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- 3) Upcoming Events; What, Where, When
- 4) Meeting Updates, Important News, Comments

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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 (BOD). The BOD also includes the A.B.A.T.E. state officers. The BOD 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. Partici-

pate 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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A.B.A.T.E. University a Huge Success

A late April snowstorm didn't stop hundreds of Minnesota bikers from attending our annual conference, A.B.A.T.E. University. Bikers filled every room of the Alexandria Holiday Inn for a weekend of two-wheeled rights and safety information and the usual camaraderie that happens whenever motorcyclists get together.

Thanks to Ray Afedt and the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center our guests were able to try the Smart Trainer, a motorcycle simulator. It's an impressive piece of equipment and people enjoyed the opportunity to improve their skills and have fun at the same time.

The A.B.A.T.E. University Guest Speaker Luncheon is always a big hit. The food provided by Rudy's Redeye Grill was awesome and our lunch speakers, Jeff "Twitch" Burns and Dave "DD" Devereaux, told the remarkable history of the decades old motorcycling discrimination practices in the state of Washington. Through dedication and teamwork, the bikers of Washington were able to change the anti-motorcycling culture in their state.

This year we welcomed back our good friend Slider Gilmore for an always insightful presentation. For nearly 25 years he served as a volunteer EMT and CPR instructor. He combines these experiences with his lifelong love of motorcycles into a three hour program to help motorcyclists get the odds in their favor when on the road. Slider is a gifted teacher whose mix of humor, positivity and inspiration come shining through to every member of the audience. I have never had such an interesting time while learning important information!

The Saturday evening social started with a lively auction followed by the rockin' good music of the Fat Fendered Boulevard Band. During the band intermission we selected the winners of our annual A.B.A.T.E. U raffle, a twenty year tradition. Four lucky people will be riding new motorcycles this year, two Harleys and two Victories!

A.B.A.T.E. University is open to everyone and the seminars are free. You only pay for your hotel room and the luncheon (and your raffle ticket of course!). A.B.A.T.E. University is a weekend event filled with education and friendship. Be sure to attend next year and be ready to learn how to protect your motorcycling lifestyle, meet new people and have fun all at the same time. Don't miss it - See you there!

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**"Without Freedom Of Thought, There Can Be No Such Thing As Wisdom;
And No Such Thing As Public Liberty, Without Freedom Of Speech."
—Benjamin Franklin**

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Wow, will winter ever let go of us here in the north country? I think so, eventually we all will be on the roads with the wind in our faces once again here in Minnesota.

With warmer weather comes parades, chapter fun runs, and more than enough rallies to keep us busy till fall arrives once again. I am sure as we ride, we all have membership forms in our saddle bags or inside pocket on that vest we're wearing. Sharing A.B.A.T.E. is part of our purpose as well as our name... **A**merican **B**ikers for **A**wareness, **T**raining and **E**ducation. Sharing the news and accomplishments of A.B.A.T.E. is actually part of Awareness & Education.

With summer also comes county fairs and I speak from experience when I say the best way to make a good friend of your Legislator is to work the booth at the county fair. They never forget that, and besides, it's great fun.

So, we can have fun as well as represent our organization in all we do. Hey, we want everyone to know about us. Not just the places that get our Buddy Bears and the ones we live close to or those in our chapters. Have fun & make a difference.

Any questions, let me know... See ya on the Road!

Kevin

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I need chapters that are going to the Freedom Rally in Algona, July 4th - 7th to contact me to sign up to work the membership tables. This is a major fundraiser for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. Work a four hour block and get a free gate pass for the following year. I handed out the new tri-folds and some tear-offs to each Chapter Rep at the B.O.D. at A.B.A.T.E. U. Please contact me about tri-folds if you have ideas to improve or change.

Kick stand up, ride hard, ride free

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REVISOR REPORT

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I need to make a correction from last month's Revisor report. We were able to distribute the updated State Officers, Chapter Officers, Committees and Other Contacts pages at the April Board of Directors meeting. I had reported earlier the distribution would be in July. Our State Office Administrator, Liz Herzog, is so efficient we were able to have the pages ready in April. Your Chapter President and Chapter Representative should now have the updated pages in their Operation and Procedure Manuals. Also, new pages explaining the Absentee Ballot process were approved and distributed. Please keep the Operation and Procedure Manuals up-to-date and organized. The Manual is designed to help the Chapters run efficiently and effectively.

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Nothing to Report this month.



STATE RALLY REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

July 19th, The Buffalo House Campground, Duluth, 6:00 pm

Summer is here now and it's time to ride. When you're out riding, have membership tri-folds, your event posters, sponsorship forms, and rally posters. Remember, everyone is a sales person for A.B.A.T.E. chapter events, new members, and your rally party. Some of our chapters are a long way from little Bruno, MN, so if you, at any time, want posters, send me an e-mail with an address and how many you want and I will send posters. I will take care of the postage at my end so feel free to do this. I will have them mailed to you ASAP. Jean Afrooz has spread sheets from last year and she is keeping track of who has been contacted so if you are going out for a ride, send her an email a couple days before you go and she will check her spread sheet. But don't let that slow us down. Be polite, ask if they have been contacted. Even if they decline to do it, thank them for their time. Maybe next year they will. Remember, motorcycle dealerships (metric and U.S.) have to send the sponsorship down their system to get an answer so we have to start now on them. Pretty much the same with parts shops and clothing outlets. Who do you get your motorcycle insurance through? Check them out and make sure you explain about the big banner over the bar at the rally and the Road Noise advertisement. Old saying: It don't hurt to ask! Always thank them for their time. If they are busy, leave the sponsorship forms with them and put your phone number on it so they can contact you if they decide to do it. Again, make sure you get a company card and do not put staples in it. Every thousand dollars gets your chapter two free tickets and that's why you need to let Jean know. If you send any to Mitch, send an email to Jean to let her know you did that but it will make her job much easier if you send them to her. I want to thank everybody for everything you can do for the rally. I will be out hitting the streets for sponsorships for the rally and my chapter's awesome Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Our web site is www.jackpineriders.org. There are many awesome chapter events coming up. I know we can't make them all but the other chapters will support you if you support them. Remember, we are a family A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota.

P.S. I have a Vice Chair - Smoker has taken the job. Once again, I thank him for giving his time. That's what this is all about. I can't do this rally alone so thank you all for helping me.

Thank you,

Derrell W. Jensen



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Next Meeting(s):

June 7th, Dubbs Bar, Glencoe, 6:00 pm (Please note date and time change)
July 19th, The Buffalo House Campground, Duluth, 7:00 pm
August 24th, State Rally, Litchfield, location & time to be determined

Well, we had a successful A.B.A.T.E. U raffle. We sold a total of 750 tickets. So there will be a chapter payback but we just don't know how much as of yet, since all of the expenses aren't in. The committee decided that instead of waiting until the next board meeting to award the traveling plaque, that I would start taking this award and presenting it at an upcoming meeting or chapter event. So with that being said, I had the pleasure of going to the Borderland Chapter membership drive this past weekend to present this award. A big congratulations to them for selling a total of 91 tickets by the deadline. I also want to mention the other top two chapters: Glacial Ridge with 81 tickets sold and Freedom First Riders with 69 tickets sold. Thanks so much to all the chapters for their hard work.

At the last Board meeting I handed out tickets for the State Rally Raffle. We have gone back to once again offering the cash option on the grand prize. The deadline for chapter credit will be August 15th. If your chapter didn't receive any tickets, please feel free to contact me and I will be more than happy to mail some. Remember to send anything to me certified mail. You don't need to ask for a return receipt unless you want to. We just need to have the number so that we can track any missing tickets. One thing that we have noticed is that by sending things certified it is slowing up the process. So keep that in mind when you are asking for additional tickets for your summer events or when sending in for chapter credit. Also please keep in mind not to use address labels on the tickets and not to mail cash. The additional cost of sending tickets certified mail can be covered by your chapter gambling funds. I would just need a request filled out, signed by the President & Treasurer, and submitted to me along with a copy of the meeting minutes. Please don't mail any gambling forms, tickets or money to the State Office. Liz then only has to forward it to me. We had a chapter mail sold A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets to the State Office first, so they did not receive chapter credit on those tickets because I did not have them by the deadline. The other thing to keep in mind is that if someone wants to renew their membership along with purchasing a raffle ticket, we need two separate payments. Gambling has its own separate bank account. Funds cannot be intermingled in one account. So get out there and SELL, SELL, SELL. I would love to see us sell all 8,000 tickets. And who knows; maybe I will be visiting your chapter in September with an award.

