, but rather someone who traveled through our state.

"GO VIKINGS!

I've been motorcycling for more than 60 percent of my life, and I've traveled most of these United States, as well as many roads in Europe, on two wheels or four. On a vacation this summer, I was amazed to find a brochure at every Minnesota State Welcome Center entitled 'Start Seeing Motorcycles'.

This is a unique and genuinely honest effort to help drivers realize they have a BIG responsibility to see motorcycles. The brochure points out that not seeing motorcyclists is 'why automobile drivers cause most collisions with motorcycles'.

I love motorcycling. It is inherently not a 'safe' activity, and I respect the need to exercise skill and caution when riding. By the same token, driving a car is not safe; it just requires much less skill to keep from getting in deep trouble.

I think we all owe the folks in Minnesota a round of applause for their effort. I would love to see all 50 States help convey the message to drivers that we share the road equally.

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Obviously in this day in age, we have the web, phones, apps and QR codes, which can all be great tools used in getting information out there. Sometimes though, I think having something tangible to look at and read while holding in your hand can also make an impact (It's one of the reasons I love being Historian). It is still important to spread the brochures, flyers, packets, etc., as long as we have them. Why print them if we don't share them? But this letter that was written, above all else, shows the dedication and commitment and education efforts of Minnesotan's of A.B.A.T.E., American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education. Let's continue to do what our name says we stand for.

— Gaida Gator Trout



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Letter to the Editor:

Did you miss my article on page 5? Do you ever wonder who reads the articles in our newsletter?

A.B.A.T.E. of MN has promised to create a Road Noise publication and distribute it to all of our members. A portion of your membership dues are dedicated to supporting this magazine. I understand that there are times when articles are submitted but missed when the Road Noise is printed.

Ask yourself - Did you get a response that your article was received? Did you submit it before the deadline? There are some people who do not feel that reports (and deadlines) are not important.

How do you expect to increase meeting and event attendance when you don't list the dates and locations of gatherings? Not everyone searches the internet for chapter info. Our Road Noise is a very important communication resource. Please utilize it.

Good Luck to everyone running for office! See you soon - if I can find you!

Jane

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Next Meeting(s)

March 20th, Hennepin Technical College (Eden Prairie campus), 5:00 pm

The last task force meeting was January 16th via Microsoft Teams. Unfortunately, multiple members had many IT issues and interruptions, including myself. I have plenty of information to share, but I am running out of time for this article's deadline. I will share some of the important bullet points, then share more next month. There has been no progress on the lane splitting PSA campaign. Other organizations throughout the state have begun to share information on the upcoming lane splitting, while the Minnesota Department of Public Safety has done nothing publicly.

The safety center's budget for this year has provided the purchase of 49 new Kawasaki motorcycles to help update the Basic Rider Course fleet.

Unfortunately, the 2025 motorcyclist crash fatality database has its first number. There was a 17-year-old male that was killed in a crash on February 1st in Brooklyn Park. It's too early in the year to hear about such a tragedy.

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

— Jon Fernholz



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After being gone for 2 weeks, coming home to e-mails of membership, some Chapters sent their nominations by e-mail and some Absentee Ballot request - I have been busy playing catch up.

If you requested an Absentee Ballot, remember to send it back to the Office right away, I have to add them into the Chapter packet, so we don't want to mess with the timeline. If you requested a ballot, please take a moment to fill it out!

Keep the memberships coming into the State Office! Keep on Keepin' on!

— Shelly



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Our readers get another break my report will be short this month. Bikerday 2025 is passed I was pleased with the participation thanks to all that attended.

We currently have a couple bills relating to our issues.

- pending S.F.54 dealing with sales tax on older motorcycles an issue A.B.A.T.E. asked to have addressed is introduced. There is a strong possibility a bill to remove the cap for attorney fee recovery on equal access actions will be dropped soon, this is another issue A.B.A.T.E. asked for help on.
- There is also a bill SF910 that has been introduced to take away some of your freedoms, using the excuse it is to protect your safety BY REMOVING YOUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE. You may be able to tell by the sound of my voice I am not a supporter of removing freedom of choice, but you may have other views. The ball is in your court now tell legislators how you feel about legislation currently pending.

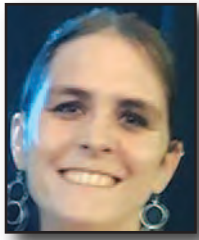
Be sure to pay close attention now that the other half of our Minnesota House of Representatives has decided to report to work things could change fast.

You know what to do!

I want to thank everyone for all the well wishes, cards and prayers it is appreciated perhaps more than you may realize.

Stay Safe

— Frank



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April 25th - 27th, Holiday Inn, Alexandria,
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RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN!

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

We will have free Young Rider events and lunch for them on Saturday from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

BANQUET with a guest speaker. We will have the choice of 3 meals. Pasta Primavera, Old Fashioned Pot Roast, and Northwoods Chicken. The cost is \$30, this does also include tax and gratuity. Please reach out to Tim Jensen at jensen.t@outlook.com and let him know what meal, how many and names no later than April 5th.

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.

We are looking for at least 10 people to help with the jail on Saturday night. Please let me know if you are willing to help. We are doing Human Foosball for our Saturday night fundraising event. You will need teams of three. It is \$10 a person until eliminated. Way West Chapter has challenged River Valley Chapter!

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

Thanks,
— Stephanie



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Getting totes ready to go for A.B.A.T.E. University. Please have ONE person designated to pick up your refills. I will have a form for you to sign it out. If you did not use it and do not plan on using it, please ensure that it gets back to marketing. Some chapters could use more than one.

I received pictures from 3 chapters. After A.B.A.T.E. University, you miss out if I still don't have your chapter pictures to add to the book. I appreciate the ones who sent pictures.

If you don't have Zoho, can you get me the email I can use to contact you? April and I have a membership/marketing Facebook page you should check out for the details on increasing your membership. If your chapter needs ideas to get members, reach out to the page, me, or April. Posting on social media is a great way to get your events out there. Create an event even if you're going on a spontaneous ride. You never know who is on FB events saying, "I'm bored, let's check FB to see if there's anything fun going on." I know we do it. The event will pop up as a "what's going on around you," you may get more people to do something with your chapter. It only takes a few minutes.

Have you talked to your chamber of commerce? They are a great resource to be able to promote your chapter and the good we do.

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe!

— Harmony



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MEMBERSHIP & RETENTION

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Who is an A.B.A.T.E. of MN Member?

