

ABATE of Nebraska Inc.

Right To Ride

May the road rise
up to meet you ...



A
Brotherhood
Against
Totalitarian
Enactments

March 2026

In this issue:

- Calendar of Events
- Contacts
- State News
- MRF update
- Winter riding tips
- PSA's good anytime

March
2026

RIGHT TO RIDE



Promoting Safety!
Safeguarding Rights!

ABATE of Nebraska Inc.

**To Those that Concede,
No Injustice is done. . .**

Ramblings from the Road ...

Every spring, motorcyclists feel the same surge of anticipation: longer days, warmer air, and the first ride that breaks the winter’s cabin fever. As riding season kicks off, St. Patrick’s Day offers a festive, community-minded backdrop.

Why this time matters? Late winter to early spring is when riders transition from storage and maintenance mode into active, regular riding. Well maybe not in Nebraska! ... Roads can still be unpredictable — cold snaps, leftover salt and sand, and changing traffic patterns all require extra attention. Starting the season deliberately helps prevent avoidable incidents and sets you up for a safer year on two wheels.

Quick pre-season checklist

- Tires: Check pressure and tread depth; look for cracking or flat spots from winter storage.
- Fluids: Replace or top off engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, and hydraulic fluids.
- Battery: Test charge and inspect terminals; many batteries weaken over winter.
- Brakes: Inspect pads, rotors, and lines for wear or leakage.
- Lights and signals: Ensure headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and horn work.
- Chain and sprockets: Clean, lubricate, and adjust tension.
- Suspension: Check for leaks and proper preload; ensure smooth travel.
- Fasteners: Tighten bolts and clamps, especially on handlebars and footpegs.
- Gear: Replace or refresh gloves, and protective layers suited to variable spring temps.

St. Patrick’s Day — a festive springtime tie-in St. Patrick’s Day (March 17) commemorates St. Patrick, the 5th-century missionary credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Over time it has evolved into a global celebration of Irish culture featuring parades, music, green attire, and community gatherings. For many riders and clubs, it’s also a popular date for charity rides, pub meetups, and group runs that launch social riding calendars.

Community and tradition The start of riding season is as much social as mechanical. Use early rides and St. Patrick’s gatherings to reconnect with your friends, meet new riders, and plan group events. Consider hosting a spring maintenance clinic, safety refresher, or charity run tied to St. Patrick’s Day to boost turnout and goodwill.

Final thought The transition from garage to open road is a moment to celebrate — but the best way to enjoy it is to prepare deliberately. A few hours of maintenance, conservative early rides, and mindful celebration on St. Patrick’s Day will help ensure a safe, fun, and memorable season ahead. “Sláinte agus” safe riding!

Newsletter
“Keep the shiny side up!”

Rogue
Todd C. Miller
ABATE of Ne. State Coordinator
402.440.8756

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2026

- 1 D12 Meeting Amateurs 2 CT
lunch 1230 CT
- 4 D11 Meeting The Rail Beatrice 730 pm
- 7 D15 Meeting Winside Wildcat bar and grill
- 15 D4 Meeting Shenanigans, Columbus 3pm

April 2026

- 1 D11 Meeting Otoe Spur Bar and Grill, Otoe 730 pm
- 4 D15 Meeting Hoskins 108
- 11 D4 830 am meeting Eagles Columbus
930 Triathlon Eagles in Columbus
- 18 D6 After tax run ... tbd

May 2026

- 2 D15 Keystone Plainview bike blessing
- 6 D11 Pawnee City ... ?
- 16 D11 Appreciation day district members only
- 30 D14 Bike show Elworth's Norfolk 11am
- D4 Meeting The Greenhorn, Stanton 3pm



RIGHT TO RIDE

Washington Contact Info

Senate

Deb Fischer

383 Russell

Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510

PH: 202-224-6551

www.fischer.senate.gov

Pete Ricketts

40D Dirksen

Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510

PH: 202-224-4224

<https://www.ricketts.senate.gov>

House of Representatives

District 1-Lincoln

Mike Flood

343 Cannon HOB

Washington, DC 20515

Phone: (202) 225-4806

District 2-Omaha

Don Bacon

1516 Longworth HOB

Washington, DC 20515

Phone: (202) 225-4155

Toll-Free: (888) 221-7452

<https://bacon.house.gov/>

Washington Contact Info

District. 3-All except Lincoln and Omaha

Adrian Smith

2241 Rayburn House Office

Washington DC 20515

PH: 202-225-6435

www.adriansmith.house.gov

www.abateofne.com

Where EVERYONE goes
to learn what's going on
with Motorcycling in the
state of Nebraska!

**SHARE
THE ROAD**



ABATE of NE, INC.



RIGHT TO RIDE

Contact Information

District Contacts:

District #2 Brad Nelson 402-580-0012
bradnelson84shovel@outlook.com

District #38 DJ Martinez 308-258-2815
whippedlilpimp@gmail.com

District #4 John Wombacher 402.366.5157
jwwombo@icloud.com

District #6 Roger Ites 402-541-3985
Rogerites@gmail.com

District #7 David Stuelpnagel 402.363.3059
Davesfriends@gmail.com

District #11 David Duensing
davidduensing@gmail.com

District #12 Brad Dinnel 308.883.0357

District #13 Steve Benzel 308.760.4395
sdbenzel@bbc.net

District #14 Don Gerdes 402-360-0102

District #15 Caleb Bierman 402-750-2520
calebbierman0@gmail.com

State Coordinator

Todd C. Miller
1740 NW 54th St, Lincoln, NE 68528
402.440.8756
roguetc@aol.com

Assistant State Coordinator

John Wombacher
402.366.5157
jwwombo@icloud.com

State Membership Secretary

Sheri Miller
402.489.0651 State office
402.440.2705 cell
NEharleygirl@aol.com

State Recording Secretary

Maggie Cool
521 F Street Geneva, NE 68361
402.366.4883
msmaggie@windstream.net

State Treasurer

Julia Wombacher
615 West Pine Street, Shelby NE 68662
402.366.1789
juwombacher@hotmail.com
Julia.wombacher@bd.com

PAC fund Coordinator

Open position

State Legislative Officer

Open position

State MRF Representative

Brad Nelson
402-580-0012
bradnelson84shovel@outlook.com

State Newsletter Editor / Webmaster

Open Position - Contact Todd

State Safety and Awareness Officers

Open Position—Training and Recruitment

State Social Media Officer

Open position— contact Todd



RIGHT TO RIDE

SHARE THE ROAD INSTRUCTORS

Get a hold of anyone of these great folks to get a 1 HOUR presentation set up for your group or organization.

Todd Miller-roguetc@aol.com. D2

Randy Geer-all4geers@gmail.com. D2

Jerry Thompson-blacksheep2213@gmail.com. D3

Damon Wallace-str_dw Wallace@yahoo.com. D15

Bruce Hoferer- leftalonewolf@yahoo.com D15

Instructors desperately needed

If you wish to become a Share the Road presenter, contact the State Office We need more instructors!



Nebraska Motorcycle Rider Training Sites and Info

Nebraska Motorcycle Safety Training

Sarpy County Law Enforcement Center (L.E.C.)
(N.E. corner of Hwy 370 and 84th St.)
1208 Golden Gate Drive
Papillion, NE 68005
Contacts: Pam Marek, [402-593-1564](tel:402-593-1564)
Website: www.sarpy.com/sheriff/safetyprogram/
Register on-line at <http://stop.sarpy.com>

Central Community College - Hastings Campus,

550 S. Technical Blvd
Hastings, NE 68901
Contact: [402-461-2441](tel:402-461-2441), [1-877-222-0780](tel:1-877-222-0780) Ext 2441
Email: joybronson@cccneb.edu, rlurk@cccneb.edu
Website: www.cccneb.edu/Motorcycle

Nebraska Motorcycle Rider Training Sites and Info *Cont'd*

Nebraska Safety Center

University of Nebraska - Kearney
227E West Center Building, UNK Campus
Kearney, NE 68849
Contact: [308-865-8256](tel:308-865-8256) or [1-800-854-7867](tel:1-800-854-7867) Ext. 2
Email: motorcycle@unk.edu
Website: www.unk.edu/motorcycle

Nebraska Safety Council

3720 Folkways Blvd Ste. 201
Lincoln, NE 68504
Contact: Barb Prochaska, [402-483-2511](tel:402-483-2511) ext 113
Email: bprochaska@nesafetycouncil.org
Website: <https://www.nesafetycouncil.org/index.php/driving/motorcycle-training>

Southeast Community College-Lincoln Campus

8800 O St.
Lincoln, NE 68520
Contact: Continuing Education, [402-437-2700](tel:402-437-2700)
Email: continuinged@southeast.edu
Website: www.southeast.edu/

Frontier Harley Davidson

205 NW 40th St.
Lincoln, NE 68528
Contact: Tara, [402-466-9100](tel:402-466-9100)
Email: Tarac@frontierhd.com

Northeast Community College

801 E. Benjamin Ave
Norfolk, NE 68702-0469
Contact: donnaa@northeast.edu, [402-844-7216](tel:402-844-7216)
Website: www.northeast.edu/

Mid-Plains Community College

11 Halligan Dr
North Platte, NE 69101
Contact: Kendrick Marshall, [308-535-3614](tel:308-535-3614)
Email: marshalk@mpcc.edu

Western Iowa Tech Community College

Box 5199
Sioux City, IA 51102-5199
Contact: Call [1-712-274-6449](tel:1-712-274-6449) to schedule a the Basic Motorcycle Riders Course
Website: www.witcc.com/ (Course information is only available by a phone call)

