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- 2) Upcoming Chapter/Committee Meetings/Time, Place
- 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. of Minnesota's 11th annual Bikerday at the Minnesota State Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 12th. If you will be attending Bikerday be sure to register on the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website before February 28th. By registering, A.B.A.T.E. volunteers will provide you with Bikerday talking points when you arrive at the Capitol and also arrange for you to meet with your State Senator and State Representative. Bus transportation is provided from around the state. By the busload and individually A.B.A.T.E. members, club members, motorcycling groups and independent riders will walk into the Capitol to make sure their voice is heard. Your presence is crucial to protect your rights and safety as a Minnesota motorcyclist. Together we will:

- Maintain your right to wear or not wear a helmet while riding
- Increase penalties for those who cause harm by driving negligently
- Defeat oppressive motorcycle insurance increases
- Improve the safety of all Minnesota motorcyclists

On March 12th, from 8:15 am to 9:15 am, we will assemble in the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda. You will receive a packet containing talking points on the legislative agenda and the time and room number for meeting with your Senator and Representative or staff. At 9:15 am we will hear from many key people in Minnesota politics.

During the 2012 session there was a helmet bill introduced in the Minnesota legislature. Many of the sponsors of that bill are still in the legislature and will be hoping to persuade their colleagues to support helmet bill language. A strong showing at Bikerday will go a long way to beat back those who oppose our helmet choice stance.

Bikerday at the Capitol would not be possible without the many contributions made by individuals and groups who support motorcycling freedom in Minnesota. If you or your group would like to contribute, contact A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota at 2014bikerday@abatemn.org or 1-800-224-6570. Also, Bikerday pins are available for \$3, plus \$1 shipping, with all proceeds supporting Bikerday.

If you can't attend you can still help: Call or send a letter of support to your legislators.

This will be a great day for Minnesota motorcycling freedom, don't miss it.

We need you there – You need you there - Be there – Do it for you.

For more information email 2014bikerday@abatemn.org or call 1-800-224-6570.

Check www.abatemn.org often for updated information.

Yours in freedom,

Mack

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As I sit here on the eve of Veterans Day 2013, I am reminded of the sacrifices our men and women of the armed forces made to insure that the personal freedoms we so enjoy and take for granted will NOT be taken from us.

I think of the infamous battle for Iwo Jima from February 19th to March 26th, 1945. In this battle 27 Medal of Honors were awarded and this is because of the fierceness of the Japanese Defenders and the total dedication to what they believed in by the Americans.

Iwo Jima is also the only battle by the US Marine Corps in which the overall casualties (killed and wounded) exceeded those of the Japanese. Total victory and no retreat.

Do we feel that strong about our rights and freedoms to make that commitment? I am not talking about death, but total immersion in what we believe in to make sure we are doing everything possible to make sure we keep our rights and freedoms others have secured for us. Well, do we...??

Once again, my new catch phrase: I am very proud of what you have accomplished on behalf of Motorcycle Rights and Freedoms in Minnesota. Now, tell me what you're doing now.

Yours In Freedom,

Kevin

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GAMBLING REPORT

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Upcoming Meeting(s)

December 7th, The home of Jim & Kristie Orn in Kimball, 10:00 am
January 17th, Travelodge, Worthington, 7:00 pm
February 1st, Buffalo Town Hall, 6:00 pm (Prior to Lake Chapter Grounded Hogs Party)

Well I have received some sold A.B.A.T.E. U 2014 raffle tickets already in the mail. Hopefully with the addition of the Indian it is creating some buzz and we sell out before the raffle. Now that we are into the season of chapter fundraisers, if any chapter would like to have a bike or bikes on display to help sell tickets, you can contact Jim Orn to arrange the display of the Indian or Victory. Frank Ernst will be your contact person for either of the Harleys. I would ask that you please plan ahead a little bit, because we would have to secure insurance first before any of the bikes could be moved. Once again the deadline for chapter credit on this raffle will be April 15th and I do have tickets and posters available for those of you that did not receive any. Just contact me.

Well, I know that my report during the October Board meeting was a long one but it was extremely necessary in order to make everyone aware of the recent sanctions that have been placed on A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota by the Gambling Control Board. I hope that all the Chapter Reps have by now shared with their chapters this information as well as the new guideline that the Gambling Committee has put into place concerning the need to spend down chapter gambling accounts. Here is another reminder as to what the new policy will be: All chapters will need to submit requests to spend 50% of their September 30, 2013 gambling fund balance on lawful purpose donations to the gambling committee by March 1st, 2014. If any chapter has a question as to whether something qualifies, they can contact myself or anyone on the Gambling Committee. For those chapters that don't comply by this deadline, a request will be submitted at the gambling meeting for the donation to be made on their behalf to one of the following organizations: the state rider training program, Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride, or MRF A & E.

Then, going forward, all chapters will be required to decrease by 10% their March 31st gambling account balance by making lawful purpose donations each fiscal year – for example April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015. Once again, for those chapters that don't comply with this guideline, a request will be submitted at the gambling meeting for the donation to be made on their behalf to one of the three organizations mentioned above. The decision of which organization will be left up to the discretion of the Gambling Committee. If, at any point in time, a chapter accumulates more than \$1,000 in their account, then the required percentage will become 30%. I am waiting to be bombarded with requests from the chapters so that we can get those funds spent. On the chapter balance sheet that was handed out I did include an extra column to let the chapters know exactly how much they needed to spend. Once again, I ask that everyone start taking these sanctions by the Gambling Control Board seriously and realize that it is not A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota making up these guidelines. Our organization's gambling is totally controlled by the Minnesota State Gambling Control Board.

In reference to the above, for those chapters that may still have Buddy Bears in their possession, this is a good time of year to donate them to a Toys for Tots program or any program that helps get Christmas gifts to needy families. Just make sure that you get a receipt and forward that to me. I think that it would be great if we did not have any bears left in inventory as of January 1st. And I certainly know this would put us in a much better light with our compliance auditor at the Gambling Control Board.

Once again, if you don't like what is happening, don't just sit in the background and complain about it. Join our committee. We are a fun bunch of people and have our meetings at all different locations throughout the state. We are not afraid to travel. And if you can't make that monthly commitment, no big deal. We do always have our quarterly meetings in conjunction with the Board meetings.



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Next Meeting(s):

January 17th, Travelodge, Worthington, 6:00 pm

January B.O.D. is coming up; we will have a Rally meeting at 6:00 pm Friday night. No meetings in December so talk to your chapters. Sign up sheets will be there.

We need to get people on board for security and signing people in. So with that, wishing you all the very best for Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't drink and drive,

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Ho Ho Ho! Merry Christmas!

As the world evolves electronically, so shall A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota! You now have the ability to sign up or renew online, without any paperwork, stamps or phone calls! Just go to our website and click on the "Join" button. Have you thought of giving an A.B.A.T.E. membership to someone for Christmas? What a great gift and you can do it online!

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS!

It is almost time for nominations for the upcoming Chapter elections at your March meeting. I will be mailing to each of you your nomination form along with instructions on how to conduct these nominations. Please make sure you read this and let me know if you have any questions.

As always, if you need anything, just let me know. If I can't get it for you, do it for you or have it for you, I will find someone who can!



WAYS & MEANS REPORT

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Next Meeting(s):

January 5th, The Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm

The Ways & Means Committee met on Sunday, October 13th at McPete's in Big Lake. Thanks everyone for showing up and helping out. We got through the paper work in under an hour (I think that's a new speed record). Everything was in order, as usual. Mitch commented on the upcoming request for budgets from committee chairs that she will be asking for at the October B.O.D. At our January meeting we will then be reviewing the budget for her to present to the Board at the January B.O.D.

The next Ways & Means Committee meeting will be at 1:00 pm, Sunday, January 5th, 2014 at The Ugly Bar in Montrose. Come join us and see what we're all about.

