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# Coming Events

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Monroe, NC  
September 17 at 10 AM

**October State Meeting**  
Hosted by Cabarrus-Rowan Chapter  
October 15

**Brunswick County Bike Show**  
Brunswick County Chapter  
October 29th

**Charlotte Swap Meet**  
Metrolina Expo  
November 12 & 13

## Letter from the Editor...

*Well, here we are at the third quarter of the year. I don't know where the time has gone! Can Summer possibly be gone? I tell you (and some of you know this) the older you get, the faster time goes by. It should be the opposite.*

*I will use this forum for a moment if I may to apologize to the membership for any slights, absences or oversights on my part. My life doesn't generally get in the way of my duties to CBA but it has in a major way this summer. To those of you who have missed me, I am back and to those of you who haven't missed me....sorry....I am back. Just joking.*

*You may notice an increasing amount of federal issues creeping into the newsletter and conversations in general. There are two big reasons for this. One is that I get so little input from membership that I am sometimes forced to go to the national level to get information but the second, and to me, the most important reason is because the national level really counts. All you have to do to look into the future for North Carolina is to look at the federal level. Everything they do to us there affects us here. Don't believe it? Just keep thinking it and see what you have taken away from you.*

*There are some positives. MRF and SMROs all over the nation have worked very hard and achieved success in keeping motorcycle safety language and funding in the newly signed SAFETEA-LU. What? Complete information is contained in the newsletter. This is groundbreaking legislation for all of us. That is the other reason you will see MRF information all over our newsletter. We need to be supporting these folks. They work for us and they work hard.*

*There is a legislative update in the newsletter. Look at what is going on at the State level. Pretty discouraging this year. Ask yourself what you are doing to help your organization in this arena. Folks, it goes beyond our own chapters. There is a great big world out there in biker's rights and unfortunately, it does involve going outside your individual counties and chapters for participation. Chew on that for the rest of the year and get ready for a new year. We have lots of work to do!*

Crazy Deb



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# July State Meeting Minutes

CBA/ABATE of N.C.  
State Meeting  
July 16th, 2005  
Hosted by the Carteret/Craven Chapter

Meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Cotton Tedder (President)

Opening prayer was given.  
Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Doc Ski

Chapter Roll Call:

Present were: Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus/Rowan, Carteret/Craven, Charlotte, Chatham, Columbus, Granville, High Point, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, Tar River Basin, Union, and At-Large

Not Present: Brunswick, Davidson, Hickory, New Hanover

## Announcements:

1. Clear Membership Services with the State Treasurer and State Secretary.
2. Cotton went over Randy Norris's situation and has appointed Lane Wise to the position of Vice President until the elections can be held.
3. Cotton also went over Sam Nobles situation and as appointed Tom (Doc Ski) Wasileski to the position of Legislative Director.
4. The last event that was held at Busco Beach had very little turnout. The event need not make much money one of the problems with our State Event is we do not have the support or help from our membership due to the fact that they are holding events on the same weekend of State Events. This is also a problem with State Meetings. Cotton feels that if a Chapter holds an event on the weekends of State Events and Meetings they should not use the name of the CBA to hold such events. Cotton stated that we do not at this time have an Events Committee, Randy handled that and it is actually the job of the District Coordinators. After a very lengthy discussion it was voted by the Executive Council that we would not hold the Labor Day Event this year. Any members that would like to get together at Busco Beach on Labor Day are welcome to work it out together.
5. Cotton covered State Officer Nominations. Jim Burns has been nominated for two positions this year, one being State Vice President and the other safety, Education and Awareness Director. Cotton opened up a discussion to the Executive Council on their feeling about Jim handling both jobs. They felt strongly that Jim should not have any problems with doing

both. Jim also stated that if he felt that either one of the positions was to falter he would resign for one. Cotton then clarified the difference between Membership Services Director and Membership Service. The floor was then opened to all the candidates present that would like to speak on their behalf. First up was Vice President: Jim Burns spoke for Steve Knox who could not be here today, giving a brief back ground of Steve's qualifications such as Steve being an active CBA member for many years and very instrumental in the growth of the Brunswick County Chapter. Steve was also the Vice President and President of the Brunswick County Chapter for many years. Lane Wise who is also running for the position was giving the time to speak. He said he has done the job for the last two year and they know what they get. Second was State Secretary. Gwen Nichols was not present due to her husband being rushed to the hospital due to illness. Peggy feels that everyone should vote for the person that they feel will best serve them in office.

State Treasurer: Darlene Kimsey not present and Jody Hinegardner not present. Cotton spoke for both and feels that both are very qualified for the job. Both Jody and Darlene are sticklers for detail. Information Director: Bill Dunlap covered his membership with CBA and the Randolph Chapter, he has 20 year military experience in the field, he has also served in membership and public affairs in two non profits. Bill stated he would like to see a State Wide recognition of the name CBA/ABATE of N.C. The question was but to Bill by the membership if he won this election would he run for Chapter office again, Bill stated that State Office and Chapter office were two different entities. Bill was also asked if he would be able to travel when necessary. Cotton asked Bill if he would be able to travel to conferences and other events that are required while in this position. Bill said he has 4 weeks of vacation time he carries for the year. Legislative Director: Tom (Doc Ski) Wasileski spoke next. He is the only one running for this position. The question was brought up at this time if Sam Nobles would still be the Bike Pac lobbyist? Peggy (State Secretary) explained that BikePac is a separate entity and Deb Knox is the person they need to contact about that. Doc Ski than when on to explain his abilities to handle the job. Doc Ski is a very dedicated man and is all to willing to that on Raleigh. Doc Ski is retired and lives close to Raleigh. He has already state a legislative group that has been welcomed in Raleigh. Central District Coordinator: Boyd Spertzel spoke; he feels that the Central District very much needs to be represented. Boyd has held this position as interim in 2004 and did an excellent job. Boyd was very well spoke of by many members and they support him. Fred Beaver (Vice President in 2002 & 04) spoke of his support for Boyd and Boyd's dedication to his brothers and sisters out there. Membership Services Director: Gail Rumler: Gail gave her expe-

rience with CBA with includes being the Secretary and Treasurer for the Eastern District as well as the Raleigh Chapter. Her first concern is CBA, Gail feels that Membership Services is the first contact with new members, and she wants to make it professional. She would like to take all the data bases we have and make them work with the program she has and e-mail any Chapter back with any information they need. Gail is a strong believer in e-mail. Gail also announced that she is willing to do the membership processing job for \$6,000.00 dollars a year. (This does not include postage, paper, or anything needed to process a membership this is wages only). Some members questioned Gail about e-mail; they are not on line and showed some concern if they would be able to get information. Gail stated she would also mail anything to Chapters that requested things. Cotton clarified the Membership Directors job once again at this time so everyone would understand what they were voting on. Gail at this time requested formally to the board that she would like to submit her application for the processors job. Cotton stated that we would accept her application. It was also explained that Gail's application for the processors job will have to be brought be for the Executive Council for a vote. Jan Tedder also running for the position spoke next, she has been working hard on graphs that have been asked of her by Chapters. She has her whole heart into what she does for CBA. Jan stated that she loves CBA and her whole heart is in her job.

## State Secretary's Report: Peggy Burns

The Minutes from the State Meeting held April 9th in Hickory had been printed in the newsletter. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as printed.

## State Treasurer's Report: Mike Hodges

Mike passed out reports. A motion was made and passed to accept his report.