Dillon Brothers Harley-Davidson

3838 N. HWS Cleveland Blvd
Omaha, NE 68116
Contact: Mark Howie, [402-289-5556](tel:402-289-5556)
Website: www.dillonharley.com

RIGHT TO RIDE

Assistant State Coordinator

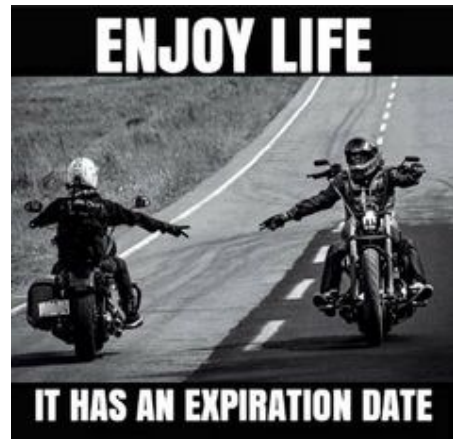
Wombo's Wanderings

This winter has been very mild- had nice days for riding- Just be careful out there! We went to the Rat'sNest Christmas party. Glad we went as you just don't know how much time you have with someone! Our area districts lost a great soul, she will be greatly missed by all of us that had the opportunity to know her. Our district also lost a kind elderly member ,Jeni Sprague When we had meetings in Madison. She would make up food and desserts so we could eat after meetings. So when she found out that I was diagnosed with diabetes she started making sugar free desserts.

District 4 had their yearly soup feed in Columbus Eagles Club. It was very good turn out. We were able to sell all of the raffle tickets printed. A member of our district had a quilt made for Jenny O. this year. it was something new for us. The gentleman who came to the club to open for us won the TV and Gypsy Sprague won the 50/50 and donated back Thank you. Don't forget the D-4 Triathlon is in April on the 11th at the Eagles Club in Columbus.

ABATE had BOD in Lincoln Sunday and was held at the First Avenue ballroom. For those of you that didn't attend you missed out on some tasty Barbeque with the fixings! The next day Monday was Lobby Day at the Capital .Thank you to the members who were able to attend. Our meeting with Senator Hughes was in the rotunda before she went on the floor. Went with members of District 7 to Senator Brants office for a nice visit. I got the opportunity to talk to our lobbyist Rogert in the rotunda. Until next month.

Wombo
Assistant State Coordinator



State Legislative Report

As you all know Randy has stepped down as Legislative officer and plans to retire and move to Iowa ... poor guy. This means we are short handed to vet candidates ... and honestly it should be done locally by all of you ... I'm saying I need your help to find out whom is running in your area and start feeling them out ... go to town halls, parades or any venue they are pumping for votes and chat with them .. I can easily pull up lists of names but does me no good without a stake in the game ... I can only affect the outcome of my senator, only one I can vote for anyway ... so lets all step up and be legislative officers and if someone wants to come on board and help coordinate and put all the data together ... get in touch with me asap.

Rogue

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

District 2

February 8, 2026 ABATE minutes

Call to order 4:03 pm

Minutes from January read by Brad- Randy motions, Steph 2nd motion carries.

Financial Report read by Steph Opening balance is ??? We paid \$50 for First Avenue membership renewal. There was a charge for \$778.45 for Hog Wild BOD dinner. There was a deposit of \$2.13 for interest leaving an ending balance of \$.

CD is valued at \$???

Randy motions, Heather 2nd, motion carries.

Membership report read by Steph 120 active, inactive 170.

Todd motions, Heather 2nd motion carries.

Bike Show Report-Todd/Sheri

Met with LPD because of substation there. It went well and they are good with us doing our own security. Check in is going to be a little messy with mud spots so we will enter on the North side this year. Entrepreneurship idea did not come through because they don't have enough time. Taping is the Wednesday before at 6pm. Appreciation party will have a sign up sheet instead of invite cards. It will be March 1, 12pm here at 1st Avenue.

Steph motioned, Randy 2nd, motion carries.

Leg Report read by Brad-Lobby day is January 26th. There was 25 ABATE members that came. Property taxes is the biggest issue right now. Hands free bill is another huge issue and State Farm reached out to Todd and Todd agreed we would support the no hands bill. Missouri is introducing bill to bring back helmets.

Todd motions, Heather 2nd, motion carries.

Safety and Awareness

Fatalities- 0 Motorcycles, 2 pedestrians, 0 ATV, 1 train.

Database on Fatal crashes-send to Todd or Brad.

Share the Road-Looking for volunteers and presenters for all our safety and awareness programs. .

Heather motions, Steph 2nd motion carries

MRF- Euroepen motorcycle policies are raising red flags. Red belt timeline, Brad has.

STEAM will be in Alexandria MN March 20-22th.

Heather motion, Steph 2nd motion carries.

Old Business-

Heartland STEAM April 2-3 2027.

Looking for volunteers for bike show contact Brad, Todd S, or Steph. Julia has an email database to coordinate STEAM 2027.

Heather motion, Randy 2nd motion carries

New Business-

Elections are coming up in July for State and District. That includes bike show coordinator.

Super run March 8 at the ding next month..

Easter Egg Hunt-April 5th, we will need to get ahold of Frontier to see if they would like us to participate this year. Sheri will look into it and if not we could always find somewhere else to do it April 4th or the weekend before, March 29th.

Stephanie proposes to send some people to STEAM.

Jesse motions, Steph 2nd Motion carries.

March 8, 4:00 pm next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.



District 3/8—No Report

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

District 4

Hello

We didn't have a December meeting as we had an early January 17th meeting and Chili Soup Fundraiser later in January 24th

In our meeting we went over the general agenda

Moment of silence

Pledge was said

Meeting minutes and treasury reports read

Memberships report given

MRF updates

BOD January 25th 4pm in Lincoln at 1st Ave Bar and Lounge

Lobby Day 8 am State Capital January 26th 2026 meeting set up for Senator Hughes and Senator Brandt

Went over final details of chili feed

Soups desserts table ware microphone system who is doing what jobs

Meeting adjourned

Our Chili Soup Fundraiser was well attended

Clint and Cassie headed up the front gate

with smiles while handing out soup ballets and door prize tickets for everyone joining us for the evening

11 different types of soups along with desserts and cinnamon rolls were tasty

We added something new -Soup contest -Greg Moravec won

The crowd rally around as the life auction came to life

We can not thank Summer Brenda Kellie including everyone who helped

take on the tasks for checking and double checking to make sure every item had a description card filled out

Lots of fun with the events of bidding wars and such

We sold all 500 large Raffle tickets! That was fantastic to experience

We had the fantastic Jeanette and Stan running the raffle ticket rollers and pulling tickets

We had Sarah and Shelby handling the 50/50 like champs, and they did great! He has a very long arm span to spend \$20 ☺

Gypsy was the winner of the 50/50 and he donated back to District 4 ! Wow and Thank you Gypsy

Brenda Maggie Kellie Crystal getting the bidding information taken care of as the Auctioneer helpers Greg Scott Rob kept the items moving

Justin Preston and Garret took care of the door prizes to insure we had some smiling faces

The clean up crew along with Preston Maggie Jan Justin was fantastic -nothing was left undone

This is becoming a fun event, not just a job to get done so we can say we had an event .

District 4 members getting the support of other ABATE of Nebraska districts

along with the local community support we would have and event that many look forward to going to and bringing a family and friends for a fun evening .

Thank you goes to everyone !

If I left someone out -it is not on purposewe will make it right

Julia Wombacher

District 4 Secretary /

ABATE of NE State Treasurer

4023661789



District 5 —Inactive! Anyone interested in getting this district going again?

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

District 6

Date: February 1, 2026

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.
Reminder to Sign In

Treasures Report: ???

Membership Report: Active 185 Inactive 77 New Business New members

EVENTS

Lincoln Bike Show – Feb 20-22nd, 84th & Havelock (Old Lancaster Events Center)

D6 March Meeting – Jack Place in Elkhorn 1PM, March 1

D6 After Taxes Run – April 18, time and location TBD



Old Business:

Get with our membership secretary. Review inactive list and call your friends.
Shirts – We have shirts in inventory from rodeo

New Business:

Rodeo –

June 27 at Defiance, we will have Rodeo, Bike show, raffles, 50/50, sell food
Prime Time Pickers from Bellevue have been booked. \$500, will meet with HD for cost split
AR15 raffle a .223 Radical Arms \$550, need raffle tickets
Need to solicit vendors for donations regarding the raffles
Volunteers
Discussed possible second Charity – Veterans National Cemetery, vote next month

ABATE Memberships –

D6 voted and approved increase in dues by \$5 for regular memberships. No word from State if that will move forward.
D6 voted that all honorary members pay regular dues. Vote was rejected.
Pam Shields awarded her free membership for recruitment activities.

State:

Need a state legislation coordinator. As well, District 6 needs one.
Fatalities 2024 31 2025 21 Are we in the clear?
Lobby Day was Jan 26 – 2 in attendance

Saddlebag Account: \$30 to Carl Akerman who was not present. Loser.

50/50 Raffle: \$63 to Dan Conant.





District 7

Jack called the February 7 2026 meeting to order at The Fairmont Legion- he asked all to stand for a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters and those serving overseas and remain standing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasures Report- General fund- ???

Membership Report- 140 Active- 48 Inactive- Maggie announced Dee sold 5 new membership last year and presented her with her membership card- Legislative Report- Several members went to the Capital for Lobby day and met with Tom Brandt and Jana Hughes they had great meetings with both of them- Tom Brandt asked us to get to know both of the candidates that are running for his spot. .There are no bills that we have our eye on- at BOD meeting it was voted to retain Lobbyist.. this Legislative session is a short one.