When we think about recruiting members, who are we talking to?

A.B.AT.E. has a variety of members.

Let us talk for a moment and meet some of them.

The Riders: Either casual or organized, they just want to ride. Possibly want to organize, lead, or road guard.

The Fundraisers: They want to be a part of events. Perhaps organize them, help out at events. Or just attend them all and support.

Community Focused: They want to be a part of your Buddy Bear program, ditch pickups, or other charitable functions that your chapter participates in.

The Legislator: They want to be involved in Bikerday, Biker's in the Beltway, Calls to Action, or other legislative matters that come up.

The Financial Supporters: They want to help support us financially instead of physically. Their annual dues or donating money or auction items to your events.

The All In: They have an interest in everything: legislative, fundraising, the rides, serving the chapter or state by holding office or chairing a committee.

If you are talking to someone who wants to go on rides, talk about the rides your chapter goes on. Talk about the rides other chapters go on. Talk about the rally rides. Talk about the different charities that some of the ride's support.

Do they love planning routes? Do they have a favorite route? They have an interest in taking your chapter on a ride. Focus on what part of A.B.A.T.E. they want to be a part of. That is the A.B.AT.E. they want to join.

By knowing the interests of the potential member, you are talking to you can zone in on that area of A.B.A.T.E. and focus on those aspects without overloading them with the other interests and losing their interest and scaring them away. They can learn about those later and get involved if and when they want to.

Every member of A.B.AT.E. is important regardless of their level of involvement. You never know, the new member you sign up who just want to go on rides might end up becoming an all-in member and be our next State Coordinator.

Until Next Month My Friends - Together We Are Stronger

— April



EDUCATION

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Next Meeting(s):

March 18th, via Zoom, 6:00 pm

For the monthly update on the Young Riders Scholarship program, we currently have 25 youth registered and paid for. Chapters continue to donate their gambling funds to the program for which we have great appreciation. Since last month's report, I have noticed Pine College has our scholarship information up on their website. To be totally honest, it might have been up there before and, and I didn't notice. It is in a very odd place, yet it is there.

On a Share the Road note, a member of Young Riders helped organize a Share the Road presentation at the St. Francis American Legion in early January, with the goal of getting the word out and raising money to fund a "Start Seeing Motorcyclists" billboard.

For those of you that don't know Gavin Christensen (Young Riders Member), he is Stephanie's son and Jane's grandson. Darryl Holman presented and there were 16 attendees. Gavin raised a total of \$262. During the Education report at the January B.O.D. meeting, a hat was passed that raised over \$350. to help Gavin out. During Bikerday, he informed me that he had enough to pay for a billboard off of Hwy 65 on the north side of the metro Twin Cities area. We should be proud and encourage Gavin for his achievements.

That's it for this month!

— Jon Fernholz



MRF REPORT

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Greetings everyone,

My name is Rob Benjamin and I am the new MRF state Representative. I was recently announced at Bikerday and spent the day talking to Representatives and bringing up some talking points.

Bikerday was a success. There was a big turnout among A.B.A.T.E members as well as MRF members. It was a joy to see young people in attendance and see them experience first hand how our government works. Please contact your representative and follow up on the subjects discussed.

— Shadow



PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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Next Meeting(s):

March 9th, Zoom Meeting, 11:00 am
April 13th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

There are many meetings and fundraisers to keep you busy until riding season begins, check out the grapevines and calendar of events for dates and times. We also need everyone's help in filling the featured articles folders. As you attend your chapter meetings and fundraisers take a photo of the place hosting your event or the committee that put the event on and give them kudos and some free advertisement for the business.

Congratulations to newly elected or re-elected officers and a BIG Thank you to those that held the positions for the last year!

— Tammy



PRODUCTS REPORT

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Hello biker family. I hope you are getting excited for A.B.A.T.E. University. I know I am. I hope you like the new things I have picked out. There should be something for everyone.

Now that elections are upon us, I want to take this time to remind you to email your Chapter Badge and Card form to me following your election meeting. Please print clearly or have someone else write it out for you. If I cannot read it, it will not be right.

As always, if you have ideas or need something, please email me and I will do what I can.

— Kari



GAMBLING REPORT

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Next Meeting (s):

March 13th, TBD, 6:00 pm
April 25th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 6:00 pm



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next meeting(s):

April 13th, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 12:00 pm

Our committee last met on January 12th. We went over deposits, state and chapter bills, and fundraiser reports. We also looked over and discussed the proposed budget for 2025. Thank you to the guests that attended the meeting to see what our committee does firsthand. I hope to see you all at A.B.A.T.E. U.

— Kristy



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s)

- March 15th, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- April 25th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria, 8:00 pm
- May 31st, Eagles Club, Litchfield, 12:00 pm
- July 18th, B.O.D. Location, 8:00 pm
- August 24th, Litchfield Fairground, Litchfield, 1:00 pm

Congratulations to our contest winners!

Flyer Design - Maureen O'Hern, Lake Chapter
 T-Shirt Design - Tim Jensen, East Central Chapter
 Thank you so much for participating in the design contests, each winner will receive a free weekend Rally pass.

We also want to thank all of our officers and sub-committee chairs for stepping up to volunteer again this year. A shout out to Doug Hall (Sand Dunes Chapter) for being our new Registration Assistant, and Jameson Lemke (Metro Chapter) for being a Security Chair. To all below, we appreciate what you do!

- Rally Chairs: Dougie & Ingrid Cohen
- Rally Treasurer: Erin Fredricks
- Rally Secretary: Gina "Silverfoxx" Maningoine
- Rally Sgt @ Arms: John "Veeeight" Maningoine
- Bike Games: Way West/Joe Ruby
- Bike Show/Tattoo Contest: Joe JJ Jones
- Entertainment: Smoker
- First Aid: Mike Pesta
- Registration: Tonja Flick, Doug Hall
- Products/Volunteer Cards: Kari Duncan
- Security: Patrol/Front Gate/Shuttle: ... Tom Duncan/
AJ Meisinger/Jameson Lemke
- Rally Raffle: Jim Orn
- Sponsorships: Mitch Backlund
- Program: Tammy Black/Mitch Backlund
- Memorial Ride: Travis Rolfes
- Vendors/Talent Show/
King & Queen Pageant: ... Fred Pawlek & Deb Kviz
- Awards: Tim Jensen/Dar's Goof
- Ice Wagon & Sober Cab: .. Dial-A-Ride John Nelson
- Chili Contest: MRF
- Waste Warriors: Trashy Smith/ Don Keim
- Firewood & Rings: . Jack Pine Riders Richard Nelson
- Rally Setup: Shelly Deutsch
- Hay Wagon Rides: Dan Leiding
- Electrician: Chris Lyons
- Advertising: Need volunteer?
- Bike Wash: Need volunteer?