Also, at the last Board meeting I handed out copies of the Buddy Bear receipts that need to be filled out by the organizations that you are donating the bears to. Once these receipts are completed, please get them in the mail to me as soon as possible. This is the only way that we know the bears have been distributed. This is still a concern with the gambling control board. If, for some reason, the receipts are forgotten when you do your runs, a piece of paper with the following information would be just fine:

- Name of Organization Receiving the Bears
- Date of Receipt
- Chapter donating the Bears & how many
- Signature from someone within the organization that is receiving the bears

I wanted to mention that at my April gambling meeting, I saw a lot of new faces, which is great. Due to the essence of time and the fact that some of my committee members had other meetings that they needed to be at following the gambling meeting, I was not able to address all of the questions from the new faces. So, with that being said, I would be more than happy to come and visit your chapter to answer any questions you may have or address any issues that have to do with gambling. I know that there are a lot of you out there that may think all the rules and regulations that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota has to follow when it comes to gambling are things that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota have put into place. That is not the case. These rules and regulations have been established by the Gambling Control Board. If you would like to learn more, take a ride this summer and attend one of our meetings.



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I have flowers blooming in the yard! Joel has his bike out! Must be spring in Minnesota. Please check the memorial list your Chapter Rep brought home from A.B.A.T.E. University. If you or your chapter can fill in any blanks or have any of the missing pictures, PLEASE get them to me asap. I am trying to have the update done by July 1st.

Ride safe!

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Red Hot Mama Says:

Start working on those State Rally Sponsors





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Two Front Battle

Usually I write about the state level of politics in my monthly Legislative Director report but today I want to ask you all to turn your attention to the federal level. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation hosted its annual Bikers Inside the Beltway in mid May. This event is a lot like A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Bikerday at the Capitol except it's in Washington D.C. We make appointments to talk to our elected officials about motorcycle related topics. The appointment process at the federal level is the subject of this article.

When I was making the appointments, I received some very positive and prompt responses, and then on the other hand some offices weren't so prompt or positive. Now I am not going to throw people under the bus and start naming names, what I am going to do is put some of the blame on us. We just simply need to do a better job of establishing relationships with our elected officials at the federal level. We have over five million people living in Minnesota and our two U.S. Senators represent all of us. We need to put our name and cause in front of them anytime we get a chance. When a motorcycle rights topic comes up and the alert goes out we all need to make those contacts, it's the only way we will show up in a sea of five million people. Our U.S. Representatives each serve over six hundred thousand people, again a pretty big challenge. I know that when I see my U.S. Rep he knows me by name and it's no small coincidence that we received a prompt response to our meeting request. He knows me because he sees me on a regular basis. I attend town hall meetings, fundraisers, campaign events, and I pound campaign signs into the ground for him and in return when we need him he is there for us. Now we don't need all eight of our U.S. Reps to know us on a first name basis but we do need them to know us by two names, A.B.A.T.E. and MRF. Some of our elected officials at the federal level are very familiar with those letters and some are not, that is your challenge. Make the relationships happen and get our names out there so we can protect our right to ride free and safe.

Stand And Be Counted, Todd



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Next Meeting(s):

June 1st, Tommy Sue's, St. Bonifacius, 1:00 pm

July 13th, Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, 1:00 pm

August 17th, Vic's, Victoria, 1:00 pm

I guess our perseverance paid off; it looks like spring has finally arrived. Isn't it great to see green grass, leaves on the trees, and finally, some motorcyclists on the road who aren't bundled up in twelve layers of clothes?

You should have all received a Rally poster in this month's issue of Road Noise. Now, please make good use of it! When you're out for that long awaited ride on your scooter, take it along and hang it up somewhere like your favorite watering hole, the bulletin board at your local grocery store, in the window at the gas station, or at whatever other business establishment where you've stopped (of course, ask for permission first). Let's help the Rally Committee make this year's Rally the biggest and best ever! Oh, and while you're at it, how about helping out the Pub Committee by snapping a photo of said watering hole or other business establishment and submitting it for Business of the Month. The photo and a few words about the business (name, address, phone number, hours of operation, what they do) is all we need.

To all of you Chapter Presidents out there, please verify that the phone number listed on page three is correct and is the number you want listed. If it's not, just shoot us an email at roadnoise@abatemn.org and we'll get it changed.

Till next time, Becky

EDUCATION REPORT

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First off, I would like to thank Paul for all his hard work and dedication in our fight for motorcyclists' rights.

With this being said, now it's our turn to step up and throw as much effort to the cause as we can swing. This fight isn't going to be easy but if we can band together as a whole, we can be a force to be reckoned with.

We need to get out there and educate the public on our issues, our fights. We, as A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota, need to show our politicians and the general public that we mean business and we aren't going anywhere, we are hear to stay. We need to start hitting all the Drivers Education classes and the 55 and Alive classes with Share The Road classes; to get out out there and let people know who we are and what we stand for.

Education is part of our name so education should be at the top of our game. If anyone out there has any live footage of close calls, near misses, and accidents (as long as they are not to gruesome) please forward them to me or snail mail me a DVD or something. I would like to use these videos to create a DVD to show at our Share The Road classes. Please include a signed consent to use them. Well, enough rambling on here - hopefully everyone gets my point. Be safe, be smart and keep on motoring.

P.S. Anyone doing the Share The Road Classes; please get me the information on classes you have done. If anyone is interested in getting into the classes, let me know. Thanks!

James H. Pease

A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY REPORT

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Happy Spring...Finally!

By now everyone has had time to recover from the festivities of A.B.A.T.E. University 2013.

I would like to thank everyone who ventured out in the snow and cold to attend A.B.A.T.E. U this year. We had another successful event. I would also like to thank Double D and Twitch for a great lunch presentation. We had a huge turnout! Then there was Slider Gilmore accompanied by his lovely wife Connie; thank you for another wonderful class.

Congratulations to all the new officers! Hopefully you are not too overwhelmed with the duties you now have.

OK, now onto A.B.A.T.E. U 2014. The dates will be April 25th - 27th, 2014. The same process will be followed for booking your hotel rooms as this year. Please email your room requests to me at abateu@abatemn.org. When I have a group of 12 or more rooms, I will send them to the hotel. Please be patient. If you email your request, I will handle it in the order received. I have already blocked out the normal rooms for the board members and district directors.

Hope everyone has a great summer and riding season... see ya at State Rally.

Marilyn and Keith

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Did you know that if you are an A.B.A.T.E. member you can get a free extension of your membership by completing either the BRC or BRC II course? Yep, that's right. With your successful completion, I will add on six months free to a single membership or three months free for a couples membership. All you need to do is successfully complete the course, send me a copy of your current A.B.A.T.E. card and a copy of your course completion card (both sides). I will then send you new cards with your new expiration date. And, some chapters will even reimburse you for part or all of the course (contact your Chapter President for details)! What better way to stay safe on the roads than learning crucial skills to make you a better defensive rider. If you are interested, just get on our website www.abatemn.org and click on the "Safety" tab. Then click on "motorcycle training in Minnesota".

Working Together To KEEP our FREEDOM!

Liz Herzog

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Do you have your 2013 Rocker?

13NR19 - MRF NEWS RELEASE MOTORCYCLE ONLY CHECKPOINT INTRODUCED

8 May 2013

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

Motorcycle Only Checkpoint Introduced

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that Congressman James Sensenbrenner (Wisconsin) filed a bill on Tuesday, May 7th to prohibit the federal funding of motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

The bill, H.R. 1861, has nine original co-sponsors however, we need many more to pass this landmark legislation.

Sensenbrenner had this to say in a 'Dear Colleague letter' that is circulating in the House of Representatives; 'In the 112th Congress, I introduced H.R. 904, a bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation (DOT) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints. Section one of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as H.R. 904. However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates.

The bill was officially introduced on May 7th. It's important to contact your sitting member of the House of Representatives and ask them to be a co-sponsor of this important legislation. Ask them to contact Congressman James Sensenbrenner and lend their support as co-sponsor of H.R. 1861.

You can contact the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121



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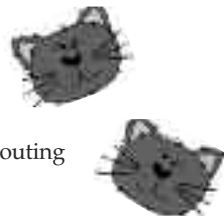
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Hello all, nothing much to report except that the tree in front of my place has started sprouting leaves. Yeah, spring has sprung! Let's ride!

See you out and about, Your products team, Rhiannon, with Jack and Merlin



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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NCOM REPORT

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I am writing my report two days before I leave for Reno, Nevada for the 2013

NCOM board meeting and convention. A couple of high interest items for me at this convention will be the update on the patch discrimination federal lawsuit and the government harassment lawsuit - Las Vegas. They will also do a presentation titled "your rights during a traffic stop" this is good information to stay current on, and many that know me know this will be a priority to me. If you don't know your rights how would you plan to protect them? I will share more about these and other topics in future reports.