BOD Report - Both Todd and Sheri will be stepping down- John is running for Todd's position- need someone for Sheri's ,RTR and Webpage.. Next BOD meeting is April 19th 11:15 at The Chicken Coop in Kearney

MRF Report- Jack put a multipage article on our Facebook page.. MRF has a partnership with ABATE on the national level-funding highway bills- autonomous vehicle ..right to repair and making sure independent shops have proper tools. May is Bikers in the Beltway in Washington. Meeting of the Minds in Milwaukee in September...the hands free bill LB594 is a primary offense.. MRF sent out postcards to update your beneficiary .

Inventory Report- still have 27 signs left- Curt made a motion for if a NEW member signs up they pay \$30.00-\$25.00 for membership and \$5.00 they get a sign- total of \$30.00- David 2nd- all were favor

Safety and Report- Karla said she emailed the scholarship forms to area high schools- the counselors told her they appreciated it. also got some to courthouses.. she stated with the nice weather to watch gravel and salt. and inspect bike for maintenance .

Heartland STEAM- it was reminded to all we voted to pay \$250.00 per couple to go- 1 night and registration is what this covers.. Lori looked up the classes that will be offered and read them off.

Meat Raffle- tickets will be available for sale at March meeting- we have to make monthly deposits so it was said that when you sell tickets bring money and tickets to monthly meetings so this can be done.

Lincoln Bike Show- District 2 is still needing help with security .front desk and booth

Toy Run Chili Feed Proposals were asked for- the only proposal was from Fairmont Legion-what they offered is as follows- 30 pack or bottle per month for a beer raffle- asking if you are going to take more that 1 at a time to give them 2 weeks notice- use of the hall

and Kitchen- provide entertainment- provide all paper products- crockpots for use- help set up & tear down- rides offered home in a 20 mile radius- looking into camper parking- Kevin ha room for 2- looking for and auctioneer- - David motion we accept this proposal-

Lori 2nd- all were in favor- Fairmont Legion will host the Toy run Chili Feed for 2026 & 2027

Dee asked if Fairmont Legion would still get Taco b- after discussion it was decided to send out letters to open it up to Supporting Businesses- Maggie will get letters sent out and we will vote on this at the May Awareness Run Meeting- Steve 1st- Karla 2nd- all were in favor

Open discussion- Lori talked about a 1st aid class South Dakota does provided by Road Guardians- there is a beginners and advanced- its a 1day class basic First aid for Trauma- she asked if we would be interested in her check on getting it to Nebraska- cost is \$25.00-the group asked her to get more information and bring to next Meeting- this class is is open to anyone that wants to take it..

50/50 won by Kathy Kahler- Motion to adjourn meeting- Ken 1st-- David 2nd meeting adjourned



District 9 and 10 —Inactive! Anyone interested in getting this district going again?

District 11

Abate Of Ne District 11

District 11 Meeting, Feb. 4th, 2026 7:30PM

Michael J's 831 W. Court St. Beatrice Ne. 402-230-3065

American Bikers Aiming Toward Education

Call to Order; (Jeff)

Cell phones on vibrate or off

Pledge of allegiance; **(Gypsy)** recited by the 10 members per the sign in sheet.

Moment of Silence-Lost Brothers/Sisters

Opening Statements: (David)

Welcome

Coordinator Report: David; The Checking account payments remain the same. Since 2004 Motorcycle accidents down. State encouraging Districts to add whom the donations are going to in their fund raisers. All events sent separately via email, not with minutes. April is the even numbered areas that will have voting, Todd stepping down any nominations send to David Duensing. Sheri stepping down, all nominations accepted before April 2026. David has the D11 letters to members almost completed ready to send.

Acknowledgments: David stated thanks to all, for suggestions and continued support.

- **Previous monthly minutes;** Gypsy: Previous minutes January 7th, 2026 Motioned to accept & carried & approved.

Reports:

Treasurer Report; (Vicki) Come to meetings to hear.

Membership Report; (Doug) 63 active, 43 inactive, 4 renewals due.

Merchandise Report; (Gypsy) No sales no report.

Legislative Report; (Brad) Steam March 20 & 22nd. Nothing motorcycle related at this time, LB594 Distracted driving, increasing penalties, going to primary.

Old Business; process of Joining MRF. District 11 planed out more for **5-16-2026 Appreciation Day,**

New Business; it was approved to send David's message to Facebook members to offer up venues to have event, for two weeks, Venues calculated and brought to next meeting, to select a venue. \$100.00 motioned & accepted for budget for supplies at venue.

Adjourned: 8:11 PM. Motioned to adjourn, Carried & Accepted.

March 4th The Rail 212 Court St. Beatrice, Ne. 402-228-9857

April 1st. Otoe Spur Bar & Grill 413 Main St, Otoe, Ne. 402-265-3064

May 6th- Possibly Pawnee City (Still waiting on Confirmation)

Abate District 11 Meetings are at 7:30 PM the first Wednesday of each Month unless Holiday/inclement weather, then would move to the next Wednesday.

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

District 12

So there I was; Feb 1st out soaking up the sun & mild weather with my therapist. The local motocross track is 4 miles from my house, it was busy with Bigs and littles getting their therapy in too. I had to stop for a while & chat everyone up. Life is good.

Mid February as of this writing and we still have mild weather out West. Enjoy if you are able.

Dist. 12 Will be taking nominations for officers as our 2 year term is coming to a close.

Heidi would like to retire as secretary. She has been a vital part of this officer team for 6 years and part of this family for the past 8 years. If you are interested in filling this position please join us in the next few meetings.

Lots going on with everyone's health as we are going through life. Physical and mental. Please keep everyone in your prayers and reach out to help as you are able.

Hog raffle will be kicking off in March. If you would like to sell/purchase tickets please get a hold of me. Drawing will be held Saturday, June 6th at our annual spring membership drive poker run.

Speed safely as we continue to Move Forward- Brad



ABATE of Nebraska Dist 12

58 likes • 296 followers



District 13- No report

Members: Get on your district reps ... if they are not providing you with news ask them why?

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

District 14

MEETING MINUTES	
ABATE of Nebraska District 14	
Location:	Ratsnest Cycles
Date:	Thursday, February 12 th
Time:	7 pm

Reports

Secretary – Jenna Hatfield, copies provided

Membership – Jenna Hatfield

As of February 1st, 47 active members, 69 inactive

Up for renewal: Roudhouse Lounge, The Mint Bar

Grant Ahlman would be interested in being in charge of membership

Motorcycle deaths are down, walking pedestrian deaths are up, 2024 was 31 motorcycle deaths, 2025 was 18 motorcycle deaths

Continue to keep an eye on ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) bills as well as Right to Repair

Next BOD meeting is April 19th in Kearney at the Chicken Coop

Coordinator – Don Gerdes – BOD update

STEAM 2016 is March 20th-22nd in Alexandria, MN, STEA 2027 in Grand Island

Voted to keep a lobbyist

Lincoln Bike Show is February 20th-22nd

Elections are coming up, timeline is as follows, April-nominations, May-accept/decline, June-vote, July-transition

Assistant Coordinator – Cyrus Ahlman

D14 Bike Show date set for May 30th at Elworth Motor Co., with after party at Don’s place, more details to come

Closing Remarks

Future Meetings

Thursday, March 12th at The Mint Bar in Norfolk, 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 9th at Ratsnest Cycles, 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm



District 15– No report

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

District 14

02-07-26 @ The Bowling Alley, Osmond

Meeting called to order at 2:14 with 20 members present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for those in the military and our fallen brothers and sisters.

Agenda

Secretary report - Cindy

Minutes from the December meeting were read by Cindy. We did not have a January meeting due to the dice run. Dice run winners were Brent Fox with low hand and Kim Dettmer with the high hand. Secretary report approved.

Treasurer- Sarah

Sarah reviewed the current balances and bills that have been paid including the bills for 2 memorial gifts. Treasurer report approved.

Membership- Bruce

Reviewed businesses that are currently up for renewal and members that are also on the renewal list. Discussed trying to have summer rides to the businesses that are further away. We still do not have anywhere in South Sioux City signed up. Membership report approved.

Inventory- Jo-Dee

Stocking hats have been received for the chili feed. The hats were donated from Battle Creek T-shirt Company. Make sure to thank them for supporting ABATE. We will highlight them on our Facebook page.

Discussed memorial patches that will be ordered. Inventory report approved.

Public Relations Diane

Diane reported memorials were sent for Summer Ahlman's and Dennis Rogby's funerals. Diane reviewed other dates of upcoming events Feb 20,21,22 Bike show Lincoln

February 21 James Painter benefit Hoskins

February 28th Chili Feed Charlies Pierce

We will need grab bag prizes, food items, and auction items. Sarah will order sacks for grab bags. Make sure to bring your food hot.

Announced birthday and anniversaries for the month. Public relations approved.

Safety Awareness- Liz

Lizzie reviewed getting bike ready to ride for the season, making sure to check wheel bearings, brakes, and tires. Reminded us to help protect each other and point out possible issues on other member's bikes. Watch out for gravel on the streets right now. Safety awareness report approved

MRF Dave-

Continued to encourage membership. Still can not renew from the I phone. Renewal has to be on the computer or android phone Right to repair bill is still something we need to be aware of. Rider behavior causes most of crashes. MRF report approved

Legislative - Nate

Nate will be our legislative officer. We do not currently know of any bills that will directly affect us. Legislative report approved.