If you are interested in being our Advertising Chair or running a Rally bike wash, please email rally@abatemn.org.

Reminder, the Rally volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at A.B.A.T.E. University. Talk with your chapter this month to decide what day and times you want to volunteer for a particular shift and send someone to A.B.A.T.E. University to sign you up as popular spots fill up fast. We will not be accepting early sign ups before this date (Friday, April 25th). Sign-ups will be available on a first come first serve basis, starting at A.B.A.T.E University, but not before that. Also, during the Rally week, we will be looking to the chapter VPs to help make sure that their chapter volunteers do make it and show up on time to their shifts. VP's will receive a list of their chapter volunteers right before the Rally. If your VP will not be attending the Rally, please designate someone else to be your chapter's Rally volunteer contact and let us know. We appreciate your help with this!

The Rally Sponsorship form is now available. Please help us get Rally sponsorships. The sooner a business signs up, the longer time they will receive advertising in all our publications throughout the new year. We are also adding a second sponsorship option. Businesses can also be an Entertainment Sponsor, and their name will be announced on stage in between bands, in addition to receiving free advertising throughout the year. Both sponsor forms were given to your chapter rep at the January BOD and are available for download at the state website abatemn.org. Click on Links/Resources, State Rally.

If you have vendor suggestions, please email Deb Kivz at debkviz@outlook.com. If you have any other suggestions, please email rally@abatemn.org. We are particularly looking for fundraising suggestions to do during Rally week.

We have some fun things planned, like chapter decoration contests and social hours, stay tuned for more details!!

If you would like to be involved in the Rally meetings, but cannot attend, contact Ingrid Cohen at 763-516-7029 to have you added to the Rally group chat on Facebook Messenger. An audio call is placed to the group chat 5 minutes before the meeting starts. See meeting times at the top of this article. All VPs are required to attend (in person or over messenger) or provide a replacement.

Thank you all for volunteering your time to make YOUR Rally successful!

— Dougie

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

A.B.A.T.E. of MN's 2025 Bikerday at the Capitol attendees arrived on a very mild January morning to show their support for motorcycling freedom and common sense motorcycling safety. If you have followed the news since election day, you are aware we faced some unique obstacles to having our voices heard this year. First the State Office Building was undergoing a major renovation. This moved all the MN House of Representatives members to temporary offices in another building that is not visitor friendly. And all the construction equipment needed for this puts a huge parking crunch in the Capitol area. On top of this, half of the House members boycotted the start of the session in a power struggle between the two major parties. But bikers are a resourceful bunch, and I am always amazed at our ability to

adapt and overcome when problems like these arise.

The Capitol Rotunda was crowded as we listened to many powerful senators and representatives say they will support A.B.A.T.E.'s legislative agenda. By the time you read this, there will be bills introduced for some of our talking points. We will share updates through emails, Facebook, and the A.B.A.T.E. e-news. A.B.A.T.E. of MN's Legislative Team did a great job explaining our 2025 agenda.

We also heard from several partners who share A.B.A.T.E. of MN's goals: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the American Motorcycle Association, the BMW Owners of America, A.B.A.T.E.'s Education Chair, and updates of our revived Young Riders program.

And when the day was finished, bikers walked out to brilliant sunshine and 48-degree temperature. It was a great day. I am very proud of all who were there. Hope to see all of you and many more at Bikerday 2026!

Mack Backlund
Legislative Team member



YOUNG RIDERS REPORT

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I went to ice races and that was a blast. Not only did they have dirt bikes, there were snowmobiles and side by sides, ATV's, and sometimes there are cars. If you have ice races near you, let me know. I would love to get more Young Riders to these events. This spring, there are dirt bike tracks all around Minnesota, too. Let's get to these tracks. These are the kids that may upgrade to motorcycles as they get older. If they learn about A.B.A.T.E. now, the better chance we get them as members as they get older. These kids have parents, and since we promote safe riding, and education and training, the chances of the parents wanting to know more are great. Get your Young Rider out there!

Thanks to those Young Riders who went to the Bikerday at the capitol. I have patches for those Young Riders who were at the capitol last year and this year. I need address and name of the Young Rider to sent those patches. If you got the wrong age patch, I apologize, some of our Young Riders had birthdays and I was using an old list.

We have Young Riders games and lunch at A.B.A.T.E. University on April 26th, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. We encourage our Young Riders to come to A.B.A.T.E. University!

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



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Wow, March already!! next month [April] it is Heartland STEAM & A.B.A.T.E. U.

Then it's May and convention time in Biloxi, MS.

To those of us that made Bikerday the success it was, Thank you for for your grass roots lobbying efforts. Please consider stepping up your lobbying game and bring it to Washington D.C. for Bikers In The Beltway.

Spring is on its way! get your ride ready and practice the T-CLOC, not sure what that is??? maybe sign up for A rider education course and then you will know!

Dale



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Saturday, April 26, 2025 • 9:00 AM • Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

Opening	9:00 AM Call to order	Jane Doyle
	Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome	Edgar Burke
	Invocation	Edgar Burke
	Roll call	Michele Legried
	Agenda approval / changes	Jane Doyle
	Secretary Report - January 2025	Michele Legried
	Treasurer's Report	Michelle Backlund
Legislative Reports	Legislative Team	Team Member
	Motorcycle PAC of MN	Mark Senn
	NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists)	Dale Peterson
	MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)	Rob Benjamin
	Write to Ride	Frank Ernst
Committee Reports <small>(Committee Chairs submit written reports, up to 5 minutes for verbal report, if more time needed request in advance)</small>	A.B.A.T.E. University	Stephanie Christensen
	Education	Jon Fernholz
	Young Riders Program	Harmony Lillie
	Gambling	Dan Matzdorff
	Buddy Bear Program	Sharon Polman
	Historian	Gaida Trout
	Marketing	Harmony Lillie
	Membership & Member Retention	April Murch
	Passport Run	Jon Smith
	Products	Kari Duncan
	Publications	Tammy Winkels
	State Rally	Dougie Cohen
	Ways and Means	Kristy Luhman

