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Letter from the Editor...

It's no joke folks ... the economy is tough right now. Attendance is down everywhere, revenues are down and we are no stranger to the squeeze.

Now more than ever we need to band together and keep it together. It doesn't have to be about money but it does need to be about working as a team to achieve goals.

Our helmet bill has been up, down and all around this session. Charlie Boone has a brief article in the newsletter summarizing the state of things. We can never quit, never lay down, never concede.

Summer is upon us and we need to take heed of the heat when riding. I feel compelled to say it every year. I don't want to lose anyone over carelessness... especially not our own. Be safe and be smart.

Next newsletter we will feature the bio's of all of those running for the Board of Directors. Some of the bios are in this newsletter. If you ever said you could do a better job than "they" are doing, now is the time to step up. There are several positions I am told that don't even have a nominee or those nominated have declined. There is room at the, dare I say it, top if you are willing to come forward.

I know State Information Director is sitting empty. I try not to be sensitive LOL but I know for a fact that there are people out there who can do a better job than me. Heck, you've told me so J

Step up people. This is our organization and we need hands on the wheel. Don't be scared. Should the membership elect Randy again I can assure you he is an easy boss. My love to Cotton but Randy don't work us near as hard as he did and he sure doesn't beat us that much. Seriously ... get in there. We have work to do.

Regards,

Crazy Deb



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NCOM Convention Lights Up Reno

The bright lights of the "Biggest Little City In The World" shined off the bright chrome and polish of hundreds of shiny motorcycles parked along the entranceway to John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino and Resort, as near-record crowds of concerned bikers from around the country came together in unity and cooperation for the 24th Annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists Convention, held in Reno, NV May 7-10, 2009.

The NCOM Convention, which was hosted by the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs, presented an opportunity for motorcyclists of every background to find common ground and focus on issues of concern to all motorcyclists. Riders learn, teach and share with one another, and coordinate with likeminded individuals and groups to forge relationships and foster communications.

Nearly 1,400 motorcyclists attended the Convention, and conventioners represented almost all major patch holding motorcycle clubs, as well as a wide array of motorcycling-oriented organizations and associations, including a majority of State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations across the country.

The NCOM Convention featured educational seminars covering such diverse topics as Biker Rights and Civil Liberties post-9/11 and the Federal Trademark Seizure threat where all club insignia are put at risk, combating Anti-Biker Discrimination, Christian Unity, Women in

Motorcycling, and a host of other legislative, judicial, and lifestyle issues. NCOM also broke special ground this year with the first presentation of a seminar entitled, "The World Of Sport Bikes", which focused on issues and concerns specific to the Sport Bike Community.

The Worldwide Confederation of Clubs meeting on Friday was packed with over 900 club members expressing solidarity and a renewed commitment to work together and defend Riding Freedom.

The Convention was dedicated to the memory of longtime participants in the fight for Motorcycling Liberty who have passed from our ranks in the past year; AIM Attorney Joe "Big Guy" Eggleston, Bob Illingworth, and Robert "Grub" Chafe.

The Saturday Night events were festive, featuring the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet where recognition was given to notables in various fields who have had a positive impact on motorcycling. The Entertainment Award was given to TV and movie actor Robert Patrick of "The Unit" and "Terminator" fame, who not only is an avid rider and ABATE of California member, but also is a Chapter President in the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club. Steve Johann of Hog Radio received the Media Award. Receiving the Silver Spoke Award for Government was Nevada Assemblyman Don Gustavson, a tireless defender of freedom of

choice. The Commerce Award was presented to Clay Ridley, founder of the Ridley Motorcycle Company. Florida Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos was presented the Silver Spoke for Legal, while Special Recognition Awards were bestowed upon A.I.M. Chief of Staff Charles "Roach" Hoffman and ABATE of Wyoming's "Mileage" Mike Harrison.