Assistant Coordinator Nate-

Nate encouraged us to support other districts and their events. District 14 has a meeting at Rat Nest Cycles on Feb 12th.

Assistant Coordinator report approved.

Coordinator- Caleb

Caleb reviewed the recent BOD meeting. District 15 had good attendance at the meeting. State membership numbers are down. Encouraged attendance at Steam. Discussed 2025 motorcycle related deaths and problems with people being underinsured or no insurance. Reviewed that not everyone on a motorcycle has a motorcycle endorsement. Try to get pictures of our events / activities so we can send them to the state.

We will need help setting up, organizing and running the chili feed. This includes everyone, not just the officers. We continue to have a lobbyist watching for any bills that would impact us. Discussed LB 594 concerning cell phone use while driving. April 19 will be BOD meeting with nominations for officers. Discussed group text to help keep members that do not utilize Facebook updated on our events.

Set up upcoming meeting locations for the next few months.

March 7th Winside Wildcat Bar and Grill, April 4th Hoskins 108, May 2nd Keystone Plainview Bike blessing

Coordinator report approved

Old Business—None

Meeting adjourned at 3:44.

Secretary, Cindy Fox

RIGHT TO RIDE

News From Around the STATE!

Caleb's Corner

Hey All, I got my article done! This is one of those things that you remember to do a week after it was due. It's almost halfway through February as I'm writing this. It's supposed to get up to 70 today. Nate and I are going to try to take off a little early and see if we can get a little time behind bars. I'm usually a little depressed this time of year from lack of riding. This year has been horrible. District 15 has lost two great members in 2026. We are all Brothers and Sisters in Abate. Losing two family members is tough. I'm here if anyone needs to talk.



Make sure you are looking those bikes over before you take off to the dirty, gravel-filled streets. Remember, cagers are NOT used to seeing us! Don't get run off the road. Expect the intersections to be filthy. Take your time and ride safe. We have already lost two this year! I'm going to go look my ride over. Until next time.

Caleb Bierman

News From Your MRF SSMRO Rep!

This year presents a rare and powerful opportunity for motorcyclists across the country. We have the chance to advance **7 of the MRF's 12 legislative agenda items** into the upcoming Highway Bill. This is no small achievement. The Highway Bill is only voted on once every five years, and success here would put motorcyclists in a far stronger position for the next half decade.

Working closely with our lobbyist, **Rocky Fox**, we have identified **21 key decision-makers** (list next page) whose support could make all the difference. Now is the time for action. I am asking each of you to engage at the state level and reach out to these individuals to help bring them on board—supporting and pushing this Highway Bill forward in 2025.

This is where our strength truly shows. When we stand together, speak with one voice, and take action, **we are impossible to ignore**. Together, we make the difference—and together, we can ensure motorcyclists are heard loud and clear in this critical legislation.

At Bikers Inside the Beltway this May, this effort will be our top priority. If you are able to attend, your presence will help show Washington who we are, what we stand for, and what a united motorcycling community can accomplish.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the MRF and for supporting those who work tirelessly to protect the rights, safety, and future of motorcyclists everywhere.

None on the list are from Nebraska ...

Sincerely,

Traci Beurivage and Brick Lindsey

Traci Beurivage
MRF Board of Directors SSMRO Rep

President New Hampshire Motorcyclists'
Rights Organization





RIGHT TO RIDE

MRF News from the Capital

BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY
A New Highway Bill Will Arrive This Year!

Congress Is Writing the Highway Bill—Will Motorcyclists Be in the Room?

The next federal highway bill is already moving—and if motorcyclists are not physically present in Washington, decisions will be made without us.

House Transportation & Infrastructure Chairman Sam Graves has made it clear: a surface transportation reauthorization bill is coming fast. Committees begin work within weeks, floor action is expected this spring, and the Highway Trust Fund is on the brink. New revenue sources, new priorities, and new risks for riders are all on the table right now.

This is not a theory.
This is not “someday.”
This is happening before September 30 — and Congress is already negotiating.

That is exactly why Bikers Inside the Beltway 2026 matters more than ever.

May 18-19, 2026, | Washington, D.C. | Embassy Suites, Alexandria, Virginia, 800-362-2779 | Group Reference code “MRF”

While lawmakers debate funding formulas, infrastructure priorities, and “modernization,” motorcyclists cannot afford to be invisible. History proves it: if riders are not in the room, our safety, access, and freedom get traded away quietly.

The House will act first. The Senate follows soon after. Both chambers are signaling major changes—and they are actively looking for voices to justify their decisions. Those voices need to be ours.

Bikers Inside the Beltway is where motorcyclists:

Sit face-to-face with members of Congress and staff

Demand fair treatment in federal highway policy

Defend motorcycling access, safety, and rider rights

Remind Washington that we vote, we organize and we show up

If you care about the future of motorcycling in America, this is not optional.

Mark your calendar. Make your travel plans. Bring your voice.

Congress is writing the rules of the road. Be there when it happens.



What a novel idea ... I have asked for articles from all of you and generally don't see much and I wonder why. I post the ones I do get articles pictures and upcoming events. I am asking again, if you have something to say that you think is not getting to the masses send it to me I'll get it in the right to ride for publication. Make your voices heard, you want something changed and cannot get it done locally throw your idea in the right to ride.

“To those that concede, No Injustice is done”

RIGHT TO RIDE

Chrome Supporting Businesses

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St.
2	INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS	402-989-4795	120 WASHINGTON	CLATONIA	NE
2	TAB PERFORMANCE, INC	888-822-0070	4840 DORIS BAIR CIRCLE SUITE B	LINCOLN	NE
10% off our entire website: www.tabperformance.com					
6	JACK'S PLACE	402-289-3633	1818 N 203RD ST	ELKHORN	NE
\$2.75 beer M-Thur w/ ABATE card					
7	FORNEY CYCLE & FAB LLC	402-643-5400	925 DIMERY AVENUE	BEAVER CROSSING	NE
10% off labor w/ ABATE card - www.forneycycle.com					
11	THE OTOE SPUR BAR & GRILL	402-265-3064	413 MAIN STREET	OTOE	NE
10% Off final bill w/ ABATE card					
11	THE SHED WEDDING VENUE	402-540-2429	22500 S 176TH STREET	ADAMS	NE
20% discount on venue rental to ABATE members					
11	THE CHOP SHOP	402-432-1454	708 3RD STREET	HUMBOLDT	NE
10% off all retail merchandise w/ABATE card					
15	SILVER CIRCLE BAR	402-387-9951	147 N MAIN STREET	AINSWORTH	NE
50 CENTS OFF BEER WITH ABATE CARD					
15	THE MAX AGAIN	402-375-9817	109 MAIN ST	WAYNE	NE
FREE FRIES WITH SANDWICH PURCHASE (WITH ABATE CARD)					
15	SEWING BY BETH	402-371-8653	109 S 2ND ST	NORFOLK	NE
SEW ON ONE PATCH GET A 2ND FREE WITH ABATE CARD					
15	BACKROAD BAR B Q	402-254-7262	55698 898 ROAD	SAINT HELENA	NE
\$1 off beer and mixed drinks for ABATE members					

See the website if you are interested in becoming a Chrome business ... The only requirement is to be a supporting business and offer some discount or benefit to our members upon showing their ABATE membership

If You cannot

Act Now!

You Cannot

Act Surprised

When nothing

Changes!



RIGHT TO RIDE

Supporting Businesses

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
2	1ST AVENUE LOUNGE	402-560-1153	2310 N 1ST AVENUE	LINCOLN	NE
2	ACROSS THE TRAX	402-988-2141	633 MAIN STREET	ADAMS	NE
2	BOBS TRIKE SHOP	531-500-0190	3711 ADAMS STREET	LINCOLN	NE
2	BROCK LAW OFFICES PC LLO	402-467-3303	770 N COTNER BLVD #324	LINCOLN	NE
2	GREASY GARAGE	402-326-4146	3801 N 42ND STREET	LINCOLN	NE
2	ONE MORE BAR	402-601-2316	836 N 70TH	LINCOLN	NE
2	THE DING	402-783-2555	14630 1ST STREET	RAYMOND	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	ST
38	BANANA RAMS BAR	402-694-9363	206 MAIN STREET	HORDVILLE	NE
38	DOME LOUNGE	308-237-3404	PO BOX 1774	KEARNEY	NE
38	LUCKY DUCK BAR & LOUNGE	308-390-4098	718 HIGHWAY 30, SUITE B	GIBBON	NE
38	PEACOCK LOUNGE	402-418-4119	2430 N BROADWELL	GRAND ISLAND	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
4	402 CUSTOM CYCLES & POWDER COATING	402-910-7576	2319 11TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	AWARD AND ENGRAVING	402-910-0130	2512 13TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	BO'S WEST	402-564-7737	3720 23RD STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	COLUMBUS FOE #1834	402-564-3361	3205 12TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	J AND C AVENUE	531-230-1836	1061 26TH AVENUE	COLUMBUS	NE
4	MICEK'S BAR	402-564-3093	2506 12TH STREET	COLUMBUS	NE
4	MONROE TAVERN	402-495-3375	410 GERRARD AVENUE	MONROE	NE
4	SHENANIGANS	402-562-7900	3808 E 23RD ST	COLUMBUS	NE
4	THE GREENHORN	402-640-5526	919 IVY ST	STANTON	NE
4	THE PLAINVIEW NEWS	402-851-0009	508 WEST LOCUST	PLAINVIEW	NE
4	WHISKEY RIVER SALOON	402-454-6600	209 S MAIN STREET	MADISON	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	ST
5	TIN LIZZY TAVERN	402-727-7677	1682 E 23RD AVE	FREMONT	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
6	2 GALS AND A SHOP	402-810-1548	1308 GALVIN ROAD	BELLEVUE	NE
6	A & N ENTERPRISE	402-618-4888	210 B WEST 23RD AVENUE	BELLEVUE	NE
6	DEFIANCE HARLEY DAVIDSON	402-331-0022	4940 S 72ND STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	DILLON BROTHERS HARLEY	402-289-5556	3838 CLEVELAND BLVD	OMAHA	NE
6	DORNECKER FLOORING LLC	402-558-6734	2028 N 63RD STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	GEORGE'S TAVERN	402-426-9055	114 N 16TH	BLAIR	NE
6	GRANT STREET BAR & GRILL	402-391-7090	8919 GRANT ST	OMAHA	NE
6	HAROLDS BAR	402-981-1614	8558 BLONDO	OMAHA	NE
6	HEMATOMA FIGHT WEAR	402-618-4888	8404 Q STREET	OMAHA	NE
6	J DUBS HANGOUT BAR & GRILL	402-991-6994	15408 S 2ND STREET	BENNINGTON	NE
6	KING INSURANCE INC	402-597-5224	11326 Q ST	OMAHA	NE
6	STEVE SLADEK INSURANCE AGENCY	402-330-8911	13818 U STREET	OMAHA	NE