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Well, There They Go Again

That's right folks the Center for Disease Control is still working hard to get states to pass mandatory helmet laws. The CDC has no legislative power but they do pull a lot of weight and they are really coming after us. Yes their numbers are less than accurate and yes they are just spitting out tired old statistics but they still have people listening, powerful people. We need to take these attacks seriously and we need to chip away at this problem before it gets away from us. The new report from the CDC will gain national attention and it's a safe bet that our elected officials here in Minnesota will take note.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is chipping away at the problem but we need your help. The MRF recently sent out an alert encouraging freedom fighters to contact their Representa-

tives in the U.S. House to ask them to sign onto a letter to the CDC. Congressman Petri from Wisconsin authored a letter asking the CDC to focus their attention on matters in which they have expertise and helmet laws are not one of them. U.S. Representatives John Kline and Erik Paulsen from Minnesota signed onto the letter that was sent in mid November. That is a pretty good showing from Minnesota but we could do better. The first thing you can all do is sign up to receive the MRF alerts. They are free and you don't have to be a member to get the alerts. All you have to do is go to MRF.org and click on alerts. The last thing you can do to protect your freedom of the road is join the MRF or renew your membership today.

The fight for motorcycle rights in Washington D.C. is not cheap but it's a fight we can win, if we get a lot of help. The emails and letters to our elected officials really do work and with a little financial help from you we can win. You can bet that they will keep coming back again and again so we need to make sure the MRF is always there to answer the call.

Total Vigilance, Todd



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NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) report December 2013

I am in route to Atlanta Georgia for the November National Coalition of Motorcyclists Board of Directors meeting. I am taking a couple of extra days to go through the Smokey Mountains, ride the Tail of the Dragon and stop at Deals Gap. It is a great time of year to make this ride and the colors are still good. One more time I am thankful to be involved in motorcycling and to experience another great ride. It was close getting out of the twin cities, I hit dense fog and freezing drizzle in Wisconsin. They were putting chemicals down on highway 94 so I had to watch for ice patches but made it through without having any problems. I was fortunate to get out of the twin cities about ten hours before the snow moved in and I am hoping I will get a break and be able to avoid any severe weather, cold, ice and snow when I come home.

This might be a good time to remind everyone that the NCOM convention and board meeting next May is planned for Dallas, Texas, it should be a short but great ride and informative meeting.

One topic I will be reporting on at our meeting in Atlanta is the continuing harassment and profiling of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members in route to our State Rally. As many of you know those that were stopped this year were more diligent about collecting information about the officers and agency's making the profiling stops. With this information Steve O'Brien was able to send letters to the offending agencies and get a response from their attorneys indicating plans are in place to correct the behavior of the officer involved. I will also remind anyone reading this if they know of others that were stopped and it has not been reported to Mack or me please contact us right away.

I would also like to remind all of our members that I am still collecting information on motorcyclists' interaction with law enforcement officers (leo). If you are stopped for any reason please take the time to gather some information about the stop. What is the reason given for the stop, date, time, officer name, badge number and outcome of the stop, citation, written or verbal warning? After you collect this information, if you are willing, send the information to me so I can enter it in a spreadsheet I

maintain. The reason I collect this information is it may help us identify profiling in other areas.

Along these same lines of profiling and discrimination I am hearing of problems in Rochester. I am told bars in Rochester are refusing service to many from the motorcycle community. This is not limited to patch holders it is happening to many motorcyclists not affiliated with any club. I understand it is taking place due to pressure from law enforcement. More on this in future reports.

As I was preparing my report for the NCOM Board I was hearing of continuing harassment, roadblocks, and profiling from others I have talked with. Recently in Indiana a member of a small MC club had his request for a concealed carry permit refused. The only reason he was given was that he belonged to an MC club. After the Confederation of Clubs and Richard Lester got involved a lawyer filed a request for a hearing on the matter and the sheriff issued the permit with no further questions. Why do we need an attorney to have the same rights as others?

In my last Road Noise report I mentioned new efforts are being made to support US Defenders program in Minnesota. We will have a representative from the COC providing more information about the US Defenders program at A.B.A.T.E. U this year. Just think what we can accomplish if we get everyone working together.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota and the Minnesota Motorcycle Club Coalition for their generous donation to A.B.A.T.E. for Bikerday at the Capitol. Their donation will help us provide the buses to get participants to and from the Capitol. Please help us make the most of this opportunity, register and attend Bikerday.

I also ask that you to set the date March 8th aside. The COC will be hosting a fundraiser and informative meeting with guest host Double D. The event will take place at the Apple Valley American Legion post 1776. There will be general admission for \$15.00 that will get you admission and a copy of Double D's book or a VIP admission for \$30.00 that will include admission, a book, dinner and prizes. There will only be room for 200 people so please make plans early to attend. Contact me for tickets I will make them available as soon as possible.

Till next time,

Remember the only rights you have are the ones you are willing to stand up and protect.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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You Sound Like A Broken Record

They say that you have to put something in front of somebody seven times before they will buy it. Well I don't know how many times I have put this information in front of you but it has to be well over seven. We have some serious challenges facing us in the upcoming legislative session and we have to get our ducks in a row now. We are very confident that we will be facing a helmet law attempt and we are also very confident that we will face legislation that if passed would require motorcyclists to carry no fault insurance. Motorcycle fatalities were up this year and the Centers for Disease Control is coming out with a new push to encourage all states to have mandatory helmet laws. Here comes the broken record.

Bikerday 2014- We need to fill those buses, we need to fill that rotunda, and we need to fill the hallways and offices. This will be our most important Bikerday yet.

Motorcycle PAC of MN- We need to fund the PAC now. We can make contributions to motorcycle friendly politicians in Minnesota right up to the start of the legislative session. It costs a lot of money to get elected, I recently heard someone say that "the people in power have all the money" and I countered with "it

costs a lot of money to stay in power" and it does. PAC contributions get results but we can't get those results without your help.

Two Front Battle- The fight for motorcycle rights is a two front battle, we need to fight at the federal and state levels. If the CDC encourages Congress to pass mandatory helmet legislation our state officials would be powerless. If there are provisions put into the Affordable Care Act that would deny coverage to riders for making adult choices our friends in St. Paul would not be able to help. We need a strong MRF and well funded Motorcycle Riders Foundation in Washington D.C.

"What does this have to do with motorcycle rights?" That is a question our State Coordinator asks every time people get a little off track. We need to focus on motorcycle rights and safety and we need to ignore the petty distractions and the soap opera stars.

Broken Record- Most of our members know that reference means in spite of the fact that we haven't had big black petroleum bi-products for a long time. That means we are getting old and we need to find a way to get some new blood involved in our important work.

We can win these battles but we have to be united and committed to the cause, our freedom of the road is counting on it.

Just The Facts: We've only had one election in which someone lost both the popular and electoral vote, but still won. Who was it? No, not George W. Bush: John Quincy Adams, in 1824.



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Next Meeting(s):

December 14th, Becky Hasslen and Dave Clifton's home, Buffalo, 3:00 pm

Our good friend and fellow Pub Committee member Patty Barnes has decided to step down from the committee effective January 1st. We'd like to thank Patty for her hard work and dedication; her insights and suggestions (and very infectious laugh!) will be greatly missed at our meetings. This does leave us without a Secretary and Treasurer, and leaves us short a Proofreader. If you or anyone you know might be interested in

stepping into any of those roles, please contact us. We have a great group of people on this committee. We work hard, but we have a lot of fun and we always have good food at our meetings! You can check us out for yourself at our next meeting on December 14th, which is also our Christmas Party. Call me if you need directions.

As always, we're in need of Business, Bike, and Member of the Month articles. Also, if you frequent any motorcyclist friendly establishments who might be willing to offer a discount to A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members let us know; we'll be happy to add them to the Friends of A.B.A.T.E. list.