## Committee Reports:

1. Legislative: Doc Ski  
Doc Ski passed out up dates on bill active in Raleigh and contact information. He explained that bills that have money attached to the will carry over to the next session.
2. MRF Report: Cindy Hodges  
Cindy went over the expenses of actually running and office in Washington, D.C. She thanked the Executive Council for supporting her expenses. The top concerns at the Federal level are A) Drinking and Riding. Cindy encourages all Chapters to please police yourselves and try not to use bars as stops on poker runs or any CBA function related to riding. B) Sound: People are complaining about everything for leaf blowers to motorcycles. She encourages everyone to think about what you're doing when you ride. Try not to rive your engines at stop lights and such. Try and

## July State Meeting Minutes (continued)

have just a little bit of consideration for others. Let's not give them anything to complain about. We then opened a discussion on possibly hosting the Beast of the East here in Charlotte, North Carolina. The expense to us could be \$1,500.00. A motion was made to have the Convention here and passed. All Chapters will be needed to help handle the work at this Convention. Please read the rest of Cindy's report in this newsletter.

3. NCOM: Cotton Tedder  
CBA/ABATE will be hosting the 2007 NCOM Convention in Charlotte. We will need a lot of help putting on a Convention of this size. The minimum attendance at this type of convention stands at 450+. So needless to say the help of all the Chapters will be needed.

4. N.C. Confederation of Clubs: Doc Ski  
Mark Little brought up some concerns of the confederation, one of which is the discrimination law they want to get passed. This is something we all need to follow and support.

5. Products Committee: Gwen Nichols  
Gwen was not present so we received no report.

6. PR/Newsletter/Website: Deb Knox  
Deb sent in a report that did not get read due the lack of time. Her report can be read in this newsletter.

7. Membership Committee: Jan Tedder  
No report.

8. Smart Committee: Jim Burns  
Jim covered the advances that have been made with the MSAP program. High Point Chapter has now joined the ranks and has instructors teaching in the school system. Jim is now trying to put together a Unity Conference. He had planned on Nov. 12th & 13th but that is when the Charlotte Swap Meet is held. He will try and come up with a date if possible.

9. State Events Committee: (Labor Day Event)  
Covered in the beginning of this meeting.

10. Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone  
Charlie covered the Constitutional changes that were but forth and are now ready for a vote. Charlie also covered the up and coming elections and how the votes are to be handled. If any Chapter feels they will not be treated fairly by their District Coordinator then they are welcome to send a copy of their elections with a Chapter voting roster to the State Secretary. Their votes will be counted.

11. Southern Cross Convention: Cotton Tedder  
This year the first convention will be held in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 29th at the Radisson Hotel Charleston Airport. All the information on this convention is on our website, if you do not have a computer you can call Deb Knoxs at 910-754-2304 or Pam at 843-906-4009. We will be sending \$100.00 to support this convention. We also need to start collecting auction items for the convention.

District Coordinators Reports:  
Central District: Buddy Granger  
Mike Mohan gave the report. See this newsletter for that report. (NOT PROVIDED)

Eastern District: Charlie Boone  
There will be a District Meeting at Deb and Mark Allen's house on July 22nd.

Western District: James Buckner  
Was given by Jim Tuthill. See that report in this newsletter. (NOT PROVIDED)

Closing Comments

Next State Meeting October 15th, 2005  
Hosting Chapter will be Cabarrus/Rowan  
Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm.

Peggy Burns  
State Secretary

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### Buncombe Chapter

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*Meets at Home Folks Diner, 1459 Merrimon Ave., Asheville on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM.*

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*Meets at the Golden Corral in Concord on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

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*Meets at CBA Lodge on Hwy. 130 at the Gore Center in Whiteville on first Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM.*

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*Meets at Western Steer in Lexington on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM.*

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*Meets on the lodge, 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.*

### Hickory Chapter

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*Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at Madison Restaurant at 7:00 PM.*

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### Macon County Chapter

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*Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Cliff Cyhers for more information.*

### New Hanover Chapter

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*Meets at Keff's once a month on 3rd Thursday of the months at 7:00 PM.*

### Raleigh Chapter

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*Meets at Griffins Restaurant, 1604 N. Market Drive on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM.*

### Randolph Chapter

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*Meets at Riders in the Country, 5701 Randleman Road in Greensboro on 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM.*

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*Meets on every other Friday of the month at 8:00 PM at the Lodge.*

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## Chapter Letters

### CHATHAM COUNTY

Things in Chatham County are going great. We would like to welcome Bridgett Bruno to our chapter. Bridgett lives in Sanford and rides a HD Heritage.

Chatham held a successful blood drive on August 6th. We also purchased motorcycle awareness bumper stickers to have the chapter web site on them. This is a great way for chapters to advertise and promote motorcycle awareness at the same time.

We have changed our meeting place back to The Pitt Stop Café in Pittsboro. The day and time has not changed. We still meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We would like to invite inactive Chatham CBA members and former Chatham members to our new meeting place.

We would love to see you all again!

### RALEIGH

Time goes by so quickly! It seems only a few weeks ago that many, many of us were out on the lawn at the Legislative Building lobbying our Representatives. Now, summer is winding down and cooler weather is approaching (we hope).

Our Chapter had wonderful weather for our Spring Poker Run held in April. Riders rode over some of our beautiful country back roads on the Run, and we ended up at MVP Tavern and Bar in Raleigh where we enjoyed a wonderful barbecue chicken-pickin! Chapter member Cindy Hodges won the best hand cash prize and Mike Mohan from Chatham County Chapter won the cash prize for worst hand. We have scheduled our annual Fall Poker Run for Sunday, October 16th. Come on over to Raleigh and join us. We always have a great

time.

Several of our members are scheduled to attend the MRF Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas in September. We will be going as representatives from the Eastern District of CBA, along with members from several other Eastern District chapters.

Raleigh hosted an Accident Scene Management class on August 27th and 28th. We join several other chapters in bringing this most important and educational program to the biking community and challenge other chapters to do the same.

Gail Rumler  
Raleigh Secretary

## Closure in Greensboro

On July 18 2003, Larry Moyer and his wife Florence "Tee" Moyer from Albany, New York were vacationing on their motorcycle in Greensboro, NC when a hit-and-run driver ran them over and left the scene. Larry and Tee were stopped on Interstate 40 in slow traffic when the car driver lost control of her vehicle and drove into the center guard rail to their left. The car driver then proceeded to turn right, drive directly across I-40 and run directly over Larry and Tee to leave the highway off-ramp.

Two heroic witnesses chased the car and recorded the license plate number. The hit-and-run driver then returned to her home. She later contacted the NC Highway Patrol with the "thought" she may have hit a guard rail but no recollection of hitting 800 pounds of motorcycle with two people on it. The hit and run operator, Hope Barkar, was a registered nurse from Greensboro, NC driving with a revoked driver's license.

Larry Moyer sustained many injuries. Florence "Tee" Moyer died of her injuries seven days later. Tee was an organ donor. The only organs not destroyed from this event, were her eyes, which were donated. After many delays by the defense, this case finally went to trial on August 1st 2005.

Assistant District Attorney Christopher Parrish did an excellent job of prosecuting this case and the twelve member jury returned the following verdicts: 1) Driving with a revoked license: Guilty, 2) Felony Hit-and-Run: Guilty, 3) Assault with a deadly weapon causing serious injury: Guilty, 4) Second degree murder: charge was reduced to involuntary manslaughter. The judge in the case sentenced the defendant to the maximum penalties allowable. The defendant will serve a minimum of three years and eleven months to five years in prison.