I also want to talk a little about the recently completed A.B.A.T.E. University. First I offer a thank you to Marilyn & Keith for all their hard work making this event a success. As you know we brought lunch speakers Double D and Twitch in from Washington State. This year we moved the lunch presentation to the large banquet rooms, it was a good thing we did because we had excellent attendance. I think the largest we have ever had for the lunch meeting.

I want to thank our speakers Double D & Twitch for coming all the way from Washington to share their success story. I also want to say thank you to all that attended the presentation, thanks for taking a little time out of your weekend to learn about a problem that affects many of our motorcycling friends. To those that did not take part please talk with those that did and hear what they learned. You may also wish to research the Amazon DVD "What It's All About" or the newly released Amazon book "Black Thursday" to get a new understanding of some of the problems facing the motorcycling community. Is

Minnesota ready to address the profiling problems?

Another thank you that I often forget goes out to NCOM / AIM and our AIM attorney Stephen O'Brien, without the financial help of these folks it would not have been possible to bring these guest speakers to Minnesota. A little reminder to all of our members, these NCOM programs are funded by the AIM attorneys, they return a portion of their fees to benefit the motorcycle community. If you are in need of legal help please keep Stephen O'Brien and the other AIM attorneys in mind.

The last item I want mention is very disturbing to me. I was recently made aware of a charity ride The "Ronald McDonald House Ride" being held June 8, 2013 out of New York Mills, Minnesota Posting "NO COLORS" on their flyer. Interesting to note on one place they say all motorcycles welcome and then they print "NO COLORS" in another. This is a new place to see discrimination. Typically these charities have done all they could to divert money from motorcyclists to their causes. Now it appears they want to pick and choose which motorcyclists they strip of their money. Is this also sending a signal that if someone is in need of help this organization that we call a charity would refuse to help someone if they are wearing a patch?

I know at least one A.B.A.T.E. member that has made contacts trying to rectify this situation, and was unable to resolve the problem. We also do not understand if this is a local decision or a practice we will see in all rides that support this effort. We have been unable to get these questions answered and realize we may find this has been initiated by a misdirected individual or small group. Nonetheless it is what we are presented with at the time of this writing. This is information I encourage everyone to consider before dropping your money at this event. My decision is made, I will support events that don't discriminate against my friends that ride while showing support for clubs or organizations they belong to; I encourage you to do the same.

Stay vigilant

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EVER TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA AND JUST DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY?

MAYBE THIS WILL HELP...

CAN I WEAR A HELMET AND BE A MEMBER OF A.B.A.T.E.?

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Chapter Grapevines



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From the sounds of it, most of the chapters in the Northeast District had successful Wash Outs in May. Metro Chapter handed out several Tri-folds!

Our Northeast District meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23rd at 1:00 pm at The Cricket in Rock Creek.

Everyone is welcome and in fact, the weather should be great by then so why not have a chapter ride in!! This is a good time to do some networking with the other chapters in the district, share your successes and see old friends.

When you are out riding please make sure to have some State Rally Sponsorship forms, State Rally posters and Tri-folds! It is never too early to get those sponsors and your chapter could win two free tickets to State Rally by getting at least a \$1,000 in Sponsorships. The forms and the posters are available at abatemn.org so you can print off as many as you'd like or give me a call and I can mail some to you.

July 20th is the B.O.D. in Duluth at the Buffalo House Campground. Please get your reservations in by June 19th and mention you are with A.B.A.T.E. so we can all camp together. You may call Darrell Eckenberg at 218-590-8774 or email buffalocamping@aol.com. This is a great area to do some riding and some folks are going early or staying longer to make a vacation out of it!

That's it for now; but as always I am happy to help out with anything you need, just give me a call!

Hmmmm, I guess,

Th-th-th-th-th-that's All Folks! (fade in the Looney Tunes soundtrack.)

Jean (Red Hot Mama) Afrooz

By the way, I broke my nose the end of April and when the Dr. re-set it he asked if I wanted surgery or Novocain and I said, nah I'm a tough biker chick! Just do it, I don't need anything. OMG!!! I have never felt such horrible pain!!! I need a much tougher biker name... I'm just saying!

RIVER RIDERS

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Next Meeting(s):

June 11th, Povlitzski's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm

July 9th, Povlitzski's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm

August 13th, Povlitzski's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm

My People;

What a great time I had at A.B.A.T.E. U! It is so good to see everyone come together for one common cause and have a really good time doing it. Slider Gillmore was great to see again. He always puts on a really good class with a lot of humor and good information. The band was fun with lots of music that we all like to hear. Everyone was into having a really good time again this year.

We had our "Wash Out" again at the Maple Grove rest area. We reminded people that motorcycles are back out on the road and to keep an eye out for us. It was cold and windy so we mostly hung out in the building. We had a really good reception from the folks that came in and they ate all of our doughnuts. There were even a couple of people fishing at the stream behind the rest stop down on the trails. Apparently this is a nice little fishing spot. They were pulling in some nice crappies, so that was a bonus finding out about that.

Our friends the Themadones are having their summer party at their club house on Saturday, June 1st starting at 3:00 pm. I know many of you go every year and already have your tickets. And why wouldn't you, it's a really good time with awesome food! I hope to see you all there.

The Spring Lake Park Parade is June 6th. I'm pretty sure I have this date right but you know me and dates. Get your bike polished up and come out and have some fun. You might even run into some of our elected officials that you want to talk to. I had a nice conversation with the Spring Lake Park Mayor last year.

Enough for now. Get out and ride!

Wheels



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Next Meeting(s):

June 6th, North Pole Bar, Duluth, 6:30 pm

July 10th, North Pole Bar, Duluth, 6:30 pm

August 1st, North Pole Bar, Duluth, 6:30 pm

North Pole Bar Address - 5606 Raleigh Street in Duluth

Upcoming Event(s):

June 1st, NE Meet & Greet, Timber's Edge, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

June 2nd, NE Wash out, Thompson Hill, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 15th, IRMC 40th Annual Summer Party, Clubhouse

June 15th, Diabetic Poker Run, Mr. D's, Duluth

June 22nd, BPM Beaver Run, Bedrock Bar, 11:00 am

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I think spring is finally here! I have actually been able to get out on the bike.

June 1st is our first ever Chapter Meet and Greet. This is billed as a "get together just to get together"! Hopefully a lot of members we don't often get to see will be able to make it and join in on the camaraderie. Thanks to the Jack Pine Riders for the idea.

Another way our Chapter is trying to put our money where our mouth is is by voting to use \$500 of our hard earned funds to send one of our members to the MRF's Best of the West. It's a great thing to give to other causes but motorcycle rights are what we're really all about.

Some other events we've done is our roadside clean-up, our Wash Out, a Motorcycle Awareness Rally, and manning a table at a Motorcycle Expo. The latter two are in conjunction once again with 6B.

It takes a lot of dedicated people to pull these off. Thanks to everyone pitching in, it makes a huge difference and it does save lives!

As a great band said; Get on your bikes and ride!

The following is a list of our Chapter Sponsors. If you can, stop and thank them for their support.

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Lars



SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

June 2nd, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 1:00 pm

June 30th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

August 17th, Sand Dunes Motorcycle Rodeo, KJ's Refuge, Orrock

To all Sand Duffers and Friends,

Well after a long winter and a short spring we're finally back on the road. Now is the time to consider taking an advanced riders course and brush up your skills. I know first-hand that it's well worth it when you find out how many old/bad habits you have developed over the years and how much more confident you are after finishing the course.

We have many local businesses that sponsor A.B.A.T.E. throughout the year and at our special events. So when you're out and about be sure and support those who support A.B.A.T.E. and motorcycle rights.

Our Rodeo will be on Saturday, August 17th. This is where you can put some of your riding skills to the test and we're looking forward to having a fun day filled with events for all to enjoy.

Many of our fellow chapters will be having events throughout the riding season so when you can, be sure and join in and support them. Invite your friends along to join in the fun. See the event schedule in the back of the Road Noise.

Remember to always stay informed about our rights and inform others too. Stay in touch with the Road Noise, website, Facebook and word of mouth. Its never been more important than now to stand up for our rights and have fun doing it.

** Due to the 4th of July weekend we will be having our July meeting on Sunday, June 30th. **

Ride often and ride free,

Dan Larson

Sand Dunes Chapter President



EAST CENTRAL

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Next Meeting(s):

June 2nd, Hunters Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am

July 7th, Hunters Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am

August 4th, Hunters Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

June 8th, Summer Thunder fundraiser, Jumpin Jacks

August 16th-18th, Party in the Pines, Cloverdale

Hello East Central!!