Other Reports	State Office	Shelly Deutsch
	MCDAR (Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride)	Kyla Baker
	Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force	Jon Fernholz
	MN Motorcycle Club Coalition & Confederation of Clubs of MN	Dale Peterson and Jane Doyle
	Old Business	Bikerday 2025 Recap
	Heartland STEAM 2026	
	A.B.A.T.E. of MN Motorcycle Safety Awareness Proclamation	
	2025 Budget Approval	
New Business	State Officer Election Results	
	Announce Chapter Officers / Chapter Challenge	
	By-Law Proposal Result	
	Presentation of Awards	
Officer Reports	Treasurer	Michelle Backlund
	Secretary	Michele Legried
	Northwest District Director	Edgar Burke
	Northeast District Director	Chad Marchand
	Southeast District Director	Mike Burgess
	Southwest District Director	Shelly Deutsch
	Assistant State Coordinator	Jim Orn
	Trustee	Mack Backlund
	State Coordinator	Jane Doyle
ANNOUNCEMENTS / ADJOURNMENT		

BIKE OF THE MONTH

Julie Hemen of Glacial Ridge Chapter

Julie no longer has a motorcycle, but she is still riding!



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Nominations have started. I hope that everyone who wants to, step up is to help your Chapter. I hope everyone is getting out and supporting other Chapter's events . Great turn out at the Capitol for Bikerday at the Capitol. It won't be long and we will be dusting off the bikes.

Until next time ride free, *Mike*

SOUTHEAST LC

Next Meeting(s):

March 16th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am (Election of Officers day)

April 20th, VFW, Rochester, 11:30 am

Upcoming Event(s):

March 8th, Winter/Spring party-Fundraiser/ Membership Drive, American Legion, Stewartville, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

April 4th - 5th, Heartland STEAM, Bettendorf, Iowa see Page 32 for full details

April 12th, End of Winter Ride, more details to come - We will go rain or shine, all are welcome, come in a vehicle if you wish

April 25th - 27th A.B.A.T.E. U at the Holiday Inn. Alexandria

Hi All:

By the time you read this, we will already be over 2 months into the New Year. Boy, the time sure does fly by. Our Chapter will be very busy the next few months with events and rides. Our Winter/ Spring party is coming up fast. We are in need of volunteers, silent auction items, side dishes, desserts, and snacks to go with our main course of Scalloped Potatoes and Mississippi Pot Roast. We would also like to have a bake sale, so if the bakers in our Chapter want to bake something for our bake sale, it will be deeply appreciated. If anyone has silent auction items or bake sale items, and you are not able to make it to our party, please let me know and I will pick them up. You can contact me at either 507-923-1979 or email me at terrypanek10@gmail.com.

Officer elections will be held in March at our March meeting. Please plan on attending, as there will be some by-law proposal changes on the ballot as well as officer nominations. If we can't get enough people to fill the officer positions, then we may have to consider dissolving the Chapter. We need everyone's help to keep this Chapter going. That means people showing up for the monthly meetings, officer nominations, as well as help with events. We can't keep relying on the same few people to keep the Chapter going. Please step up and help us out.

Bikerday at the Capitol was January 30th. It was disappointing that only two of us from our Chapter participated in this. We were able to meet with and speak with Senator Steve Drazkowski and Representative Steve Jacobs. They both agreed to support the talking points we had. Unfortunately, the Democrats failed to show up as they chose to stay home from the Capitol. Many of the Republicans who were working did come and speak to the group. They gave us their full support, which is greatly appreciated.

Well, I guess that's enough rambling from me. I'll get off my soap box. DON'T FORGET to come to the March meeting for elections. Remember, we need the support of the whole Chapter to keep going.

See ya in March.

– Bye for now, Terry



FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

March 22nd, Blooming Prairie Serviceman Club,
 Blooming Prairie, 2:00 pm
 April 12th, VFW Club, Wells, 3:00 pm

Hello from the Flatlanders:

Apologies for no grapevine in February. The deadline got away from me for the second time since I started writing these. To fix the problem I have now put it in my calendar on my phone so I get an alert, hopefully that works.

On to other things...

Bikerday 2025, considering everything that has been going on, was a success in my opinion. THANK YOU to those from the SE District who represented for those who could not be there for whatever the reason. To those who were not present, you still have the availability to Write to your representatives and share the talking points, voice your concerns, and let them know where you stand. Let them know what our issues are and how they can support us. For those that were there, your presence was seen and hopefully your meetings were successful. We had set it up to have Peggy Bennett speak in the Rotunda, however she was not in attendance due to being ill, but there were others that were strong supporters of ours.

Some of us met with Representative Patricia Mueller and Senator Gene Dornick and had really good communications. Both of these individuals are truly on our side when it comes to motorcycle rights and issues. A sincere thank you goes out to both of them for taking the time to see us and supporting us.

If you are not selling the A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle tickets, you should be. They are selling very well, and for



every ticket sold, your Chapter gets a percentage of monies back to give to those in need. You can use these funds to support your favorite 501c3 charities and friends/families/others that are in a hardship. It is so important to show others that not only are we legislatively driven, but also socially driven and helping others is in our blood. Also, if your Chapter is sitting on a large gambling balance, spend the damn money.

Last, but most definitely not least, with this month being elections we want to say...THANK YOU to those officers who served this previous year in your Chapters and at the State level. THANK YOU to those returning officers and THANK YOU to those who accepted a new officers role. We would not be the organization we are without all of you!!

Peace, Love and Hugs!!

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

TRI COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

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

April 5th, Paul & Gerry's house, 32144 141st Ave., Montgomery, lunch provided at noon, Meeting at 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

May 3rd, TriCounty Carver Fun Run. More information to come!

Thank you to our VP Terry for running our meeting in February. Decisions were made on A.B.A.T.E. U Chapter challenge, State Rally sponsorship amount, MRF renewal, Road Noise ad for our bike ride fundraiser, and April meeting location (my house!). May and June meetings setup at Cy's for now unless something changes! Watch for updates.

Thanks to all members from all Chapters who attended Bikerday! We CAN make a difference! We WILL be heard and seen!

Nominations were handled and the election will be in March. Thank you all for the positions you held and for all our members for making our Chapter great and successful! We all matter! A.B.A.T.E. U will have some fun and energetic ways to increase membership! Check out the Road Noise for information! And come to A.B.A.T.E. U!!

