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**CBA/ABATE
to Host...
Beast of the East
April 21-23, 2006**

CBA/ABATE to Get New President! See Page 8

Coming Events

March 25 & 26
Charlotte Swap Meet
Metrolina Expo

April 8 & 9
Committee Meetings
State Meeting

April 21-23
Beast of the East MRF
Charlotte, NC
CBA/ABATE to host!

April 29
Spoker Run
Central District

July 15 & 16
Committee Meetings
State Meeting

October 7 & 8
Committee Meetings
State Meeting

**See Website
For Details**

Letter from the Editor...

Happy New Year Everyone!

As always, a new year is spread out before us and it is filled with hope. Another new year to fight for our rights, build our organization and make our mark in the history books.

On a sad note, Cotton resigned as our President in January. We wish him well and hope we will see him around in the organization. Cotton is one of the best freedom fighters I have ever known and I will personally miss his guidance on the Board. Our organization will surely feel the loss. Jim Burns stepped up to the plate to act as interim State President until a formal election could be held and we shall move forward...with a heavy heart...but nevertheless...we shall move forward.

The first State meeting of the year was a huge success! We have moved to a two day format so that more members can participate in committee meetings, we can reduce expense and travel and hopefully the new format will encourage members to come forward and do the work of the organization and have some fun too! The attendance was amazing. With all the new ideas being shared to strengthen our organization...we simply cannot lose! A huge Thank You to Randolph County chapter for the use of their new building and facilities.

Our legislative program will be stronger than ever under the direction of Docski. He gave a very informative overview at his Committee meeting and we can look to great things ahead. Just remember...you cannot spell success without "U" so step up to the plate and be a part of the solution. To coin a phrase from my friend and fellow member Fast Fred...it is a TEAM effort. Together, Everyone Achieves More! There are no words with more truth in them.

Our organization is about our members. Our members are our strength. If you have something to say about the way you think or want things to be done...PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE join one of the committees and let your voice be heard.

There is lots of fun to be had in the days ahead brothers and sisters and lots of work to do to protect our rights as bikers and as Americans. Roll up your sleeves, get out your pencils and jump into the fray. The freedom you save may be your own.

*See ya on the flip side!
Crazy Deb*



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January State Meeting Minutes

Held at the Randolph Chapter Lodge
Hospitality hosted by the Buncombe Chapter
Jan. 15th 2006

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by interim State President Jim Burns. Jim thanked both the Randolph and Buncombe Chapters for all their help with the food and beverage at this meeting. All of this was done on very short notice. He also thanked everyone for coming and for the patience that the Chapters have shown the BOD with everything that has happened at the BOD level in the past two weeks.

Opening Prayer: Offer by Cliff Cyphers

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by DocSki

Chapter Roll Call:

Present: Alamance, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus/Rowan, Caldwell, Carteret/Craven, Charlotte, Chatham, Columbus, Davidson, Grandville, Hickory, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, Tar River Basin, Triad, Union and At-Large.

Not Present: New Hanover.

Introductions

Jim explained that at the last two State Meetings we had skipped the Chapter introductions due to a long agenda and such a short amount of time to cover everything. Since we have so many new faces and the whole day to cover everything we will do the introductions.

Announcements

1. All Chapter treasurers need to clear Membership Services invoices with the State Treasurer and Secretary today. Jim also asked all chapters to please furnish the State Secretary with the contact information of all their officers. The website needs this information so it can be kept up to date and the information is used by the secretary when emergencies arise.

2. Jim presented awards to members that could not make the social that was held Saturday night.

Awards were presented to:

- Mark Little for his work with the NC/COC
- Jan Tedder for her service as Information Director 1999-2001, Membership Services Director 2002-2005. Jan was not present. The award was accepted by Teresa Jenkins for her.
- Buddy Grainger for his service on the BOD 2004-2005
- Lane Wise for his service on the BOD 2004-2005

Awards that were given out Saturday Night:

- Vinnie Neumann for his service to the BOD 2004-2005

- Jim Burns for his work with MSAP program
- Darlene Kimsey for her work with the Dept. of Transportation
- Pam Martin of S.C. for her service to the Southern Cross Conference
- Deb Knox for her service to the Southern Cross Conference
- Mike Hodges for his service as State Treasurer 2002-2005

3. Triad Chapter was given their new Charter. Jim explained that the Triad Chapter was once known as the High Point Chapter and all that was being done was issuing them a new name. The Chapter will remain the same it is just a new name. Robert Causey (President of the Chapter) stated that the name change would just open new doors for them, nothing else will change.

4. Resignation of the State President: Cotton was present and was asked to at this time speak. Cotton came forward with an award that was an exact replica of the one given to Rick Nail. This award is a lifetime achievement award that has not been given as of yet. He had hoped that one day he would be giving it to the man that repealed our helmet law. He said he would leave it with the BOD and maybe someday they could present it. He said that we have come a long way in 6 years, we have done a lot of good things; we got our first bill passed. He went on to say that his time has passed, we have all grown, and you have grown much smarter than you have ever been before and capable of many things. I have taken you as far as I can take you. He said he had a lot of witty things to say but they seem inadequate. We have bumped heads, we've laughed, we've gotten drunk, and we've had a hell of a time, but this board can take you farther than I ever could. My time has passed. I'm going back to Union County as their President, come see us. Jim thanked Cotton at that time and asked Doc Ski to read the BOD's official statement that can also be read on the website and will appear in the newsletter.

It reads as follows:

Effective January 7th, 2006 the Board of Directors for CBA/ABATE of N.C. reluctantly accepted the resignation of Dennis "Cotton" Tedder as State President.

Jim Burns has been appointed interim State President until a formal election is held. We appreciate Cotton's long standing dedication to this organization. The Board of Directors will continue to rely on Cotton's expertise now and into the future.

Mark Little of the Triad Chapter said that he feels Cotton did not resign willingly. He made a motion that there be an investigation conducted as to why Cotton

resigned. He feels it is owed to the membership to know what really happened. Doc Ski informed Jim that according to Roberts Rules of Order that a motion can not be introduced at this time, it has to wait until we get to new business on the agenda. Jim explained the rule to the Executive Council. The council was in favor to move on and place the motion under new business.

State Secretary' Report

The minutes of the October's meeting had been printed in the last newsletter. A motion was made and passed that the minutes be accepted as printed.

State Treasurer Report

Darlene passed out the report. A question about the NCBikePac category was brought up. Darlene called on Mike (last year's treasurer) to explain the category. Mike stated that the NCBikePac should have been in another place. There were never any monies given to Bike Pac just some used equipment. A motion was made seconded and passed to accept the report.

Committee Reports

1. Legislative: Doc Ski

DocSki put on a power point presentation showing goals and how to accomplish them. He gave a full report on his committee meeting that was held on Saturday, January 14th. Doc presented a case of a man who embezzled money and was sentenced to 5 years in prison and a woman that was driving drunk with a child in her car hit and killed a motorcyclist received only probation. We got the right of way bill passed and this year he wants to put more bite in it with stiffer fines. This is just one of the things we must work on. Please see his report in this newsletter.

2. MRF: Cindy Hodges

Cindy was not present due to a previous speaking engagement at the PRO Convention, a national sports bike convention. She sent in her report and it was read by DocSki. I went over the MRF Beast of the East. Copies of the Hotel and location were passed out. Members were asked to sign up on a committee to get both the Beast of the East and NCOM Conventions going. Gary Bridges of the Charlotte Chapter will be co chairing this committee. We will be holding a meeting in Charlotte soon. The question was asked what our expenses would be. The memberships had been told that after the \$600.00 for NCOM that would be all the expense we would incur. I explained that was not right that there were other expenses for both conferences. With the help of the membership we could keep them to a minimum. Further details will be posted to the website as they come in. Please see Cindy's report in this newsletter it will prove to be very interesting.

