



**Black Hills Chapter**

**October 2024**

## **"News You Can Use"**

**Sturgis Vets Club**

**October 20th, 2024 - 12 noon**

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### **Presidents Report:**

First and foremost, I want to thank all the members that support ABATE. Without your dedication, we would not be able to continue our fight to protect our freedom to ride.

Remember this month's meeting is moved ahead one week due to the officers being out of town.

We will see you all on Oct 20th, at noon at the Vets Club.

### **Articles:**

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Be sure to watch the calendar of events as we have some new events planned. Thanks to all that are making this possible.

Our ride to the Blue Line Diner was windy, good fellowship and good food. The ride through the canyon was great.

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**The meeting is a week  
early this month.**

### **Affiliates:**

### **Advertisements:**

- \* Rushmore Halloween Party
- \* Quilt Raffle



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**Affiliates:**

- |                             |                              |                             |
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| • Bandit Speedway           | • Kickstands                 | • Rush-No-More RV Resort    |
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| • Dakota Battery & Electric | • Oasis Bar/Fireside Lounge  | • Sturgis Motorcycle Museum |
| • Green Giraffe             | • Queen City VFW Post 5860   | • Tattoo Cellar             |
| • Indian Motorcycle Sturgis | • Rice's Rapid Motorsports   | • US Military Vets MC       |

**Announcements:**

Oct 20th—BH ABATE Meeting—Vets Club—12 noon

Oct 26th—Rushmore ABATE Halloween Party

Oct 28th—CMA Meeting—N Haines Ave Hardees

Nov 5th—Rushmore Membership Meeting—7 pm—Eagles

Nov 9th—Rushmore ABATE Chili Feed

Nov 16th—State BOD Meeting— 1:00 pm CST—Moose

Nov 24th—BH ABATE Meeting—12 noon—Vets Club

Nov 25th—CMA Meeting—N Haines Ave Hardees

**October**

Jason Lee

Susan Lettau

Jody Sautner

Queen City VFW

Minnesela Meats

Rice's Rapid Motorsports

**November**

Ron Waterland

Douglas Williams

John Addy

Kickstands

**Current Membership:**

114 Members 25 Affiliates

## **Secretary's Report:**

The Black Hills ABATE meeting of 9-29-24 was called to order by President Darlene. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt At Arms Nick. A moment of silence and prayer led by CMA Barbie.

At 12:03 pm, John Dale showed up and dropped off an envelope stating that, " I am serving this notice to the Board of ABATE of the Black Hills. Enclosed: Cease and Desist letter. It was not certified or notarized."

### **ROLL CALL:**

All present!!

### **MINUTES:**

The August minutes had no additions or corrections. Bob made a motion and Barbie seconded. Motion passed.

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Darlene wanted to thank everyone for continuing to support this chapter and for all the hard work that each member does. Thank you to the past officers and members for their service.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Bob wanted to thank everyone for showing up and standing up for this chapter. We will get through the issues at hand and move forward.

**SECRETARY:** had nothing to report

**TREASURER:** Susan gave the financial reports. Diane motioned to accept, and Lisa seconded it.

**SGT. AT ARMS:** Nick wanted to commend everyone for standing up for the chapter and everything that has been going on.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** Susan gave numbers of 113 members and 25 affiliates.

**STATE REP:** Lisa discussed and showed a copy of the new by-laws and policies & procedures for ABATE of SD. Lisa showed a finance report regarding possible changes at state level. Lisa stated that Denise has stepped down as products manager and if anyone would like to take over that position to contact Brad or Hilary. Jiggs, Brad and Hilary are meeting with the Safety Coordinator over the accident's summary for South Dakota. Jiggs would like to step down from the Road Guardian program. The person from Huron that won the Whitewood Social Quilt donated it back, it was auctioned and was re-donated again. COC was approved for \$50. Heartland STEAM made over \$27,000. We are trying to get more sponsors for ABATE of South Dakota. Lisa stated that we hired Dianna again for our lobbyist and she will at the November BOD if anyone would like to go and listen to her speak. It will be an open forum.