Bikerday, Bikerday, Bikerday...don't forget to register for Bikerday at www.abatemn.org.

Merry Christmas from the Pub Committee!

Becky

WRITE TO RIDE

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*Not much time left for 2013,
get those letter and email reponses in now.*



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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

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KLFD, OWNED BY STEVE "GIANT" GRETSCH, HAS BEEN A GREAT FRIEND OF A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA OVER THE YEARS. THEY PROMOTE OUR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PSAs, DIAL-A-RIDE, BIKERDAY, THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION AND THE RALLY ON THE AIR. IN ADDITION, GIANT HAS DONE LIVE REPORTING FROM BIKERDAY AND THE RALLY. OUR MEMBERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED INTO THE STUDIO TO DO EXTENDED INTERVIEWS. THE WELCOME MAT IS ALWAYS OUT FOR A.B.A.T.E. OF MINNESOTA AT KLFD!



GIANT STARTED IN THE RADIO BUSINESS IN 1984 AT A STATION IN ALBANY, AND WORKED IN SALES FOR SEVERAL OWNERS. ONE DAY AN ANNOUNCER LEFT THE STUDIOS DURING A STORM AND THE STATION WENT QUIET WHEN THE RECORD ENDED. GIANT LEARNED VERY QUICKLY HOW TO PUSH ALL THE RIGHT BUTTONS AND WITH HIS WEATHER BACKGROUND ENDED UP BEING ON AIR. SOON AFTER, HE MOVED INTO THE MANAGEMENT SIDE OF RADIO AND TOOK THE STATION TO A NEW LEVEL. AFTER ANOTHER ROUND OF OWNERSHIP CHANGES, GIANT LEFT THE INDUSTRY TO START HIS OWN INSTALLATION BUSINESS. ONLY HAVING TO TRAVEL A COUPLE WEEKS A MONTH ALLOWED HIM TO SPEND A LOT TIME RAISING THREE KIDS. THEN THE CALL CAME FROM

THE OWNERS OF KLFD IN LITCHFIELD. THE OWNER WAS BATTLING CANCER AND GIANT WAS THE GUY WHO COULD KEEP THE STATION ANCHORED IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY. GIANT PURCHASED THE STATION IN THE FALL OF 2005 AND THE REST IS STILL HISTORY IN THE MAKING.

"A.B.A.T.E. AND ALL THE BIKERS ASSOCIATED WITH IT HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE REAL PLEASURES IN MY LIFE," GIANT SAID. "I HAVE MET SO MANY NEW FRIENDS AND ABSOLUTELY GREAT PEOPLE. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE 2014 RALLY TO BE HERE - RIDE ON!"

**"COWARDS DIE MANY TIMES BEFORE THEIR DEATHS;
THE VALIANT NEVER TASTE OF DEATH BUT ONCE."**
-- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, BRITISH POET AND PLAYWRIGHT

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

MICHELLE PETERSON
TRI-COUNTY MEMBER

MICHELLE NEVER FAILS TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE TO HELP ORGANIZE OUR CHAPTER FUNDRAISERS! SHE HAS ALWAYS VOLUNTEERED TO GET THINGS STARTED AND FINISHED! MICHELLE HAS HELD SEVERAL CHAPTER OFFICER POSITIONS AS WELL!



BIKE OF THE MONTH

CLINT & RONDA OLSON SR. OF HEART OF THE LAKE CHAPTER ARE THE OWNERS OF THIS 2009 STREET GLIDE. IT HAS CUSTOM PAINT DONE BY JEREMY BECK, WAS REBUILT BY APOLS OF ALEXANDRIA. THE PAINT JOB IS DEDICATED TO OUR ARMED FORCES AND TO ALL THAT HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. IT HAS 1200S REAMING EAGLE MOTOR AND MANY EXTRA'S ADDED TO IT.



Chapter Grapevines



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Next Meeting(s):
January 4th, Wabasso

Upcoming Event(s):
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hope all is going well. The membership drive is on and one of the SW. district chapters is going to win. Right? We also need to contact our legislators to let them know where you stand on motorcycle legislation.

When you put that bike away for the winter and take out the snow blower winterize the bike. You won't regret it when it fires right up the next time you want to ride it. Be nice to it and it will be nice to you.

Ride Safe Ride Free,
Paul

WAY WEST

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Next Meeting(s):
December 13th, Madison VFW, Madison, 7:30 pm
*Christmas Party

Upcoming Event(s):
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

We at Way West hope everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving. And we want to get out a reminder that our December meeting is December 13th instead of December 6th. We will be having a Christmas party that meeting so each member please bring a gift that does not exceed \$20.00 and could be for a man or woman. Also bring a snack to share. Come share a great evening with our Way West Chapter.

Happy Holidays!! And stay safe & warm!

Way West Chapter :)

Merry Christmas to All and Happy New Year!!!

We have some fun upcoming events at Southwest Chapter. On January 18th we will be hosting the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Board of Directors in Worthington at the Travel Lodge, meeting starts at 9:00 am. It is a good opportunity to sit in on the meeting and see what goes on at a B.O.D.

January 25th we are planning a chili feed fundraiser at PD's in Rushmore. This will be a free will donation for A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. The chapter members and local friends of Southwest will bring in chili. Mark your calendar!! Come out and fill up on some chili. There will be many kinds from mild to hot.

It's also that time of year to start selling tickets for the bikes to be given away at A.B.A.T.E. University. Talk to Jerrit for some tickets. See You in the New Year, Kerry

GLACIAL RIDGE

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Next Meeting(s):
December 7th, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm
January 4th, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm
February 1st, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm
March 1st, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
December 7th, Old St. Nick, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm so bring the kids and get their picture with Santa
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol, be there or be square

The rest of my story goes like this if we are free today; tomorrow we could be a new world order. So think about the things you take for granted like the freedoms of no helmet, a right to carry a weapon, the freedom to hunt deer like a lot of the membership did last month. Change is in the air and if we don't stay on top of our freedoms and rights as Americans we won't have a pot to piss in or a window to throw it out of.

Sincerely, Zu Evan

SOUTHWEST

Next meeting(s):
December 7th, Christmas Party, PD's Lodge in Rushmore, 6:00 pm
Bring a dish to pass and food for the local food shelf.
January 3rd, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
February 7th, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):
January 25th, Chili feed, PD's, Rushmore
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

LAKE CHAPTER GOES BOWLING FOR KIDS



LAKE

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Next Meeting(s):

December 7th, Dave's Town Club, Delano, 3:00 pm
January 4th, Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm
February 8th, Chops Bar & Grill, Hanover, 3:00 pm
March 8th, location TBD, Delano, 3:00 pm
April 5th, location TBD, Chaska, 3:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 13th, Toys for Tots donation on KARE 11, 6:00 pm
February 1st, Grounded Hogs Fundraiser, Rockford Township Hall
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

The November meeting was well attended. Even our district director, Paul Tjepkes, was there. We decided to print chapter calendars for 2014. They should be available at the December meeting. This is always a great present for anyone on your Christmas list. The tickets for our Grounded Hogs fundraiser are available and would also make a great present for someone you love!

Our Bowling for Kids event brought in \$2,208.00 for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Minnesota. We had a great time and a big Thanks to all who participated.

Presentation of the Steven J Kreitlow award will take place at the December meeting. There were five choices this year and every one of them has been a great asset to the Chapter. Thanks to all for stepping up and helping to make Lake Chapter what it is today.

On December 13th we will be donating the toys that have been collected and toys that the Ladies of Lake purchased with the generous donations received at Amateur Bartending to the Marines on the KARE 11 6:00 pm broadcast. This is awesome PR for our chapter and all of A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. If you can attend, please be at the station by 5:45 pm.

