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Grant will be the host site for the fifth annual ABATE of Nebraska state motorcycle rally on May 31, June 1-2 at the Perkins County Fairgrounds.

The American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) rally will include games, music and drawings. No minors, please.

Both members and non-members of the motorcycle organization can take part in a fun run, camp overnight at the fairgrounds, enjoy food and product vendors on the grounds, enter a giveaway and listen to music by a local band, "The Countdowns," both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Cost to enter is \$30 for single and \$50 per couple for ABATE members. Non-ABATE members will be charged \$40 for a single and \$60 per couple. RV hookups are \$10 per night.

No pets and no firearms or weapons will be allowed onto the fairgrounds during the rally.

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About ABATE

American Bikers Aiming Towards Education has been in existence since the early 1970s.

ABATE is made up of individual and autonomous organizations in almost every state of the United States.

The purpose of ABATE is to address issues pertaining to motorcycle riders at the state level, as well as to influence legislation at a national level through support of organizations such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA).

The state organizations also interact to help formulate regional goals and to coordinate political efforts.

ABATE, in simplest terms, lobbies to advocate the well-being of motorcycle riders through promoting safe riding habits, rider training, as well as lobbying in the matter of restrictive legislation aimed towards motorcycle riders and their motorcycles.

ABATE also addresses such issues as motorcycle awareness by the general public, discriminatory insurance practices toward motorcycle riders, safe road conditions, reduced tolls, space-conscious parking, age limits on passengers, etc.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc., is comprised of 12 districts throughout the state. Each district holds monthly meetings and has elected officers who also sit on the board of directors who meet quarterly and set the state agenda.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc., is a freedom of choice organization dedicated to the premise that each individual is best suited to decide the following: The type of motorcycle they ride, the type of safety equipment they wear, personal lifestyle choices.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc., is a neutral organization that allows all riders to come together to safeguard their rights and still remain individuals with differing views and opinions.

ABATE of Nebraska, Inc., works with motorcycle rights organizations across the country to stop unfair legislation aimed at motorcycle riders.

ABATE feels that all motorcyclists are individuals with a common goal—riding free.

Their mission statement is: "ABATE of Nebraska, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization consisting of motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the State of Nebraska. Our goals and purposes are to

keep motorcyclists, members, and the public informed, to promote safe riding habits, and to encourage favorable legislation for motorcyclists. These are accomplished through a monthly newsletter, safety education programs designed to help prevent fatal and personal injury accidents, lobbying at the state legislature, and voter registration programs.”