**ROAD CAPTAIN:** We will go to go to Gas Monkey for lunch after the meeting. A ride was planned for October 5<sup>th</sup> to go the Blue Liner Diner for breakfast and ride through the canyons to look at the fall colors.

**LRC:** Nothing much is happening until after the elections in November. Legislative Days are scheduled for January 16, 17 and BOD on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Meet and Greet will start at 5:30 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Susan would like to step down from the Silent Auction during Legislative Days if anyone would like to take it over. More information to come.

## **WORKING COMMITTEES:**

**Sno Ball Dance** is Feb. 15, 2025. Bob will talk with the Vets Club again about booking a band.

**Dart Tournament** was a success. A BIG thanks to DMS

for the dart boards. We will be sending out Thank you cards to all the sponsors. Bob was able to award prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place this year. There were 15 teams/30 people who showed up for the tournament. A **HUGE Thank you** to Bob for all the hard work in putting it together and making it a great success.

**Moonlight Ride** will be July 12, 2025. It was discussed with Oahe that they would like to join us for that ride and will be planning to change up the route so they can join us next year.

**Whitewood Social** will be August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Lost Member Ride** date pending for 2025

**Meet in the Middle** we met 6 members of Oahe Chapter at Cactus Flats and enjoyed riding through the Badlands. We had lunch in Wall at Dairy Queen.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chapter by-laws are a work in progress.

- Bob has been working on stickers. The design has been approved. Diane motioned and Holly seconded. All approve. The window decals/stickers are 3x3 in size. The price is \$50 for 100.
- Show and Shine at the Vets Club, more information coming.
- We are still working on the website.
- More information about the Benefit Ride for the Children's Home Society is coming.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Vets Club was wondering if we would like to help them with the Angel tree this year. Susan motioned and Diane seconded. All approved. More details to follow.
- We would like to come early to the November meeting to have breakfast before our meeting and support the Vets Club. They offer breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Sunday of the month.

## **AFFILIATES OF THE MONTH**

Rice Honda of Rapid City and Journey Again

50/50 of \$27 was won by Darlene and she donated it back to the Joe/Wily Fund. Thank you.

Lisa is still trying to gather information on the Share the Road Program.

Thank you to Rock (BH Chapter Membership #2) for coming to our meeting. It was great having you with us today.

The October meeting is being moved to the 20th instead of the 27<sup>th</sup> due to officers being gone.

There being no further discussions or business. Bob motioned for us to adjourn. All approved.

Submitted by Holly Randall, Secretary

## Happenings on the State Level:

### **Lisa Hatheway-Berry**

September 2024 BOD was called to order by state coordinator Brad, with pledge lead by Lars. 13 chapters reps present, 2 subs approved, 1 excused, state officers present, w/1 sub, appointed present with 1 excused.

The secretary's report was read with corrections & approved. Treasurer report given & approved; membership secretary report given stating that 1353 flyers are now sent to these members. Newsletter editors report given with that font size is smaller, so that we stay within 24 pages. Was asked by the Motorcycle Museum to have 5 extras there & it was motioned & approved.

Committee reports; Promotions no report: excused. MRF stated by Jiggs that the call to action is to email our senators and representatives in DC on the 2 right to right-to-repair. IMPAC LRC officer report; There was a short discussion on the \$7 that we pay when we register our motorcycles, they want to raise it. This money does go for the safety classes. And the off-road also pays for this. Lobbyist renewal contract motioned & approved. Now we can have her come to our November meeting & discuss if there are any bills to watch &/or discuss. Went over her recommendations for who to send donations to for running senators & legislative. It was motioned and approved. There was a discussion on what was done for the 24' Legislative days & what changes are to be made for the 25' session, for us.