This was a landmark case because the District Attorney pursued second degree murder charges. Murder charges are only usually sought when the car driver is impaired. We all owe Guilford County District Attorney R. Stuart Albright a big "THANK YOU" for not dismissing this case as just another dead biker. He and his assistant Chris Parrish fought hard for over two years to bring some justice to this senseless death. They have sent a clear message that killing bikers will not be tolerated in Guilford County, NC.

If you are a biker in Guilford County, NC, please remember this article when election time comes around and District Attorney Albright needs campaign workers and supporters.

Florence "Tee" Moyer is survived by her husband, six children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. May God bless the Moyer family.

## Why Go to Southern Cross? It's in Our Hearts

The Southern Cross, what a vision it brings to mind. That glorious flag flying over our beloved countryside, gentlemen in soft gray uniforms, ladies in colorful, full flowing gowns, monstrously large stallions pawing the ground with fire flying from their eyes. A time gone by, and a vision still emblazoned in the psyche of those of us that have a need to be a part of something important and worthwhile, something that will instill in others a better way of life. Our beloved Confederacy, gone? Yes, but only in the history books, it still lingers on in our minds and our hearts.

We cannot ride those horse's, adorned in gray now against our brothers, for they are not the enemy any more, but we can still honor those that did, and hopefully gain insight into their minds. What did those Generals say to his troops that would give them the courage to stand fifty foot from another and pass fifty caliber mini balls amongst each other. What words could make a man walk a thousand miles and leave his family without food, insurance, safety, husband and father. Most assuredly he knew he might never return. It has been a quest of mine to find those words, that I might inspire others to join our small ranks and continue our struggle. Thus far those magical

words have eluded me.

I have attended MOTM, NCOM Conventions, AMA Conventions and while I have heard some incredibly intelligent speakers on a wide range of topics, I have yet to hear those words that could inspire men to forsake all they held precious for an idea. A ridiculous idea that men should be allowed to live their life in peace and as they saw fit, without interference from man or Government.

Maybe it wasn't words, maybe it was that magnificent countryside or those gracious ladies or those fine southern cigars that played on their minds. Maybe it was the company of his fellow southerner that made him see his life meant little if he had to live it any other way.

It brings to mind a most notable quote from "Cold Mountain" "Men went about changing the weather and caused these clouds to hang over our land, and then they stand out in the rain and holler SHIT IT'S RAINING."

I go to the Southern Cross in search of answers.

Cotton

## What's in the SAFETEA-LU for Motorcycles?

*Editor's Note: Thanks to Jim West, ABATE of Iowa for extracting language out of the monstrous document*

See the Accompanying Article from MRF (on Page 8) if you don't even know what this is...

### SEC. 1914. MOTORCYCLIST ADVISORY COUNCIL

(a) In General- The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, in consultation with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, shall appoint a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and advise the Administrator on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including—

- (1) barrier design;
  - (2) road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and
  - (3) the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.
- (b) Composition- The Council shall consist of not more than 10 members of the motorcycling community with professional expertise in national motorcyclist safety advocacy, including—
- (1) at least—
    - (A) one member recommended by a national motorcyclist association;
    - (B) one member recommended by a national motorcycle riders foundation;
    - (C) one representative of the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators;
    - (D) two members of State motorcyclists' organizations;
    - (E) one member recommended by a national organization that represents the builders of highway infrastructure;
    - (F) one member recommended by a national association that represents the traffic safety systems industry; and
    - (G) one member of a national safety organization; and
  - (2) at least one, and not more than two, motorcyclists who are traffic system design engineers or State transportation department officials.

### SEC. 2010. MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY

- (a) Authority To Make Grants- Subject to the requirements of this section, the Secretary
- (b) Maintenance of Effort- No grant may be made to a State under this section in a fiscal year unless the State enters into such agreements with the Secretary as the Secretary may require to ensure that the State will maintain its aggregate expenditures from all the other sources for motorcyclist safety training programs and motorcyclist awareness programs at or above the average level of such expenditures in its 2 fiscal years preceding the date of enactment of this Act
- (c) Allocation- The amount of a grant made to a State for a fiscal year under this section may not be less than \$100,000 and may not exceed 25 percent of the amount apportioned to the State for fiscal year 2003 under section 402 of title 23, United States Code.
- (d) Grant Eligibility-

(1) IN GENERAL- A State becomes eligible for a grant under this section by adopting or demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Secretary—

- (A) for the first fiscal year for which the State will receive a grant under this section, at least 1 of the 6 criteria listed in paragraph (2); and
- (B) for the second, third, and fourth fiscal years for which the State will receive a grant under this section, at least 2 of the 6 criteria listed in paragraph (2)

(2) CRITERIA- The criteria for eligibility for a grant under this section are the following:

(A) MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING COURSES- An effective motorcycle rider training course that is offered throughout the State, provides a formal program of instruction in accident avoidance and other safety-oriented operational skills to motorcyclists and that may include innovative training opportunities to meet unique regional needs.

(B) MOTORCYCLISTS AWARENESS PROGRAM- An effective statewide program to enhance motorist awareness of the presence of motorcyclists on or near roadways and safe driving practices that avoid injuries to motorcyclists.

(C) REDUCTION OF FATALITIES AND CRASHES INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES- A reduction for the preceding calendar year in the number of motorcycle fatalities and the rate of motor vehicle crashes involving motorcycles in the State (expressed as a function of 10,000 motorcycle registrations).

(D) IMPAIRED DRIVING PROGRAM- Implementation of a statewide program to reduce impaired driving, including specific measures to reduce impaired motorcycle operation.

(E) REDUCTION OF FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS INVOLVING IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLISTS- A reduction for the preceding calendar year in the number of fatalities and the rate of reported crashes involving alcohol- or drug-impaired motorcycle operators (expressed as a function of 10,000 motorcycle registrations).

(F) FEES COLLECTED FROM MOTORCYCLISTS- All fees collected by the State from motorcyclists for the purposes of funding motorcycle training and safety programs will be used for motorcycle training and safety programs.

(e) Eligible Uses-

(1) IN GENERAL- A State may use funds from a grant under this section only for motorcyclist safety training and motorcyclist awareness programs, including—

- (A) improvements to motorcyclist safety training curricula;
- (B) improvements in program delivery of motorcycle training to both urban and rural areas, including—
  - (i) procurement or repair of practice motorcycles;
  - (ii) instructional materials;
  - (iii) mobile training units; and
  - (iv) leasing or purchasing facilities for closed-course motorcycle skill training;
- (C) measures designed to increase the recruitment or retention of motorcyclist safety training instructors; and
- (D) public awareness, public service announcements, and other outreach programs to enhance driver awareness of motorcyclists, such as the 'share-the-road' safety messages developed under subsection (g).

(2) SUBALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS- An agency of a State that receives a grant under this section may sub-allocate funds from the grant to a nonprofit organization incorporated in that State to carry out under this section.

(f) Definitions- In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY TRAINING- The term 'motorcyclist safety training' means a formal program of instruction that is approved for use in a State by the designated State authority having jurisdiction over motorcyclist safety issues, which may include the State motorcycle safety administrator or a motorcycle advisory council appointed by the Governor of the State.