Secretary Katie had expired membership names, so anyone who knows them can make contact with them and hopefully get them to rejoin!

Maybe we really work at this to get expired or new members to join after A.B.A.T.E. U for a chance to win \$500!!!! See the Road Noise membership articles for more information on that! Fun!!

– Peace out all, Ger



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

March 9th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

April 13th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

May 11th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th - 27th, A.B.A.T.E. University

May 3rd, Motorcycle Awareness Parade

May 10th, Spring Ditch Cleanup

Hi All!!

Spring is just around the corner... woohoo!!!! And, I just bet a lot of you are starting to get your bikes ready for the riding season! We also need to start marking our calendars with the up and coming rides and events!

Speaking of events... the planning of our Annual May Motorcycle Awareness Parade and Fun Run are being finalized this month. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd. Stay tuned for the flyer in next month's Road Noise and further information on our Facebook page. Also, keep a lookout for our Mike Berg & Fallen Friends Ride to be held in June.

Remember that this is the month for Officer Elections. If you want to see some changes in your Chapter, make sure you get involved... this is the time to make your voice heard.

Reminder that A.B.A.T.E. University is next month! If you have become a new Officer or Sergeant at Arms, please make sure you go. It is beneficial to attend the classes to learn about what your responsibilities are for your position... plus, it's a lot of fun! Make reservations at the Alexandria Holiday Inn at (320)763-6577.

We welcome all the new members and thank you to those who renewed their memberships! We are looking forward to seeing and getting to know you at our monthly meetings and Chapter events! We usually have our meetings on the second Sunday of every month at the Eagle's Club on Riverfront Drive at noon in Mankato. Everyone is welcome to attend.

– Lori Sotebeer, Sgt-at-Arms

STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

March 9th, The Box Car, Waseca, 1:00 pm

April 13th, L & M Bar, Dundas, 1:00 pm (March meeting will ask to vote and combine Meet and Greet with meeting)

May 11th, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Hello everyone! Hope everyone is doing well and surviving the cold.

I know many of us are itching for Spring to get two tires back on the road and feel the wind on our faces!

Straight River had a very good turnout at the Second Annual Chili Contest & Feed.

Members had a great time with a little friendly competition and getting the word out about A.B.A.T.E.

Our next planned event is the Meet and Greet, April 12th at L&M Bar in Dundas. Straight River is gearing up for the Red, White and Blue in August.

We have had members getting the Passport applications out and collected. Also spreading the word for Sponsorships. Have a great month!

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



Chapter Grapevines



SHELLY DEUTSCH, DIRECTOR
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How can we be in March already? Did you go to the Capitol for Bikerday? I couldn't go because I was gone on vacation. I did write my Legislators before I left. I was watching the time frame from when I sent to when I received a reply. Guess what? It took less than 15 minutes to get a reply, and not just a generic one either. He wished me well on vacation and told me he was eye-to-eye with what we were concerned about! I then sent all the paperwork to Frank, so, maybe a total of 20 minutes from start to finish and I did my part.

By the time you read this, we've had another SW District Meeting. If you attended, thank you! After the meeting we are staying to attend the Glacial Ridge Prom. Did you see John Nelson in his Pink Tux?

Until Next time!

Shelly Deutsch

ROLLING PRAIRIE

Next Meeting(s):

March 15th, Ormsby Clubhouse, Ormsby, 4:00 pm
(3:00 pm Chili Feed Mtg)
April 5th, Buckshot's, Butterfield, 4:00 pm
(3:00 pm Committee Mtg)

Upcoming Event(s):

March 22nd, Chili Feed, St. James VFW, 5:00-8:00pm
April 4th-5th, Heartland STEAM, Bettendorf, IA
April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello family and friends,

I hope to see all of you later this month at our annual Chili Feed. I know Tom has some HOT chili for you to try, if you dare. But for the rest of us there is normal chili, chicken chili and loaded potato soup, as well as sloppy joes and plenty of sweets. We will also have our silent auction ending at 8pm and all items must be paid for and picked up that night unless prior arrangements are made.

Once our chili feed is done, we will start planning our Washout, Ditch Clean Up, and Kickstart Ride. Then it is time to deliver Buddy Bears. Can you say busy, busy?

I must go start making lists so we don't forget anything, but I will see you down the road.

– Ride safe, Giggles

BUFFALO RIDGE GLACIAL RIDGE

No Reports Received

WAY WEST

Next Meeting(s):

March 22nd, Snorts Bar, Nassau, 12:00 pm
April meetings and beyond, TBD

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
Greetings!

The March meeting will hold our chapter and state office elections. Please make sure you bring your current A.B.A.T.E. membership card to vote. Thanks to all who made it to Bikerday at the Capitol.

The riding season is moving closer for us, so make sure your maintenance is done. Bring a friend to a meeting. They just might become involved.

Not much else is happening at present time. I'm going to be soaking up some vitamin D here in a couple days. I am not a winter fan anymore.

– Later, Gypsy Mama

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

March 7th, Rushmore Community Center,
Rushmore, 7:00 pm
April 4th, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore,
7:00 pm

Other than a few of our members going to Bikerday at the Capitol, things have been pretty quiet. Just waiting for Spring to arrive. Keep our Military and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

– BAM



Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs



Lake - Bikerday 2025!



Lake Chapter Bowling

**Long time participants
Cyndi Buttweiler and Jim Kosse**



Next Meeting(s):

March 8th, Madigan's, Maple Lake, 3:00 pm (Elections)
 April 12th, Location needs to be rescheduled TBD, 3:00 pm
 May 4th, Missile Park, St. Bonifacius, 3:00 pm
 June 7th, TBD, 3:00 pm
 July 12th, Airport Marine & Storage, Pequot Lakes, 3:00 pm
Please note March & April are the 2nd Saturday of the month instead of the 1st

Our February meeting was held at the Rockford Township Hall. We concluded the final round of nominations. Elections are next month at Madigan's in Maple Lake on March 8th. Please note this is the 2nd Saturday of the month vs our usual 1st Saturday of the month. Please remember to bring your membership card. You must be an active member of Lake Chapter to vote in the chapter elections. Our April meeting location needs to be rescheduled, please watch Facebook for those details.

Our bowling event held jointly with other chapters was successful raising \$1788 for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Thank you to East Central, Central, Sand Dunes, The CMA, and The Dry Riders MC for collaborating with us.

