



**Black Hills Chapter**

**January 2025**

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

**Sturgis Vets Club**

**January 26th, 2025 - 12 noon**

**Presidents Report:**

I hope you all had a great time at Legislative Days. So sorry I couldn't make it.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on January 26th at noon at the Vets Club in Sturgis

The Angel Tree was a success. We helped make several families Christmas better.

Ride Safe and Ride Free  
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The SnoBall is fast approaching and we need items for the silent auction.

My Congratulations to our Member of the Year Holly Randall!!! She is a great asset to our chapter!!

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- B & B Lounge
- Bad Cat Tattoo
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- Rice's Spearfish Canyon MotorsportsDe
- Rush-No-More RV Resort
- Rushmore Office Supply
- St Onge Bar
- Sturgis Harley Davidson
- Sturgis Motorcycle Museum
- Tattoo Cellar
- US Military Vets MC
- Wild West Pecan Company

**Announcements:**

Jan 21st - Eagle Riders Meeting - 6:30 pm

Jan 26th - BH ABATE Meeting - 12 noon - Vets Club

Jan 27th - CMA Meeting - N Haines Hardees - 6:00 pm

Feb 1st-2nd - Colorado Motorcycle Expo

Feb 4th - Rushmore ABATE Meeting - 7 pm - Eagles

Feb 15th - BH ABATE SnoBall - Vets Club - 5 pm

Feb 16th - Rushmore ABATE Social

Feb 18th - Eagle Riders Meeting - 6:30 pm

Feb 23rd - BH ABATE Meeting - 12 noon - Vets Club

Feb 24th - CMA Meeting - 6 pm - N Haines Hardees, Rapid City

Feb 28th - Mar 8th - Daytona Bike Week

**January**

Tim Grosz

David Kendall

Bill Osterkamp

Caramel Creations

Mid America Travel Plaza

Clair Karol

Kristi Osterkamp

**February**

Tim Grosz

**Current Membership:**

116 Members 29 Affiliates

## **Secretary's Report:**

The BH ABATE meeting of 12-29-2024 was called to order by President Darlene. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diane and she said the prayer. This was our Christmas potluck and many delicious dishes were brought and enjoyed.

**Roll Call:** All were present except Lisa Berry

**Minutes:** The minutes were corrected per Susan to state that Tony Dargaatz was renewing his membership instead of a new member. Motion to approve by Bob and seconded by Derek.

### **Officers Reports:**

**PRESIDENT:** Darlene wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a good year. Darlene explained the difference between a local and state sponsor for all at the meeting. Local sponsors help support ABATE of the Black Hills and our mission, since most of these are small local businesses. ABATE of Black Hills in turn supports the functions of ABATE of South Dakota. State ABATE of South Dakota sponsors help to support the state's mission.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Bob and Susan spoke to Richard Rawlings from Gas Monkey about Black Hills and South Dakota ABATE. They discussed our missions and talked about becoming a local and state sponsor. They plan on getting together after the new year.

**SECRETARY:** Christmas cards were sent out to all our sponsors.

**TREASURER:** Susan gave the financial report. Bob motioned and Nick 2nd it. All approved.

**SGT. AT ARMS:** Nothing to Report. Will speak to other chapters at Legislature Days about the Moonlight Ride on 7-12-2025.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** We have 118 members and 29 affiliates.

**STATE REP:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on raising membership dues from \$25 to \$30. As a chapter we understand and agree with raising the chapter dues.

**ROAD CAPTAIN:** Nothing to report.

**LRC:** Nothing new report as Legislature Days is around the corner. No rooms were reserved. Volunteers are still needed to serve breakfast at the capitol and run the silent auction.

### **Working Committees:**

**Sno Ball Dance:** February 15h and waiting to see who the Vets Club get for a band. The auction will run from 5-8. Anyone that has any silent auction items please let Susan or Darlene know. We still have raffle tickets for the Quilt that will be raffled off that night. Diane will have 50/50 tickets. Setup will be starting around 2-3pm.