Nominations were taken for 2013 Member of the Year. They are: Mike Jencks, Jim Kosse, Mike Edgett, Danita McDowall, Dawn Riba and Dave Clifton. We will vote at the December meeting.

Remember that there is a membership drive going on so make sure to have a tri-fold handy at all times. The more members we have, the bigger impact we can make in our communities and to the State of Minnesota.

Later, Mitch'n

SOUTH CENTRAL

South Central Chapter ABATE (Facebook Site)

Next Meeting(s):

December 4th, Bonfire Bar and Grill, south of Litchfield, 7:00 pm (Chapter Christmas Potluck)
January 8th, Bonfire Bar and Grill, south of Litchfield, 7:00 pm (changed to second Wednesday due to holiday)

NOMINATIONS START

February 5th, Bonfire Bar and Grill, south of Litchfield, 7:00 pm (Officer Nominations Continue)
March 5th, Bonfire Bar and Grill, south of Litchfield, 7:00 pm (Officer Nominations and Election of Officers)

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 25th-27th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Holiday Inn, Alexandria

NOTE: As always, ALL chapter officer positions will be open for nominations as each position is a one-year term.

Notice that all meetings are 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.

All of the details for Bikerday are in the planning stages and will be announced soon, PLEASE plan on attending. If you



have never been there, do yourself a favor and check it out this year. My guess is you won't want to miss another one. Remember those that make the sacrifice and commitment to attend are representing all of us. So please consider doing yourself a great service and at the same time be helping all motorcyclists not only in Minnesota but in other states as well. I will bring my Laptop to the next few meetings in case anyone wants to register, but does not have access to the internet.

Another Great event to attend is A.B.A.T.E. University and can you believe it, 4 more brand spanking new motorcycles will be raffled off. This year's lineup is an Indian, 2 Harleys and a Victory. As our old friend, the late Mr. Ed Martinie, South Central Chapter member used to say, "this is really gonna be big really big". Tickets are now available.

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.

My Contact info will remain the same so if you need my help with something, let me know.

Motor Safely,

May God Bless us All,

"Porkchops"



ROLLING PRAIRIE

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Next Meeting(s):

December 1st, St. James Eagles, 4:00 pm

January 11th, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm

February 1st, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm, Holiday party to follow

* Chili Feed meeting is one hour prior to all meetings

Upcoming Event(s):

January 11th, Brian Bottin Benefit, Mama G's, Evan, 12:00 pm until food is gone

January 18th, River Valley's January Thaw, Mankato Eagles

February 1st, Holiday party at the Village Inn

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

March 22nd, Chili Feed, St. James, VFW 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The winter wonderland certainly started earlier than expected this year. As you can see by our listing of upcoming events, we will stay busy this winter. On January 11th, Mama G's Bar in Evan is hosting a wild game feed benefit to help defray costs incurred by Brian and Melissa Bottin who lost their home in a house fire. The feed will begin at noon. The band Beg for Justice will take the stage that evening with a portion of all drink sales going to the Bottins. Brian is the master chef behind our pork supper after our run each year in Butterfield. Please come on out and support these great people.

Our Christmas party will be held after the February meeting. Please come on out and have some fun with your chapter members. A white elephant gift exchange will take place!



'Twas the night before Christmas, And not until Spring
Would a motor be running, not even a Wing.
The bikes are all sleeping, they're covered and warm, Batteries
are tended, nylon covers their form.

My Bros were all nestled down snug in their beds,
While visions of new chrome danced in their heads.
And I in my do-rag, bike jacket and boots
Out shoveling snow, and dreaming of scoots.
Then from the horizon there came such a clatter
My shovel I dropped, what could be the matter?
Away up the hill, I slogged through the snow
Looked up at the sky; where'd all that noise go?
Then a throb from the heavens, like straight pipes so hearty
Gave Summers' good thoughts, a loud bikers' party.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a Hog Ultra Classic, Red trailer in rear!
With a little old rider, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than a V-Rod his Ultra came on,
And he whistled, and shouted, and sang out this song:
"Now, Springer! Now, Dyna! On Ultra and Softail!
Now Vulcan! Now Injun! On Vict'ry and Triumph!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now RIDE away! RIDE away! RIDE away all!"

As small bikes that from the semis do fly,
When they meet with the air blast, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top that Ultra it flew
With a trailer of goodies, and ole' St. Nick too
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The rumble and thunder of pipes that gave proof.
I ran in the house, boots thumping around,
And in came St. Nick all bearded and round
Dressed all in black leather, from do-rag to boot
His chaps were all tarnished with road grime and soot;
A T-bag of goodies he'd flung on his back
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack
His shades -- how they twinkled! his do-rag how scary!
With chains intertwined, through skulls that were cherry!
His droll little mouth had done many a row,
So the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
The smoke had a strange smell; it gave him relief.
He had a broad face and a large fat beer belly
That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly
He was tattooed and plump, a right jolly old rider,
So I offered a cold brew, thought what could be righter?
A wink of his eye as he downed that cold beer,
Gave me to know I had nothing to fear
He spoke not a word, but went straight to my ride
And fixed it with Chrome, Horsepower and Pride
And giving the peace sign with bikers' good cheer
Strode off to his Ultra rumbling near
He sprang on the saddle, his gloves on the bars
A wheelie he threw; then off towards the stars
I heard him exclaim, as my chest swelled with pride
"Merry CHRISTMAS TO
ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD RIDE!"

Merry Christmas to all!

Kelly Lorenz

NEW & RENEWALS FOR OCTOBER 2013

River Riders		Metro		Central	
David Zaun / Shella Huggett	R	Clarence Gjerstad / Julie Gjerstad	R	Joseph Braun	R
Jack Pine Riders		Joe Krauss	R	Mathew (Euty) Euteneuer	R
Sandra Holt	N	Greg Melichar	N	Justin "Dudley" Harter / Holli Peka	R
Terry Kepler	R	Stephen Stano / Sandy Stano	R	Don Hommerding / Diane Hommerding	R
Freedom First Riders		Buffalo Ridge		Mike Lodermeier	R
Troy Christiansen / Rebecca Christiansen	N	Butch Hildebrandt	R	Laurie Peck / Albert Peck	R
Shirley Jeppesen	R	Art Milner Jr / Michelle Milner	R	Flatlanders	
Dan Jost / Sue Jost	R	Dale Runia	R	Jeremy Brue	R
Allen Ljung	N	Murray Sullivan	R	Russell Engel Jr	R
Christopher Sibert	N	Ted Suss	R	Joel Morrison / Martha Vrieze-Morrison	R
Southwest		Alan Widmark	R	Jerry Peak / Sarah Peak	R
Todd Homan / Deb Homan	R	River Valley		Tri-County	
South Central		James Bauleke	N	Dave DeVoto / Peggy Piscotto	N
Greg Anderson / Michelle Anderson	R	Jerry G Hermann	R	Richard McIntosh / Rose McIntosh	R
Charlie Ardolf / Mary Ardolf	R	Michael Wentura	R	Jerald Sotebeer	R
Jim Guza / Jill Meyer	R	Lake		Robert Swaggert / Annette Prochaska	R
Michael Paul	N	Gene Bolgrean / Charm Bolgrean	R	Tom Wanous	N
Justin Putzier / Megan Putzier	N	Sherry Edgett / Mike Edgett	R	Straight River	
Curt Schmitz / Amie Schmitz	R	Gina Eshelman / Andy Craigmile	R	Lynne Brooks	R
Daryl Tritabaugh / Nancy Liebrez	R	Steve Johnson / Holly Ruder	R	Pete Krippner	R
East Central		Bryan Sandwick / Darcy Mulvihill	R	Kimberly Ostlund / Robbie Ostlund	R
Mark Braastad / Deb Braastad	R	Dale Schultz / Sheila Smith	R	Rolling Prairie	
Bill Cotter	R	Dave Truax / Jeanne Truax	R	Erik Gratz	R
Rod Hansen / Rita Usher	R	Adrian Weldele	N	Jason Hugie / Amy Jo Eich	R
Loren Osterbauer	R	Glacial Ridge		Joel Kral	R
Senthil Swaminathan	R	Jerry Reineke / Monica Reineke	R	Roger Kroon / Lynn Kroon	R
Heart of the Lakes		Mississippi Valley		Curtis Meyer	R
Brian Feldt	R	Dave Jenson Sr /	R	Janet Guerdet-Meyer	R
Todd Murphy / Cindy Murphy	R	Northeast		Scott Reinke	R
Clint Olson Jr.	R	Anthony Mattson	R	North Star	
Michael Walther	R	Larry Miller / Ginny Miller	R	Allen Foster / Amanda Abbott	R
		Randall Palmi	R	Mike Klaras / Mary Klaras	N
		Barb Staudohar-Johnson	R	Andy Yerbich / Jody Yerbich	R
		Don Yrjanainen / Andrea Yrjanainen	R		