The Grounded Hogs Fundraiser was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, attended, worked, and in any way supported this fundraiser. So many people poured their heart and soul into this event, and it showed. The dancing, laughter, and empty crockpots certainly suggest the guests enjoyed themselves. Everett Smithson put on a rockstar performance as always. 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. Chapter members reported back that great conversations were had with their legislators. We certainly value this important event. It is a pleasure to be able to collaborate with other chapter members who we find are in our Senate Districts with us.

As we near riding season our annual intermediate and advanced training classes will be coming soon. This is an excellent opportunity to improve your riding skills. They are tentatively planned for May 31st and June 1st. Watch our Facebook page and the Road Noise for more details and sign-up information. These classes are sponsored and paid for by Lake Chapter for anyone with a valid endorsement and insurance.

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, Uptown Bar and Grill
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

Next Meeting(s):

March 5th, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
 April 2nd, Shaggy's Bonfire, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
 May 7th, VFW Post 906, Hutchinson, 7:00 pm
 June 4th, Niesen's Bar, Biscay, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 30th, Food Shelf Drive, Family Fare, Litchfield
 April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. U, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
 May 14th, Spring Ditch Clean Up, Odd Fellows Park, Hutchinson, 6:00 pm
 May 17th & 18th, Spring Fling Bike Show, Fairgrounds, Litchfield
 June 7th, SC Burger Day, Mies Outland Demo Days, Watkins
 June 21st, Fun Run Membership Drive, LaPlante's, Litchfield

Hi All,

In January SC had our annual Xmas party. Thanks to everyone who brought a ton food. It was a great time.

Nominations are going great for our chapter. People are stepping up to run for officer positions, and volunteering for a lot of our other chapter responsibilities. A huge thank you to everyone for attending meetings and participating. I want to recognize our SC chairs below, we appreciate you!

- Bike Show: Michelle Voigt • Fun Run: Jen Sommerfeld
- Products: Kristy LaPlante • Toys for Kids: Kristy LaPlante
- Memberships: Need Volunteer • Chapter Emails: Noel Huggett
- Passports: Steve "Dobs" Dobsmeier & Joyce Melson
- DIAL-A-Ride: Bill LaPlante • Buddy Bears: Jen Sommerfeld
- Food Drive: Bear Ackman • Road Noise Articles: Ingrid Cohen
- Facebook: John Detiel & Michelle Voigt • Ditch Clean Up: Mike Niece
- Chapter Spreadsheet: Tina Myllykangas
- Darwin Day: Need Volunteer • MEIS Burger Day: Dougie Cohen
- Breast Cancer Run: Need Volunteer
- SC Rally Week: Need Volunteer

We only have a few chair positions left to fill. One of them is a Memberships chair for our chapter, to help us focus on building our memberships. If you are interested in chairing any of these SC responsibilities, please contact Ingrid at 763-516-7029.

A big shout out to Shaggy's Bonfire in Litchfield. They have agreed to be our new home bar. Stop on by whenever you are riding through on Hwy 22 south of Litchfield.

Wow, look at all those dates up above! SC is going to have a busy spring, and we can't wait!! Our annual Spring Fling Bike Show will be 2 days again this year on May 17th & 18th. Here are the details:

Bike Registration: Fri 4-8pm, Sat & Sun 8-10am
 Show Hours: Sat 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-3pm
 Voting: Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-1pm
 Trophy Categories: Custom, Classic, Stock, Bagger, Rat, Trike, Sport, Best in Show, Best Paint, People's Choice. Due to construction at the civic arena, the event will be held at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. If you have any questions about the bike show, or want to donate door prizes, you can contact Michelle Voigt at 320-292-6352.

"Are we there yet???" Hold on, almost there to feel the warmer breeze between our knees!

– Ingrid Cohen, Secretary



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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No Report Received

NOMINATION FOR NEDD RECEIVED

I'll try this again. I'm Kent Verner and I announced at the October B.O.D. that I was planning on seeking the NEDD position again. I was nominated at the January B.O.D. and I accepted. I have held many positions in ABATE in WI and MN from Sargent to Director. I am starting my 18th year as a member in WI and starting my 15th year in MN. I'm also a member of the MRF, AMA, and the SCVR. I held the director position for two years a couple of years ago. I stepped down to recover from three surgeries. I bring much experience to the table, and have visited many of the district chapters since September. TY.

- Kent (Pedro).

METRO

Next Meeting(s):

March 11th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

April 8th, VFW, Coon Rapids, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 3rd, Taco Night, Casa Rio, Anoka, 4:00-8:00 pm

March 15th, St Patty's Day Warm up, Route 47, Fridley

March 16th, Sunday Breakfast, Route 47, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

March 29th-30th, Donnie Smith Bike Show, St Paul River Centre

April 25th - 27th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

Please check www.metro-mn.com and our Facebook page for updates.

The groundhog saw his shadow and said 6 more weeks of winter. But here in Minnesota we're ready to kick off an early spring. Come join us at our St Patty's Day Warm up on March 15th at Route 47 Pub and Grub in Fridley from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. We'll have live music from Rogue Royal, free beer, free food, a silent auction, bake sale and more! Pre-sale tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door. You can contact any officer for tickets. Come down and celebrate the warm up into Spring!

Speaking of Spring, The Donnie Smith Bike Show is coming up at the St Paul River Centre March 29th & 30th. Metro Chapter will have a Membership Outreach Booth at the bike show and it's a great opportunity to renew your membership or sign up a new member. Stop in and say hello.

We have had our first round of nominations and are looking forward to the March elections. Nominations are President: Jameson Lemke, Vice President: Brian Ladoux, Treasurer: Joe Jones, Secretary: Shannon Bros, Chapter rep: Rob Benjamin and Trisha Bout - It, Sergent at Arms: Samantha Goodfry and Marsha Capra.

Nick Capra has been the president of our chapter for quite a few years. He's done many great things with and for our chapter over those years. We are sad to announce that he has decided to step down as president. Nick has let us know that he'll be staying with the chapter as a member and we look forward to seeing him and Marcia at our meetings and events. I think I speak for all of Metro Chapter when I say thank you for all the hard work, leadership and great moments you've given us. You'll be leaving some pretty big shoes to fill.

- Shadow



EAST CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

April 6th, American Legion, St. Francis,
11:00 am

May 4th, American Legion, St. Francis,
11:00 am

June 1st, American Legion, St. Francis,
11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

April 4th-5th, Heartland STEAM, Isle Casino
Hotel, Bettendorf, IA

April 25th-26th, A.B.A.T.E. University,
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

May 3rd, Dirty Rotten Bikerfest, Princeton
Fairgrounds

May 19th-20th, Bikers Inside the Beltway

Hey All!