Summer is here! Does anyone know what day spring was? I think it was on a Tuesday in May. As you are riding this summer make sure you have plenty of membership forms in your saddlebag.

If you are reading this before June 8th, I hope you have plans to attend the Summer Thunder, the East Central fundraiser. The fundraiser committee would like to say Thank You to everyone who came out to support the fundraiser. I want to thank the committee and everyone who helped out making it happen. I know a good time will be had by all.

Our fundraisers are key to keeping your chapter and state organization going strong and growing. As I read through the many online MRO Newsletters from around the U.S. I keep hearing a repeated theme. Reminding people that charities are good but remember MRO stands for Motorcycle Rights Organization and without members supporting MRO's at local, state, and national levels the freedom to have motorcycle charity runs would be more difficult or nonexistent. Support the charities but don't forget to support your MRO's as well.

The chapter campout will again be at Party in the Pines on August 16th-18th. Bruce and Linda have offered to give \$5.00 off admission to anyone who signs up for A.B.A.T.E. at the gate or is a current member of A.B.A.T.E. Members must present current membership card.

As always if you have any ideas, questions or concerns regarding the chapter, A.B.A.T.E. or the website, email or call me. Remember this is your chapter and without you and your support we would not be able to enjoy the riding freedoms we have here in Minnesota.

Keep looking at the State and chapter websites for updates of what is happening.

Keep the Chrome Side Up

Mark "Red" Braastad

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

June 2nd, Rollie's Longnecks & Rednecks, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm

July 7th, Bubba's Bar & Grill, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 1st, Central Chapter Buddy Bear Bash, Rollie's Longnecks & Rednecks, Sauk Rapids

June 15th, Alzheimer's Motorcycle Ride for the Mind, Ten Spot Bar, Royalton

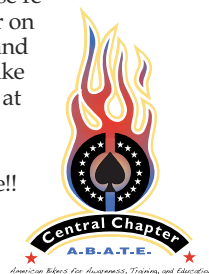
Sign in for the Buddy Bear Run begins at 11:00 am. There is a \$10.00 driver and rider donation requested. This includes the ride, buddy bear for donation, meal and camping. Ride leaves at 12:00 pm sharp! There will be a meal, fun run prizes, auction and music upon return to Rollie's.

The Alzheimer's ride is also a \$10.00 driver and rider donation. This includes the ride and eligibility for door prizes. Sign up begins at 11:00 am and the ride leaves at 1:00 pm sharp! Door prizes will be at each stop, then ride back to Royalton where there will be an auction, raffle drawing and door prizes. The Royalton Lions will have food available before and after the ride.

As I write this, it is a beautiful May day, which stands to reason as I am working rather than outside playing! Working on plans for our Buddy Bear Bash at Rollie's June 1st. And I know by the time y'all read this it will be done and over with, but I know that we all had a wonderful time and had lots of help from our members! I have also included the information on the Alzheimer's Ride for the Mind. It is a great cause that I think we can all get behind and support. Please remember to be safe on the roads whether on your bike or not. Keep your eyes open and take extra care out there, we want to make sure we get to see all your smiling faces at meetings and various summer fun events!

Be safe kids, riding season is finally here!!

Chestica



EAST CENTRAL MEETS SLIDER GILMORE AT A.B.A.T.E. UNIVERSITY



JACK PINE RIDERS

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Next Meeting(s):

June 16th, Rich's Bar, Sandstone, 2:00 pm

July 21st, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm

August 18th, Horseshoe Lake Inn near McGregor, 11:00 am

*Note the time change

Upcoming Event(s):

June 15th, Membership Drive, Meet & Greet Party and Ride, Doc's in Sturgeon Lake, 10:00 am

July 12th-14th, Jack Pine Riders 8th Annual "Upper Kettle River Shakedown"

August 17th, Steve Derhaag Memorial run, ride to Horseshoe Lake Inn near McGregor

August 23rd - 25th, A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota State Rally, Litchfield.

This year's Upper Kettle River Shakedown will include food vendors, merchandise vendors, beer garden, bike games, human games, live auction, tattoo's, burn out pit, bon fires nightly and more. The live music kicks off Friday with Freight Twang followed by MilkBone and Bad Jack. Saturday music starts off with Quamba, followed by the FishTone Rockers and ends with The Inglorious Hellcats. Gates open at 9:00 am July 12th. Come earlier if you don't mind helping with event set up. This is our/your largest annual fundraiser. Any and all funds raised at this event go towards protecting your rights and freedoms as a motorcyclist. This is not a brand specific or motorcycle only event. We don't care if you have to back pack in or show up in the Griswold family truckster. Come on out and have a good time. ALL ARE WELCOME!! Admission: \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the gate, day pass available and there is free tent camping. RV's \$35.00 extra and no hook ups. Advance tickets are now available. Call Bill 651-587- 7625, Liz 763-753-1845 or Duane 320-515-0232. Or contact any Chapter officer. Will Call tickets are also available. You pay the advance price and pick up your tickets at the front gate. Send check or money order made

out to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota to: Jack Pine Riders 8205 - 560 Street, Pine City, MN 55063. Requests must be postmarked by July 7th. We are seeking sponsors to help make this year's rally more profitable. If you or anyone you know would like to help, you can acquire sponsorship forms at our meetings or call one of the numbers listed above or from any chapter officer. To sponsor or get more information call Bill 651-587-7625, or Duane 320-515-0232. We are also seeking donations for the live auction. Interested merchandise or food vendors please call John Kern 320-245-0270.

The membership drive on June 15th will leave from Doc's in Sturgeon Lake and Cricket Bar at Rock Creek at 10:00 am and meet in Cloverdale. There will be live music after the ride at Doc's, food and drink specials, rustic camping and lodging nearby.

Our August meeting will start early to allow for a leisurely ride home from Horseshoe Lake Inn following the Steve Derhagg Memorial Run. If you are not familiar with this run, it is dedicated to our brother and Chapter Sgt. at Arms Steve Derhaag. We will meet on Saturday, August 17th at two locations. The Cricket Liquors at 10:00 am and Banning Junction at 11:00 am, hook up together and ride to Horseshoe Lake Inn on beautiful Horseshoe Lake for a gathering that includes food, beverage, music, dancing, bonfire, rustic camping... maybe even get a tattoo?

Congratulations to Heidi Miller of Shoreview, and Richard Nelson of Rock Creek. Each won a brand new Harley in this year A.B.A.T.E. U motorcycle raffle. Thanks to all who purchased a raffle ticket. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and Jack Pine Riders appreciate your support.

Also, check your sister chapter grapevine's. There are a lot of great events listed. For more Chapter/Event information, log on to our website www.jackpineriders.org

Jack Pine Riders: "We have a high tolerance for mankind." - Andie

Later for now, Unc.



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NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Hi all you freedom fighters!

We'll it's finally nice out and I did my first ride on May 7th.

As I was driving my cage around the other day I ended up behind a bike so I was curious and followed a ways behind and what I noticed was being this early in the year most drivers are completely oblivious to the fact that we are out there, the guy on the bike was cut off three times, got pushed out of his lane two times and flipped off once. I damn near lost it!

So here's the deal WE need to be diligent in the motorcycle awareness and share the road techniques to teach people who basically have no clue what it's like to really be a dare devil just getting around on a bike in our every day travels.

Good luck with all the summer events and fundraisers this summer and please get out there and support your sister chapters!

Be safe, have fun and support the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota and our Troops. For without them we wouldn't have the freedoms we have.

I'm out and going for a ride, Peace!

Kevin Blow

NORTHWEST

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Next Meeting(s):

June 2nd, Shimpa Residence (Wolfie's), Erskine, 2:00 pm

July 7th, Old Crossing Treaty Park, Huot, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 1st, Fun Run Ride, The Sled, Gentilly, 9:00 am. Ride leaves at 10:00 am

July 6th-7th, Annual Huot Park camp-out and Ride, Old Crossing Treaty Park, Huot

Northwest Chapter News:

Thanks to those who joined us for the 25th Northwest Chapters Spring Ride-In May 17th, 18th and 19th, at this writing the event is one week away. I plan to update the web site with ride-in photos for this year and going back as far as I can, get photos

that I can post from members that can get me copies.

The Chapter had a good showing at A.B.A.T.E. University in Alexandria back in April. For me it was my first opportunity to attend and it was worthwhile. The entire group of elected officers, several sergeant at arms and additional members attended. This is an event I would recommend to anyone who has not attended in the past.

Fun Run Ride, June 1st starting at The Sled in Gentilly. Meet up at 9:00 am and ride out at 10:00 am route ends at Erskine the Shimpa Residence (Wolfie's). A camp out is planned with space available at Wolfie's This is Erskine Water Carnival weekend so there are plenty of events planned.