BUFFALO RIDGE

Next Meeting(s):

December 7th, Lyndwood Tex-Mex Bar & Grill, Lynd, 1:00 pm

January 4th, Lyndwood Tex-Mex Bar & Grill, Lynd, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

February 22nd, Chili Feed

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Here it is November already and so far no snow on the ground, yet. November means the start of the Holidays and I hope each and every one of you has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Things are moving along with the chili feed which is February 22nd. Mark that on your calendar. We do have Roxbury to play some live music for us.

We were in need of a new products person and would like to thank Nancy Blue for stepping up to take that over. We are still in need for someone to take over the Bike Show / Rodeo and if that doesn't happen we may have to cancel the event. Let me know if you are interested.

Our December meeting will be our Chapter Christmas Party. Bring a dish to pass and an inexpensive gift and we will play the Dice Game. If you haven't been there for that come and check it out. It's a lot of fun.

Bikerday at the State Capitol is on March 12th. Let's load up the bus and let our Representatives know that we care about the issues that pertain to Motorcyclists. Let's flood the halls of the Capitol.

Lee





NORTHWEST DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

First off I would like everyone to send some Prayers Kevin Blow's way. Due to health problems Kevin had to step down from District Director. I will be filling in until election time.

It is now time that each and every one of you set back and get your thoughts straight as to the direction of this NW District. Set aside ALL the Drama and Conflict and put forth the effort to elect someone that will keep this District rolling in a positive way. There is a lot of talent in this area. Let's keep our head in the game and Keep our focus on the task at hand.

Motorcycle Rights and Freedoms!!

January Board of Director's meeting is in Worthington. This is where you will need to be to accept a nomination for the District position. Let's all think long and hard on this. It would be nice to see several people interested in this. Good Luck!

BIKERDAY at the CAPITOL!! March 12th.

Another very important day! This is an opportunity for each and every one of you to, **STAND AND BE COUNTED!**

Get with your boss, wife, girlfriend, boyfriend, or whoever necessary and get this day on the calendar. There are around 4,000 members to this great organization and NO reason we can't get ALL of them at the Capitol this day.

Go online and get registered TODAY!!

A.B.A.T.E. University is coming up in April!

Another fine time to be a member of A.B.A.T.E. Get educated and get involved! Many good memories have been made on this weekend! Get with Marilyn and get your room set up.

Any questions or concerns please call me, number listed above

Take Care and Ride Free

Peace Out!!

Edgar



NORTH STAR CHAPTER BUDDY BEAR DROP

HEART OF THE LAKES

Next Meeting(s):

December meeting date has not yet been planned.

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Our October meeting due to lack of officers could not be held. Some preliminary work was done on our Dial-A-Ride trailer. Work is also continuing on our Pool and Dart Tournament. Hopefully we can get our meeting schedule back on track at our November meeting.

As I write, it is deer season, so back to the stand.

Murph



NORTH STAR

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Next Meeting(s):

November 21st, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 7:00 pm

December 19th, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 7:00 pm

January 16th, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at our State Capitol

North Star Chapter finally got our last Buddy Bear Run completed on October 12th at the Bemidji Fire Department. They will distribute some of the Buddy Bears to the LifeFlight crew so they have some to carry in the helicopter. It went well and the fire department was extremely grateful for the donation.

As of this writing North Star Chapter is in the planning stages

for our float in this year's Night We Light Parade the day after Thanksgiving in downtown Bemidji. Our chapter has won the club or organization category twice in past years. We're hoping we can do it again since it's a \$250 prize. The results probably won't be seen until the January edition since there are publishing deadlines but if we win, it will be in the January Road Noise.

Our next big event is the North Star Chapter Chili Feed on January 19th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Bemidji Eagles Club. If you're planning on a visit to Bemidji that weekend, be sure and stop by and enjoy a hot bowl of chili on a cold January day.

Not much else to report this month. Just really bummed out about the end of the riding season. Seems like it was shorter than usual this year. Meanwhile, we'll keep up the fight and plan to be at Bikerday at the Capitol in March.

Freedom for all, all for freedom

Mark Peterson

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Next Meeting(s):

December 28th, Elks Club, Alexandria, 6:00 pm

*Freedom First Rider's Christmas Party after the meeting

January 25th, Leaf Valley Mercantile, Garfield, 6:00 pm

February 22nd, Leaf Valley Mercantile, Garfield, 6:00 pm

March 19th, Hi Way Park Ballroom, 20533 State Highway 29, Henning, 6:00pm (CHAPTER ELECTIONS)

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello Freedom First Riders!!

I would like to start out by giving a huge Thank you to our President, Brian and to VP Jeff for taking care of the Road Noise articles for the past 3 months, great job. If ever any of you members would like to write a FFR newsletter for any of the upcoming months in 2014 let me know. It's December now. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I hope every one got their deer. The reason I bring this up is I, Santa doesn't hunt, just doesn't look right, lol, but if anyone has some extra venison this year keep me in mind :) I'm sure most

of you have tucked your rides in for the season. Be sure to keep an eye on them, check on them often, and make sure their happy, healthy and ready to go at a turn of the key next spring. I will be patiently waiting to ride with you all again next year. Speaking of next year, 2014, we must keep in mind that Bikerday at the Capitol is March 12th. Plan for this, schedule it; we need your support, to protect all of our challenged rights. The Power is in numbers and members. See you at the State Capitol March 12th. As you all know our FFR Annual Bike Show and Fundraiser is coming up in early 2014. We need your participation, your help, to make this event a continued success. It only takes a few hours of your time to make this event run smoothly and lighten the load of work for those already volunteering. Please talk to one of the committee members and sign up to help, I thank you for your future cooperation. :) I must get ready for my Grand Daughters baptism now so I must say goodbye for now.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone!!! Be Happy and Be Safe.

Remember, every one dies but not everyone lives.

Make some memories and share some memories.

"Expect the Unexpected,"

Santa



NORTHWEST

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Next Meeting(s):

December 1st, LB Office, McIntosh, 2:00 pm

January 5th, Chainsaw's Shop, St. Halaire, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 1st, Northwest Chapter Winter Social, T N J's Bar & Grill, Red Lake Falls

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Northwest Chapter News:

With the Minnesota riding season coming to a close, looking back as with every year the Northwest Chapter kicked off the summer riding season with the Spring Ride-in in May. It was a great ride-in as we celebrated our 25th Spring Ride-In. A big thanks goes out to all the members that made the 2013 riding season safe and successful, a lot of team work goes into making these ride events successful.

Looking forward towards 2014 the chapter holds the winter social March 1st at T N J's Bar & Grill in Red Lake Falls.

Submitted by Del Wright

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-- GAYLORD NELSON, AMERICAN POLITICIAN

BORDERLAND

Next Meeting(s):

December 10th, Roseau VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hello Borderland!