3. NCOM: Doc Ski

On January 7th, DocSki was appointed by the BOD to represent North Carolina. A letter is being sent to James "Doc" Reichenbach, the Chairman,

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NCOM BOD informing him of this appointment. Beaver questioned if there are any other motorcycle groups that belong to NCOM? Doc said yes, one is the Confederation of Clubs who helped pay for the conference rooms. The NCOM Convention will go on as planned.

4. N.C. Confederation of Clubs: Mark Little

Mark explained that Cotton had appointed him in this position as a litigator to work on getting an anti-discrimination bill passed. Mark feels that it's really good to have the COC on board. It's very important to have their respect and he feels that we have gotten that. We are helping pave the road they are on along with us. They what to be an MRO but due to circumstances they cannot. But if you think that discrimination isn't happening think again. We need sponsorship for that bill badly. If anyone can help with that it would be great. Mark said that he had talked about t-shirts at the last meeting and now they are ready. He has a meeting to go to on the 24th, if you want one they are first come first served so call him at 336-908-2304. If anyone enters into a place of business and cannot get service because your wearing leathers, chaps or a CBA patch contact Mark as soon as possible with the name and location of the business so he can get it to Bob Donat the AIM attorney who is compiling a list to present to legislators so they can see that this is a problem that needs to be dealt with. Mark also said that we have some clubs around here that are not members of the COC and he has asked the Board of Directors of the COC to send a letter to two of the clubs he knows to join the COC. Mark has people in the COC that would also like to get involved with our MSAP program. Jim will work with Mark and get that going.

5. Products: Gwen Nichols

Gwen also had a meeting Saturday that had 18 members in attendance. She said they had a lot of great ideas come out of that meeting. She knows that at the last State Meeting we were to decide if we wanted to keep products or not, but she feels that with the participation of the members we may have a chance to make money on products. Allen Hutton wanted to make a motion to keep products for one more year. We were informed that the motion had to be brought up under old business. If we decide to keep products we really do not need a motion to do so. The Executive Council decided to keep products committee for at least one more year. Gwen gave the balance in the products account.

6. PR/Newsletter/Website: Deb Knox

Deb thanked everyone for their patience while she was sick last year. She brought all the promotional material that she had printed to this meeting. She encouraged the smaller chapters to please take some, she knows that they do not have a lot of funds and the promotional material can be used as handouts at events by them. It also helps get the CBA name out there. She

knows that we had talked a lot about the AMA grant last year to do a poster. This poster is not a widely accepted message in the biker world, but it is something we all need to face. The poster depicts drinking and riding. The majority of bikers that are killed in North Carolina are killed for three reasons. They are killed because they are inexperienced, they are killed because they are speeding, they are killed because they are drinking and riding. She stated that she has seen the reports over the past 5 year and we will never get what we want legislatively if we do not bring the statistics down. She gave thanks to everyone involved in the making the poster. This poster cost CBA not one dime. The photography, flowers, and funeral home were all donated. She also pointed out that the man in the middle of that poster was Ray Lee of Brunswick County who lost his wife to a right of way violator August 23rd, 2003. She knows that the poster is a controversial one, but she has an even worse one coming up. So please take the posters and get them out were ever bikers are, lets help save lives. The newsletter was next on her agenda. She is willing to do the newsletter more often but it will be necessary for the Chapters to participate. She is an information provider not an information collector. She asked all Chapters to please put her on their mailing list and send her their newsletters; she will go through them and pick out information such as events, awards and anything that can be used in the State Newsletter. She does not mind doing that. We need to get information to her for both the newsletter and the website. See Deb's report in the newsletter.

7. Membership Services:

Gail "Dumplin" Rumler

Gail also had her Membership Committee Saturday. First she wanted to make a statement from her heart; back in 2002 she was sitting in the back of the room at a State Meeting when Cotton addressed the problems we were having with Membership Services. Applications were not getting done in a timely manner. No one volunteered for the job. Jan stepped up and took on one of the biggest messes you could ever imagine. Memberships were screwed up and paperwork was all over. Jan spent countless hours on this to get the membership back up to date. She did an incredible job. Now Gail will be doing membership services and hopes to do the best job ever. She feels that at this time she will not need a salary to do the job, but if the membership grows to where someone needs to be hired it would be brought up before the Executive Council. Her committee meeting went over well, with a great attendance and great ideas coming from it. Her full report can be read in this newsletter.

8. Smart Committee: Jim Burns

Jim said that the committee meeting he had yesterday had a great turnout. Chapters that felt they had slowed down really didn't. When they started talking about what they are doing it came to light that just teaching in schools isn't all that they do in the MSAP program.

Some Chapters are making videos to give to schools that we can not get to; others are doing PSA's and promoting the MSAP program at events throughout the State. He covered two main Driver Education Teachers Conferences that we have been contacted to do our presentation to. One of which is in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and the other is in Wilmington, N.C. Both the conferences will cost CBA nothing except the printing of materials to be handed out. Jim will have a full report from his committee in this newsletter.

9. State Events: James Buckner

James had held a meeting Saturday. The committee felt that time was too short to have an event this year. The committee felt that we have never been able to make any real money at any State event and that we should not even have them. When brought before the Executive Council, the funds that are in the *Cont. on Page 6*

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Meets at Roadhouse 54 in Graham, NC. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM.

Brunswick Chapter *2003 Chapter of the Year*

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cba@cba.xaranda.net

Cleve Gore: (910)754-7394

Wayne Mooney: (910)287-4495

Meets at Brunswick County CBA Lodge. Located on Hwy. 179 behind Shallotte Muffler shop. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

Buncombe Chapter

PO Box 9271 • Asheville, NC 28815

Larry Blankenship: (828)683-3734

Email: blankenboat@charter.net

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

Burke Chapter

5690 Ellis Drive • Hickory, NC 28602

Keith Bumgarner: (828)397-5837

Faith Hughes: (828)390-1431

Meets at AJ's Prime Sirlain on Hwy 181 North on 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Cabarrus - Rowan Chapter

PO Box 6092 • Concord, NC 28027

Roger Boger: (704)764-7254

Gary Livengood: (704)279-5343

Meets at the Main Street Pub, 101 Thom Street in China Grove on the 1st Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Caldwell Chapter

PO Box 592 • Lenoir, NC 28645

Tim Austin: (828)381-2354

Ron Williams: (828)228-4330

Meets at Hilltop Restaurant, Hwy 321 in Lenoir next to Rooster Bush Chevrolet on 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Carteret-Craven Chapter

PO Box 1474 • Havelock, NC 28532

Beaver: (252)726-1715

Jan Commo: (252)223-5188

Meets at Jeans Place, East Main Street, Havelock on 1st Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM.

Charlotte Chapter

PO Box 26445 • Charlotte, NC 28221-6445

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Gary Bridges: (704)458-0571

Rick Nail: (704)391-1222

Meets at 10411 Beagle Club Rd. on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

Chatham Chapter

PO Box 408 • Apex, NC 27502

Mike Mohan: (919)363-8662

G.B. Lewis: (919)898-0289

Meets at The Pitt Stop Cafe - 964 East Street in Pittsboro on 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Columbus Chapter

PO Box 669 • Chadbourn, NC 28431

Randy Norris: (910)653-4066

Greg Stevens: (910)646-3520

Meets monthly. For location and time call Nancy (910)641-9170 or Greg (910)646-3520.

Davidson Chapter

PO Box 227 • Lexington, NC 27293

Kenneth Moon: (336)787-5677

Ken Ward: (336)225-4916

Meets at Golden Corral, 1507 Cotton Grove Road in Lexington on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM.

Granville Chapter

PO Box 131 • Stem, NC 27581

Lodge Phone: (919)529-1325

Johnny Keith: (919)528-0527

Meets on the lodge, Hwy 50 South in Creedmoor on the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.