Annual Huot Park camp-out and Ride will be held July 6th-7th at the he Old Crossing Treaty Park, Huot. More details will be posted to the chapter website as the date get closer.

Submitted by Del Wright



NORTH STAR

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Next Meeting(s):

June 1st, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 6:00 pm

The weather is finally starting to warm up as of this writing. That of course means more and more bikes will be taking to the roads. As A.B.A.T.E. members, it's up to all of us to raise awareness of motorists to start seeing motorcyclists. That also means as motorcyclists, we need to pay attention to drivers who aren't paying attention to us. Drive defensively.

June 30th is the day of the North Star chapter bike show and swap meet at the Bemidji Eagles Club. Registration will begin at 11:00 am. Judging will begin at noon and trophies will be awarded to the top 3 bikes. Thanks to our chapter rep, Allen Foster for making the trophies. They look pretty cool! Camping for the bike show will be available as well for those who are coming in from out of town and wish to camp out Saturday night. If you have any questions regarding camping, you can call me, Mark Peterson at (218) 766-0913 for more information. It will be primitive camping without electricity or running water, but shower facilities are available at the Cenex station and truck stop just up the road from the Eagles Club. Everything is coming together nicely for this event. The only thing we hope and pray for is good weather.

The North Star chapter will also have an information booth at the 8th annual Ride for the Troops on Sunday June 2nd. Registration begins at 9:00 am with breakfast. The ride takes off at noon and lunch will be served upon return to Marketplace Foods. The cost for registration is \$25 and \$35 with a passenger. The first 400 to arrive that morning will receive a commemorative pin and your registration fee covers the ride and the meals. If you want to print out a registration form, go to ridefor-thetroops.com. If you print out the form and bring it with you to the event, it helps to speed up the registration process. Otherwise you can register at the gate. Last year we had close to 400 bikes and we're hoping to match or exceed that number this year.

A little further down the road, North Star chapter will be putting on our pre-Sturgis warm up rally at Jammer's. For those who are not familiar with the location, it's about 7 miles north of Bemidji on Bemidji Avenue. For those who attended the July B.O.D. in 2010, you probably already know how to get there. Plenty of room for camping and partying. We hope to see you there. More information on this event will be forthcoming as the date draws near. Stay tuned.

That's it for now. Ride safely and may all your lights be green and the wind be at your back.

Freedom for all, all for freedom.

Mark Peterson

FREEDOM FIRST RIDERS

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Next Meeting(s):

May 25th, VFW Club, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

June 29th, Road House, Evansville, 3:00 pm

Hello Freedom First Riders! I am trying to get this newsletter in today, Friday, May 10th, 9:00 pm as it is the deadline for submission. I would have done it earlier but I just had to take my Royal Star Boulevard out for a well needed ride. She needs a bit of a tune up but I sure did enjoy the ride. Snow is finally gone and now the serious rides will begin. I can't wait. Reminder to all of you, be sure to make sure your tires are properly aired up and in good riding condition. We have enough unexpected hazards out there to worry about. We should not be ignoring the obvious, routine check ups. Our 6th Annual Bike Show and Fundraiser was a success, nicely done everyone who helped organize and run this very important annual event. I would like to ask each of you FFR's to try and help out and donate some of your time toward making sure this event is a success next year. This is your Chapter and it will need your help. It seems that the same few people are spending a lot of time ensuring this fundraiser is successful. Step up and help the bike show committee plan and work next year's event, please. Oh by the way I took 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Trike category. Then again I was the only one entered. I guess we needed a Trikes category not a Trike category. LOL. A.B.A.T.E. U, another great time. It sure was great to visit with all the fellow Chapter members. Jeff Beatty took 1st place in the apple pie contest this year. I will get you next year Lone Wolf. Ditch clean up and car washout tomorrow so I better get some rest before hitting the ditches. See you all soon for a ride!

Your active participation in your chapter is needed and your help will be greatly appreciated. You active members are noticed, thank you.

Remember, every one dies but not everyone lives. Make some memories and share some memories. "Expect the Unexpected,"
Santa



HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s):

June 7th, Little Bears Home, 45465 45th St. Perham, 7:30 pm

July 12th, Sandbar, Hwy 10, Detroit Lakes, 7:30 pm

Well, is it warm yet? I hope so! It's been long enough.

Our chapter has been asked to help on July 19th & 20th for the North Dakota's Lady Riders 26th Annual ride that will be coming to Detroit Lakes. We will be supplying help for road guarding, registration and or transporting riders from Holiday Inn to Sandbar and back. So if interested we need volunteers. Please contact Edgar if you will be able to help.

We also had the May meeting canceled due to too many officers schedules issues so make sure you make June's meeting we have a lot to do. That's it for now!

P.S. We have a new bike shop in town! Full Throttle Cycle and Machine, 1190 Randolph Rd. Detroit Lakes. Stop by and say hi to Mark and Jesse and see if they can take care of your bike.

Turn on the sun!

Murph



BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

June 9th, Rainbow Supper Club, Strandquist, 2:00 pm.

Hello Borderland!

We had a very successful membership drive on May 4, and we thank all that attended. The free membership drawing was awarded to Steve and Kelly Olson. Thanks to all silent auction donors and all the bidders. We had a good number of the Midwest MC re-up and become new members of our chapter and we thank them for their support. We also had a surprise visit from our state gambling manager. Kim Ostlund drove all that way to present our chapter with the 2013 A.B.A.T.E. U Raffle sales award. Thanks to Kim for her hard work and dedication, and congratulations to Borderland for a great job on raffle sales! We also raised some \$ for Motorcycle PAC of Minnesota.

If you attended the NW chapters 25th anniversary, spring Ride In, I know you had a great time. It is very supportive to the other chapters in our district when we support their chapter fundraisers. The Northstar chapter is bringing back their Pre-Sturgis Warm-up rally this year. Maybe you would like to ride down and take in their event.

June 14th is Flag Day. Raise your flag on that day and appreciate your country and your freedom. Each year we lose more of our liberties and it is our duty as American citizens to try and preserve them. Influence your friends, family, and those you are in contact with to be on the right side of freedom! Till next time, ride safe.

Twistin da Wick-Tim

**BORDERLAND TAKES HOME
THE A.B.A.T.E. U RAFFLE
TRAVELING PLAQUE.**



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Summer may get here soon, I hope. Greetings from the Southwest District the best place to be. Your Director needs a new computer so he can actually open up files sent to him, sorry about the delays. I will be contacting the chapters in regards to the June district meeting.

No calls or complaints yet so it must be going good on all fronts.

Ride Safe Ride Free, Paul

SOUTH CENTRAL

South Central Chapter A.B.A.T.E. MN (Facebook Site)

Next Meeting(s):

June 5th, 7:00 pm at the Bonfire Bar and Grill south of Litchfield

July 10th, 7:00 pm at the Bonfire Bar and Grill south of Litchfield (Date changed to 2nd Wednesday for July only due to Holiday)

August 7th, 7:00 pm at the Bonfire Bar and Grill south of Litchfield

September 4th, 7:00 pm at the Bonfire Bar and Grill south of Litchfield

Notice that all meetings are now held on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 pm at the Bonfire Bar and Grill south of Litchfield. Thank you Justin. The May 1st, meeting was attended by 5 officers, 2 Sgt. @ Arms, 9 members for a total of 16.

Dale and Wendy have agreed to be our Chapter MC Dial-A-Ride Contact and a few members have also offered to help out. Thanks.

As you are traveling State Highway 15 in the Kingston area, take a few minutes to stop in at Jim and Kristie's new remodeled and recently opened Mini Mart and don't forget to get a few snacks for the road. Oh yes and they have High Octane fuel also.



If you are in need of a few new Chapter T-Shirts, we have short and long sleeve in black and "distressed" purple, \$15 for short and \$18 for long with sizes up to 3XL. Come to the meeting, email or call me, I will take your order. Toni is getting too "buff" carrying all those shirts around.

Mies Outland's Black Dirt Run will be on June 8th, in Watkins.

The Foundation for Challenged Children (FFCC) run will be June 29th, and they have asked our chapter to help with the road guarding.

The "Toys for Kids" fundraiser is in the planning stages with details to come soon. Peggy S. is the chairperson for the committee, she will need some help to make this a big success just like "Animal" and a few others have done in the past.

If you have never taken a safety course, maybe it is time to think about doing that. They offer different courses for different skill levels. It may sound "corny" but the life you save may be yours. The bottom line is we all need to ride safer and smarter and remember avoiding being in an accident is far better then blaming someone else for causing it.

Thank You to ALL South Central Chapter members for your support. Thank You to ALL the rest of the Chapter's members that make A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota successful.