(2) MOTORCYCLIST AWARENESS- The term 'motorcyclist awareness' means individual or collective awareness of—

(A) the presence of motorcycles on or near roadways; and

(B) safe driving practices that avoid injury to motorcyclists.

(3) MOTORCYCLIST AWARENESS PROGRAM- The term 'motorcyclist awareness program' means an informational or public awareness program designed to enhance motorcyclist awareness that is developed by or in coordination with the designated State authority having jurisdiction over motorcyclist safety issues, which may include the State motorcycle safety administrator or a motorcycle advisory council appointed by the Governor of the State.

(4) STATE- The term 'State' has the same meaning such term has in section 101(a) of title 23, United States Code.

(g) Share-the-Road Model Language- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, shall develop and provide to the States model language for use in traffic safety education courses, driver's manuals, and other driver's training materials instructing the drivers of motor vehicles on the importance of sharing the roads safely with motorcyclists.

### SEC. 5511. MOTORCYCLE CRASH CAUSATION STUDY GRANTS.

(a) Grants- The Secretary shall provide grants to the Oklahoma Transportation Center for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive, in-depth motorcycle crash causation study that employs the common international methodology for in-depth motorcycle accident investigation of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

(b) Funding- Of the amounts made available under section 5101(a)(1) of this Act, \$1,408,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007 shall be available to carry out this section

## MRF News

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August 10, 2005

### #05NR20 - President Bush Signs Highway Bill

President Bush signed a comprehensive highway measure into law Wednesday morning in the home district of Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL). Flanked by the Secretary of Transportation, Hastert and throngs of Members of Congress, Bush declared that the \$286.4 billion dollar package will "improve the safety of and modernize the nation's highway system". He added "and in a fiscally responsible way, this bill does not raise any federal gas taxes" Bush then signed the legislation into public law.

Bush had been brandishing a veto threat of any proposal that spent more than \$284 billion, but in the end, decided the measure was worthy legislation and a good compromise.

The legislation had been running on a series of unprecedented monetary extensions, many observers doubted that the package would ever see public law.

The package known as SAFETEA-LU or Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, if you are not into brevity, marks a monumental victory for motorcyclists. The bill makes available \$25 million dollars for motorcycle education and awareness campaigns, and calls for the organization of a motorcycle advisory council to advise the Federal Highway Administrator on road and road furniture design.

All of these provisions are a direct result of the efforts of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the various State Motorcycle Rights Groups and individual motorcyclists that traveled to Washington DC to lobby, contact their Members of Congress, or maintain a healthy relationship with their elected officials. The MRF would like to thank all of those that have worked on the inclusion of the motorcycle language. Without you, the highway bill would have once again ignored the needs of the motorcycle community.

"Now that the highway bill is public law, the individual states will be able to improve upon, or in some cases, implement rider ed programs and awareness campaigns." said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations. "This groundbreaking legislation has the potential to save thousands of lives, something we should all be very proud of."

## LEGISLATION TO WATCH!

The following excerpt is taken from "The Gunny's Sack", a newsletter published by NCOM

There is a big fight brewing in the Pacific Northwest and we in North Carolina should keep a close eye on the outcome. In Washington, a BALLOT MEASURE designed to LIMIT your access to the courts is being considered!

To combat lawsuits by patients INJURED by medical negligence, the Washington State Medical Association now has more than \$3.6 million in the bank and \$5.3 million pledged - all directed at taking away our right to our day in court, IGNORING the needs of people injured by medical negligence, and protecting insurance industry profits at OUR expense.

The people who support this fund:

- Hospitals \$1.8 million
- Pharmaceuticals \$100,000
- Insurance Industry \$830,000
- Medical professionals and practices \$1.7 million
- WA medical association. \$733,000

These figures indicate nearly \$9 million is being set aside, for Washington State alone, to help insurance companies fight against legitimate claims brought about by their own incompetence. We need to keep an eye out to combat legislation of this nature in North Carolina.

To curb the growth of premiums, the Administration and Members of Congress have proposed several types of restrictions on malpractice awards. Bills introduced in the House and Senate in 2003 would impose caps on awards for non-economic and punitive damages, reduce the statute of limitations on claims, restrict attorneys' fees, and allow evidence of any benefits that plaintiffs collect from other sources (such as their

insurance) to be admitted at trial. Limits of one kind or another on liability for malpractice injuries, or "torts," are relatively common at the state level: more than 40 states had at least one restriction in effect in 2002.

The insurance industry, and the medical community have long been enemies of the "right to choose" legislation we have tried to have passed in NC. Figures citing the cost to taxpayers for injured motorcyclists, and the number of lives lost to helmet choice are always used in arguing to keep mandatory helmet laws on the books.

From what I've been able to gather, (no definitive statistical data) more people die from medical malpractice than die from motorcycle accidents. The American Medical Association is able to protect itself by having an internal review board that "Police's" its own members. Determination of fault, and specific consequences for medical mistakes made by professionals are generally not revealed to the public.

But the real villains in this issue are the insurance companies. Each year, about 15 malpractice claims are filed for every 100 physicians, and about 30 percent (4.5) of those claims result in an insurance payment (approx 1 malpractice victim for every 20 physicians).

Insurance companies determine malpractice rates on the anticipated costs of future suits. In order to reduce the costs (and increase shareholder dividends) they want to place a cap on how much they have to pay victims of medical incompetence.

For more information on Limiting Tort Liability for Medical Malpractice, visit <http://www.cbo.gov>

DocSki

## CBA Lifetime Member Goes Into Business on His Own

Chuck Towery, HD Factory-trained motorcycle technician, former service manager for HD in Wilmington, recent long time employee for Ben's V-Twins of Charlotte, has gone out on his own.

If you live in the Charlotte, Rock Hill, or Clover, SC area and need maintenance or repair work done on your bike, consider giving a fellow CBA member your business!

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## Legislative Update

### HB-1289 The Helmet Amendment Bill:

Our helmet-amendment bill was introduced just as it came out of the Select Committee last session. The Legislative Working party recently provided Representative Sauls some supportive information regarding: (1) NHTSA statistical analysis on the percentage of fatalities per registration (no increase in percentage of fatalities in helmet-choice states); (2) Motorcycle Sales Increase (30%) in helmet-choice states (\$39 million increase in state sales taxes), and; (3) Projected motorcycle registration increases (20%) (potential tax increase of \$26 million). This bill was favorably voted on by a Select Committee last session. We want to see this bill on the calendar.

### SB-1077 Amend Motorcycle Learners Permits:

This bill is being sponsored by Senator Tony Rand. Senator Rand reported to the members of the Finance Committee that the Garrison Commander on Fort Bragg has asked him for help. Seems young soldiers are returning from overseas service, buying "crotch-rockets", and causing themselves serious injuries (i.e., loss of limbs). This bill shortens the term of a learner's permit from 18 months to 6 months. It also increases the cost of the learners permit from \$10 to \$50 (no funding is earmarked for NC MSEP).

There is no obvious correlation with the mandates of this bill, and a resolution to the problem expressed by Ft Bragg. It is our position that the way to prevent rider injuries is through rider education and motorist awareness education. We are working with

officials of the Fort Bragg Safety Office and the NC MSEP program in an attempt to develop an alternative to this bill.

As it is written, the current bill will create a disproportionate financial burden on novice NC motorcyclists, and reduce the amount of time an individual has to master riding skills before being required to pass a test for licensure, and/or being permitted to ride with a passenger.