Hickory Chapter

PO Box 2632 • Hickory, NC 28603

Greg Dinerstein: (828)327-6290

Al Smith: (828)397-8060

Meets at Prime Sirlain on L-R Blvd in Hickory on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Macon County Chapter

PO Box 2126 • Franklin, NC 28744-2126

Cliff Cyhers: (828)369-8060

Meets at Prime Sirlain, 319 Carolina Mountain Road in Franklin on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Meet at 6:30 prior to meeting to eat dinner.

New Hanover Chapter

PO Box 1429 • Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

J. Phil Andrews: (910)259-5193

Meets at Kefi's, 2012 Eastwood Road in Wrightsville Beach on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Raleigh Chapter *2004 Chapter of the Year*

PO Box 28082 • Raleigh, NC 27611

Bill Johnson: (919)649-3611

Gail Rumler: (919)552-0801

Meets at the BBQ Lodge on Capital Blvd in "Mini City" on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Randolph Chapter

PO Box 87 • Asheboro, NC 27204

Bill Dunlap: (336)672-1078

Anthony Sands: (336)861-5974

Meets at 620 Veterans Loop Road in Asheboro on 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Tar River Basin Chapter

PO Box 7474 • Wilson, NC 27893

Tom Umberger: (252)243-8613

Sandy McLaughlin: (252)753-5510

Meets at Fat Boy's Bar in Stantonsburg, Hwy 58 (10 miles south of Wilson) on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Main meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday.

Triad Chapter

PO Box 678 • Pleasant Garden, NC 27313

Robert Causey: (336)442-8885

Mark Little: (336)676-9160

Meets at American Legion Post 2061, Business I-85 between Brentwood and Baker Road in High Point on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Union Chapter

PO Box 1142 • Monroe, NC 28111

Cotton Tedder

Meets on 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM.

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Mike Heafner
Sales

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events account were questioned as to what will happen to them. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to leave the funds in that account due to the fact that we may be able to find a good location for such an event and that money will be there for such an event without asking the Chapters to put funds up again. James will have a report in the newsletter also. A motion was made to leave the fund in the account. Per Roberts Rules of Order the motion must be held over until Old Business in the agenda. A motion was also made to eliminate the events committee. Jim Tuthill pointed out that this does not need a motion. The events committee is not in our Constitution so we can eliminate the committee without a vote.

10. Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone

Some suggestions came up at this meeting and a lot of ground was covered. One was Chapter voting with absentee ballots seems to be a problem in some Chapters. The committee has come up with an idea that may end that problem, and second was Lifetime Membership once again came to light. It was explained in detail exactly the cost of such a membership. Both were put forth to the Executive Council. The proposals that will be brought back to the Chapters for discussion and then voted on at the next State Meeting reads as follows:

Article VII, Section 4, Subsection C)

Add: All absentee votes shall be submitted on an original, numbered ballot provided by the Chapter and verified by the Chapter Master Sgt. at Arms.

By-Laws

Membership fees 2 (A) change to read:

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP WILL COST FIVE TIMES THE CURRENT RENEWAL FEE AFTER FIVE YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Strike the rest of that sentence regarding reducing the cost of \$10.00 a year after that.

STRIKE B...minimum cost of lifetime membership will not be lower than \$70.00. Then, C become B.

Add Section D) to read:

All lifetime membership fees will be directed to the State Treasury. Please read the report for the Constitution Committee in this newsletter.

Old Business/New Business

1. BOD Budgets: Due to circumstances the budgets for 2006 are not available. Interim State President Jim Burns stated that they will be at the next meeting. All board members are to have them ready and available at that time.

2. Nomination and voting procedures for State President. Jim called upon Charlie Boone (Chair of the Constitution Committee) to give an exact clarification

of the rules and procedures of how this is done according to our Constitution. After that it was explained that nominations were opened for January 9th and will close on February 9th. All nominations need to be into the State Secretary in writing by February 9th. Everyone nominated for that position will be checked by Membership Services and the State Secretary for eligibility and then contacted by the State Secretary about their nomination for acceptance or not of that nomination.

3. The motion requesting and investigation as to why Cotton resigned was brought forth at this time. Mark Little made the motion all e-mails that had transpired at the time Cotton resigned be seized and an investigation take place to find out why he resigned. The floor was open for discussion. Martin Beaver spoke; he stated that he had talked with Cotton who indicated that he was just burnt out. He went on to say that we have lost so many great members due to burnout. He personally feels that we should not dig up any more hurt then need be. We don't want to lose Cotton forever like so many in the past. Others felt the same way. A vote was taken and the Executive Council felt that there was no need to do any investigation at this time.

4. Events Committee Fund: A motion was brought forth to leave the funds in the account for now. We may need them later. A vote was taken and the funds will remain in the account. Another motion was made to do away with the State Events Committee. Jim Tuthill explained that nowhere in our Constitution does it say that we even have to have an events committee, it is not necessary to vote on this. We can and did eliminate the committee for now.

5. Beast of the East was again brought up. Gary Bridges of the Charlotte Chapter had a good idea by saying if Chapters wanted to they could donate food or beverages for the hospitality room to help defer the cost. It seems that there was a misunderstanding that we would not have any out of pocket expenses. When we voted on whether or not to hold both the Beast of the East and the NCOM Conferences I explained that Beast of the East would cost up to \$1,500.00 and the NCOM conference meeting rooms had been negotiated with the hotel from \$1,700.00 down to \$600.00. That was only to cover the meeting rooms. We will need people to work both conferences and there will be printing expenses etc. At that meeting the membership voted to host both Conferences.

6. Mark Little wanted everyone to know that Mike "Tank" Kerby is in the hospital in High Point in serious condition. Tank has lived a hard life and if anyone has ever heard him preach he had a way of lifting you up. If you can call up to the hospital, send cards, flowers or even a donation to help the family. Tank is a wonderful person and would always be there for anyone who needed him. He is in room 733.

7. The next State Meeting will be held in Randolph's

Lodge. The Brunswick Chapter will host the social on Saturday night.

8. A 50/50 drawing was held. \$157.00 was raised, Ted of the Carteret/Craven Chapter won and took home \$78.50.

District Coordinators Reports

Central District: Boyd Spertzel

A) There will be Central District meeting held after the State Meeting.

B) Charlotte is having a Basic Accident Scene Management class on Jan. 21st and an advanced class on the 22nd and 28th. There Swap Meet is on March 25th and 26th.

C) Randolph has a Sweethearts Party on Feb. 11th. Their Showdown event will be held on April 22nd.

D) Beast of the East will be held in Charlotte on April 21st through the 23rd.

E) The Central District Spoker Run will be held on April 29th.

Eastern District: Charlie Boone

A) The Eastern District Meeting will be on Jan. 21st at Mark & Deb Allens.

B) The Eastern District Swap Meet will be held on Feb. 10th & 11th in Wilson.

Western District: James Buckner

A) Hot Springs will be held on June 23, 24 & 25.

CLOSING

Buddy Grainger will look around for other hotels that we can use for those who wish to stay over night. He will negotiate with one hotel for a better price and list available hotels in the area to give everyone a choice.

The next Committee Meetings will be held on April 8th starting at 9:00am followed by the State Meeting on April 9th at 9:00 am at the Randolph Lodge

Closing Benediction was offered by Cliff Cyphers

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 1.05 pm.

Peggy Burns
State Secretary

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Chapter Letters

Brunswick County Chapter

Hello there fellow Freedom Fighters!

At our annual Christmas Party/Awards Ceremony, Brunswick CBA proudly honored outgoing chapter officers Tracy Teal, Lee Anne Redwine, Bob Gustavson and Cheryl Kemp for their service. We also named our members of the year: Michelle Hewett - Outstanding Female; Jerome Munna, Outstanding Male; Joe & Tracy Smith - Outstanding Couple. We welcomed new chapter officers Michelle Hewett (2nd Vice President), Susan Paradise (Secretary), Leo Macon (Road Captain) and Becky Mooney (Chapter Coordinator). Yee haw! Let's go 2006!