March already... where has the winter gone? I know... cram it! It's election time again and I hope everyone considers trying an officer role in your chapter. It's a great way to get more involved with great people while doing a lot for our motorcycle rights and education.

In January, one of our Young Riders, Gavin Christensen, hosted a motorcycle information safety and information seminar for youth and raised enough money to rent a billboard on Hwy 65 in East Bethel. Great work, Gavin! We're getting some terrific contributors stepping up.

We're sending a couple chapter members down to Heartland STEAM in Iowa to get info for next year when Minnesota hosts the event. It's a very informative event, if you have the time to commit.

Don't forget to get your room for A.B.A.T.E. U. By the time you read this there will be forty days left until we can ride. Time to look them over. That's enough for now. Until next time.

– Shiny side up! President Jim

East Central Heart-On above and East Central at Bikerday below.



NORTHEAST

Next Meeting(s):

March 5th, Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

April 2nd, Gopher Bar, West Duluth, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 5th, Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon

Hello all,

Not too much to report this time around. Bikerday at the Capitol has come and gone. It was well attended and a successful fun event.

We've set the date for our annual Bunwarmer party. It will be held on April 5th at the River Inn in Scanlon. The band will be Aftershock. We'll have more information by the next newsletter such as available room blocks.

That's about it, pretty slow right now.

– Stay warm!! Ed

SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

March 9th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
April 13th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm
May 11th, The Buff, Big Lake, 5:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria
May 17th, Chapter Ride

Greetings all!

The riding season is another month closer. With any luck maybe March will have some good riding weather and road conditions.

Sand Dunes had seven members attend Bikerday (photo right) at the State Capitol. Our members reported that they were able to have good, substantive discussions with lawmakers in both houses and from both parties. Representing bikers and their rights is what A.B.A.T.E. is all about. It is important that we meet our Minnesota Representatives and Senators and discuss any important motorcycle legislation.

A.B.A.T.E. U. is drawing near. This event is important, especially if you're considering a chapter officer position. There are classes geared specifically for each of the offices. Also, there will be other classes available on topics that are timely and very informative. Plus, it's just a great time.

– Michael Olkives



Sand Dunes at Bikerday 2025!

JACK PINE RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

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):

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

It's time again for chapter elections. Elections for chapter and State officers will be held at the March meeting.

Band lineup for the 2025 Upper Kettle River Shakedown has been set. I do not have that information at this time, but if you want more information, attend the next chapter meeting. Poster and event tickets will be coming out soon.

The next roadside cleanup is scheduled for May 18th, 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



Central at Bikerday 2025!



UP NORTH

Next Meeting(s):

March 9th, Calumet Saloon, Calumet, 3:00 pm
 April 13th, Calumet Saloon, Calumet, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 28th, Membership Ride, Eagles Club, Grand Rapids, 12:00 pm

As always, our meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Calumet Saloon in Calumet, starting at 3:00 pm.

I regret to inform everybody that the Winter Fever Reliever Party will not be happening this year. But we are looking forward to our membership ride June 28th which will start at the Eagles Club in Grand Rapids at noon. Registration will be from 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Please come join us.

– Chris Parks, President

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

March 2nd, East Side VFW, St. Cloud, 12:30 pm
 April 6th, St. Martin Bar and Grill, St. Martin, 12:00 pm
 May 4th, Trobec's, St. Stephen, 12:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):

March 2nd, Central Chapter Voting, East Side VFW, St. Cloud, 12:00 pm
 March 15th, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pearl Lake Lodge, Marty, 12:00 pm
 May 31st, 2nd Annual Ride for Terebinth, Sal's Bar, St. Joseph, 9:30 am

A special thank you to Hayloft in St. Augusta, for hosting our February meeting!

A few Central chapter members were able to go to Lake Chapter's Bowling for Kids in January. Good time and good people. Ryder (Our 5 year-old) of course loved being able to participate. Can not wait for next year.

At the end of January was Bikerday at the Capitol. We had a very productive day. Listened to several speakers from both A.B.A.T.E. as well as representatives of our government. We were able to participate in multiple conversations with representatives throughout the day. We look forward to seeing the continued momentum that comes from these conversations as we fight for our rights and the freedoms we enjoy in the biker community.

Central chapter will be participating in the St. Partick's Day parade on March 15th in Marty, put on by Pearl Lake Lodge. We are to meet at 12:00 pm for line up and the parade starts at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in helping with decorating or walking in the parade, please contact Lindsey and Travis Rolfes or check out the Central Chapter Facebook page for more information and updates.

– Until next month, Ling and Cowboy



NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Chapter Grapevines

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Howdy Folks!!!

The days are getting longer and the Bikes are needing someone to scratch their ITCH!!! Take time to do YOUR bike a favor and sign up for a rider training course. Each year I read the crash stats and every year there are WAY too many people dying or getting hurt in single vehicle crashes on a motorcycle. I make a dang good effort to take a course every year. As we age things don't work as well as they used to. Each time I take the course I learn something. Some say the course gets too repetitive. My goal is to better myself each time. I take it at a faster pace to get better at cornering and braking. I had one instructor comment that he never had anyone drag so much chrome as I did in his course. You can't see the scratches on the bottom, That's how I better myself.

A.B.A.T.E. University is Coming!! Get your room booked. Get Your banquet tickets and meal picked out. Bring Your Auction Items. We had the chance to play the new human foosball game! Thanks, Kent, for building it! Damn Fun!!

The Young Rider Program is moving along quite well. Sign up some youngsters. It's AWESOME to see these kids getting involved and having FUN! There was a very good turnout of young riders at Bikerday. That's what the world needs is young people learning about the laws and freedoms and having fun.

Take Care and Ride Free, *Edgar*

NORTH STAR

Next Meeting(s):

March 16th, The Speak Easy basement.
6405 Bemidji Ave N., Bemidji.
Officers mtg 3:00 pm, all members
4:00 pm.

The April meeting will be at A.B.A.T.E.
University, April 27th at 9:00 am,
Sunday morning.

We would also like to say rest in peace to one of North Star's founders of the chapter, Fred Whelan. Back in 1991 he and several others created who we are today. May he rest in peace.