Motor Safely, May God Bless us All,

"Porkchops"

WAY WEST

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First of all, a HUGE thank you to all who showed up to help with the ditch clean up. Our next date for it is July 14th at 1:00 pm, meeting at the corner of hwy 75 and hwy 212.

Being we are planning more rides and events this summer, we encourage our members to become more active to take part in planning these. That way we all enjoy it, because it will be planned together as a Chapter.

Thank you to all who help with our Memorial Sat. Ride. Your extra time/work was extremely appreciated!

Be safe / Ride with pride

Way West

GLACIAL RIDGE

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No Report Received

SOUTHWEST

Next Meeting(s):

June 7, Rushmore Community Center, 7:30 pm

July 5, Rushmore Community Center, 7:30 pm

Southwest Minnesota A.B.A.T.E. has it GOING ON! Kick off for Burger nights start on Wednesday evening May 29th, at PD's Bar in Rushmore. Make plans to come on out. We will be doing the burger night fundraiser every other Wednesday evening through the summer. Mark your calendars for June 12th, June 26th, July 10th, and July 24th, August 7th, and August 21st.

Our really BIG thing that we GOT GOING ON is our street dance. Come on out to Rushmore on Saturday, July 13th. You can see the car and bike show during the day and dance to the tunes of Road Noise in the evening. We will not let you down. The band is good, the refreshments are cold and we want you there to enjoy the night with us. We are also hoping to have a short group ride between the end of the car / bike show and the street dance. Please join us

Have you written to your representative yet? It might be a good time to do that now, before the season gets too busy with rides and other summer fun. Remember, they don't know your thoughts until you share them.

Ride Safe

Prayers for our Vets and their families

BAM

LAKE

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Next Meeting(s):

June 1st, Mystery ride to meeting, ride leaves St. Boni at 2:15 pm, meeting at 3:00 pm

July 13th, Smoker's place, Breezy Point, 3:00 pm

August 17th, The Jensen's home, Elko, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 2nd, Spring Dart Run, leaves Delano Lanes at 1:00 pm

June 18th, Bike Show at Camp Friendship, Annandale, 6:00 pm

August 6th, Minnesota Day at Wy's Casino, Central City, SD

A.B.A.T.E. U was quite an experience! There were great speakers during the day, great food in the hospitality room the entire weekend and a fantastic band on Saturday evening. Thanks Smoker for keeping the hospitality room stocked, I heard many compliments during the weekend.

The June meeting will be a ride to a mystery location that only the President knows! Should be interesting, I know I will be there. And please try to attend the Bike Show at Camp Friendship. This is a great event and you will benefit from the interaction with the campers. A ride to this event will leave Sturges Park in Buffalo at 5:30 pm. The Spring Run is Sunday, June 2nd, which is RIGHT NOW, so get out there and ride!! We are still looking for a volunteer to create and post flyers at our upcoming meeting locations. Let Todd know if you are interested.

The chapter has voted to have the next Grounded Hogs fundraiser at the Rockford Township Hall again. The Lake Chapter Buffet will be back and planning has started for this great event, which happens to be the 25th Annual! Way to go Lake Chapter! I am sure it will be another good one.

It was a chilly day for the Wash out, but we were there talking to people and passing out bumper stickers. It was a great day and thanks to everyone who helped. And at the same time, other members of Lake Chapter were cleaning up Hwy 7 in St. Boni. We sure are a great group of bikers!

That's all I have for now, make sure to check our chapter website for up to date information, or just to look at the pictures!

Later, Mitch'n



2013 GREAT MINNESOTA WASH OUT

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Next Meeting(s):

June 2nd, Village Inn, LaSalle, at 4:00 pm

June 30th, Mama G's, Evan, 12:00 pm (Ride to Follow)

Upcoming Event(s):

June 22nd, Al Sandberg Memorial Run, Granada 1:00 pm

September 7th, Fallen Friends Memorial Run Buckshot's Bar, Butterfield

Registration 11:00am - 1:00 pm, Run leaves at 1:00 pm

Our new officers have assumed their positions:

President Doug Louris, Vice President Doug McLellan, Secretary Kelly Lorenz, Treasurer Heather Alsdorf, Chapter Rep Jon "Trashy" Smith, Sgt @ Arms: Robb Fehrman, Kari Karschnik, Todd Pankow, Doug Byro, Tom Duncan, and Janet Rucker. This is the year that the Doug's are in charge.

In May we held our Washout at the St. James Rest Area. It is always a good way for us to be seen and send a reminder to other motorists that we are out on the roads again.

Our chapter's Adopt-A-Highway has moved to a new location. We are now located on Highway 60 by Madelia. This is another great way to get our name out there and help keep our roadways clean.

Plans are underway for our Annual Fallen Friends Memorial Run on September 7th at Buckshot's Bar in Butterfield. More details to come in the next article.

Be safe and enjoy the weather!

Kelly Lorenz



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BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting:

June 1st, Tex-Mex Bar and Grill, Lynd, 1:00 pm

Again, as President of the Buffalo Ridge Chapter my focus will be on memberships and education. We are trying to set the date of August 11th as the date for the BRC 2 course. I am trying to get it confirmed with Denny Melcher to see if that date will work for him. So far there has been 8-10 people wanting to take the course but would like to see more. This course is free to all A.B.A.T.E. members so there isn't a reason not to take it. My goal is to get every member to take this course at least once. If it saves a life I would think it would be time well spent and it only takes about 4-5 hours to go thru it. Stay tuned for conformation on this

date and time. There is more information for rider courses in the May issue of the Roadnoise on page 10.

At the last meeting we implemented a contest to sign up new members. The winner will receive a \$100 dollar raffle ticket next April with a chance to win a new bike that will be giving away at the April 2014 A.B.A.T.E. U. If you missed the May meeting, get ahold of someone in the Buffalo Ridge Chapter for details.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and thanks to Jan Loft Pilgrim and her connections with the radio stations she made up some Public Service Announcements that will be airing during the month of May

Effective now 'till the July B.O.D. the cost of the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. rally tickets will be \$30.00. If you didn't get a \$25.00 ticket here's your chance to get one before it goes up again. Remember the early bird gets the worm.

Officer pins and badges were handed out at the May meeting. I hope you wear the pins and badges proudly and a big THANKS for stepping up.

If you have any concerns or comments about "our" chapter I would love to hear from you. Let's make this the best and biggest chapter in the state.

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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Nothing to Report this month.

LOWER CORNER

Next Meeting(s):

June 9th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 1:00 pm

July 14th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 1:00 pm

I apologize to any members who showed at Strikers for the May 12th meeting. At the April meeting the membership decided to change the date in honor of all mothers. We had 10 members present and nearly a full roster of officers. Quite the positive change.

When you were a kid, did you play the car game "slug bug"? If you were the first to spot a VW Beetle you would say "slug bug" and punch your brother or sister ON THE ARM. There's a new version. Replace the VW with a motorcycle. The game is called "Count Motorcycles". It is played by making a competition out of looking for motorcycles. The creator dreams of the day when a minivan full of children or a carload of teens are pointing out motorcycle riders to the driver and each other and competing to be the first to do it. It seems the game will condition people to watch out for motorcycles. Simple rules, point structures, and hints are found at www.countmotorcycles.com. Parked bikes don't count so you can't play during Rally Week on Sturgis Main Street.

Here's another game. It's a rider perception test on road signs and collision traps. You can test at different speeds. The scenarios change each time you play. To be a contestant, go to "www.msf-usa.org/rider_perception". It's fun for all ages!

That's all the games I have today kids. Now get off your butts. Shut down the computer. Go outside and ride your bike... be home for supper.

"Too much of a good thing can be wonderful". Mae West (date unknown)

TRI-COUNTY

Next Meeting(s):

June 4th, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm

July 2nd, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm

BBQ 6:00 pm - Fundraiser Meeting 6:30 pm

Everyone is asked to bring something to share including your opinions! We voted on 100 Buddy Bears to be ordered and will distribute them soon and will keep you posted when and where!

Congrats to our member Frank Ernst for receiving the Silver Spoke Award! This will be presented to him at the next NCOM meeting in Nevada. Frank is truly a hardworker for motorcycle rights and is deserving of this award!

It was brought up by our Chapter Rep Sir Kent, that membership needs to increase to keep A.B.A.T.E. operating in the black! Encourage your buds and family to become members! State Rally raffle tickets are available now. Please try to get your favorite bike dealerships, pubs and businesses you frequent to sign up for sponsorships for the rally! As always, check the Road Noise for all updated information regarding biker functions! We will also keep you updated on the fundraiser as it progresses. Meeting for the fundraiser is a half hour before the meetings!