Brunswick started the year off right with another round of Accident Scene Management Training Sessions, January 13-15. We held a refresher class Friday evening, the Basic class on Saturday and the Advanced session on Sunday. Plans are under way to host our 3rd year of ASMI classes in 2007. If you've not taken this class (which has been offered by other CBA chapters too) remember - when you take it with Brunswick it's well worth your time and effort - not only could you possibly save your brother/sister/spouse's lives, but it's an excuse to visit the beach to eat some seafood!

The chapter voted to send phone cards to active duty soldiers stationed overseas so they could call their families at home. Pam Parker was assigned the task to find 10 soldiers from Brunswick County to send the 1,000 minute phone cards to. Great job Pam!

We had an awesome turn out at the January 17th meeting to honor Lee Anne Redwine for her 5 years continuous service as chapter treasurer. Michelle Hewett, Becky and Wayne Mooney rallied the



Ms. Glenna, Kyle, LeeAnne and Cleve

troops so we could get to the lodge early to enjoy dinner before the meeting. Joe Smith put together a great slide show highlighting Lee Anne's service and *finer* CBA moments. We presented Lee Anne



Thank you for your dedication to Brunswick County CBA

with a

clock/pen set for her desk and celebrated with one kick ass cake! Cleve Gore noted that even with Lee's personal and medical schedules this past year; she attended EVERY MSAP presentation in 2005. Now that's dedication folks!

Our MSAP presentations at our 3 local high schools are going strong. Last year we held 14 classes and reached a total number of 372 students. The program is working well and the kids do remember us and actually recognize our MSAP instructors in public. We're having excellent feedback and participation from our local Driver's Ed teachers as well.

Sterling Page, Safety Coordinator and MSAP Director for our chapter, will be holding an MSAP Instructor Training class Saturday, March 18th at the lodge. Sterling has also organized a basic motorcycle maintenance workshop with R&B V-Twin Saturday, April 15th. A Riders Edge group riding workshop is tentatively scheduled for June 10th and a motorcycle skills class is scheduled June 17th.

Leo Macon, Road Captain, will be planning various Sunday rides. Details will be posted on our website and our chapter email list. For additional details on these events and other chapter activities, please visit our website: <http://cba.xaranda.net>. You may also contact Sterling at sepage@atmc.net.

We are beginning our "May is Motorcycle Safety Month" promotion. We are planning an aggressive campaign and hope to include newspaper, radio and TV in our media outlets as well as sending letters to local businesses with fleet vehicles. We hope to work with the county government as well as all cities, municipalities and police, fire and emergency teams in our county.

We look forward to hosting you at the April State Executive Council Meeting.

Cabarrus Rowan

Greetings from the recently merged Cabarrus - Rowan Chapter

Our first year merged has been unifying and productive. We are strong, and growing. We are now in excess of 50 members in the combined Chapter. The merger has greatly assisted us to obtain active participants and gain strength.

As in the past, the finale of 2005 was our annual Christmas Church of God Orphanage assembly. We were again, with help from the business community, able to provide substantial gifts and financial assistance to children who would otherwise have had less. We also allow the children to take a ride on our cycles, which to many is the greatest gift of all.

The Chapter is under the wise leadership of Mr. Roger Boger as President, with his regular sidekick Mr. Gary Livengood serving as Vice President. Roger was the past President of the Rowan County Chapter and accomplished the salvation of that entity to effectuate his idea of our merger. We are fortunate to have a member/ Owner of the Main Street Pub in China Grove to assist with social quarters. Roger is soon to marry the beautiful member Ms. Teresa Jenkins in a grand gala destined to be a major CBA assembly this

spring, if not annually at the Anniversary.

However, we have OTHER fundraisers already on the horizon to preserve our financially thriving entity. Best wishes to all members.

Chatham County Update

Chatham CBA would like to welcome the following new members to our chapter: Shannon & Amye Burke, and Tony Dimeo. Tate Sanders also rejoined us this month. Tate is a long-time CBA supporter and we are thrilled to have him back. We hope you all will attend some meetings and events whenever your schedule permits.

Chatham has been busy planning our spring activities. We have committed several members to the MRF's BEAST of the East conference in Charlotte and we are planning our leg of the Central District Spoker Run.

Our chapter would like to recognize one of our leaders for volunteering for yet ANOTHER job in this organization. Cathy Mohan is not only the Chatham chapter secretary, but last year she volunteered to be the Central District secretary as well. This year, she also volunteered to be the Central District Legislative Secretary for DocSki. That is three secretary offices for one person. Great Job Cat!!!!!! Your volunteerism and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated by everyone in the CBA.

We still meet at the Pitt Stop Cafe in Pittsboro. We would like to invite chapter members who have not made a meeting lately to come out and have dinner with us. (First Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM) We meet in a private back room.

Ride Safe, Ride Free.
Vinny Neuman

Raleigh Chapter

2005 proved to be a year for changes and accomplishments for the Raleigh chapter and for the entire state. We have grown as an organization and we've made great strides towards many of our Legislative goals.

January 2005 found a great many of us at the Legislative Building for Opening Day. BikePac hosted a pig picking for the Legislators and their aides. CBA members from all over the state came to Raleigh to show support for our legislation, and to meet their representatives. Our event made the evening news and was covered by many of the popular biker magazines.

In February, our chapter worked with other chapters in the Eastern District to host a very successful Eastern District Swap Meet at the Wilson County fairgrounds. The Raleigh chapter, under the direction of chapter President Bill Johnson planned and orchestrated a successful bike show at the Swap Meet.

In April our chapter hosted a successful Poker Run that ended up at MVP's Tavern and Grill. We raised money for our chapters'

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general fund and everyone enjoyed the great food provided for us by MVP's. We had a great day, with almost everyone taking home a door prize.

May found us working the Freedom Rally at Busco Beach. The weather was great, but the wind was relentless on Saturday. We still had a great time. The event gave us another opportunity to witness first-hand how popular and widespread is the sport of ATVs and dirt bikes. ATV owners would find 2005 to be a year in which they saw some of their personal rights confined by new legislation.

In August, Bill Johnson spearheaded and coordinated an Accident Scene Safety Management Class for our area. The classes were held at the Knightdale EMT & Rescue Station. We had CBA members attend from as far away as Randolph County. The classes were held on Saturday and Sunday, with Sunday being the Advanced class. For those who attended, the experience was life changing. All who attended learned critical life saving techniques and tools that might one day save the life of a fellow biker. As a result of this class, many of the Raleigh members now carries a well stocked first aid trauma kit with them at all times.

Many of our members from the Raleigh chapter and the Eastern District attended the MRF Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas during September. For most of us who attended, the Convention introduced us to Legislative efforts and issues on a national level. Bikers from all over the United States and Europe face the same battles as government, insurance and manufacturing interests rapidly erode our freedoms for their own selfish gains. All of us returned to N.C. with a renewed desire to fight the battles waged against us for as long as it takes.

In October we held our annual Fall Poker Run. While it was not as profitable as the Spring Poker Run, we still made some money for the chapter and had a great time at the Scooters Bar & Grill selling door prize tickets and spending some time hanging out and relaxing.

As we approached the holidays, we worked with CMA to hold the first Ina Fitts Memorial Toy Run in Smithfield. Ina was a loyal and loved CMA and CBA member who was a constant champion for God and motorcyclists. 2005 was the year Ina went to be with her Savior, but she will always live in the hearts of all of us who loved and respected her so much.