I hope you had a good Thanksgiving time, and now the Christmas season will be here soon. If you're having a hard time knowing what to get that friend or family member biker for Christmas, I have a perfect suggestion; get 'em an A.B.A.T.E. membership! You would feel good about adding another freedom fighter, they would appreciate the gift and re-up on their own next year. It would help our organization grow and it would help our chapter win the "Membership and Retention incentive" for 2014. Yes, I have already bought my gift!

Bikerday will be here before you know it. Get your time off early and register early. There will be transportation for you, so we hope you can make it. American freedom and liberty is under attack 24-7 all 12 months of the year.

Our off season chapter meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings will alternate between the Roseau VFW and the Roseau American Legion Club. Hope to see you at our meetings. That's all for now, I hope you have a Blessed Christmas season and Happy New year!

Twistin' da Wick, Tim

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Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! This time of year a lot of us are spending time with our families and gearing up for the holidays. But please don't forget to ask for a day off work on March 12th. Encourage your friends to join us at the Capitol too. When I think of the folks from Duluth and the Iron Range that get up in the middle of the night to come to St. Paul and then look at the amount of people from the chapters close to the metro area... I feel kinda of embarrassed. I am putting out a challenge to Metro Chapter, River Riders, East Central and Central chapter to have the biggest showing ever at this year's Bikerday at the Capitol EVER!!!! If you don't want to drive yourself, take a bus with your friends! I hope your Chapter Reps. have explained the proposal brought to the October B.O.D. regarding the membership split with \$2.00 going to the Land Acquisition fund from single memberships and \$4.00 from couples. We just need to START somewhere. It will take a long time to build up the fund, but if we never start how can we plan for the future? Business plans, location of the land, how much land is needed, maintenance of the land.... that will come in due time. But let's not put the cart before the horse!

Remember to support your sister chapters, and with that I will say...

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

Jean (Red Hot Mama) Afrooz

RIVER RIDERS

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Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, the Blacksmith, Hugo, 12:00 pm

January 12th, the Blacksmith, Hugo, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 15th, Jack Pine Riders Christmas Party, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello Fellow Riders & A.B.A.T.E. members!

As the riding season comes to an end, there are plenty of events to get involved with in the off-season. One of the events the River Rider's will be attending is the Jack Pine Rider's Christmas Party. The party will be at the Cricket Bar in Rock Creek after their 2:00 pm meeting on December 15th.

We had a November Meet and Greet at Trappers Bar & Grill in Lino Lakes. We didn't have a big turnout, but the chili was good and it was great to talk to friends and new people.

Our meeting attendance is still low. We'd like to see that pick up.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday!

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Next Meeting(s):

December 10th, Povlitzski's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm

January 14th, Povlitzski's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

My People,

The leaves are gone, the days are shorter, and the Holiday season is upon us. I really don't have any big news or random rambling for you this time. As I'm writing this our Chapter meeting is still two days away and I have no updates for you. All I will say is check Facebook, the website, and your emails. If you aren't on the email list and would like to be send me an email at metroabate@hotmail.com and I will see that you are added.

I hope your Holidays are filled with joy and love.

Until next time

Santa

CENTRAL

Next Meeting(s):

December 7th, Al & Laurie Pecks Home, 5:00 pm

January 5th, Bubba's Bar & Grill, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 7th, Chapter Christmas Party, 6:00 pm**BYOB and Potluck dish to share**

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

As you all may know, Bikerday at the State Capitol is coming up in March. Please make all efforts you can to be in attendance. And if you cannot attend, make sure you write your representatives so they know that even though you are not able to be there in person, that these are the issues that are very important to you!

As I write this, it is just getting done snowing... everything looks so pretty, but at the same time it is kind of sad, as I think

this might signal the end of riding season for a while. Either way it is still important that we do not just fade away during the winter and become complacent. It is more important than ever to keep fighting for our rights and make sure we are able to maintain our freedoms! So keep on writing your representatives and support A.B.A.T.E. in any way possible by attending meetings and fundraisers. If you ever want to know how to get more involved, feel free to come to a meeting. We are more than happy to answer your questions.

Be safe kids, we want to see each and every one of you at a meeting soon!

Chestica



SAND DUNES

Next Meeting(s):

December 10th, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:45 pm
January 21st, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:45 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 10th, Chapter Christmas Party, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, immediately after meeting
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Ho! Ho! Ho! You better not pout, you better not cry, I'm here to tell you why. Bikerday is coming! That's right Bikerday is coming! March 12th, get your time off forms and take the day "off", to be part of the VERY best day for our Biker FREEDOM. Last year's Bikerday was my first time and I was very impressed on how awesome of a job A.B.A.T.E. does for us. They provide a bus to ride down to the Capitol, not a school bus, a real nice touring bus, like a rock star! A.B.A.T.E. sets up a meeting time FOR YOU with your elected officials to meet them in their office! For that day, it truly is Bikerday, at a place we really need to be involved in. Biker rights are individual rights! If you have not noticed, our individual rights are being taken away with blazing fast speed, don't think so? Well, are you now



mandated by law to buy health insurance? Whereas if you do not, you face a penalty from the IRS? Huh, how'd that happen...? March 12th, take the day off to DEFEND YOUR FREEDOM!

The last Sunday meeting was great, no more Sunday meetings! Our next meeting is Tuesday the 10th of December, 6:45 pm at KJ'S in Orrock. This also will be our Christmas party; we will be having a gift exchange, \$10.00 limit. Just get something and come on out! Our new meeting schedule will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month, not the second, the THIRD Tuesday of the month! SO, after the December 10th, our next meeting will be January 21st, the third Tuesday of the month at KJ's in Orrock. To contact either the President or myself, you can simply email us: Dan's is larsondan@hotmail.com, mine is (Roger VP) rpsracing@aol.com. We would love to get a new email list going to keep you updated on the chapter, no junk from us. I already get over 30 junk emails a day. So we will respect your mailbox by not putting more crap in it, and we will not share your email either.

We will see you Tuesday, December 10th for our Christmas party at KJ's in Orrock. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Rockin' Roger

Rock Hard! Ride Free!
Sand Dunes VP

EAST CENTRAL

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Next Meeting(s):

December 1st, Hunters Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hello East Central!!

Merry Christmas!

The Annual Bikers for Children Toy Drive was a great success. I want to thank everyone for your participation and donation of toys and to the Hydrant Bar in Bethel for the use of their facility.

If you are like me you have HD and motorcycle related stuff everywhere. And probably the biker on your gift list does too. How about making a donation to Motorcycle PAC in their name? Maybe give them a membership to the MRF or even A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota. When you think about it you are giv-

ing them a great gift, the gift of fighting for freedom. Besides that Harley coffee mug would probably cost you \$50.00 so you are saving money in the long run.

In February we will be having the "Heart On" fundraiser. More info will be coming as details are worked out.

Do not forget to sign up for Bikerday at the Capitol.

Just a reminder if you are not getting your Road Noise or not getting emails of chapter minutes and events please email the chapter so we can get your correct email.

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



EAST CENTRAL FUNDRAISER

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Next Meeting(s):

December 5th, North Pole Bar, Raleigh Street, Duluth, 7:30 pm
January 2nd, North Pole Bar, Raleigh Street, Duluth, 7:30 pm
February 6th, North Pole Bar, Raleigh Street, Duluth, 7:30 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 7th, BPM MC Toys for Tots Christmas Party, Boondocks Bar, Forbes

December 7th, Themadones MC Winter Party
December 7th, Northwoods Riders MC Operation Rudolph Christmas Party, Greeney

December 14th, Duluth BPM MC Toys for Tots Christmas Party, Bedrock Bar, Duluth

December 14th, Thunderbird MC Christmas Raffle and Dance, River Inn, Scanlon

December 31st, Warlocks MC New Year's Eve Party

March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol

Hi all...I think I blinked and missed the summer...

brrr just not yet prepared for snow, but then again I never am.