### HB-50/SB-733 Street Gang Prevention Act:

This House bill was submitted to amend Chapter 14 of the NC General Statutes and create the North Carolina Street Gang Prevention Act. The purpose of this act is to eradicate criminal activity by street gangs. The intent is to deter these activities through forfeiture of profits, proceeds, and other instrumentalities, accumulated by street gangs.

The bill defines criminal street gang (formal or informal organization of three or more persons); Defines "criminal activity pattern" (a total of two violations of controlled substance violations and/or felonies and misdemeanors); and provides for enhanced sentencing, liberal seizure, forfeiture, and confiscation of property. Funding for this bill includes \$20 million in street grants and \$150,000 for software to develop a law enforcement data base on suspected gangs.

We feel that with RICO, and the Patriot Act, there are sufficient deterrents to the development of criminal organizations, and funding for surveillance and enforcement procedures. This bill is another infringe-

ment on our constitutional right to freedom of association, and is presented to the public as a method for controlling "adolescent" criminal activity in North Carolina. (See Wake Up Call on page 14.)

### Anti-Discrimination Bill:

This proposed bill is intended to prohibit the intentional and/or arbitrary discrimination in access to public accommodations (inns and restaurants) and to protect the right to equal access to goods and services offered by businesses in North Carolina. In part this bill would prevent any business establishment from excluding individuals who wear long hair, or unconventional dress (leather clothing, clothing marked with motorcycle insignia) or who belong to motorcycle clubs or associations, merely because of such characteristics, and/or on account of their association with others. This bill would prevent a business or enterprise from excluding an entire class of individuals access to its services on the basis of a generalized prediction that the class as a whole is more likely to commit misconduct than some other class of the public.

We are currently seeking a sponsor for this bill.

Doc Ski  
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## Public Relations & Marketing

There is little to report for the last quarter. Unfortunately, as evidenced by my absence, my job is taking every moment of my time and will continue to do so until mid-August. I apologize for my absence but those of you who work on Federal contracts understand the pressure and constant attendance required to manage such a project. I have not abandoned CBA but I have a pressing commitment to my employer and hope you will all understand.

Key chains, pens and two different bumper stickers are available as promotional handouts. I am still working on securing window decals. The back patches are available for sale now and you will need to see products about those. I think they may be too small but only 100 have been ordered so I will defer to your feelings on that and re-order in a different size if that is the agreement of the membership.

If you need promotional materials, drop me an

email and I will see that you get some for your events. Samples are available up at the front if you would like to see them.

There have been no meetings and will not be any meetings until my personal firestorm gets over.

A reminder....please send anything you have for the newsletter to me by the second week of August.

A word about BikePAC....

We currently have over 7,000 in the account. No money has been spent for two reasons:

First, we cannot make donations during session and secondly, in my opinion, no worthy efforts have been made on our behalf. I promised to be a good steward of BikePAC funds and I will continue to do so. There will be more information provided about our legislative efforts and plans for the future if you have

not already heard it. I hope that BikePAC will play a continuing and important role as our legislative program develops. I will work in conjunction with CBA and want to tell you all again how much the BikePAC appreciates everyone's continuing support. A big thank you to Mark and Molly Infield. They have contributed regularly and I applaud their efforts.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you need to speak with me, give me a call. If not I will see you in the Fall.

## Be Careful What You Wish For

*Excerpt from the Gunny Sack*

Our unhappy dealings with Dr. Jeffrey Runge from NHTSA is ending with his departure from that agency to become Chief Medical Officer for the Department of Homeland Security. Hopefully, his replacement at NHTSA will have a more open mind when it comes to the welfare of bikers on the highways. Runge has been a headache for motorcyclists for the past four years.

*Editor's Note: Wonder how he can parlay his dislike of motorcyclists into this new position? Me too! He's still out there folks and I am guessing he will still be scary.*



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## Katrina Disaster Relief

### MRF REACHES OUT...

MRF reaches out to bikers in areas affected by Katrina. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) joins the nation in shock at the devastation and tragedy left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The MRF also encourages all motorcyclists to donate to the relief organization of their choice and to assist in relief efforts.

To assist any motorcyclist who may want to post information, or seek information, whether it be a call for help, a search for someone, or to let others know where they are, the MRF will be opening the Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Texas and Tennessee State pages on the MRF website at <http://www.mrf.org>. Any motorcyclist wishing to post may do so.

Please send all posts to JD DePaolantonio, MRF Director of Communications at [jd@mrf.org](mailto:jd@mrf.org). Please indicate the state or states where the post should appear. For any rider without computer access wishing to get information to the MRF States Page, please call the MRF Washington, D.C. Office at 202-546-0983. The MRF will ensure communications are posted. To access the MRF State Pages from <http://www.mrf.org>, click States MRO Legislation on the left column. Information will begin being posted tomorrow and will be available within hours of receipt.

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Rusty Wallace, Regional Manager - South/Southeast  
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Phone: (713) 991-0480 FAX: (713) 991-2814

### MSAP Program

I want to apologize to all my CBA brothers and sisters for being a little more low keyed than I normally am. Peggy and I had a few personal and business issues to deal with that were very time consuming for us. I believe we are out of the woods on these issues and are ready to get back to work with all our CBA friends. Sorry about the down time. We're back.

Let me give you an up date on our MSAP program's progress as of the last State Meeting.

1. Granville area has had 3 class's reaching 63 students
2. Burke area has had 1 class reaching 28 students
3. Brunswick area has had 11 class's reaching 291 students
4. Carteret/Craven area has had 6 class's reaching 259 students
5. Central district area has had 14 class's reaching 545 students

ALL TOTALING 35 CLASS'S REACHING 1,186 STUDENTS  
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The summer slowed things down a little, but we are looking for things to pick up as our school's reopen this fall.

We had a strong workshop in High Point that gave us 7 more instructors in the Central District. We have found new interest in our program from 3 different organizations outside of CBA. Which we really will need going forward with our program.

I must close this message off for now, but before I do, I want to send out a special THANKS to our Eastern District for their generous contribution to the MSAP program. THANK YOU EASTERN DISTRICT. Our friends in the Hickory Chapter also deserve a THANK YOU for their large contribution to the MSAP program. Last but not least I want to THANK Mark & Molly Infield for their first contribution last year and again for remembering us this year with yet another GREAT DONATION to our program. Mark & Molly are truly the greatest people. Every month I read Full Throttle and see all they bring to our world and lifestyle, I feel proud just to know them.

THANK YOU GUYS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Jim Burns  
Safety, Education & Awareness Director

P.S. Sturgis was awesome .....Peggy

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Regards,  
Fast Fred Ruddock  
State Coordinator, South Carolina

Cotton Tedder  
President, CBA/ABATE of North Carolina

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## MRF News

Cindy Hodges

**HIGHWAY BILL PASSES!** On July 29, 2005 a landmark victory for the motorcyclists of our nation was achieved when the US Congress voted to enact HR 3, the highway bill. The final version that was passed out of conference committee and eventually out of both bodies of Congress contains all of the motorcycle provisions the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMRO) and many individuals have lobbied for over the past two years.

The multi-year surface transportation legislation will infuse much-needed funds into the nation's crumbling roads and bridges and at the same time address traffic congestion, mass transit systems, and highway safety. The reauthorization language marks several highlights for motorcycle safety. Title II, section 2010 implements a grant program for motorcycle safety training and awareness programs making available \$25 million dollars through 2009. The grants, none less than \$100,000 per year, per state, will be available to individual states.