December found many of us at various toy runs. Tri-County Bikers held its annual toy run in Dunn. John and Linda Miesch again coordinated a successful Christmas for Kids event at the Wal-Mart in Smithfield. 60 kids were taken shopping by bikers and National Guardsmen. Their families received a gift certificate for a holiday meal. This annual event has blessed so many families in the Smithfield area, as well as touching a soft spot in the heart of every person who takes a child shopping.

Our chapter has many members that work constantly behind the scenes to keep our chapter and state organization going. Bill Johnson is tireless in his work as chapter President. He is a great asset to the Eastern District, and the State. Charlie Boone is dedicated, hard working and fearless on all levels in his support for CBA. We also have many other dedicated members who work without receiving many accolades. Rex Johnson is the man behind our website. Bruce Harris is one of the masterminds of the MRF Tours. All our CMA/CBA members, including Walt and Mary LeCouteur, are always there to support us. Who has not been saved from a cold event morning by Walt's great coffee? Thanks to all of you dedicated members who attend the chapter meetings, work the poker runs and lobby downtown. Each and every one of you is an asset to our chapter and our organization.



Tar River Basin

We would like to welcome our new members from last month's meeting @ Fat Boys. Welcome to Bruce Barnwell and Philip & Tracy Brantley. Happy Birthday this month (January) to Terry Capps, Nancy Crowder & Phyllis Umberger.

I was very pleased to see our members doing some recruiting at local biking events in the last few weeks. Keep up the good work! As our chapter grows its membership, we should be able to make more of an impact on the fight for our rights. Let's keep getting the word out to our fellow bikers about their rights and how big brother is trying to take them away.

Remember this is your Chapter – let's make it a chapter to be proud of. Please take a look at the 2006 calendar, and make a note of anything you'd like to add going forward. A lot of things are coming up! Get those bikes out and running. Please call me or email me if you know of something that is coming up and not on our calendar. As our chapter grows it is important that we spread the word and keep in touch with each other about all the events that are going on. I am very pleased with the progress that we have been making in this chapter. I would like some suggestions for rides to the beach or mountains. Bring your ideas and share them with the group.

If you know past members, please invite them to come back and see what we're up to these days, and get to know some of our new members. Our Chapter is growing again because of you, and we are making changes with new ideas from our members. This is a great time to join and a great time to make a difference. They are your rights and your freedom. So please feel free to bring a friend or two with you to every meeting. Everyone is welcome!!!

Ride Safe

Tom Umberger, President

Under New Management

The Board of Directors of NC CBA/ABATE is proud to announce that effective the 9th of February 2006, the Board of Directors reluctantly accepted the resignation of State President, Dennis "Cotton" Tedder. In accordance with the by-laws of our organization the process of conducting an election to fill the empty position began at that time.

Nominations for candidates to fill this position were accepted from the membership between 07 January and 09 February 2006. A special announcement to that effect was announced at the State meeting in Asheboro, NC on 15 January 2006.

When nominations were closed on 09 February, all nominees for the position, other than Mr. Norris, had declared their intent to officially decline the nomination making Mr. Norris the only candidate for the position. In accordance with established Parliamentary precedent, Randy Norris became the official State President of NC

CBA/ABATE by unanimous acclamation.

A brief summary of procedural rules is provided below, for those who want to know more about this standard of election by acclamation.

Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure...

Originally established to assist in structuring orderly meetings among officers during wartime, Robert's Rules were published and adopted for public use in 1876. General Henry M. Robert's classic guide to smooth, orderly, and fairly conducted meetings has been printed in more than five million copies, has evolved through ten editions, and is reputed to be the gold standard of meeting procedure for parliamentarians.

According to Roberts Rules of Order, parliamentary procedure is based on the consideration of the rights: of the majority, of the minority (especially

a large minority greater than one-third), of individual members, of absentee members, of all of these groups taken together.

Robert's Rules mandate that before proceeding to an election to fill an office it is customary to nominate one or more candidates. When the nominations are completed, the assembly proceeds to the election, the voting being by any of the methods mentioned under "Voting", unless the by-laws prescribe a specific alternate method.

Under established/accepted Parliamentary procedure, a vote of approval taken without formal ballot is considered a motion passed by acclamation.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces New Electronic EPA Questionnaire

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has created a web based, online version of the survey about the impact that the new EPA emissions rule will have on the custom motorcycle industry and individual riders.

The new rule aims to enforce the Clean Air Act by reducing the number of exempt custom motorcycles that small shops can build and individual riders can own. The rule also drastically reduces tail pipe emissions for all motorcycles effectively making carburetors a thing of the past and electronic fuel injection and catalytic converters a mainstay.

The survey originally ran as part of an article in the February edition of American Iron magazine. The survey was an idea that came out of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation government relations department and the good folks at American Iron liked the idea so much they ran it as a full page. The principle behind the survey was to obtain feedback from custom shops and their customers to determine real numbers of how many shops and bikes are going to be affected by the EPA rule.

Rather than ask shops and motorcycle enthusiasts to send information to the EPA, Congress or any other government organizations, The Motorcycle Riders

Foundation agreed to act as the clearing house of the valuable information. The MRF gives full assurance that the information will only be used to help motorcyclists fight the EPA and not for anything else. In fact the survey guarantees absolute anonymity of all who take the time to fill it out.

The survey results began coming in via fax and US mail and the overwhelming volume of results prompted the MRF to develop an online version. The more surveys the MRF receives, will strengthen the case that this new rule should not stand or get stricter.

Please take the time to fill out the online survey today and help the MRF in Washington, DC fight the EPA on your behalf.

In addition to the questionnaire, if you would like to join the MRF when they meet with EPA or the Small Business Administration on this important issue please contact the MRF in the Washington DC office at 202-546-0983 or by email at dad@mrf.org.

The EPA survey can be found at:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=98991669717>

Smart Committee Meeting

Jim Burns Chair

The meeting started at 10:15 am. Jim welcomed everyone for attending. It was good to see so many interested new people at the meeting. He asked Deb Knox to read the news release that would appear on the website and in the newsletter about the BOD decision on the resignation of Dennis "Cotton" Tedder. There was no discussion afterwards as requested.

Jim asked for updates from the Chapters. Roger from the Buncombe Chapter said that they had slowed down and with everything else he is working on that Steve from his Chapter will be taking over the MSAP

Coordinators job. He went on to say Buncombe Chapter has a member that owns a video production company and is willing to do a video of our presentation that could be given to schools that we cannot cover due to the lack of instructors. Beaver asked if the video was going to be used to replace the program we have in the schools now. Jim explained that the video is only going to be used to reach the schools that we can't.

Macon is basically in a holding pattern. They are ready to go but have not gotten into the school systems up there yet.

Carteret/Craven has begun to

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Proposed Constitutional Changes

These proposed changes will be voted on at the next State Executive Council meeting, April 9, 2006. Please review and discuss with your chapter members to make your vote then.

Article VII, Section 4, Subsection C)

Add: All absentee votes shall be submitted on an original, numbered ballot provided by the Chapter and verified by the Chapter Master Sgt. at Arms.

By-Laws

Membership fees 2 (A) *change to read:

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP WILL COST FIVE TIMES THE CURRENT RENEWAL FEE AFTER FIVE YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Strike the rest of that sentence regarding reducing the cost of \$10.00 a year after that.

STRIKE B...minimum cost of lifetime membership will not be lower than \$70.00. Then, C becomes B.

Add Section D) to read:

All lifetime membership fees will be directed to the State Treasury.

Will Poker Charities Have to Fold?

By Fast Fred

The attorney generals of both Texas and South Carolina have ruled that poker runs are illegal. At least two charity events have been impacted. A popular boat-riding poker run on the Beaufort River was canceled as a direct result of the S. C. Attorney General's Office declaring it an illegal lottery. A Blue Knights' poker run in Texas was more recently negatively impacted by a similar ruling by that state's Attorney General.