**Dart Tournament:** 9-27-2025 Plans are being made.

**Moonlight Ride:** We will be talking with Oahe about coordinating with them.

**Whitewood Social:** August 8-7-2025 Plans are being made.

**Lost Members Ride:**

**Meet in the Middle:** 9-13-2025. Plans are being made.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Products are on hold for now. Lisa, Susan and Bob are waiting until the By-laws for the State are ready before starting to update our By-laws. Plans are still being made for the Benefit Run for The Children's Home Society on July 20, 2025. There will be a Show and Shine at the Vets Club on May 31, 2025, more information to follow. Save the Date is posted on Facebook.

The ornament tree was a huge success and we were able to get gifts for 77 children. Lisa spoke to Kristine at the Vets Club about different ideas for next year. It was motioned by Bob and Cheryl to reimburse Nick & Holly for the extra expenses to make sure every child had a gift.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

It was discussed and voted on to increase the amount for Legislative Days from \$50 to \$75 for members that go. Derek motioned and Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

Kelly from the South Dakota School of Mines contacted Darlene wondering if she knew of anyone or place that would like their display of a running motor as they are remodeling. Ideas given were to the Sturgis Museum. If you have a suggestion, contact Kelly Christianson 605-222-7000 at the School of Mines. They might donate a 2 – gas tanks for the Snoball.

Susan received the packet from the Chamber of Commerce and discussed the different options they offer to advertise or use their services.

Todd and Dawn Riba (MRF) attended the meeting. They spoke about the MRF and Heartland STEAM which will be April 4-5 in Bettendorf, Iowa. They explained what Heartland STEAM is and what to expect if you choose to go. It will be very informative couple of days to learn what is happening at the federal level and what they are working on.

Barb, Diane and Jack were recognized for their years of service with a \$100 gift card each.

**AFFILIATES OF THE MONTH:** Are all our remaining sponsors, Kirk Willard, Militiamen, Kickstands, Minnesela Meats, Oasis/Fireside Bar, Bandit Speedway, Sturgis Brewing and Sturgis Museum

50/50 was \$31 to the winner. Derek won and donated it to the Joe Engler fund.

Motion to Adjourn by Nick and seconded by Barb

We are still selling raffle tickets for the Quilt. Please contact Susan if you would like some.

Holly Randall,  
Secretary

## **Happenings on the State Level:**

### **Lisa Hatheway-Berry**

The January BOD meeting was brought to order at 10 o'clock. Fifteen chapters were present & one was absent. All state officers were present. One appointed position was present & two were vacant, with an interim.

The Secretary report was given with corrections by Oahe & Southeast, accepted, & moved.

The treasurer's report was presented & approved.

The membership report was given, with some discussion on the current memberships compared to those over the years.

Newsletter editor report was given, stating that she has been working on getting more state sponsorship from her chapter affiliates. It has been helping her when the chapters send her their chapter events for the year. There was a short discussion on leaving our newsletters at the motorcycle museum only during the months they have traffic, as she already does this.

Committee reports were given from the promotions that they will try to go to Iowa for Algona.

The MRF report stated that he is still looking for someone to fill this position & an assistant(s) for this. There is a new congress & the old bills are gone & new ones will be rolled out. So, it is essential that you email or mail letters to your members of Congress.

California dropped the combustible engine clean truck, with Florida pushing it through. There was a study by the IHS on high-visibility clothing not being seen by automated vehicles.

The IMAPC legislative officer report was given with his thoughts on what could be done differently next year & how the IMPAC committee could get together 1 hour before the state BOD meetings.

There is some discussion in the capital about an increase in driver's license fees & a fee for autonomous vehicles. Diana, our lobbyist, was there & briefly discussed some of the 500-600 bills that could be coming through this session. She encouraged us to look on the state website for her updates. Bill #45, which has our \$7 fee that we pay when we register our bikes & ATVs. If something concerns her, she will contact Brad or Doug as soon as possible.

The state product report, with it being vacant, was a good event for products during Legislative Days. The Finance committee proposed that we hire a CPA to go over

our finances, audit & set a budget.

This was also the 2nd vote to increase the dues of membership. There was a vote to hear a discussion on this & it was voted not to listen to the debate & move to a vote. A 2/3 vote is needed to pass the vote; the vote was defeated, there will be no increase in dues.

The by-laws committee was motioned & approved with a vote to move forward with the policy & procedures and keep the bylaws the same.