Another monumental victory for motorcyclists can be found under Title I of the bill. Where section 1914 calls for the formation of an advisory council to advise the Federal Highway

Administrator on how the small signature of motorcycles must be considered when designing roads, bridges and barriers.

The 1,681-page bill makes no mention of helmet requirements of any kind.

"Motorcyclists have been contributing to the federal trust fund that finances the highway bill as long as motorists have and until now, have been largely neglected." said Jeff Hennie MRF Vice President of Government Relations. "Motorcyclists have

once again proved well organized grassroots activism works. This bill not only aids the efforts of the individual states but will ultimately save lives of motorcyclists across the country."

NOTE: It will be some time before the Feds actually loosen this money up for disbursement. This is information we (the MRF) is trying to get now. Stay tuned.

MOTM (Meeting of The Minds) Agenda is out. There are several folks from our organization planning to attend. Here are some highlights from the conference agenda:

- Campaigns: Primaries, Elections and Activities Countdown - Boz Kerr, MRF PAC, ABATE of IL
- Grant Writing - Susan Huttman, MRF Asst, ABATE of FL and Todd Suda, MRF Asst.
- Motorcyclists: The Social Burden - Steve Zimmer, MRF BOD, ABATE of OH
- Right Of Way Legislation, How Do You Get It Passed? Moderated by Robert Collins, ABATE of AR
- Recruiting Members: What Works, What Doesn't - Gary Slawter, ABATE of MI Dealing With the Media - Fred Rau, MRF Reports Editor, MCN Contributing Editor

- SMRO Legislative Planning Session - Dave Dwyer, MRF BOD, ABATE of WI and Steve Zimmer, MRF BOD, ABATE of OH
- Changes in Rider Ed: An Open Forum, Ron Shepard, Idaho STAR Program
- How to Work With Volunteers - Fred Harrell, Prior MRF BOD and Mark Buckner, BikePAC of CO, MRF Ex-Officio
- Rider Impairment - What Can be Done? - National Transportation Highway Safety Administration, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Terry Cook - American Motorcycle Association
- Electronic Communications - Fast Fred, MRF BOD, ABATE of SC
- How to Lobby in Our Nation's Capital - Jeff Hennie, VP Government Relations and Cheryl Pearre, ABATE of IL
- Sharing the Road - Part I - Bruce Downs, ABATE of CO and Polly Schoeller, ABATE of IA
- WMTC and the Global Harmonization efforts on braking - Imre Szauter, AMA
- MRF PAC - An Open Meeting - Boz Kerr, MRF PAC

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## Campaign Letters

To all officers and members of Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of NC

Last week I mailed a letter to all state chapter Presidents introducing myself and giving some of the reasons why I have decided to run for Memberships Director of our organization. I would like to expand on that original letter, which is sent as an attachment to this e-mail.

The requirements and applications involved in processing memberships for our organization has changed and improved dramatically over the last five or six years. Our entire organization has continuously changed and evolved to the status and quality it is today. However, I am sure no member would say that we should be satisfied with our accomplishments thus far, and not agree that we should challenge ourselves to constantly improve our organization on every level.

I attended Campbell College for two years, and have taken classes at Wake Technical College and NC State University as needed to further my education in the jobs I filled. I am self-motivated and have always had the ability to easily accomplish any new task that I am presented with.

I have many new ideas and ways of doing things that I would bring to the Membership Directors job. My ideas would in no way compromise the integrity of the position, but only serve to enhance it. As Membership Director, I would work hard to compliment and enhance all the other Board of Director positions. My experience in buying would aid me in reducing the supplies budget for processing memberships.

The Membership Director's job and the job of Memberships Processor are two separate entities. At the present time, the same person is doing both jobs. I agree that the same person needs to do both jobs for maximum efficiency and speed until our membership numbers increase to require two people. I have attached a copy of the bid I will present to the Board of Directors detailing what I feel the Processor's job requires, and at the cost I am proposing. All other duties, requirements and responsibilities fall under the Membership Services Director's job as described in the Constitution under Article III.

Sincerely,  
Gail Rumler  
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Let me reintroduce myself for those that have recently joined CBA/ABATE of NC. My name is Jan Tedder and I have been the person that has coordinated services in our State Office for the past five years. You probably know me as Membership Services.

I started out my tenure as a State Officer as Information Director, where I started up the CBA/ABATE web page and handled the Newsletter. I then moved on to the Membership Director position. My duties in this capacity are to maintain the CBA/ABATE of NC database, assist the chapters in problems they may be having with their database, as well as inter-locking their database with the State's database and maintain a three day turnaround on applications I receive. I also serve as consultant to the chapter's secretary, treasurer, and membership person resolving problems they may be having with new or old applications or renewals.

While it has been voted on by the Executive Council to allot four hours per day to keep the doors of Membership Services open, I have found that keeping our chapter officers on top of their duties requires more than that, so I resolved that I would keep the doors open and be on call 24/7. It has worked out to everyone's advantage. Approximately eighteen months ago the executive council raised the pay for membership services to a flat \$1,000 dollars per month. I suggested we change my status to contract labor thereby releasing the Organization from the responsibility to file quarterly employee reports and pay taxes on my salary. I now receive a 1099 form and pay the taxes myself. This adds up to over three thousand dollars each year, so I really earn about \$700 per month for my work. That averages less than minimum wage per hour. Can it be done for less? Yes, if I cut my salary and work only the 4 hours a day, five days a week voted on by the executive council. Efficiency and office hours will be reduced.

I am retired from Associated Controls and Electrical Contracting where I held the position of Office Manager. I have no children at home, so I am available to answer phone calls from chapter officers that work night shift. Members are free to call my office at any time. Reducing the time available to 20 hours per week would severely cut time available to our membership by phone.

The State Office is complete with all the technology that is necessary to operate our Organization thereby relieving the Organization of the cost of repair or upgrade to others equipment.

Interaction between the State President and our Board of Directors is also a skill I have honed. Experience in producing membership graphs, reports, budgets, member research, renewals, invoices, lifetime searches and assistance with new chapter start ups are skills I bring to the office of Membership Director.

I have a combined length of service to CBA of 20 years. In that time I have held chapter secretary, and treasurer positions as well as special event coordinator. I have also held the State Information Director and Office Manager position as well as the Office of Membership Director. Your choice is clear... maintain the present level of service or change to the unknown. We have come a long way. Do we want to go back to the way it was?

Please consider voting for me in this very crucial time for our Organization.

Respectfully,  
Jan Tedder  
Membership Services Director  
CBA/ABATE of North Carolina

## What has the MRF done for ME THIS MONTH?

- Lobbied and defeated an amendment to the Highway Bill that would have penalized states who do not have mandatory helmet laws. If passed, this amendment would have helped to enact mandatory helmet laws in states without helmet laws and would have made it harder for us to repeal our mandatory helmet law.
- Lobbied for and supported the passage of the Highway Bill in the US Senate. The Highway bill provides funding to the states for road repair and motorcycle safety education.
- Pushed back on NHTSA's "FARS" safety study to make sure NHTSA is not reporting skewed data in their reports. (FARS = Fatality Analysis Reporting System)
- Monitored all federal legislation to ensure bikers are represented within the US government.
- Lobbied for the introduction of a US House companion bill to the US Senate's HIPAA reform bill that will close the loophole in the HIPAA act. That loophole allows insurance companies to deny medical coverage to injured bikers.
- Hosted the "Beast of the East" conference in New Hampshire.
- Thanks to Cindy's great idea, the MRF created the new "Think Tank" committee to enhance communication and interaction between the MRF BOD and the MRF members.
- The MRF does for you at the FEDERAL level what the CBA does for you at the STATE level. Please join the MRF today!