Note: If you ride for the rush, don't rush for the ride! Ger



RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

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

July 14th, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm

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

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

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming ride in June for Suicide Awareness. Again, this is not an A.B.A.T.E. event, but everyone is invited to participate. Bikes line up at Sibley Park on June 16th at 11:00 with the ride starting at noon, ending at Riverfront Park (behind Eagles Club). River Valley is supporting this ride for one of our own who recently lost a child. We are hoping for a good turnout and hope other chapters will join us. There is no cost to participate. For further information you may contact Larry "Hog" Wild at (507) 340-6486 or "Honda" Bob Olson at (507) 388-7576

Another calendar marker is July 4th, 5th & 6th for the Iowa Freedom Rally in Algona. For those that have attended this rally in the past, you know it is a great time. More info can be found at www.abateiowafreedomrally.com

The 25th annual A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's State Rally is slated for August 23rd, 24th, 25th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds in Litchfield. Always a great rally in the past and sure to be a winner again this year. Again, get that calendar out and make your mark. www.abatemn.org for more information and check upcoming issues of Road Noise for details.

Read Mack's editorial in MRF Reports. It's an eye-opener!

Now on to our Awareness Parade. I was very disappointed as the forecast was cold and possible rain and we had 34 motorcycles show up. Our parade cost \$650.00 all this to show we're on the road again.

I'm proud of our Chapter. We have had a State Coordinator and a current Assistant State Coordinator. We are directly responsible for "APE HANGERS" and for non discrimination for biker apparel. Our June 9th meeting will be a thank you for Pat "Gramma" Ganzel. She is saying a heart felt good bye to A.B.A.T.E. She is a CHARTER member of River Valley A.B.A.T.E. (Thank you Claire)

"Honda" Bob and Mike

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

June 22nd, Bird's Nest, Rake, IA, 2:00 pm

July 20th, Dan and Arvilla Bye's home, Geneva, 4:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

June 28th – June 30th, Pheonix Bike Rally, Harmony Park, Geneva

July 19th – July 21st, Flatlanders Chapter Campout, Dan and Arvilla Bye's home, Geneva

Greetings to all A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members from the Flatlanders! It is FINALLY here! Spring has sprung in Minnesota and the forecast predicts beautiful riding weather!!! In Southern Minnesota, the delayed spring means the roads will also be home to farm equipment, animals still shaking off their long winter's naps and motorist's not yet prepared for motorcycles. So as always, be alert and aware of your surroundings.

June 22nd is our Chapter meeting in Rake, IA. If you would like to ride with others to the meeting watch our Facebook page for details. June 28th- 30th marks the date for the first Pheonix Bike Rally at beautiful Harmony Park on the outskirts of Geneva, MN. Details for this event can be found at www.pheonixbikerrally.com The Pheonix Bike Rally is a new event at a location known for great rallies. Mark your calendars now for the July Chapter Campout. This is an event you won't want to miss with first rate entertainment provided by the Johnny Holms band on Saturday, July 20th. Plan to come park your camper or pitch a tent. There will be a group ride Saturday morning, games Saturday afternoon and food available for A.B.A.T.E. members. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

The last thing I want to be doing right now is sitting inside with my computer. So it's short and sweet this month folks!

Until next month,

"Somewhere on a desert highway, she rides a Harley-Davidson. Her long blonde hair flyin' in the wind She's been runnin' half her life. The chrome and steel she rides collidin' with the very air she breathes. The air she breathes." Neil Diamond – The Unknown Legend

Meghan Baumann



STRAIGHT RIVER

Next Meeting(s):

June 8th, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm

Hey Straight Jackets!

Glad to see many of you at the Blessing. We gave out lots of information, bumper stickers and had quite a few tri-folds picked up. Coming up June 2nd is a benefit in Rochester for Donna Larish. More details to follow on the Facebook page. We are looking for volunteers to help out, so if you can help out get a hold of Pittsy. Our next meeting will be at Reggie's June 8th at 1:00 pm. The Faribault Heritage Days parade is June 15th. Upcoming events are the Iowa Freedom Rally July 4 - 6. 13th Annual the "Cruise" for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester on Sunday July 28. Don't forget the Minnesota A.B.A.T.E. Rally in Litchfield. Tickets can be ordered at the pre-rally rate of \$30 until August 1st. Then the price goes to \$40. You can order the tickets online or find our Chapter Rep. Other events will be updated on the Facebook page. Ride Safe, Pittsy

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Next Meeting(s):

June 16th, Crossroads Bar and Grill, 11:00 am

July 21st, Crossroads Bar and Grill, 11:00 am

Wash Out was held May 26th. Thank you to all that were able to join us to spread the word about motorcycle awareness. Ditch clean up will be held June 15th at 10:00 am. We will meet at Dave Jr's and go from there.

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Wayne Sticha / Valerie Brettingen N
Gary Wollak R
Scott Lecy / Cheryl Lecy R
Michael Classen N
Dave Gucinski R

Jack Pine Riders

Megan Volk R
Terry Bloomquist R
Tom Arneson R
Scott Wimmer R
Michael Bjerke / Cheryl Bjerke R
Keith Peterson R
Dave Sabinske R
David Pucci R
Dan Hanson / Juli Hanson R
Brad Klepsa N
Joesph Valentine Jr N
Heidi Haavisto N
Joe Williams R

Freedom First Riders

Milt Wikstrom R
Bruce Aspelin R
Sam Woida / Michelle Woida N
Christopher Ficenec / Sheila Ficenec R
Kyle Ficenec R
Rod Breitenfeldt / Robin Lloyd R
Paul Schmidt / Cheryl Schmidt R
Mike Eltgroth / Brenda Eltgroth R
Earl Anderson / Sonya Anderson R
Paul Cavegn / Linda Cavegn R
Steve Heller R
Stephen Plonski R
Laurel Brandt R
Mike Doehling / Vicki Doehling R
Robert Turner / Vicky Turner N
Marlin Braaten R
Ernie Kolle / Melinda Kolle R
Derek Nelson / Patty Sherod R
Matt Nygaard R
Ray Watts / Wendy Watts R
Dan Tillberg / Trista Tillberg R
Brian Nesland / Lynn Nesland R
Maynard Gulbranson /
Charlotte Haberer R
Chris Thomas / Jennifer Thomas R
Kris Turdik / Lisa Turdik R
Brent Bernardy / Sara Bernardy R
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Dennis Schnell / Pat Schnell R
Joel Suchy R
Gerald Klimek N

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Mike Irwin R
Randy Burss N
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Linda Schroeder N
Ryan McQuiston /
Tracy McQuiston N
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Deb Grommesch N
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Norbert Johnson / Lori Johnson N
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Southwest

Curt Kuhl R
David Folkers / Alyssa Koob N
Marc Janssen N

South Central

Mike Winship R
Clem Crowley / Deb Crowley R
Curtis Stafford R
Douglas Desens / Mary Desens R
Jeff Klehr / Wendy Klehr R
Dick Orn / Julie Orn R
Brad Voss / Deb Voss R
Todd Erickson R
Lia Nistler R
Larry Lee R
Mark Volk N

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Stan Bedbury / Barb Bedbury R
Julie Tschumper R
Francis Hadtrath R
Guy Whitesell R
Tim Braastad / Pam Braastad R
James Gow Jr. R
Joel Ronallo / Barbara Ronallo R
Dave Bolduc R
Glenn Woodbridge / Julie Mason R
Randy Steffen / Renee Steffen N
Mike Langmade / Jewels Langmade R

Mark Colling / Debbie Colling N

Northwest

Jeremy Seglem N
Nico Hernandez N
Brandon Halvorson / Erin Jones N
Andrea Szczech R

Heart of the Lakes

Rob Thiel R
Mark Schmidt R
Jill Westhoff N
Anthony Brune / Laura Brune R

Metro

Joseph Stramer N
Kelby Grovender N
Virginia Schulze N
Nick DeVoto / Nicki Hartfiel R
Doug Mickle R
David Adams / Mary Ann Adams R
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Mississippi

Jerry Tyler N

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Central

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Bob Summer / Susan Summer R
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Tri-County

Brian Cervenka R
Ryan Westphal N
Nate Heitz N
Tim Nagle R
Kent Slavik / Marlene Slavik R

Straight River

Roger French N
Brian Kretlow N
Jim Nelson N
Eric Gleason N
Vern Batton / Gretchen Batton R
Kimberly Maas N
Shawn Pelot R