Just a reminder to start planning ahead and take a day off for Bikerday at the Capitol. This year it will be held on Wednesday March 12th. Registrations must be in by February 28th. Please come and show your support.

We are looking for ideas for this year's Bunwarmer t-shirts and posters. Please send to Amy asap. This year's Bunwarmer will again be held at the River Inn in Scanlon. Tentative date is March 15th. Please start getting door and raffle prizes for the event.

Our chapter rep. Dale has put together an idea for a land acquisition fund so that A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota will have its own land for events such as the State Rally. Several ideas were mentioned; hopefully in the future this plan will gain enough support from our fellow chapters to move forward. He certainly has my support. I think this is long overdue. It's been a great success in Wisconsin and I think a positive step for Minnesota.

Stay warm...hope to see everyone soon at some of the winter events.

Peace...Lisa :)



EAST CENTRAL FUNDRAISER

JACK PINE RIDERS

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Next Meeting(s):

December 15th, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm
January 19th, Bears Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm
February 16th, Ringers Bar, Askov, 2:00 pm
March 16th, Beroun Saloon, Beroun, 2:00 pm
April 20th, Doc's Bar, Sturgeon Lake, 2:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

December 15th, Jack Pine Riders Annual Christmas Party, Cricket Bar, follows the meeting
March 12th, Bikerday at the State Capitol
April 25th - 27th, A.B.A.T.E. University, Alexandria

The Christmas Party food is potluck. Bring a dish to share if you like, or just come and enjoy.

There will be plenty of great dishes and cool refreshments. White elephant gift exchange is voluntary, and can be really

fun. If you like to participate, bring a cheap wrapped gift.

(Hint: gag gifts make it fun.) You do not need to be a Chapter member to attend, all are welcome.

The most important thing you can do as a biker is to attend Bikerday at the Capitol. Then make sure to get your reservations in for A.B.A.T.E. U. Reserve your room by contacting Marilyn at abateu@abatemn.org or 612-267-2194

I have A.B.A.T.E. U raffle tickets. Tickets are \$100.00 each. Four new motorcycles will be given away. 1st Prize is a new 2014 Indian Chief, 2nd HD Super Glide, 3rd HD Street Bob, and 4th Victory Vegas 8 Ball. The drawing will be held on April 26th at A.B.A.T.E. U. (winner need not be present) For more information contact any Chapter officer. Or call Bill @ 651-587-7625. Don't procrastinate, only 800 tickets will be sold and these bikes will be gone.

For updated Chapter/Events and information, log on to our website www.jackpineriders.org

Have a Merry Christmas

Unc.



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I hope everyone got some last minute riding in. Here's hoping all the deer hunters stay safe. Please keep talking about BIKERDAY AT THE CAPITOL March 12th at every meeting. This year we would like all the busses full, because hiring a bus for Bikerday is expensive. We know we are going to be facing a tough year with lawmak-

ers. Also keep talking about A.B.A.T.E U on April 25th - 27th. If you haven't been to A.B.A.T.E. U for a while or if you have never attended, you should go in 2014. BIKERDAY and A.B.A.T.E U are a lot of fun! Just talk to someone that has attended. In addition you have the opportunity to learn in a fun way.

Hope everyone had a safe and fun Thanksgiving and has a Merry Christmas. Be safe, stay warm, have fun and always be vigilant.

Tony Corporan

LOWER CORNER

Next Meeting(s):

December 8th, Strikers Corner, Stewartville, 1:00 pm (maybe)

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Lower Corner!

Three strikes and you are out. The September meeting had one member and two officers present. The President canceled the October meeting. Not everyone got the word. One member showed up to renew and instead wasted his time and money driving there. At the November meeting, that same member attended along with two others. Apathy is rampant.

There are forces acting to restrict our freedoms. At the state level, the high number of motorcycle deaths is fueling the mandatory helmet debate in 2013. A local issue, as reported in the Rochester Post Bulletin November 8th, is that Rochester bars and restaurants are being advised by the city police to deny access to people wearing clothing that displays affiliations to certain motorcycle clubs. A lawyer, for the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota, states that this discriminatory action by the establishments is a violation of Minnesota Statute 604.12. The police chief says his department is doing nothing wrong. Of course not!

March 12, is Bikerday at the Capitol. It IS worth the trip. Don't like talking to politicians? No problem. Someone in your group will lead it up and talking points are always handed out beforehand. The building is beautiful and filled with Minnesota history. You can see the portrait of Jesse Ventura with cigar in hand.

"To learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticize." Voltaire (year unknown)

TRI-COUNTY

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU CURVES.... LEAN INTO THEM!

Next Meeting(s):

December 3rd, Turtle's Bar, Shakopee, 7:00 pm

January 7th, Turtle's Bar, Shakopee, 7:00 pm

February 4th, Turtle's Bar, Shakopee, 7:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Our Christmas party will be held at our December meeting at Turtles! We will be having pizza at the location and bring some cookies or bars to share! If you would like to participate in our "White Elephant" gift exchange, please bring a wrapped inexpensive or crazy gift to exchange! This is a lot of fun and starts our New Year off with laughs and friendship! As we start the New Year lets each try to sign up one new member! Maybe even purchase a membership for a biker friend or family member or even someone you just met for a Christmas gift!

We have funds in our gambling account and will have to decide where to allocate them or it will be decided for us! We worked hard to gain these dollars, so let's figure out what organization we want to give those dollars to! Always read your Road Noise for current up to date events!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ger

FLATLANDERS

Next Meeting(s):

December 14th, Hiawatha Bar, Austin, 1:00 pm

January 25th, Albert Lea Moose Lodge, Albert Lea, 1:00 pm

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

March 15th, Flatlanders Chapter Chili Feed, Albert Lea Moose Lodge, Albert Lea

Greetings to all A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota members from the Flatlanders! A special thank you to Cali Davis and Arvilla Bye for coordinating the Flatlander hosting of the October B.O.D. They did an excellent job! In addition, thank you to all of the Chapter members that donated food, cash and time to make those in attendance feel welcome.

As another year is moving into the final quarter, I have been thinking about how much I am thankful for. Good friends surround me; a healthy family and I live in a country where I am free to speak my mind. During this time of year I am reminded to never take my friends, my health or my freedom for granted!

And until next month, "Living long depends on fate, living a fulfilled life depends on yourself."

Meghan Baumann



STRAIGHT RIVER

Upcoming Meeting(s):

December 14th, American Legion, Morristown, 1:00 pm

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

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Hey Straight Jackets,

Well another year is coming to a close. We had a great time at the Fall Bash and I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to help make this event a success. I would also like to thank Reggie's Brewhouse for hosting us. I was glad to see everyone there. I would like to remind everyone Bikerday at the Capitol on March 12th. Registration is available on line right now, so I hope you all can make it. As the year comes to a close, I would like to take this moment to thank all those who put in so many hours to make this a great year for us. Whether it was at the State Rally, the Party in the Park, or the Fall Bash, it is great to have such a wonderful group of hard working members. Looking forward to next year, let's make it an even better! As always we are looking for new members and volunteers to work various events. Most of all we need you! Our next meeting is December 14th at the American Legion in Morristown at 1:00 pm. Officers meet before at noon. Our January meeting is on the 11th back at Reggies Brewhouse in Owatonna at 1:00 pm. I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.

Ride/Drive safe. Pittsy

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Upcoming Meeting(s):

December 15th, Crossroads Bar & Grill, Randolph, 11:00 am

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

See you at Bikerday!

RIVER VALLEY

Next Meeting(s):

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

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

Upcoming Event(s):

March 12th, Bikerday at the Capitol

Our January Thaw dance is January 18th with the band Main Street. We need items for silent auction and grab bags.