## HB 50 Abuse - Call To Action

By Docski

EDITORIAL NOTE: These sorts of things are knocking at our door. If this doesn't scare you into action, maybe you aren't paying enough attention.

I'm forwarding two reports of over-zealous police activities that use Virginia's state "Anti-gang Legislation" to legitimize their unconstitutional activities. Our anti-gang legislation (HB 50) has been passed by the NC House, and sent to the Senate for approval. It is currently referred to the Committee On Appropriations/Base Budget.

Go to <http://www.ncleg.net/gascrpts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2005&BillID=HB+50> for a history of the bill.

Contact all the members of your chapter ASAP and ask them to contact the members of the Senate appropriations committee and ask them to prevent these abuses of our rights in NC. Many of our senators are at home right now... Contact them at their homes and local offices. If you are unable to contact them at their home office; their assistants are still working in Raleigh. Let the assistants know how you feel. These are your freedoms, you have a responsibility to protect them.

Below are two email alerts sent from the VCDL (Virginia Citizens Defense League) concerning police (several agencies, including the ATF) at a gun show in Richmond. The behavior of the police/ATF is appalling, but I found it most interesting that documents supplied in the Freedom of Information Act indicate that this was a result of an "active gang related firearm program" (see link provided in 2nd email) - and this gun show is not the only one where this was used.

Gang legislation effects the rights of many more innocent people than the general public realizes - maybe this is a start in opening their eyes. Although the fact that the President of VCDL didn't even mention this fact concerns me.

Something else I found interesting - and this is in the FOIA documents - one of the ATF agents was wearing a t-shirt that said "If you can read this, the bitch fell off". It offended the gun show people and he was asked to wear it inside out. I may be being a bit paranoid, but is it a stretch to imagine that this agent is dressing in an attempt to look like a biker (the article says they were undercover yet everyone knew who they were) while there to identify "gang" members? I can only imagine the scrutiny Bernie and I would have received showing up there on bikes, with our SOLR t-shirts, Bernie's hair and beard flowing freely, and us there to buy guns. Bikers beware. This gang legislation is affecting us at every turn.

Read on.....

Date: Tue, 23 Aug 2005

Subject: VA-ALERT: First story on BATFE/Richmond debacle!

CNS news, who interviewed me on Thursday, put this out today. I am going to be interviewed tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 8:20 on WRVA (1140 AM) in Richmond. This should be the first of many articles:

<http://tinyurl.com/7f9cv>

ATF, Virginia Police Accused of 'Persecuting' Gun Shows  
By Jeff Johnson  
CNSNews.com Senior Staff Writer  
August 23, 2005

(CNSNews.com) - The federal agency that regulates U.S. gun dealers stands accused, along with at least three Virginia law enforcement agencies, of trying to shut down legal gun shows through alleged intimidation of gun buyers and sellers. The law enforcement organizations also allegedly broke the law by sharing gun buyers' information with members of the public.

Annette Gelles, owner of gun show sponsor Showmasters.us, told Cybercast News Service that at least 30 agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) along with nearly 500 Virginia State Police, Henrico County Police and Richmond City Police officers were assigned to the ATF operation targeting her gun show on Aug. 13 and 14 at the Richmond International Raceway and Fairground Complex, outside Richmond, Va.

Gelles said four marked police cars were stationed at the main entrance to the raceway parking lot and more than 50 marked and unlabeled but obvious law enforcement vehicles were positioned just outside the public entrance to the building. The officers' presence, Gelles said, was intended to intimidate her customers.

"It's just a persecution thing. It's not really an attempt to solve crimes or stop them," Gelles said. "It's their way of trying to get rid of gun shows. That's the only way you can explain that large a police presence at the gun shows."

Gelles said ATF Resident Agent in Charge Brian Swann told her that the officers were part of a "Virginia State Police, ATF task force" and represented the "same amount of force that we've used in all the shows." The only difference in Gelles' case, Swann told her, was that the command post was established at the site of her gun show.

Virginia State Police (VSP) spokeswoman Corinne Geller told Cybercast News Service that her agency does participate in a task force with ATF and other Virginia law enforcement agencies. As part of the agreement that created the task force, Geller said, VSP agreed to refer questions regarding its operations to ATF.

Richmond Police spokeswoman Kirsten Nelson e-mailed her response to questions about the apparent sting operation.

"I have done some checking and as I said on the phone, the gun show was not in our jurisdiction," Nelson wrote, "so I have no record of our officers' participation."

Gelles said the participation of Richmond Police officers in the operation has already been documented, by Richmond Police officers.

"My own Richmond City Police officers that are there, that I hire for my security purposes, told me that they saw 14 (Richmond City Police officers) on Saturday in plain clothes," Gelles said.

Lt. Doug Perry with Henrico County Police acknowledged that his department's officers took part in the operation, but he would not say how many participated.

"We wouldn't normally release that anyway. That's part of our operational plan, the number of officers involved," Perry said. "We're not on overtime when we're doing that so it wouldn't be public information."

One gun show exhibitor said he counted 72 uniformed and plainclothes officers and agents in and around the vehicles near the entrance to the building. Gelles claimed that an unidentified officer tried to stop the exhibitor from counting the number of law enforcement personnel present, but walked away when the exhibitor refused.

While normal attendance at her two-day show is nearly 4,000, Gelles said she attracted approximately 2,300 the weekend of Aug. 13 and 14, costing Showmasters.us more than \$7,000.

"There's no way that's legal"

"They did something else, which is highly illegal," Gelles charged. "They did something called a residency check."

Gelles explained that, when gun dealers took the paperwork to the Virginia State Police on-site office to complete the background checks on prospective buyers, ATF agents copied the names, home addresses and telephone numbers of the applicants.

Philip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, told Cybercast News Service that he has received numerous complaints alleging that as handgun buyers were waiting for their National Instant Check System (NICS) background investigations to be completed, ATF was secretly conducting the so-called "residency checks."

According to the complaints he received, Van Cleave said officers were dispatched to the homes of the prospective gun buyers to speak with family members, asking for example: "Gee, did you know your husband was going to a gun show today? Do you have his cell phone number? Did you know he was buying a gun?"

"If people weren't home they, in some cases, went to neighbors" to ask the same questions, Van Cleave said.

"I'm not an attorney but, I'll tell you what, in my opinion that would be a violation of federal law," Van Cleave said. "To go off on a fishing trip with that information, much less sharing information like that with neighbors, there's no way that's legal."

Title 18 Section 923 of the U.S. Code concerns the licensing of gun dealers and appears to support Van Cleave's position. It contains the following restrictions on the information collected during the process of a gun purchase:

"(g)(3)(B) Except in the case of forms and contents thereof regarding a purchaser who is prohibited by [federal law] from receipt of a firearm, the department of State police or State law enforcement agency or local law enforcement agency of the local jurisdiction shall not disclose any such form or the contents thereof to any person or entity, and shall destroy each such form and any record of the contents thereof no more than 20 days from the date such form is received."

VSP's Geller could not comment on the "residency checks," but said the ATF did not get gun buyers' addresses from her agency. "I can assure you, they weren't getting it from our records," Geller said, "because we don't take addresses."