RIGHT TO RIDE

Supporting Businesses

6	THE FORGOT STORE INC	402-451-0291	11909 CALHOUN ROAD	OMAHA	NE
6	THE PONDEROSA	402-779-9958	12203 N 225TH ST	VALLEY	NE
6	THE RUSTIC INN	402-468-5565	116 S 14TH ST	FT CALHOUN	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
7	B & B CONSTRUCTION	402-366-5007	520 N YORK AVENUE	YORK	NE
7	BEAR- N- Ts HIDEAWAY	402-749-3271	316 HARBINE	ALEXANDRIA	NE
7	CHARLIES PUB	402-629-4411	524 MAIN STREET	MILLIGAN	NE
7	COMPLETE RURAL MEDICINE	308-646-2471	515 SECOND STREET	FRIEND	NE
7	CRINER'S CORNER	402-729-3571	201 W ROSCOE	ENDICOTT	NE
7	CZECH'ERD FLAG BAR	402-821-7491	207 WEST 3RD ST	WILBER	NE
7	FAIRMONT LEGION POST 21	402-268-2811	525 F STREET	FAIRMONT	NE
7	GARY'S BRICKHOUSE GRILLE	402-282-7311	255 N WASHINGTON	GRAFTON	NE
7	HAVE'S PLACE	402-433-4151	102 N WEST AVENUE	WESTERN	NE
7	KARPISEK'S MARKET	402-821-7333	119 W 3RD STREET	WILBER	NE
7	MY BAR LLC	402-641-0249	915 MAIN STREET SUITE 10	CRETE	NE
7	RED ZONE	402-683-9901	311 E FILLMORE	DEWITT	NE
7	RELIABLE AUTO	785-527-5815	1433 28TH STREET	BELLEVILLE	KS
7	RJ'S BAR & GRILL	402-683-4935	402 E FILMORE	DEWITT	NE
7	RW'S DINING & DRINKS	402-364-2319	102 S MAPLE	DAVENPORT	NE
7	SALTY DOG SALOON - M DANGELO	402-442-2233	200 WEST MAIN ST	STEELE CITY	NE
7	SIDE TREK BAR	402-754-4391	419 HANSEN ST	HARBINE	NE
7	SUTTON REPAIR	402-520-4570	323 MAIN ST	ODELL	NE
7	TOOLEYS LLC	402-418-0418	321 D STREET	FAIRBURY	NE
7	TWISTED WRENCH	402-381-8918	116 S EXETER AVE	EXETER	NE
7	VFW POST 7102	402-759-4399	108 S 10TH ST	GENEVA	NE
7	WHISKY BARREL BAR & GRILL	402-793-8557	415 COMMERCIAL STREET	DILLER	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
11	BEATRICE IRON AND METAL	402-223-5238	300 MARKET ST	BEATRICE	NE
11	DUBOIS REPAIR & TAXIDERM	402-335-0345	208 MARTHA STREET	DUBOIS	NE
11	INDIE'S PLACE	208-304-2915	1153 5TH STREET	BEATRICE	NE
11	KABO BAR	402-239-9525	115 SOUTH 5TH ST	BEATRICE	NE
11	OLD GUYS BREW	402-852-4008	625 G STREET	PAWNEE CITY	NE
11	PAPA B'S KENO & GRILL	402-645-8101	619 WEST BROAD	BLUE SPRINGS	NE
11	ROUND UP BAR & GRILL	402-839-3011	420 LUZERNE STREET	TABLE ROCK	NE
11	WILLARD TAVERN INC	402-869-2240	206 MAIN STREET	STEINAUER	NE

Support those that support us!

RIGHT TO RIDE

Supporting Businesses

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
12	AMATEURS BAR AND GRILL	308-697-4808	602 PAXTEN	CAMBRIDGE	NE
12	BROKEN ARROW CELLARS LLC	308-882-7772	73892 33RD AVE	IMPERIAL	NE
12	CROSSROADS TAVERN	308-353-0034	116 N PENNSYLVANIA AVE	VENANGO	NE
12	DJ'S BAR & GRILL	308-394-5488	323 CENTRAL AVE	GRANT	NE
12	FARKLEBERRY'S LLC	308-286-3365	100 TROTH ST	HAYES CENTER	NE
12	GOOD TIMES BAR & GRILL	308-394-5656	318 TECUMSEH	WAUNETA	NE
12	HAIGLER COUNTRY CAFÉ	308-297-3330	106 W NEBRASKA AVE	HAIGLER	NE
12	HITCHIN POST SALOON	308-584-3777	110 N MAIN STREET	BRADY	NE
12	IMPERIAL SUPER FOODS	308-882-5389	1200 BROADWAY	IMPERIAL	NE
12	J & B ENTERPRISES	308-367-7431	14418 S L 560	BRADY	NE
12	JAKES PLACE	308-297-3478	165 N PORTER AVE	HAIGLER	NE
12	LAKERS BAIT AND TACKLE LLC	308-882-4011	520 PIONEER	ENDERS	NE
12	LEWIS MOTOR SPORTS	308-345-6211	401 NORTH HWY 83	MCCOOK	NE
12	PARADISE AMMO SHACK LLC	308-414-1710	33652 RIVER ROAD	BENKELMAN	NE
12	SWEDEN CRÈME	308-882-2939	PO BOX 358	IMPERIAL	NE
12	THE WINDY GAP	308-239-4482	120 NORTH OAK ST	PAXTON	NE
12	TIDY'S SIP & SEED	308-660-2078	108 EAST ASH	MAYWOOD	NE
12	TRIANGLE OIL CO	308-882-5807	32197 742 RD	IMPERIAL	NE
12	VFW POST 4688	308-882-5083	PO BOX 622	IMPERIAL	NE

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
14	CALHOON HANDYMAN SERVICE	402-860-1543	303 10TH STREET	STANTON	NE
14	COUNTY LINE BAR	402-844-5464	3900 OLD HWY 8	NORFOLK	NE
14	PUNCH HENN LLC	402-321-7876	1216 GREENLAWN DRIVE	NORFOLK	NE
14	ROADHOUSE LOUNGE	402-372-5857	1204 LINCOLN #5 S HWY 275 PLZ	WEST POINT	NE
14	SOUTHSIDE LOUNGE LLC	402-447-2708	517-519 HALE AVENUE	NEWMAN GROVE	NE
14	THE MINT BAR	402-371-9837	304 NORTHWESTERN AVE	NORFOLK	NE

Support those that support us!



RIGHT TO RIDE

Supporting Businesses

Dist.	Business	Phone	Address	City	St
15	BUBBA'S	402-340-6835	123 N 4TH ST	LYNCH	NE
15	BUZZSAW BAR	712-333-3408	309 LOGAN STREET	WATERBURY	NE
15	CHARLIE'S BAR	402-649-3380	803 W MAIN ST	PIERCE	NE
15	DUSTOFF BAR	910-548-4041	304 MAIN STREET	WAKEFIELD	NE
15	DW'S PUB	402-626-7701	111 E NEBRASKA ST	EWING	NE
15	GOOD 'NUFF BAR	402-369-6934	111 E 3RD STREET	WAYNE	NE
15	JIMMY DEAN'S BAR AND GRILL	402-857-3644	254-1 SPRUCE ST	NIOBRARA	NE
15	KEYSTONE BAR	402-640-3976	316 W LOCUST	PLAINVIEW	NE
15	LYLE'S BAR AND GRILL	402-241-7814	404 MAIN ST	NEWCASTLE	NE
15	MAGNET BAR	402-360-4222	203 MAIN STREET	MAGNET	NE
15	MAIN STREET ALLEY	402-748-3720	207 N STATE STREET	OSMOND	NE
15	NEBRASKA 13/20	402-671-5020	118 MAIN STREET	PLAINVIEW	NE
15	PAINT'S PUB	402-565-4334	114 S MAIN ST	HOSKINS	NE
15	PINKY'S	402-586-2630	511 E BROADWAY STREET	WAUSA	NE
15	PUB AND GRUB	402-360-4723	112 W BROADWAY	RANDOLPH	NE
15	ROYAL BAR AND GRILL	402-893-9999	3040 E HIGHWAY 20	ROYAL	NE
15	SPIDE'S CONSTRUCTION	402-360-0859	PO BOX 201	RANDOLPH	NE
15	THE 108 BAR AND GRILL	402-340-8221	108 N MAIN STREET	HOSKINS	NE
15	THE 812 BAR	402-358-3200	812 MAIN STREET	CREIGHTON	NE
15	THE BLUE MOON RESORT	402-229-3226	89702 RAYDER SWANSON ROAD	NIOBRARA	NE
15	THE DEN	402-841-7482	211 E 2ND STREET	ORCHARD	NE
15	THE STATION	402-585-4459	604 MAIN STREET	CARROLL	NE
15	THOMSEN'S CORNER	402-360-0643	302 N STATE ST	OSMOND	NE
15	VICTOR FARMS - MIKE & MARTA	402-375-0422	57656 861 RD	WAYNE	NE
15	WAYNE EAGLES CLUB #3757	402-375-9956	119 MAIN ST	WAYNE	NE
15	WHITE DOG PUB INC	402-375-9958	102 N MAIN STREET	WAYNE	NE
15	WILDCAT BAR & GRILL	402-649-0014	414 MAIN STREET	WINSIDE	NE
15	WRAGGE REPAIR	402-750-9422	55051 857 ROAD	PIERCE	NE



Support those that support us!