We are splitting the bus for Bikerday at the Capitol with Rolling Prairie on March 12th - so please let Bob or Mike know if you are going.

Nita has \$100.00 tickets for A.B.A.T.E. U.

Don't forget your stabilizer.

Honda Bob and Mike



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December 1	East Central Chapter meeting, Hunter's Inn, Cedar, 11:00 am
	Northwest Chapter meeting, LB's Office, McIntosh, 2:00 pm
	Rolling Prairie Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, St. James, 4:00 pm
December 3	Tri-County Chapter meeting, Turtle's Bar, Shakopee, 7:00 pm, followed by the Chapter Christmas Party
December 4	South Central Chapter meeting and Christmas potluck, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
December 5	Northeast Chapter meeting North Pole Bar, Duluth, 7:30 pm
December 7	Gambling Committee meeting, Jim and Kristie Orn's home, Kimball, 10:00 am
	Buffalo Ridge Chapter meeting, Lyndwood Tex-Mex Bar & Grill, Lynd, 1:00 pm
	Glacial Ridge Chapter's Old Fashioned St. Nicholas Party, Rooney's, Sedan, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
	Lake Chapter meeting, Dave's Town Club, Delano, 3:00 pm
	Central Chapter meeting, Al and Laurie Peck's home, Sauk Rapids, 5:00 pm, followed by Chapter Christmas Party at 6:00 pm
	Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm
	Southwest Chapter meeting and Christmas Party, PD's Lodge, Rushmore, 6:00 pm
December 8	River Riders Chapter meeting, The Blacksmith, Hugo, 12:00 pm
	River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
	Lower Corner Chapter meeting, Striker's Corner, Stewartville, 1:00 pm
December 10	Borderland Chapter meeting, VFW, Roseau, 6:30 pm
	Sand Dunes Chapter meeting, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:45 pm, followed by the Chapter Christmas Party
	Metro Chapter meeting, Povlitzki's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm
December 13	Way West Chapter meeting, VFW, Madison, 7:30 pm, followed by the Chapter Christmas Party
December 14	Flatlanders Chapter meeting, Hiawatha Bar, Austin, 1:00 pm
	Straight River Chapter meeting, American Legion, Morristown, 1:00 pm
	Publications Committee meeting, Becky Hasslen's home, Buffalo, 3:00 pm
December 15	Mississippi Valley Chapter meeting, Crossroads Bar and Grill, Randolph, 11:00 am
	Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Cricket Bar, Rock Creek, 2:00 pm, followed by Chapter Christmas Party
December 19	North Star Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 7:00 pm
December 28	Freedom First Riders Chapter meeting, Elks Club, Alexandria, 6:00 pm, followed by the Chapter Christmas Party
January 2	Northeast Chapter meeting North Pole Bar, Duluth, 7:30 pm
January 3	Southwest Chapter meeting, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
January 4	Buffalo Ridge Chapter meeting, Lyndwood Tex-Mex Bar & Grill, Lynd, 1:00 pm
	Lake Chapter meeting, Choo Choo Restaurant & Bar, Loretto, 3:00 pm
	Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm
January 5	Central Chapter meeting, Bubba's Bar & Grill, Sauk Rapids, 12:00 pm
	Ways and Means Committee meeting, Ugly Bar, Montrose, 1:00 pm
	Northwest Chapter meeting, Chainsaw's Shop, St. Hilaire, 2:00 pm
January 7	Tri-County Chapter meeting, Turtle's Bar, Shakopee, 7:00 pm
January 8	South Central Chapter meeting, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
January 11	Benefit for Brian and Melissa Bottin, Mama G's, Evan, 12:00 pm
	Straight River Chapter meeting, Reggie's Brewhouse, Owatonna, 1:00 pm
	Rolling Prairie Chapter meeting, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm
January 12	River Riders Chapter meeting, The Blacksmith, Hugo, 12:00 pm
	River Valley Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Mankato, 12:00 pm
January 14	Metro Chapter meeting, Povlitzki's, Spring Lake Park, 7:00 pm
January 16	North Star Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 7:00 pm
January 17	Rally Committee meeting, Travelodge, Worthington, 6:00 pm
	Gambling Committee meeting, Travelodge, Worthington, 7:00 pm
January 18	A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota's Board of Directors meeting, Travelodge, Worthington, 9:00 am
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	Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Bear's Den, Bruno, 2:00 pm
January 21	Sand Dunes Chapter meeting, KJ's Refuge, Orrock, 6:45 pm
January 25	Flatlanders Chapter meeting, Moose Lodge, Albert Lea, 1:00 pm
	Freedom First Riders Chapter meeting, Leaf Valley Mercantile, Garfield, 6:00 pm



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February 1	Rolling Prairie Chapter meeting, Village Inn, LaSalle, 4:00 pm, followed by the Chapter Holiday Party
	Gambling Committee meeting, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo, 6:00 pm
	Glacial Ridge Chapter meeting, Rooney's, Sedan, 6:00 pm
	Lake Chapter's Grounded Hogs Party, Rockford Township Hall, Buffalo, 7:00 pm. Free food and beer while it lasts, live and silent auctions, music by Menace
February 4	Tri-County Chapter meeting, Turtle's Bar, Shakopee, 7:00 pm
February 5	South Central Chapter meeting, Bonfire Bar & Grill, Litchfield, 7:00 pm
February 6	Northeast Chapter meeting North Pole Bar, Duluth, 7:30 pm
February 7	Southwest Chapter meeting, Rushmore Community Center, Rushmore, 7:30 pm
February 8	Lake Chapter meeting, Chop's Bar & Grill, Hanover, 3:00 pm
February 14-16	28th Annual Lincoln Bike Show, presented by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska District 2, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE. More info: www.abatenedistrict2.com
February 16	Jack Pine Riders Chapter meeting, Ringer's Bar, Askov, 2:00 pm
February 20	North Star Chapter meeting, Eagles Club, Bemidji, 7:00 pm
February 22	Freedom First Riders Chapter meeting, Leaf Valley Mercantile, Garfield, 6:00 pm
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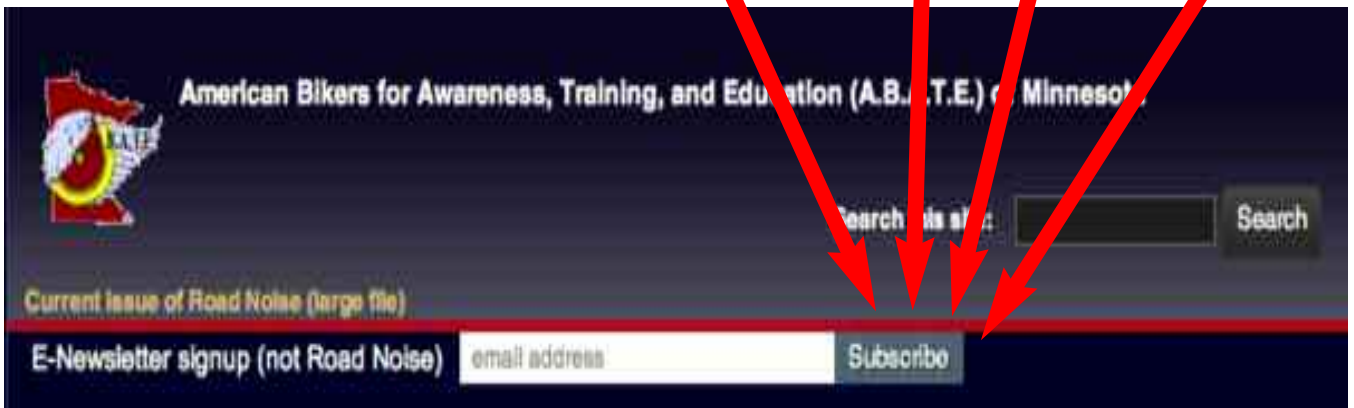
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