Chapter nominations were as follows
President: Kyla
Vice President: Matt
Secretary: Matt
Treasurer: Sharon "Ma" Polman
Sgt@Arms: Jen, Patches
Chapter Rep: Kyla

- Be safe, Patches



Frederick LaMar Whelan
August 1, 1951 - January 31, 2025



HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s):

February 7th, Chance's
place: 905 2nd Ave
NE, Staples, 7:00 pm
March 7th, Silver Moon,
Perham, 7:00 pm

Come and join us on
March 1st, at the Silver
Moon Bar and Lounge
for the 28th Annual
Pool and Dart
Tournament!!!!

Pool starts at 2:00 pm
Darts start at 5:00 pm
Live music
Raffle drawing is at
9:45 pm.

Come out and join
the fun and have
a great time!!!!

- Thanks, Scott

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

March 11th, Skippy Finn's, Badger,
6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

April 25th-27th A.B.A.T.E. University
Holiday Inn, Alexandria

Hello Borderland!

Just to reflect on Bikerday a bit, it was great meeting with Mark Johnson especially when we had a very smart girl with Young Riders West Chapter when we met in his office. This is our future for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. I did want a little more time with patches coming from the North with Mark but it was all so great! Then our Minnesota House Rep, John Burkel came running up the steps to meet me on a bench at the east end of the Capitol. We are so blessed to have John!

Now, we are looking forward to a new year and it is looking positive, but challenging as well for the good "ol" USA and in our leftist state of Minnesota. I do see good things ahead for the midterms in 2026.

Enough about my stuff. We do thank those who are taking officer positions for 2025. The weight of this is always on just a few, but we thank the faithful membership as well! If it wasn't for our dedicated membership, we would not have a Borderland chapter!

I know our ground Hogs Party was great and now we are looking forward to our membership drive in May. Membership Drive. (TBD).

And we also want chapter members down to Alex for the A.B.A.T.E. University. And we thank all of you for selling those great A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle Tickets! Sell! Sell! Sell! Win! Win! Win!

I think our nation has a chance to recover now. Pray for her!

– Twistin' da wick, Tim.

NORTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

March 1st, Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls 4:00 pm
April 5th, Rod and Racheal Olson's, Mentor, 4:00 pm

Upcoming event(s):

May 31st, 36th Annual Spring Ride In, St. Hilaire.

Springs almost here along with our annual Spring Ride In! Hope to see all of you there!

– Ben

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

Next Meeting(s):

March 1st, VFW, 6:00 pm

Thanks to everyone that was able to make Bikerday at the Capitol. We only had 5 Riders and a Young Rider attend for the FFR, but over 100 for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

We just had our last round of nominations and there are a few positions still uncontested and if you are still interested in filling one of those positions, you can still be a write in on the ballot. We also have a few sub committees' spots that also need to be filled.

We have A.B.A.T.E. University coming up in April at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. There will be a banquet on Saturday Night and a guest speaker for the event. FFR still is planning on having a hospitality room for the weekend, so please come out and visit.

"Expect the Unexpected"

– Big Papa!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Chapter	Location	Time
3/1/25	Freedom First Riders Chapter Meeting	VFW	6:00 PM
3/1/25	Glacial Ridge Adult Prom-Casino Royale Style	VFW, Belgrade	5:00 PM
3/1/25	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Pool & Dart Tournament	Silver Moon, Perham	
3/1/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Greg McGlynn's, Red Lake Falls	4:00 PM
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
3/3/25	Metro Chapter Taco Night	Casa Rio, Anoka	4-8:00 PM
3/5/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	VFW, Belgrade	1:00 PM
3/5/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Gopher Bar, West Duluth	6:30 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	Heart of the Lakes Chapter Meeting	Silver Moon, Perham	7:00 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	Publication Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	11:00 AM
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
3/9/25	Up North Chapter Meeting	Calumet Saloon, Calumet	6:00 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	Central Chapter St. Patrick Day Parade	Pearl Lake Lodge, Marty	12:00 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
3/16/25	Metro Chapter Sunday Breakfast	Route 47, Ham Lake	8 AM - 12 PM
3/16/25	North Star Chapter Meeting	The Speak Easy Basement, Bemidji	4:00 PM
3/16/25	Southeast LC Chapter Meeting	VFW, Rochester	11:30 AM
3/17/25	North Star Officers Meeting	The Speak Easy Basement, Bemidji	3:00 PM
3/18/25	Education Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	6:00 PM
3/20/25	Motorcyle Safety Task Force Committee Meeting	Hennepin Technical College, Eden Prairie Campus	5:00 PM
3/22/25	Flatlanders Chapter Meeting	Blooming Prairie Serviceman Club, Blooming Prairie	2:00 PM
3/22/25	Rolling Prairie Chili Feed	VFW, St. James	5-8:00 PM
3/22/25	Way West Chapter Meeting	Snorts Bar, Nasau	
3/29/25	Donnie Smith Bike Show	Mpls Convention Center	
3/30/25	South Central Food Chelf Drive	Family Fair, Litchfield	
4/2/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	The Gopher Bar, West Duluth	6:30 PM
4/2/25	South Central Chapter Meeting	Shaggy's Bpnfire, Litchfield	7:00 PM
4/4/25	Heartland STEAM	Bettendorf, IA	
4/4/25	Southwest Chapter Meeting	Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore	7:00 PM
4/5/25	Glacial Ridge Chapter Meeting	TBD	6:00 PM
4/5/25	Heartland STEAM	Bettendorf, IA	
4/5/25	Northeast Chapter Meeting	Bunwarmer, River Inn, Scanlon	
4/5/25	Northwest Chapter Meeting	Rod and Rachel Olson's, Mentor	4:00 PM
4/5/25	Rolling Prairie Committee Meeting	Buckshot's, Butterfield	3:00 PM
4/5/25	TriCounty Chapter Meeting	Paul & Gerry's House 32144 141 St Ave, Montgomery - Lunch provided at noon.	1:00 PM
4/6/25	Central Chapter Meeting	t. Martin Bar and Grill, St. Martin	12:00 PM

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 29th-September 1st 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.

For more information, please contact:

Michelle Backlund at (763) 263-1532
Email: 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 1st, 2025**

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

Sponsor Information

Business Name: _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Business Contact Name: _____

Sponsorship Level: DIAMOND GOLD

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Check Number: _____ or

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Enclosed Business will mail/email

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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 226th Ave NW

Elk River, MN 55330

Sponsor Receipt

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

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