

#### August Oahe ABATE Chapter for Freedom Flyer

Oahe ABATE did not have a meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 14 at 6:30 pm at Okobojo Point north of Pierre. This will also be our PJ Party so feel free to arrive on Friday night and camp there for the weekend. Check out [oaheabate.com](http://oaheabate.com) for changes in meeting place in case the weather doesn't cooperate!

Upcoming events....

South Central ABATE is having a Poker Run / Cruise on Saturday August 24. More info on [oaheabate.com](http://oaheabate.com).

On August 31 there will be a Memorial Run for Tony Deters. Details on [oaheabate.com](http://oaheabate.com).

There is a poker run September 14 with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. See [oaheabate.com](http://oaheabate.com) for more details.

I've had an opportunity to put into action some of the things I learned while at Best of the West in June so I am very glad to have had the opportunity to go and would like to thank Oahe ABATE for their part in allowing me to go. While motorcycle safety is a huge part of riding we take things for granted that it will "never be me" in a situation that could be deadly. On a trip to Nebraska to see a new grandson I was practically ran off the road by a semi that was passing in a "NO PASSING ZONE". If I wouldn't have gone to the Riding Demonstrations session given by Stacey "Ax" Axmaker from Idaho I may not have kept in mind how to use my brakes effectively enough to get slowed down and prevent a skid to avoid being in a very serious accident. I stayed upright and unharmed and had the opportunity to call the driver every name in the book so I'm very thankful to have attended that session! Thankfully I have "practiced" since the session and remembered what to do!

The other sessions I attended were informational and explained some things that I was aware of and made me aware of things that were going on relating to motorcycle riders that I wasn't aware of.

I have to say the trip was well worth it and the travel companions were the greatest!

Keep the shiny side up!

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