Apparently it is only a matter of time till this trend may affect a poker run in your area or possibly your organization. Some bikers who promote poker runs are expressing frustration with comments such as "I don't understand we can't do poker runs to help people while having fun and enjoying fellowship. After all poker runs help needy people with hospital bills, little children with cancer, burn victims, women centers, and more with cash donations." Sadly many folks will do nothing more than complain from a barstool.

I suggest a better option is to stop making excuses and join your local state ABATE. Together we can overcome this obstacle. Laws like this are exactly why those involved in charity need to get active in the rights movement. You can no longer say "It doesn't affect me or my group." Consider this your wake up call, lift up your head and look around. A tiny few have stood valiantly in the breach between freedom and the government's objective of total control of our lives for too long.

*"It starts when you're always afraid
You step out of line
the man come and take you away
We better stop, hey, what's that sound
Everybody look what's going down"*

~ Stephen Stills

Strike while the iron is hot; mobilize the troops and spread the word to every charity minded biker you know. If you support charity poker runs consider supporting ABATE so you can continue to participate in future charity poker runs. Don't just sit on your barstool crying in your beer; rally with your brothers and sisters and take action at the state house.

Not all laws will affect every one of us to the same extent, but they all effect us to some extent as you can clearly see from this example. It is time to put aside any differences and unite. Gather the tribes into an army to be reckoned with because there are many more of us than they realize. We can toss out the stupid laws and the politicians that wrote them. Bikers are the last hope for America. You can stay alert to this and other pressing issues that impact your biker lifestyle at fastfreds.com/bikernews.html.

Have I done all that I can? Hell no but I am still trying; won't you join me in this quest?

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Chapter Group Rates: \$100 fee per chapter (unlimited attendees). Names must be submitted by March 28, 2006. Chapter rate does not include dinner (this must be paid separately - \$25 per person). For chapter registration please contact downs@mrf.org.

Registration is also accepted through the MRF website at www.mrf.org. Visa, MasterCard, AmEx and Discover accepted. Mail registration fee to: MRF, 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002. Questions? Call the MRF at 202-546-0983.



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Legislative Update - for February and March

HB152 has been assigned to the Rules Committee. This bill will proclaim May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness month permanently in the State of NC.

Our proposed legislation to increase the penalties for right of way violation resulting in death is in drafting and has not been assigned a bill number.

Our proposed legislation to amend the helmet law has not been assigned a bill number although we do have a primary sponsor.

Our proposed legislation to prevent discrimination against motorcyclists based on attire is still looking for a primary sponsor.

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR!

HB39 which will prohibit children under the age of 10 from riding motorcycles

HB61 which is an anti-gang bill and prohibits assembly of people wearing like patches, logos etc. This one does not make exceptions for the type of group.

Take a moment and go to the General Assembly website and check these bills out.

For more information about our legislation, contact Sam Nobles, our State Legislative Director at 910-840-2277 or wsam@noblescorp.com

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MRF Leaders Report

FROM: Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President - Government Relations

Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council to be formed: DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JANUARY 23, 2006.

Note:

Doc Ski HAS applied for a position on this panel!

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is proud to report the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) has announced the Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administrator (FHWA) will be formed pursuant to the language in the most recent highway bill (Public Law 109-59).

The purpose of the council is to serve in an advisory role to the FHWA of the importance of considering the small signature of motorcycles when designing roads, bridges and barriers. We know motorcycles behave differently than four-wheeled vehicles and often that fact is not taken into consideration when engineering our nation's road and highway system. The MRF plans to change that and will through the Motorcycle Advisory Council.

The Council is a result of a two-fold legislative initiative spearheaded by the MRF and its members alone. It will be comprised of no more than ten members, each representing a different facet of the motorcycle safety community.

The other item of the MRF legislative agenda for the highway bill is also included. A \$25 million dollar grant program for motorcycle safety and only motorcycle safety. For more info on this facet of the official legislative plan, point your browser at www.mrf.org

The qualifiers for each specific member of the Motorcycle Advisory Council are:

1. One representative of a national motorcycle riders' foundation.
2. One representative of a national motorcycle association.
3. One representative of the state motorcycle safety administrators.
4. Two representatives of a state motorcycle rights organization.
5. One representative of a highway builder organization.
6. One representative from the national traffic safety system industry.
7. One representative of a national highway safety organization.
8. One or two traffic system engineers or state transportation department officials who ride motorcycles

CBA Holds Legislative Coordinator Retreat

Preparing You to Defend Your Rights to Ride!

Story by Alan Dockery

With all the holiday season activities going on, a room full of CBA/ABATE members gathered last month to start working on plans to ensure YOUR voice is heard on the many issues affecting the rights of motorcyclists to enjoy the two-wheel life.

"Our legislative retreat was designed to help develop our network of resources in two major areas," said Thomas J. Wasileski (Doc Ski), CBA/ABATE Legislative Director. "Development of coordinated teams focused on issues of importance in the motorcycle community, and strengthening the skills of our network of Chapter Legislative Coordinators throughout the state."

The first day attendees worked on developing issue team skills. Members on these teams determined and practiced the skills they will need to focus on specific state and national issues of interest to the motorcycling community.

"Our goal for these small groups of dedicated individuals is for them to create, develop and maintain a resource base while becoming experts on a specific issue, such as, the Intelligent Transportation System, helmet laws, anti-discrimination, and others," Doc Ski said. "They will serve as a support network for our lobbying activities in Raleigh and Washington DC. These teams will do the topic research, data collection and analysis to prepare briefing packets for lobbyists, citizen testimonials before legislative com-

mittees, and informational packets for legislators.

The next day focused on the role of the Local Chapter Legislative Coordinator in the areas of organization and education. Topics discussed included organizing chapter resources and procedures, disseminating information to the chapter and communicating chapter responses to the lobbying team.

"I am extremely pleased to have had the opportunity to work with these dynamic individuals. I am confident this is the first step in the process of developing the strongest Legislative Team the North Carolina Biker community has ever seen," he said. "All I will say at this point is the legislative retreat was incredibly well received, everyone was focused, fantastic plans came back to us from the legislative coordinators and others who attended," said Cindy Hodges, NC Motorcycle Riders Foundation Representative. "A new day has dawned and we will not be going backward. In the entire history of my membership in CBA/ABATE of NC, I have never seen a more focused, intent, positive, and productive thing, directed at just ONE 'department' of our organization. I'm so proud, honored, and humbled by the people we work with in this organization I could, and nearly did at one point this morning, just cry for the sheer joy and relief of it all."

Now is the time for every motorcyclist to join CBA/ABATE and get involved in protecting your rights to ride.



It's time you did something more to protect your rights!

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Eastern District Report

2005 was a very productive year for the Eastern District. Charlie Boone, Eastern District Coordinator, joined forces with many dedicated and hard working members of the Eastern District chapters to put on a very successful Swap Meet in February at the Wilson County Fairground. Preparations and planning were months in the making, as the E/D had not hosted a Swap Meet for the past two years. Dozens of members from the District spent two days at the Wilson Fairground working security, working the gate, working the Bike Show, helping the vendors set up, and last but not least, cleaning up after everyone had left. Peggy Burns did a wonderful job handling the vendor registrations. Mark and Deb Allen brought their camper trailer, set it up at the front gate and did not slow down until the gates were closed on Sunday. The weather was frigid at times but we had an exceptional turnout. We saw a lot of metric bikes attending the Swap Meet, and security reported that at one point over 60% of the bikes outside the gate were metric.

Plans have been underway this year to put on another great Swap Meet at the Wilson County

Fairgrounds. The dates are February 10th and 11th. We expect another successful event, and are looking forward to the Swap Meet getting bigger and better each year. We are focusing more on the metric biker market, and hope to make that an important element of our Swap Meets.

Throughout the year the E/D had regularly scheduled District meetings. All of the meetings were well attended by many of the chapters. We met at Mark and Deb Allen's house where Mark always had something tasty cooking on the grill. Other members would bring food and we always had plenty to eat.

