



### **By Jan Rahn**

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Weather was a bit of a hindrance, but didn't deter bikers of all ages, professions and backgrounds from gathering in Grant over the weekend for a state rally.

ABATE of Nebraska held their fifth annual gathering at the Perkins County Fairgrounds beginning Friday afternoon.

Though not as many as hoped for, members of ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) were treated to music, a fun run, bike games and beer, along with a hog drawing and prizes.

Music was provided by The Countdowns on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Area organizers for the event were Greg Koellner and Jerry Groff of Imperial.

In existence since the early 1970s, ABATE's purpose is to address issues pertaining to motorcycle riders. Its organizations across the U.S. lobby and advocate for the well-being of bikers, promoting their rights, safety, training and public awareness.

There are 12 ABATE districts throughout Nebraska which hold monthly meetings. It 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.

Riders come together to safeguard their rights and still remain individuals with differing views and opinions.