Old business was a short discussion on motorcycle awareness, training & education grants that are helping with the accident scene management classes. If you have not taken these classes, I highly suggest that you do one. They will be offered in RC, SF & Pierre, with both the bystander class & advanced class being offered. A class for professional rescuers is being offered in RC & SF. The website is up & running and is working very well.

New business was another short discussion. It was brought up that several officers & appointed positions need a new laptop &/or a new external hard drive to support what they work with. A motion was made & approved to cap what to spend for these. There is no state fundraiser currently. The collaboration with the museum has been on hold since it's been busy with the holidays; maybe they can make that contact once again now that things have slowed down. Name tags were suggested as a replacement for a magnet for some who would like them.

For bikers in the Beltway, it was decided to set a cap for spending with a motion & approved. This will be from the BOD for any ABATE member of SD.

A few will attend STEAM & the BOD will pay for the hotel & registration fees for the BOD &/or officer(s) attending.

Adjournment was at 2:30 pm

"this motorcycle is more than a machine"

Lisa Hatheway-Berry



### BLACK HILLS CHAPTER RIDER CONTEST

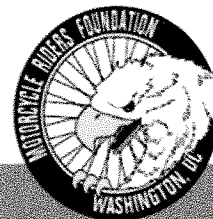
This contest is open to all members of the Black Hills Chapter. The contest runs from January to December. Prizes will be awarded for: Most Miles, Least Miles, 0- 5000 miles and 5001 miles and above. This form will have to be verified by an officer if you trade or sell the motorcycle listed. Once verified another form will be made out and will include the miles ridden on the previous motorcycle and starting mileage of the new motorcycle.

Name: _____	Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____
Phone # _____	Email: _____		
Motorcycle Information:			
Make: _____	Model: _____	Year: _____	Color _____
Current Odometer: _____	Ending Odometer: _____	Total Miles Ridden: _____	
Rider's Signature: _____			
Officer's Signature: _____		Date: _____	

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**Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**7:00 pm to 12:00 am**

**Silent Auction**

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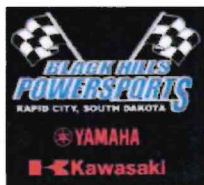
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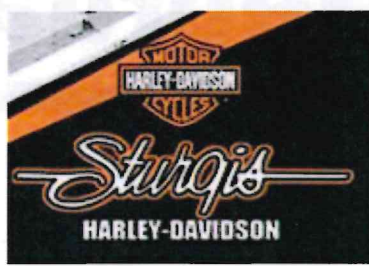


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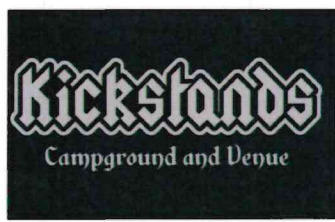
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# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19	20	21 Eagle Riders Mtg— 6:30 pm	22	23	24	25
26 BH ABATE Mtg—Vets Club 12 noon	27 CMA Mtg— N Haines Hard- ees—6 pm	28	29	30	31	

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Cribbage Tournament Blue Lantern	3	4 Rushmore ABATE Mtg— Eagles 7 pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 BH ABATE SnoBall—Vets Club 5 pm
16 Rushmore ABATE Social	17 	18 Eagle Riders Mtg— 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22 Nemo 500 Outhouse Races
23 BH ABATE Mtg—Vets Club 12 noon	24 CMA Mtg— N Haines Hard- ees—6 pm	25	26	27	28	





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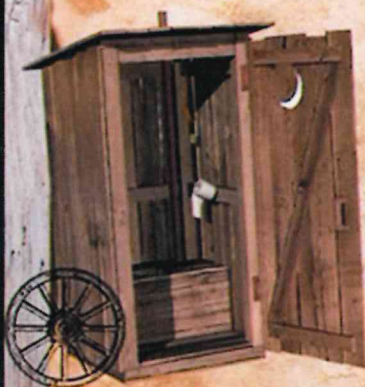
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**ABATE of the Black Hills  
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**The next meeting will be Sunday, January 26th, 2025**

**at**

**Sturgis Vets Club**

**(downstairs)**

**12:00 Noon**



**Sturgis Vets Club  
868 Main Street  
Sturgis, SD**