Last year part of the Swap Meet profits were donated to the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program. We also used some of the money to send several Eastern District members to the MRF Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas in September. We rented a van and drove down on a Thursday. Friday and Saturday were filled with meetings, break-out sessions and good fellowship with other MRF members from all over the nation and Europe. We even had time to have a little fun as we joined in the Poker Walk through downtown Little Rock. Early on Sunday morning we loaded up the van, and headed

back to Raleigh. We drove part of the way back in the remnants of a hurricane, thankful that we were in the van and not on a bike! All of us returned to our respective chapters excited and ready to put our new knowledge to work.

2006 is starting out very well. We held an E/D meeting on January 21st where we tied up the final details for the Swap Meet, had lunch and worked for a few hours constructing and lettering information signs for various uses at the Swap Meet.

All of us in the Eastern District look forward to the new year as we work with the other Districts to make our organization stronger and more powerful. We have a talented and dedicated group of members who are doing some exceptional work with the Safety and Education programs, the Accident Safety Management program, and the Legislative agenda led by Doc Ski. 2006 is already looking real good!

Gail Rumler
Eastern District Secretary

State Products Committee Meeting

January 14, 2006

Submitted by: Gwendolyn G. Nichols

1. Welcome and Introductions

a. 18 members came to the meeting

2. How much is in the Products Account

a. 1,588.30

3. Inventory of State Products

a. Discussion of the new state patch: leave it or make bigger: Leave it the size it is. If you make it bigger it will make it to awkward to put on the back of a vest

b. New patch is registered with the library of congress, means no one else can take it and use it

4. What direction does products need to go

a. Mentioned going back to the old way chapters approaching the BOD before making a product

b. Work on the products line in case the executive council decides not to shut products down

c. If products is shut down all products left over will go to Gail Rumler

d. Take a proposal to a constitution committee about having chapters go in front of the BOD approving products for the chapter, exclusion for event items, guidelines about using the logo: Decided by the committee not to do this until we see what has been decided for Products

e. SC they charged a dollar to anyone who used the logo

f. Proposal to the BOD and the Executive

Council that the committee has an interest to keep products

5. What to present to the Executive Council

a. Start doing a minimum pre-order for products such as denim shirts items that would have to be special ordered

b. Outline state product: what they should have

c. Proposal: We have a lot of new faces and new ideas let see what we can make of products with a new committee. If it is not proactive enough for the executive council within a year we will dissolved State Products all together.

6. Next Meeting: April 8th, 2006: 9:00 AM: State Meeting

7. Adjourn 10:05 am

In Memory Of...

Kim Ratliff

Johnny "Blue" Wilson

Brenda Beaver

Dennis Jackson

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January 21, 1996

July 7, 1996

August 24, 1999

April 29, 1999

September 25, 1999

May 15, 1999

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March 23, 2000

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May 20, 2001

Dec. 25, 2001

Feb. 16, 2002

June 1, 2002

June 22, 2002

June 30, 2002

Alan Baker

John Cowdrick

James "Pickle" Deal

Clyde Starnes

Carl "Paul" Johnson

Gary Barba

Richard "Cigar Man" Burnett

Sheila Boone

Sandy Lee

Mark "Rat Daddy" Ratliff

Julie Jenrette

Howard Coltrane

Eldon Moore

William Randle Young

Ina Fitts

August 4, 2002

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August 20, 2002

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November 16, 2002

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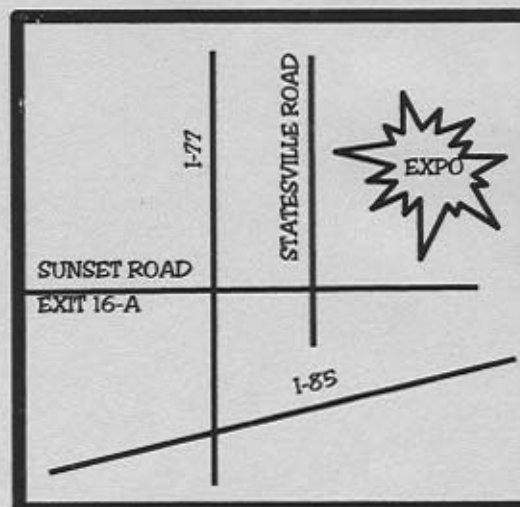
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Membership Services Committee Report

The Membership committee met on Saturday, January 14th at 2:30 p.m. at the Randolph County CBA Lodge in Asheboro. Gail Rumler, Membership Services Director, chaired the committee. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

In attendance were officers and members from the following chapters: Randolph, Triad, Tar River, Chatham, Carteret-Craven, Hickory, Macon, Charlotte, Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus/Rowan, Union, Davidson, Raleigh, Alamance and At-Large members.

The meeting was conducted in an informal discussion setting, with Gail outlining her goals and plans for the requirements of Membership Services Director and Processor. She reported to the committee that she was forfeiting any pay for processing the memberships, referencing the State Constitution Article V, section 4 that states no member of the organization shall benefit personally from the net earnings of the organization. In the upcoming year, she will analyze and document the duties and time requirements of the job and report her finding to the committee and general membership.

During the course of the meeting the following topics were discussed:

• New member packets

Gail discussed plans to update and revise the current items in the new member packets. She is looking into options and costs to produce an attractive portfolio folder that will hold the items being sent to the new members. Some of the items to be included are the round CBA patch, membership card, current Legislative information, a copy of the Constitution, a BikePac flyer, MRF flyer and other CBA promotional items that we have such as pens, key chains and bumper stickers.

• Membership Services budget

Gail reported that she is working to reduce the cost of office supplies and other expenses associated with the position. She is comparison shopping, buying items on sale, and looking at ways to reduce postage and mailings.

• Duties of the Membership Services Director

The Membership Director is responsible for processing the memberships, and fulfilling the duties as outlined in the Constitution. She will be the contact person for anyone seeking information about CBA. If she can't answer their questions, she will direct them to the correct person in the organization who can help them the most. She will provide a phone, fax and e-mail contact information for the members.

• Sustaining and/or contributing memberships

The members had a great discussion exploring new ways to generate money coming into the organization by offering sustaining and/or contributing memberships to shops, bars, and other business that are supporters of CBA, but don't necessarily want to join as a member. We have a broad base of business support across the state, and everyone agreed that having some type of sustaining membership program would be an asset to CBA as well as the sustaining business or member. Gail will be looking into options regarding this issue, and soliciting advice from members.

• Membership Database

Gail reassured the members that the membership database will be maintained in a strictly confidential manner, protecting each member's personal information. Each chapter's information will only be distributed to the select officers in that chapter who work with the memberships. The database will be backed up each week to a disc.

• Working with individual chapters in the membership process

Gail discussed her plans to be available to assist any chapter with any membership question or need. This will include working with the chapter officers and their District Coordinator to provide membership information and assistance for existing chapters, and to help with the startup and maintenance of new chapters. Memberships will work with other BOD members to provide any and all assistance needed to maintain a working and viable chapter.

• Lifetime membership cost analysis

Discussion and suggestions were offered from the members as to ways to cut down on the overhead expense of sending a newsletter to Lifetime members who are no longer interested in CBA. Members discussed various ways to notify and/or verify a Lifetime member's continued interest in CBA. Gail will be working on some of these ideas and verify that all Lifetime members currently on the roster are living and still want to receive information and newsletters from the organization.


• Working with Board Of Directors to promote CBA and support our members

Discussion included how the Membership Director needs to work closely with all the other BOD members because there are needs for membership support in all of the other positions on the Board. Memberships and Information must work closely together to promote and support the membership with the newsletter, promotional materials, membership information packets, attending events, being involved in other MROs and many other avenues open to getting the CBA name and purpose to the motorcycling community. Memberships will work with the Safety program, the Legislative program and any other aspects of CBA that can benefit from having a representative available to help with member questions.