Borderland

JoAnn Burkel / Jon Smebak R

Rolling Prairie

Eric Dietz R
Terry Metzger / Denise Metzger N
John Jensen R
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June 1	Northwest Chapter's Fun Run Ride, The Sled, Gentilly, 9:00 am, ride leaves at 10:00 am
	Buffalo Ridge Chapter meeting, Lyndwood Tex-Mex Bar & Grill, Lynd, 1:00 pm
	Publications Committee meeting, Tommy Sue's, St. Bonifacius, 1:00 pm
	Lake Chapter meeting, mystery ride to meeting, Tommy Sue's, St. Bonifacius, ride leaves at 2:15 pm, meeting at 3:00 pm
	Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooney's Sedan, 6:00 pm
	North Star Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 6:00 pm
	Central Chapter's Annual Buddy Bear Bash Fundraiser, Rollie's Longnecks & Rednecks, Sauk Rapids
	First Annual "Grease Under the Nails" Swap Meet and Show, benefitting South Central Chapter and The Wounded Warriors, Hutchinson. More info: www.greaseunderthenails.com
June 2	8th Annual Ride for the Troops, Marketplace Foods, Westridge Center, Bemidji, Registration 9:00 am, ride starts at 12:00 pm. More info: www.rideforthetroops.com
	East Central Chapter meeting, Hunter's Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am
	Central Chapter meeting, Rollie's Longnecks & Rednecks, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm
	Lake Chapter's Spring Dart Run, Delano Lanes, Delano, sign-in 12:00 pm, ride leaves at 1:00 pm
	Sand Dunes Chapter meeting, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 1:00 pm
	Northwest Chapter meeting, Shimpa's residence, Erskine, 2:00 pm
	Rolling Prairie Chapter meeting, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm
June 4	Tri-County Chapter meeting, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm
June 5	South Central Chapter meeting, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
June 6	Northeast Chapter meeting, Ray's North Pole Bar, Duluth, 6:30 pm
June 7	Gambling Committee meeting, Dubb's Bar, Glencoe, 6:00 pm
	Heart of the Lakes Chapter meeting, Little Bear's home, Perham, 7:30 pm
	Southwest Chapter meeting, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
	Way West Chapter meeting, VFW, Madison, 7:30 pm
June 7-9	A.B.A.T.E. of North Dakota's 38th Annual State Rally, Menoken Grove, ND. More info: www.abatend.com
June 8	Straight River Chapter meeting, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
	East Central Chapter's Summer Thunder Fundraiser, Jumpin' Jack's, Weber, 2:00 pm-8:00 pm. Vendors, games, prizes, silent auction, live music. More info: eastcentral@eastcentralabate.org
June 8-9	MRF's Best of the West, Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Billings, MT. More info: www.mrf.org
June 9	River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
	Lower Corner Chapter meeting, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 1:00 pm
	Borderland Chapter meeting, Rainbow Supper Club, Strandquist, 2:00 pm
June 11	Metro Chapter meeting, Povlitzki's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm
June 14-15	Antique Motorcycle Club of America Viking Chapter's National Meet, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Progress Building, St. Paul, 8:00 am-6:00 pm. More info: www.vikingmc.org
June 15	Jack Pine Riders Chapter's Membership Drive, Meet & Greet Party, and Ride, Doc's, Sturgeon Lake, ride leaves at 10:00 am
	Alzheimer's Motorcycle Ride for the Mind, Ten Spot Bar, Royalton, sign-in 11:00 am, ride leaves at 1:00 pm
June 16	Mississippi Valley Chapter meeting, Crossroads Bar and Grill, Randolph, 11:00 am
	Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Ride, Sibley Park, Mankato, sign-in 11:00 am, ride leaves at 12:00 pm. More info: Larry "Hog" Wild (507) 340-6486 or "Honda" Bob Olson (507) 388-7576
	Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Rich's Bar, Sandstone, 2:00 pm
June 18	Bike Show at Camp Friendship, Annandale, leave Sturges Park in Buffalo at 5:30 pm, show at 6:00 pm
June 20-22	A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois State Party, Glenwood RV Resort, Marseilles, IL
June 20-23	A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin's Summer Hummer, ABATE Acres, Greenwood, WI. More info: www.abatewis.org
June 22	Al Sandberg Memorial Run, Granada, 1:00 pm
	Flatlanders Chapter meeting, Bird's Nest, Rake, IA, 2:00 pm
June 27-30	Black River Rumble, Camp NCN Adult Campground, Black River Falls, WI. More info: www.BlackRiverRumble.com
	Phoenix Bike Rally, Harmony Park, Geneva. More info: www.phoenixbikerrally.com
	Prometheus MC's 28th Annual Zoo Run, Chahinkapa Zoo, Wahpeton, ND. Ride leaves Saturday at 12:00 pm. More info: www.zoorun.com
June 29	21st Annual FFCC Motorcycle Benefit Run, Running's, Hutchinson, registration 8:00 am, ride leaves at 10:00 am. More info: facebook.com/FFCCofMN
	Freedom First Riders Chapter meeting, The Road House, Evansville, 3:00 pm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 30	North Star Chapter's Bike Show & Swap Meet, Eagles Club Aerie 351, Bemidji, registration 11:00 am
	Rolling Prairie Chapter meeting, Mama G's, Evan, 12:00 pm
	Sand Dunes Chapter meeting, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 1:00 pm
	Ways and Means Committee meeting, Kingston Mini Mart, Kingston, 1:00 pm
July 2	Tri-County Chapter meeting, Memorial Park, Shakopee, 7:00 pm
July 4-6	A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa Freedom Rally, Algona, IA. More info: www.abateiowfreedomrally.com
July 5	Southwest Chapter meeting, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
	Way West Chapter meeting, VFW, Madison, 7:30 pm
July 6	Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooney's Sedan, 6:00 pm
July 6-7	Northwest Chapter's Campout, Old Crossing Treaty Park, Huott
July 7	East Central Chapter meeting, Hunter's Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am
	Central Chapter meeting, Bubba's Bar & Grill, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm
	Northwest Chapter meeting, Old Crossing Treaty Park, Huot, 2:00 pm
July 9	Metro Chapter meeting, Povlitzki's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm
July 10	Northeast Chapter meeting, Ray's North Pole Bar, Duluth, 6:30 pm
	South Central Chapter meeting, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
July 12	Heart of the Lakes Chapter meeting, Sandbar, Detroit Lakes, 7:30 pm
July 12-14	Jack Pine Riders' 8th Annual Upper Kettle River Shakedown. Food, beer, vendors, bike games, live auction, live music
July 13	Publications Committee meeting, Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, 1:00 pm
	Lake Chapter meeting, Smoker's place, Breezy Point 3:00 pm
	Southwest Chapter's Street Dance, Rushmore
July 14	River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
	Lower Corner Chapter meeting, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 1:00 pm
July 19	Rally Committee meeting, The Buffalo House Campground, Duluth, 6:00 pm
	Gambling Committee meeting, The Buffalo House Campground, Duluth, 7:00 pm
July 19-21	Flatlanders Chapter Campout, Dan and Arvilla Bye's home, Geneva
July 20	A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Board of Directors meeting, The Buffalo House Campground, Duluth, 9:00 am
	Flatlanders Chapter meeting, Dan and Arvilla Bye's home, Geneva, 4:00 pm
July 21	Minnesota Ride for Kids benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Jimmy's Event Center, Vadnais Heights, registration 8:30 am, ride leaves at 10:30 am
	Mississippi Valley Chapter meeting, Crossroads Bar and Grill, Randolph, 11:00 am
	Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm
August 1	Northeast Chapter meeting, Ray's North Pole Bar, Duluth, 6:30 pm
August 2	Way West Chapter meeting, VFW, Madison, 7:30 pm
August 3	Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooney's Sedan, 6:00 pm
August 4	East Central Chapter meeting, Hunter's Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am
August 5-11	73rd Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, SD
August 6	Minnesota Day at Wy's Casino, Central City, SD, 2:00 pm
August 7	South Central Chapter meeting, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
August 8-11	After Sturgis Gathering, Camp NCN Adult Campground, Black River Falls, WI. More info: www.campncn.com
August 10	Buffalo Ridge Chapter's Rodeo and Bike Show
August 11	River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
August 13	Metro Chapter meeting, Povlitzki's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm
August 16-18	Party in the Pines, Cloverdale
August 17	Steve Derhaag Memorial Run, Cricket Liquors, Rock Creek, 10:00 am
	Publications Committee meeting, Vic's, Victoria, 1:00 pm
	Lake Chapter meeting, The Jensen's home, Elko, 3:00 pm
	Sand Dunes Chapter's Rodeo, KJ's Refuge, Orrock
August 18	Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Horseshoe Lake Inn, McGregor, 11:00 am
August 23-25	A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's State Rally, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield
August 24	Mille Lacs Lake Toy Run, Onamia Vet's Club, Onamia, registration 11:00 am, ride leaves at 1:00 pm. More info: www.millelacsaketoyrun.com
	Gambling Committee meeting, Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield, Time TBD

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