In fact, the "Department of State Police - Virginia Firearms Transaction Record" form asks for the purchaser's name, date of birth, Social Security or driver's license number and citizenship status. No other identifying information, such as addresses or telephone numbers is requested.

But ATF Form 4473, the "Firearms Transaction Record Part I - Over-The-Counter," does request the purchaser's address. Those forms are kept together as part of a "buyer's packet" when the VSP form is submitted for the NICS check.

Erich Pratt, communications director for Gun Owners of America (GOA), told Cybercast News Service that these types of allegations against ATF are exactly why GOA members opposed the NICS background check when it was initially proposed.

"Whenever you force good people to jump through hoops before they exercise their rights, you give rogue bureaucrats a chance to harass decent citizens," Pratt said.

"We have a Bill of Rights because government does not always act in our best interest," he continued. "Rather than being spied upon, the American people should be the ones questioning family members and neighbors - not of gun owners - but of these rogue bureaucrats."

ATF agent allegedly 'got quite rude' with gun show customer James Lalime, who works part time for a gun dealer, was attending the Richmond show on his own. He had brought two firearms and part of a third from his personal collection to offer for sale at the show, which is legal and

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does not require a federal firearms license (FFL) or local business license.

Lalime claims a man approached him and verbally identified himself as an ATF agent but did not show his credentials or badge.

"He was accusing me of running a business and telling me that I needed to get a business license if I was going to sell firearms," Lalime charged.

The agent allegedly had state police check Lalime's driver's license and learned that it was suspended. He said he was placed in the back of a police car and questioned by the agent while the suspension was investigated.

"He kept asking me all kinds of questions: 'How often do you buy guns? when do you buy guns? When was the last time you bought a gun? How many guns did you buy the last time you bought guns?'" Lalime continued. "All that is irrelevant and I told him that. I said, 'That's my personal business.'"

Lalime was released when it was learned that his license was valid and the alleged suspension was caused by a computer error. He went back into the gun show and told Gelles about the encounter and she suggested that Lalime get the agent's name.

When he found the agent, who identified himself as Special Agent Brian McComas, Lalime claims McComas tried to intimidate him.

"He said, 'You know you're making a big deal about nothing,' and I said, 'No sir, I am not,'" Lalime explained. "Then he got right in my face, almost touching his chest to mine, in real threatening posture, and said, 'You're making a real big mistake.'"

Lalime claims Swann interrupted the confrontation and the two federal officers walked away. "Once I got over the initial shock, it really made me angry," Lalime said.

ATF is 'out of the residency check business'

Gelles and her attorneys were in Washington, D.C., Aug. 15 to meet with ATF officials and seek an explanation for what happened over the weekend. After talking with several people in the ATF headquarters, Gelles said she finally spoke with a supervisor, whom she would not identify, who assured her that ATF "is out of the residency check business, effective immediately."

She was hesitant to give further details about the meeting in the event that a lawsuit is filed over the agency's actions.

In addition to the \$7,000 she said she lost from reduced attendance at the show, Gelles added that she has already spent more than \$12,000 in legal fees trying to prevent a repeat of the ATF operation of Aug. 13 and 14 and other Previous incidents of what she considers improper agency behavior.

Van Cleave said his groups will be "watching in Virginia with a microscope to make sure that nothing like this ever happens again.

"If they do it again, we'll get active in contacting the ATF, the police and the media," Van Cleave warned. "If they break their word on this and start this crap again, then we will be in touch with the media."

After more than a half-dozen calls by Cybercast News Service seeking comment for this article, an ATF spokesman said the agency was "still gathering information" about the events of Aug. 13 and 14 and would not be able to comment until sometime on Tuesday.

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Date: Mon, 29 Aug 2005  
To: va-alert@listbox.com  
From: VCDL President  
Subject: VA-ALERT: A smoking gun on the BATFE/Richmond incident

One of VCDL's members did a Freedom of Information Act request to the Virginia State Police on the BATFE 'residency check' scheme that was being run on purchasers at the last Richmond gun show.

The resulting document, which gives important insight into the scheme, is now on VCDL's site for you to view <http://www.vcdl.org/pdf/gunshow.pdf>

The first three pages talk about the last gun show. The fourth page was created sometime before March of this year.

Notice on page four that 'residency checks' have been going on for at least a year! I'm surprised that we didn't learn about it earlier. I would guess that many people either didn't know who to notify or, more likely, were too intimidated.

Page three discusses the language one BATFE agent had on his t-shirt. That language wasn't necessary for a \*\*police officer\*\* to wear at a gun show, which is really a family event. A t-shirt saying something like 'Guns Save Lives' wouldn't have been so inappropriately offensive. :-)

BTW, I learned that after complaints about the t-shirt, the officer was force to turn the shirt inside out.

Also it is noted on the third page that "Twenty-one individuals were deterred from making purchases due to questioning by Task Force members." It doesn't say that those were all criminals buying guns. It is very likely that it spooked off mostly legitimate gun purchasers who didn't want to purchase a gun in an oppressive environment where the police were hanging around and appeared to be chomping at

the bit to bust someone.

Finally, it is noted on page three that the BATFE is only suspending the 'residency check' scheme, not terminating it. Thus, it could rear its ugly head in a more covert manner in the future. Any bets?

Let's keep our eyes and ears open, VCDL!

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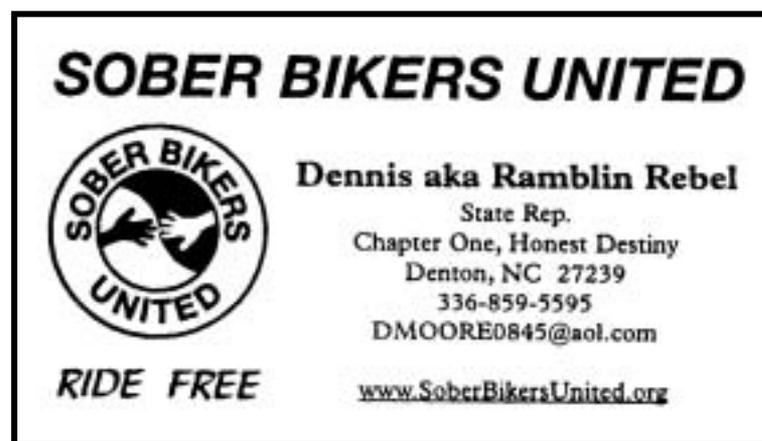
VCDL is an all-volunteer, non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to defending the human rights of all Virginians. The membership considers the Right to Keep and Bear Arms to be an essential human right.

VCDL web page: <http://www.vcdl.org>

EDITORIAL NOTE: We have a similar organization in North Carolina. It is called GrassRoots North Carolina and you can find them at <http://www.grnc.org> It is \$25 per year to join.

**Don't forget...**  
**Fall Swap Meet**  
**Metrolina Expo**  
**November 12-13**

## Ride with the Son



Sober Bikers United, Inc. is a family oriented group of clean and sober bikers whose primary goals is have fun and share the clean and sober biker lifestyle. You don't have to be a biker to be a member. You don't have to own a bike. You don't have to be in recovery.

The only requirement for membership is that you live and/or support a clean and sober biker lifestyle and like motorcycles. There are no gender, race, or recovery program requirements for membership.



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**ABATE OF N.C. INC.**  
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Are you a registered voter?  Yes  No

I understand that by signing my name to this application, I am seeking membership into a political organization. Toward that end, I will follow the meaning of that word.

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