• Transition period for membership renewals

Gail reported that no membership will lapse or otherwise be compromised due to the transition period and mail delay as the mail from the old post office box is forwarded to the new address. She also encouraged all secretaries, treasurers and chapter officers to feel free to make suggestions

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Top Spot at NHTSA Filled

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) announces President Bush has sent the nomination of Nicole R. Nason from Virginia to the U.S. Senate to assume the position of Administrator at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

"Let's hope Ms. Nason has a better approach to motorcycle safety than her predecessor," said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. "In all seriousness, the MRF does look forward to continuing to work with NHTSA when comes to focusing on motorcycle safety," he continued. "The recent formation of the NHTSA motorcycle safety network's quarterly meetings which include the involvement of the MRF, AMA, NHTSA, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, SMSA, MSF and law enforcement is a positive sign NHTSA does want input from the riding community," Hennie added.

NHTSA will be the lead agency in administration of the \$25 million motorcycle safety grant program contained in SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59). Inclusion of the

grant program in the bill was due singularly to the efforts of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and its members.

Currently Ms. Nason serves as Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs. Previously, she served as Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Congressional Affairs for the United States Customs Service. Ms. Nason also served as Communications Director and Counsel to Representative Porter J. Goss. Earlier in her career, she served as Governmental Affairs Counsel at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Ms. Nason received her bachelor's degree from the American University and her Juris Doctor from Case Western Reserve.

Worthy Mention

The President also nominated Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation. Karr will replace Nason.

PR Report

PRIMARY GOAL FOR 2006

Develop ideas and implement plans to promote CBA statewide and also assist in the increase of membership in the organization.

This committee, by necessity, is closely aligned with membership services. The following is general discussion by chair.

Identify motivation: What Made You Join?

- Riding Opportunities
- Charity Interest
- Partying Potential
- Legislative Interests
- Safety and Training

How do we appeal to each group?

Tabletop displays highlighting potential activities for each of the five key areas of interest for prominent display at events

Tri-folds which can be produced inexpensively

Increase membership! How Do We Do This?

- Develop membership incentives/internal and external
- Develop membership benefits package
- Develop materials to include in membership packets
- Develop promotions/incentives to increase attendance at events
- Develop information packets to generate interest for new chapter starts
- Develop products for promotional purposes

Develop new materials for membership packages:

Professional and consistent in appearance, designed for

ease of use for membership services. Upgrade look, content and quality

Develop membership incentives:

Incentives to be used internally and externally. We must build the membership from the inside out as nothing speaks about the organization like the enthusiasm of the members.

Develop member benefits packages:

Many large corporations offer corporate benefits such as car rental, airline ticket discounts, hotel discounts, restaurant discounts to membership organizations. Usually free. Could look into insurance discounts, buying power or discounts at biker friendly businesses

Develop promotions/incentives to increase attendance at all CBA events

What makes you attend an event. Convenience? Attractions? Price? Activities? Prizes? Entertainment?

Develop information packets to generate new chapter interest

Offer package of materials to encourage interested parties to start chapters in counties where we have no presence. What would it consist of?

Develop products for promotional use

Some products we may look into are:

- Window decals
- Bumper stickers
- Patches
- T-Shirts
- Pens
- Nail Files
- Bandanas
- Doo Rags
- Refrigerator Magnets

As there have been no committee meetings in quite some time, this time was used to get reacquainted and share ideas.

It was pointed out that we need to remember that this is a "people" organization and that in attracting new members, it is a key point to remember.

Promotional items are available today at the front table. We will replenish our promotional supplies once the budget is approved. I will get as many free handouts from government agencies as possible.

A "Don't Drink and Ride" Poster is available and another poster is in the works. 5,000 copies were obtained with a \$1,000 grant from AMA. All services, graphics and photography was donated so CBA did not have to make an investment in this project. Please take them with you and let's get the word out.

There was a brief discussion about developing an "Information Booth in a Box" to be given to smaller chapters holding events. This is a great idea and one will be focus on in the next committee meeting. Public relations will be working closely with all other committees to support their efforts.

Again, this committee requires submission of information in order to function properly. We do not want to re-invent the wheel. Larger, stronger chapters will be encouraged to provide ideas, concepts and designs that we can shamelessly steal to develop great promotional pieces of literature for CBA as a statewide organization.

I encourage you to join this or any other committee and let's do the work of this organization.

Deb Knox

PR/Marketing/Newsletter Committee Chair

Smart Committee Meeting(cont.)

bringing in the Christian Bikers in Onslow County to help cover classes they are unable to cover. Doc Ski said that he has members of the COC that want to get involved in our program. Jim feels that we need to go to people outside the CBA to recruit instructors because the State is so big and there are so many schools that we can not cover all of them without help.

Jim went on to tell the committee that he has been approached to do a seminar and a demonstration at the Drivers Educational Conference for Teachers in the State of North Carolina that will be held in Wilmington. He has also been asked to set up a display and pass out literature at the Driver Educational Conference for Teachers in South Carolina that will be held in Myrtle Beach. This is a major step forward for our program. All of this came from the Conference that was done in Cherokee last year at the North Carolina Teachers Conference. That conference brought out a lot of requests from teachers to have presentations done throughout the State. He will get with Chapters and see what we can put together for both conferences.

We need more instructors in the Central District. We have had a lot of interest in that area and have very few instructors to cover the area.

The committee went on to discuss different ways of getting our message out. Ted from Carteret/Craven stated that different chapters could air the message as a PSA which is free and offered by every TV station. You just may not get the best air time and you

have to have the PSA ready to be aired. Darlene of Triad Chapter said you can do an actual show by joining into a local TV station for as little as \$100.00. You would get use of camera equipment (after your training at a small fee) and stage area to produce a film. She had already done one and is just waiting for a good spot on the air to show her film. Roger is planning on doing what is called a Town Meeting on the air in Buncombe. This can also be done by any chapter all you need to do is request a place on one of their shows. You would have to prepare a format and present for approval before you will be given a spot on the air.

Jim felt that everyone who feels like you have slowed down, you are certainly doing a lot to move the program forward.

Jim talked about the Accident Scene Management Classes. It is a sad thing to think about but when you're out riding in a poker run, with friends or just enjoying a ride to lunch with your chapter you could fall victim to an unfortunate accident or come up on one. You must learn what to do; it is a matter of life or death. Cleve Gore of Brunswick County told the group about two accidents that occurred in their County. One was during their annual Blues Poker Run when a deer jumped out into the middle of the riders and hit one biker and his wife. The scene was handled by members that had taken the course and done every well. The other was at the toy run. Cleve said the course is well worth everyone's time. Cleve said his chapter is willing to help with information on how to put

one on. Jim passed out some information about the class and how to put one on. Contact names and numbers are on the hand out. The information will also be given to Deb Knox for printing in the newsletter.

Brunswick came up with another good program that they are doing. They have a class to teach basic maintenance of your bike. You will learn how to check your oil, air pressure in your tires etc. They got a local bike shop to sponsor the class and hold it in their shop with gave them exposure that they wanted and needed. Chapters should consider something like this. Its a worthwhile class to offer.

Beaver feels that we need to work on legislation to get motorcycle awareness mandatory in all drivers' education classes. This has been the plan from day one. DocSki and Jim are moving down that road everyday.

Jim went on to asking if there was any interest in CPR classes. All the Chapters present said that they have classes given in there areas free by the Community Colleges or Fire & Rescue Departments. It is something that we need to encourage the membership to pursue.

It was the consensus of the committee that all chapters need to have a Safety and Awareness Coordinator in every chapter. We need to continue the work of educating drivers on how to share the road.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held at the Randolph Lodge on April 8th the Saturday before the State Meeting.



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