RIGHT TO RIDE

RENEWALS Due this Month

If you see any of the following people, remind them their ABATE of Nebraska membership needs renewed.

District 2

- BECK, JASON
- BOSAK, MARK
- BUTLER, LORI
- CLARK, KARLINE
- CLARK, MICHAEL
- DENSBERGER, CRAIG
- FOUNTAIN, DALE
- JENKINS, VICKIE
- JORGENS, GARY JR
- LINBERG, DAVE
- LOVE, GARY L
- VITOSH, CHANDRA ANN
- WINSLOW, MARK

District 3/8

- O'BRIEN, RANDY

District 4

- HASENKAMP, JEANNETTE
- SHELBY, SARAH STEPHEN

District 6

- A & N ENTERPRISE
- COLLETT, GARY
- DILLON BROTHERS HAR-
- GRASSO, MARK
- HEMATOMA FIGHT WEAR
- HENDERSON III, JOHN M
- JOHNSON, BRADLEY
- JOHNSON, DIANE C



District 7

- CHARLIES PUB
- GOMEZ, ADELE ELAINE
- GOMEZ, JACK
- PARKER, ANGIE
- RED ZONE

Join ABATE protect your rights!

**We won a great battle this year
but freedom is n
ever free.**

**Be involved, help keep our
freedom.**

**Renew your membership online
today!**

District 11

- BIG TEN TAVERN
- CLARK, MELISSA
- DUBOIS REPAIR & TAXIDERM
- JOHNSON, SABRINA
- KISTNER, DAVID
- PRANGE, LEANNA
- PRANGE, SCOTT
- THE SHED WEDDING VENUE

District 12

- HAMILTON, MARTY
- HORST, ROBERT G
- IREY, DAVID
- J & B ENTERPRISES
- MORSE, CASE
- SMITH, ALLAN

District 13

- FAIR, MANDY L
- GARETT, SHERRY
- ROTH, JONATHAN G

District 14

- AHLMAN, GRANT L
- ARLT, SCOTT
- COUNTY LINE BAR
- FAIR, MANDY L
- GALLUP, PAUL LOUIS
- GARETT, SHERRY
- RODEKOHR, DAVE
- ROTH, JONATHAN G
- WESTERHOLD, TIM

District 14

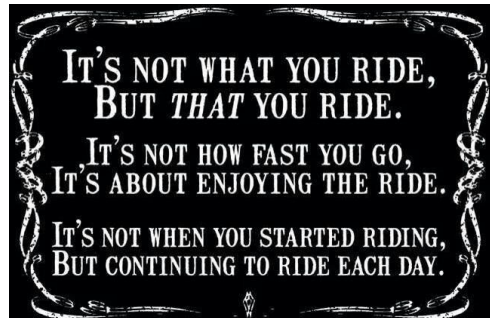
RIGHT TO RIDE

RENEWALS Due this Month

If you see any of the following people, remind them their ABATE of Nebraska membership needs renewed.

District 15

- CHARLIE'S BAR
- FORMAN, CRAIG
- FOX, CINDY
- HASELHORST, JENNY
- JOHNSTON, TROY
- JONES, CORY
- JONES, SHERRILEE
- KUNKEL, GLEN
- MAIN STREET ALLEY
- MCDANIEL, KIM
- MUGAN, IVY
- NELSON, JEFF
- O'NEILL, PAT
- PINKY'S
- POPE, JEFF
- RODBY, CARMELLA
- THE 108 BAR AND GRILL
- WHITE, KIRK



Join ABATE protect your rights!

**We won a great battle this year
but freedom is n
ever free.**

**Be involved, help keep our
freedom.**

**Renew your membership online
today!**



RIGHT TO RIDE

Winter Riding Tips

For many riders, the arrival of winter doesn't signal the end of the season—it simply marks a shift in strategy. Riding in cold weather can be exhilarating, but it also introduces a unique set of hazards: reduced traction, unpredictable weather, mechanical stress, and visibility challenges. With the right preparation and mindset, you can continue enjoying your bike year-round while staying safe. Here are essential winter motorcycle riding tips to keep you upright and protected.

1. Dress for the Weather: Layer Like a Pro

Cold temperatures can sap your concentration, slow your reaction time, and stiffen your muscles. Proper gear is one of the most important safety factors.

What to wear:

- Base layer:** moisture-wicking thermal underwear
- Insulating layer:** fleece or wool for warmth
- Outer layer:** a windproof, waterproof jacket and pants
- Gloves:** insulated, windproof, and preferably with heated liners
- Boots:** waterproof with good insulation and grip
- Helmet:** full-face with a fog-resistant visor or Pinlock insert

Tip: Consider *heated gear* (jacket liner, gloves, grips, socks). It's a game-changer for comfort and safety.

2. Prep Your Bike for Cold Weather

Winter puts additional strain on your motorcycle. Make sure it's ready to handle it.

Check these items:

- Tires:** Choose winter-appropriate rubber if possible. Ensure tread depth is well above minimum and check tire pressure often—cold temperatures lower PSI.
- Battery:** Cold weakens batteries. Keep it fully charged and consider a trickle charger at home.
- Fluids:** Use winter-grade oil if your manufacturer specifies. Ensure coolant is appropriate for freezing temps.
- Lights:** Shorter days mean more night riding—verify all lights are bright and functional.
- Chain & lubrication:** Cold weather thickens and stiffens lube, so keep the chain well maintained.

3. Ride Smoothly and Predictably

Winter riding is all about traction management.

Key habits:

- Accelerate gently** to avoid spinning the rear tire.
- Brake smoothly and early.** Use both brakes with lighter pressure.
- Lean less in corners.** Keep the bike more upright and reduce speed.
- Increase following distance.** Aim for 4–6 seconds, more if roads are wet or icy.

Continued next page ...



RIGHT TO RIDE

Winter Riding Tips

4. Watch for Invisible Hazards

The biggest winter danger is what you *don't* see until it's too late.

High-risk areas:

- **Shaded corners** where ice lingers all day
- **Bridge decks** that freeze sooner
- **Leaves** that become slippery when damp
- **Black ice**, which often looks like wet pavement
- **Sand and gravel** used by road crews

Rule of thumb: If the temperature is below 40°F (4°C) and the pavement looks “wet,” assume it may be ice.

5. Improve Your Visibility

Drivers already struggle to see motorcycles—winter conditions make it worse.

Make yourself stand out:

- Wear bright or reflective gear.
 - Add reflective tape to your helmet or panniers.
 - Use auxiliary lights or fog lights when possible.
 - Keep your visor clean inside and out to reduce glare and fog.
-

6. Stay Warm to Stay Sharp

Cold reduces mental clarity, and that can lead to mistakes.

Stay alert by:

- Taking breaks to warm up on long rides
- Keeping a small thermos of hot drink in your luggage
- Using heated grips or bar muffs
- Avoiding prolonged exposure if windchill becomes extreme

Remember: Numb hands mean slower reactions.

7. Know When Not to Ride

One of the smartest winter-riding skills is recognizing when conditions are too dangerous.

Avoid riding if:

- Snow is actively falling
- Roads have not yet been plowed or salted
- Temperatures drop rapidly after rain (flash freeze risk)
- Strong crosswinds make control difficult
- Visibility is poor due to fog or blowing snow

Your safety is worth more than any ride.

Final Thoughts

Winter motorcycle riding can be rewarding—quiet roads, crisp air, stunning landscapes—but only if approached with caution and preparation. With the right gear, a properly maintained bike, and mindful riding techniques, you can enjoy the colder months safely.

Stay warm, stay visible, and above all, stay safe out there.