January 16-18, they will have only been in session a short time, to move the time of our social up to 5:30pm, the 17th will possibly be a short day for them, they might be starting early that day so that they can get home. This will also be our introduction day, it was stated that we should look at cutting back so probably lunch on our own. The Oahe chapter is in talks about providing a light meal that night. Susan would like to step down from running the silent auction & we are looking for someone else to take this over. Please let Susan or your rep know. Product mgr., gave a short report, gave what was made at the Whitewood, and why she couldn't be there due to her job. She concluded that she will be stepping down from the state product mgr. Position due to her husband's illness with cancer. Please keep her & her family in your thoughts. We are saddened to see you go Denise but understand that family comes first. A finance committee report was given by Lisa, a portfolio was handed out for proposals & scenarios of what needs to be done, addressed, &/or what can happen with everything. There was very little

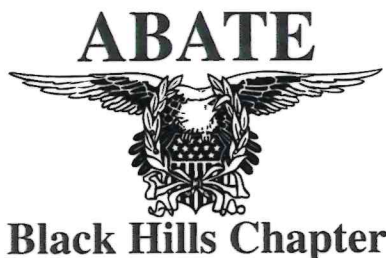
discussion. THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOT GOING UP IN JANUARY THERE STILL HAS TO BE A VOTE! By-laws committee: was given by Mark, he read off the proposals to take back to the chapters and to be discussed. Mark stated that after this he will be stepping down in this committee & it will need to be filled.

Old business: Motorcycle awareness, training & education grants were given by Jiggs. He, Hilary & and Brad will be meeting with the new director of highway safety about the increase in accidents this year involving motorcycles. He discussed the Road Guardian program & made some recommendations with 1 BOD, 1 director chairman, 1 East River, 1 West River & 1 middle person to run the programs, Angie from BOD & South East chapter said she would do the East River, west river will be Charity, & Ashley from Oahe chapter will do the middle, he would like to see the other 2 positions filled as he would like to step away. Website: Mark gave a wonderful presentation on the newly proposed website. Mark this looks great, was motioned & approved for this & now the host will decide on which one to use, suggestions were made, & he will find the best for us. Hall of Fame, there was a reimbursement for a ticket. The state fundraiser was Wayne's quilt that was raffled off at the Whitewood social, a member of the Huron chapter won it & donated it to his chapter. Meeting of the Minds was discussed with Jiggs & Nate (BOD REP) from the Rushmore chapter going. They are riding down, was stated about what to send for silent auction items, & a few t-shirts from last year's legislation days will be going, were motioned & approved. Was motioned & approved to donate \$5k from the State of South Dakota ABATE. Jiggs will also be presenting a check from STEAM, you will have to wait to see what it is! Whitewood Social was a success this year, with 150 people/in 17 states! Was asked that we get receipts for the food, etc. & asked if there has ever been any money left over, & what is done with it. Syndi stated that she has not gotten anything from Barbie yet, we did give her \$400 for food.

New business: Donation to COC for the calendar year 25' for \$50 was motioned & approved. Susan will relay the dates for it to them.

Was overall a very good meeting, with adjournment @4pm.


"This motorcycle is more than a machine"  
Lisa Hatheway-Berry



## 2024 Ride and Event Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	12 noon	Vets Club
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	12 noon	Vets Club
December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting	12 noon	Vets Club

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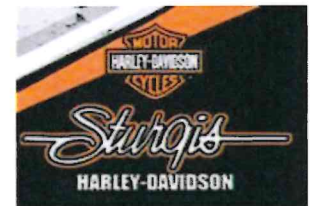


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# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14 	15 Eagle Riders Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19
20 BH ABATE Mtg—Vets Club 12 noon	21	22	23	24	25	26 Rushmore ABATE Halloween Party
27	28 CMA Mtg N Haines Hardees 6 pm	29	30	31 		

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Rushmore ABATE Mtg—7 pm—Eagles	6	7	8	9 Rushmore ABATE Chili Cookoff
10	11 	12	13	14	15	16 State BOD Mtg—1 pm CST—Moose
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 BH ABATE Mtg—Vets Club 12 noon	25 CMA Mtg N Haines Har- dees - 6 pm	26	27	28 	29	30





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early this month.**

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**The next meeting will be Sunday, October 20th, 2024**

**at**

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**(downstairs)**

**12:00 Noon**



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