RIGHT TO RIDE

Motorcycle riding tips for the open road

Springtime brings warmer weather and the irresistible urge to hit the open road on your motorcycle. However, before you rev up your engine and head out, it's crucial to prioritize safety. Here are some essential tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable riding experience this spring:

1. **Inspect Your Motorcycle**: Before every ride, conduct a thorough inspection of your motorcycle. Check the tires for proper inflation and tread wear, ensure all lights are working correctly, and examine the brakes, fluids, and controls. Address any issues promptly to avoid complications on the road.
2. **Wear Appropriate Gear**: Dressing for the ride is essential, especially during the unpredictable weather of spring. Wear protective eyewear, gloves, a sturdy jacket, long pants, and over-the-ankle boots to safeguard yourself against potential hazards. Nebraska recently changed our helmet law so you get to choose whether to wear a helmet or not as an adult ...
3. **Refresh Your Skills**: If it's been a while since your last ride, consider taking a refresher course or practicing your skills in a safe environment. Brushing up on your riding techniques and knowledge of road rules and regulations will help you navigate springtime conditions with confidence.
4. **Be Weather-Wise**: Spring weather can be unpredictable, with sudden changes in temperature, rain showers, and gusty winds. Stay informed about the weather forecast for your route and be prepared to adjust your plans accordingly. Invest in proper rain gear and consider postponing your ride if conditions become unsafe.
5. **Watch for Road Hazards**: Springtime brings new challenges on the road, such as potholes, gravel, and debris left over from winter. Stay vigilant and scan the road ahead for potential hazards. Slow down when approaching unfamiliar or uneven surfaces to maintain control of your motorcycle.
6. **Share the Road**: With warmer weather, more motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians will be out and about. Stay alert and mindful of your surroundings, especially at intersections and in congested areas. Use your signals, obey traffic laws, and maintain a safe following Distance from other vehicles.
7. **Stay Visible**: Make yourself visible to other road users by wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing and keeping your motorcycle's headlights on, even during the daytime. Use hand signals and maintain eye contact with drivers to communicate your intentions clearly.
8. **Take Breaks**: Long rides can be physically and mentally taxing, so be sure to take regular breaks to rest, hydrate, and refuel. Fatigue can impair your reaction time and decision-making abilities, increasing the risk of accidents. Listen to your body and pull over if you feel tired or Distracted.
9. **Avoid Distractions**: Riding a motorcycle requires your full attention and focus. Minimize Distractions by refraining from using electronic devices, adjusting your gear, or engaging in other activities while riding. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the handlebars at all times.
10. **Ride Sober**: Never operate your motorcycle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Riding impaired significantly impairs your judgment, coordination, and reaction time, putting yourself and others at risk. If you plan to drink, designate a sober rider or arrange for alternative transportation.

By following these safety tips, you can make the most of your springtime motorcycle adventures while minimizing the risk of accidents or injuries. Ride safe, stay alert, and enjoy the freedom of the open road responsibly.

“keep the shiny side up!” - Rogue



RIGHT TO RIDE

Safety article — Trauma Kits

Motorcycling is not just a mode of transportation; it's a passion and a way of life for many. The exhilaration of the open road, the feeling of freedom, and the connection to the world around you are all part of the appeal. However, as much as we love the thrill of riding, it's important to remember that motorcycles can also be inherently risky. Crashes can happen, and when they do, being prepared is crucial. This is where trauma kits for motorcycles come into play.

The Importance of Trauma Kits

A trauma kit for motorcycles is a specially designed medical kit that contains essential supplies to address injuries and provide immediate first aid in case of an accident. These kits are indispensable for several reasons:

1. **Rapid Response:** Motorcycle accidents can lead to various types of injuries, from minor scrapes to severe trauma. When you have a trauma kit readily available, you can provide immediate assistance to the injured rider or passenger until professional help arrives.
2. **Minimizing Blood Loss:** Severe bleeding is one of the most life-threatening consequences of motorcycle accidents. Trauma kits often contain tourniquets, hemostatic agents, and pressure dressings to help control bleeding and prevent excessive blood loss.
3. **Airway Management:** Maintaining an open airway is vital for an injured person's survival. Motorcycle trauma kits may include tools like pocket masks or airway adjuncts to help you manage an injured individual's airway.
4. **Fracture Management:** Motorcycle accidents can lead to fractures and dislocations. Trauma kits typically contain items like splints and bandages that can be used to immobilize and support fractured limbs, reducing the risk of further injury.
5. **Personal Safety:** These kits are not just for the injured; they can also protect the person providing aid. By having the necessary supplies in a trauma kit, you can minimize the risk of infection and ensure a safer environment for both the injured person and yourself.
6. **Remote Locations:** Motorcyclists often venture into remote and less populated areas where professional medical help may be some Distance away. Having a trauma kit can make a significant difference in these situations.

What to Include in a Motorcycle Trauma Kit

While the specific contents of a trauma kit can vary, here are some essential items to include:

1. Sterile gauze pads and bandages for wound dressing.
2. Adhesive tape.
3. Tourniquets or compression bandages.
4. Hemostatic agents to control severe bleeding.
5. Pocket masks or other airway management tools.
6. Splints for immobilizing fractures or dislocations.
7. Scissors and tweezers.
8. Disposable gloves.
9. Antiseptic wipes or solution.
10. Emergency blanket for maintaining body temperature.
11. Small flashlight or headlamp for visibility during nighttime accidents.



Keep in mind that you should customize your trauma kit to your specific needs and level of training. Additionally, regularly check and restock the supplies to ensure that they are in good condition and ready for use.

Conclusion

Motorcycle riding can be an incredible and thrilling experience, but it's essential to recognize and prepare for the inherent risks involved. Accidents can happen, and when they do, a well-equipped trauma kit can be the difference between life and death. By carrying a trauma kit on your motorcycle and knowing how to use it, you can contribute to your safety and the safety of your fellow riders. Riding safe isn't just about the thrill of the journey; it's about being prepared for the unexpected and ensuring that you can continue to enjoy the open road for years to come.

“keep the shiny side up!” - Rogue

RIGHT TO RIDE

TEN WAYS TO KILL ABATE



- 1. Don't come to meetings.**
- 2. If you do come—come late.**
- 3. If the weather doesn't suit you—don't come.**
- 4. If you do attend a meeting—find fault with the work of the officers and other members.**
- 5. Never accept an office—it's easier to criticize than to do things.**
- 6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee or certain function: but if you are appointed—do not attend the committee meeting or function.**
- 7. If asked by an officer to give your opinion on an important matter, tell him you have nothing to say—after the meeting tell everyone how things are done.**
- 8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary; but when other members roll up their sleeves, willingly and unselfishly using their ability to help matters along—howl that the organization is being run by a clique.**
- 9. If your area is struggling financially and is in need of support—be sure to muster all the help you can to vote against any action requiring more money.**
- 10. Don't bother about new members—let the other fellow do it.**

“Achievers are successful because they form the habit of doing those things that average people don't like to do. Building a team is building a Habit!”

By Frank Conard, ABATE of CA, FL and OH,

I was given permission to reprint this from Michael Infanzon, Frank's son. I do not know how old the print is but it rings very true and should be a warning to all of us ... I have seen this more often than not in my tenure with ABATE at nearly every meeting or event ... there is always one ... Don't let the one ruin it for the rest.... And for F's sake Don't be the One!

Rogue

“keep the shiny side up”

RIGHT TO RIDE

SHARE THE ROAD is a motorcycle awareness program that promotes driver awareness and increases understanding of how motorcycles behave in traffic. ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. provides trained volunteers to present this program to the public. We believe that education and training are the best ways to prevent, and thereby reduce, motorcycle/automobile accidents.

Research shows that three fourths of crashes involving a motorcycle also involves another motor vehicle, which is usually at fault. Considering crash statistics and the increasing number of motorcyclists, the key to a safer riding mix is learning to **SHARE THE ROAD**.

Motorcycles are very different from automobiles - they are much smaller in size & are harder to see than automobiles. The failure of motorists to see motorcyclists in traffic is the most common cause of crashes. Car drivers who are involved in an accident with a motorcycle often do not see the motorcycle prior to the crash, or until it is too late to avoid having the crash.

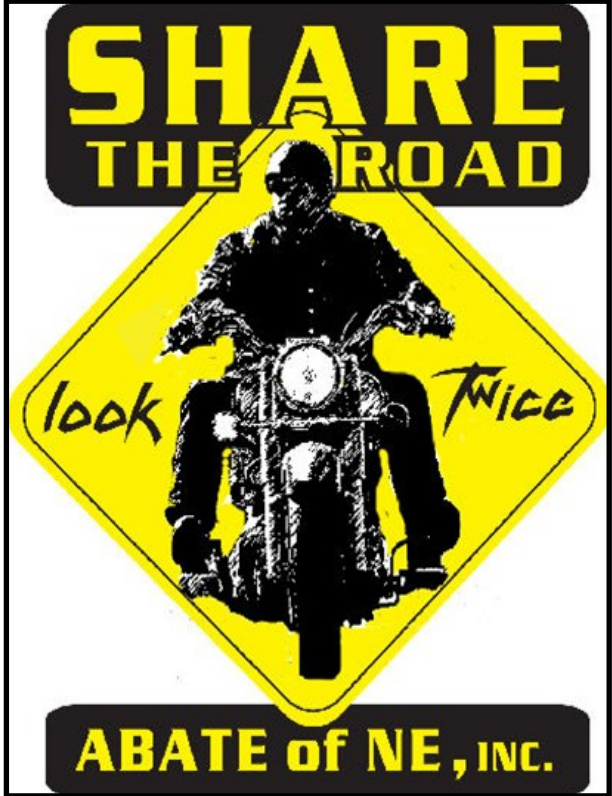
The greatest risk area for a conflict between a motorcycle and a automobile is at an intersection...whether it is in the middle of an urban area, a driveway on a residential street, or anywhere where traffic may cross your path of travel. Over one half of motorcycle/car crashes are caused by drivers entering a rider's right-of-way. Cars that turn left in from of motorcyclists, including cars turning left from the lane to the right, and cars on side streets that pull into the motorcyclists lane are the biggest dangers.

The fact remains.....the best way to prevent any accident is through Education, Safety, and Motorcycle Awareness Programs like **SHARE THE ROAD**.

Safety and Awareness Programs

Share the Road
Group Riding
T—Clocks

COMING SOON!!
Defensive Riding



RIGHT TO RIDE : is an official publication for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE) of Nebraska, Inc. All rights reserved. Articles in the **RIGHT TO RIDE** do not necessarily express the views of ABATE of NE, Inc. or it's Officers.

ADVERTISING: Closing date for all material intended for publication is the **10th of the month preceding publication.** All advertising is to be sent either via email to (RogueTC@aol.com) or mailed with payment to:

ABATE of NE RTR EDITOR,
1740 NW 54th Street, Lincoln Ne., 68528

Camera ready rates areas follows (a fee may be assessed for non-camera ready material). Ad sizes are approximate and may vary slightly to accommodate proportions:

- One Time Business Card - \$16.00 per month.
- Continuous Business Card - \$8.00 per month.
- 1 column X 5" - \$25.00 per month
- 2 column X 5" - \$35.00 per month
- 2 columns X 10" - \$75.00 per month
- Back Cover - 2 columns X 5"- \$50.00 per month

ALL articles submitted for print in the Right To Ride become property of ABATE of NE, Inc.

The opinions expressed in the **RIGHT TO RIDE** are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of ABATE of NE, Inc.



Want to know what you can do to SAVE A LIFE?

Do you know someone at a radio station, TV, or any Media outlet?

Get the message out May was Motorcycle Awareness month but every month should be! You can get these to stations in your area, the more it is broadcast the more likely someone will take a second look.

The life you save may be your own!

(30 sec)

The question isn't can you hear me now.... the question is can you SEE me now?!!!

Do you watch for motorcycles? Motorcyclists are watching for you. When sharing the roadways with other vehicles, including motorcycles, please take a moment to LOOK TWICE before making a left turn or pulling out onto a roadway. LOOK TWICE Save a life!

Let's make 2023 a record-breaking year!! Let us bring the number of accidents down for motorcycles and vehicles! This message is brought to you by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska, Inc.

(30 sec)

The question is not can you hear me now... the question is can you SEE me now?!

How many times can one honestly say?

They didn't see the motorcycle coming their way.

The highways and roads are for us all to share

STOP, look TWICE, please take a moment to be aware.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Please join A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska in making 2023 safe and enjoyable for everyone traveling our busy roads and streets.

This message is brought to you by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska, Inc.

(10 sec)

Automobile drivers please Look twice before turning as motorcycles are smaller and harder to see. Be aware. Save a LIFE.

This message is brought to you by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska, Inc.

(10 sec)

Motorist should never try and share a lane with motorcycles. Please don't share be aware. May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

This message is brought to you by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska, Inc.

(10 sec)

Poor road conditions and bad weather are unsafe for motorcycles compared to an Automobile. Please Look twice and be aware.

This message is brought to you by A.B.A.T.E. of Nebraska, Inc.

When you talk to them ask them to put them on all summer ... Motorcycles run all year in Nebraska no reason to stop this campaign in May!

Application for Membership



ABATE of Nebraska, Inc
 PO Box 22764
 Lincoln, Nebraska 68542-2764

- Membership Renewal Card#: _____ (\$25)
- Supporting Business Renewal Card#: _____ (\$50)
- New Membership (\$25)
- Associate Membership (18 yrs and younger) (\$10)
- Sponsor Card # _____
- Supporting Business (\$50)
- Lifetime Membership (\$400)
- Supporting Business Lifetime Member (\$500)

Amount Enclosed (Check/Money Order Only) \$ _____

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____

Email Address _____

- I am a registered voter in Nebraska
- I am an endorsed Motorcyclist in Nebraska or any other state
- I have taken a motorcycle safety or riders education course

I understand by signing my name to this application, I am seeking membership into a motorcycle rights organization.

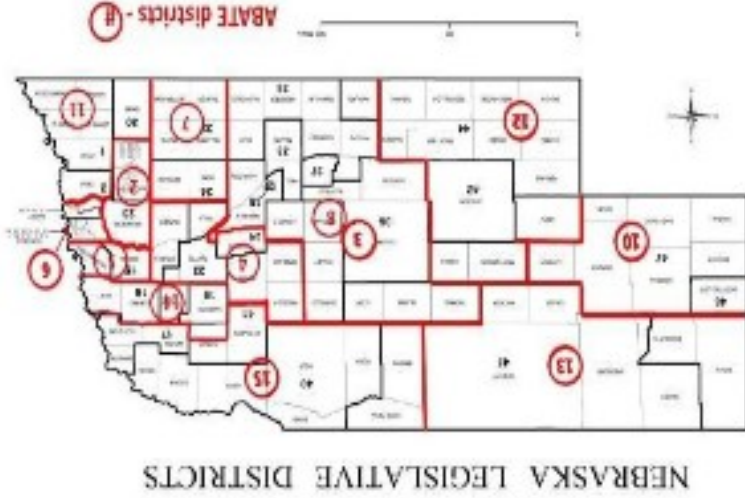
Discloser: Contributions to ABATE of Nebraska are NOT deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Signed _____

ABATE District _____ Legislative District _____

Recruited by: _____

Membership Receipt	
Date _____	Amount Received _____
Member's Signature _____	Recruiter's Signature _____



CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you or someone you know has moved, please fill out the form below and return it to:

ABATE OF NEBRASKA STATE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
 PO BOX 22764, LINCOLN NE 68542-2764

OR E-MAIL: NEharleygirl@aol.com

Membership Number: _____

Name: _____

Old Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

New Address: _____

New City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Membership Application

Visit our website:
www.abateofne.com



ABATE of NE, INC.

*No Matter What You Ride,
 We All Share the Road!*

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc
 PO Box 22764
 Lincoln, Nebraska 68542-2764
 PH: 402-489-0651

What is ABATE?

ABATE stands for "American Bikers Aiming Towards Education".

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. works for you, the motorcycle enthusiast.

ABATE is a rights organization consisting of motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the State of Nebraska. Our goals and purposes are to encourage favorable legislation for motorcyclists. These are accomplished through a monthly newsletter, a website, promotion of safety education programs (designed to help prevent fatal and personal injury accidents), lobbying at the State Legislature and voter registration programs.

A great many restrictive laws pertaining to motorcycles and riders have been enacted by uninformed or misdirected legislative bodies. ABATE of Nebraska, Inc.'s goal is to keep our legislature informed of our feelings as motorcyclists, about such proposed legislation. Preventing unfair legislation is much easier than struggling to get an unfair law repealed. ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. also works with motorcycle rights organizations across the county to stop unfair legislation aimed at motorcyclists.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. does not advocate that you ride without a helmet, but we feel that as a responsible adult, you should have the right to decide whether or not to wear one.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. provides the neutral ground which allows us to stand beside and support each other in unity, with respect to safeguarding our rights and to be individuals with different views. A concept that we are united with a common interest and now a common ground on which to stand.

RIDING FREE!

Who is ABATE and Why Join?

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. members are motorcyclists who share the same ideas about freedom of the road, a free lifestyle and have a strong desire to keep it that way.

But ANY motorcyclist who cares enough about his or her personal freedom should join. Any motorcyclist who does not become involved is guilty of complacency, which can be deadly in this day and age. The motorcyclist who does not become involved then loses his or her right to complain when laws are passed that are an infringement on their personal freedoms.

The 'RIGHT TO RIDE' is a publication of ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. that is available on our website to all active members. It contains legislative and other motorcycle related news as well as a calendar of events.

The ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. website (www.abateofne.com) is a FREE online source for ANYONE, regardless of membership.

When you join ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. you have the distinction of working with and being a member of the primary biker rights group in the state.

ABATE also offers an Accidental Life Insurance Policy of \$2000 free of charge as an active member.

Most insurance companies also give discounts for being a member of ABATE and also give an added discount for completing our 'Share the Road' program.

So, join ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. today and become involved. Together our voices mean something and have the weight and strength of numbers.

REMEMBER - United we stand, divided we fall.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc. Supports:

ABATE Organizations Nationwide
Motorcycle Rider's Foundation
American Motorcyclists Association
National Coalition of Motorcyclists
Nebraska Motorcyclists Association
Midwest Motorcycle Training

There are five (5) types of memberships:

FULL MEMBERSHIP: This entitles you to the monthly newsletter, membership card, membership patch, discounts to many of our events as well as other rights group's events, full voting privileges and can hold an office.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: This is for our younger freedom fighters 18 years of age or younger and **MUST** be sponsored by an adult. It includes a membership card, membership patch and discounts to events. It does NOT include the monthly newsletter and Associate Members cannot vote or hold an office.

SUPPORTING BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: This membership entitles you to everything in the Full Membership package - along with a "Supporting Business Membership Certificate" for display in your business along with a FREE mention of your business in every monthly issue of the 'RIGHT TO RIDE' newsletter. ***ABATE also has a CHROME Business Membership. See our website for details***

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: This is a one-time fee, which entitles you to everything in the Full Membership package - along with a "Lifetime Member Patch", a "Lifetime Membership Card" and lifetime access to the 'Right to Ride', the monthly state newsletter.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Once a FULL member achieves twenty (20) consecutive years as a member, that member will receive an "Honorary Lifetime Membership Patch", "Honorary Lifetime Membership Card", and lifetime access to the 'Right to Ride' along with not being required to send in yearly dues any longer.

Don't put it off! Become a member TODAY!
The people who are making the laws aren't putting anything off!

Promoting Safety Share the Road Safeguarding Rights
ABATE of Nebraska
www.abateofne.com