Rounding out the evening's recognitions, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Pepper Massey, former executive director of NCOM and past director of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum/Hall of Fame and Sturgis Rally.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: *"Just as your fortune depends upon how your money is invested, so the success of your life depends upon how your time is invested."*

- Leone Kester

Attendees came away from this year's NCOM Convention with a great deal of enthusiasm and motivation to continue the fight for Motorcycling Freedom in back home in their own respective legislative, judicial, and social arenas.

Plan now to attend the 2010 Silver Anniversary NCOM Convention, next Mother's Day weekend in Orlando, Florida!

Triad CBA's Annual Poker Run

This year the Triad Chapter of the Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE of NC decided to go with a low profile ride in lieu of a large escorted ride. Participants met at Plum Krazy's in Greensboro. The first bike out was at 11 am, last bike out by 1 pm. The second stop was at Belew's Creek Grocery following a scenic ride around the Belew's Creek area. Next, we stopped to quench our thirst and take a rest at Big Dawg's Saloon in Kernersville. As always, Big Dawg was a gracious host and a good time was had by all. We even picked up a few more riders who followed us to JR's Tavern in High Point which is owned and operated by Triad Chapter members Barry and Kris Glenn. Mama Kris and the rest of the locals at JR's welcomed us with open arms and good food (donated by Bobby & Carol Barker, and cooked by "G") Thanks guys! We were very happy that RAZ & Ginger from Alamance County Chapter, Cindy Hodges from the Raleigh Chapter, and Davidson Chapter President Allen Hutton, his

wife Darlena, and two other chapter members, Betsy and Bobby all joined in the festivities. It is great to see the chapters support each others events! Triad also took this opportunity to jump off the sales of their NASCAR Raffle tickets, which include tickets for two for the October race in Charlotte. Only 250 tickets will be sold @ \$25 each. The package includes two nights hotel accommodations, private shuttle service to and from both races, two tickets for Friday's race, two tickets with New Veranda seating for Saturday's race with free private catering (including beer), pit passes for Saturday, and \$200 spending money! That's a GREAT deal. If anyone would like more information on this raffle please contact Shaggy @ (336)442-8885.

By Charli Chandler

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State Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2009

The meeting commenced at 9:14 am

BOD present:

President Randy Norris, Membership Services Director Gail Rumler, MSAP Director Matt Shamblin, Treasurer Darlene Kimsey, Secretary Cat Mohan, Eastern District Coordinator Charlie Boone, Central District Coordinator Robert 'Shaggy' Causey.

Members were reminded that questions and responses are to be made by members only.

Maximum of 5 votes per chapter. At-Large: One vote per member with a maximum of 5 votes.

Opening Prayer was offered by Cliff Cyphers
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Randy Norris

Chapter Roll Call

Chapters present: Alamance, Brunswick, Buncombe, CBA of The Pines, Cabarrus-Rowan, Cape Fear Valley, Carteret-Craven, Chatham, Columbus, Davidson, Gaston, Granville, Hickory, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, South Piedmont, Surry, Tar River Basin, and Triad.

Chapter not represented: Charlotte. No at-Large members were present.

Announcements

Chapters were reminded that all chapter Treasurers need to clear Membership Services with the State Treasurer and State Secretary; all quarterly reports go to Cat Mohan and monies owed go to Darlene Kimsey.

State Secretary's Report: Cat Mohan – minutes from the January 2009 Executive Council meeting were posted in the state newsletter and on the Statenchapter yahoo group. A motion was made to accept minutes as printed; 2nded and passed.

State Treasurer's Report: Darlene Kimsey – Darlene presented the yearly Financial Report as required by the Constitution to include balances in the General and Events Accounts, along with an update on the 2 \$5K CDs (one of which we had to break last year). As a part of her report, Darlene read her statement as follows:

I do not see 2009 being a year of financial improvement. We are looking at an economy that makes day to day living a struggle for many people. When you have to choose between your membership into an organization or paying a bill, most of the time the bill is going to win and that just life! We are competing against poker runs and events that make people "feel good" also due to the tough times and wanting to help others. I do believe it is time to look outside of the box...money is money...just because the person doesn't ride on two wheels doesn't mean they don't support or enjoy the company of bikers!

A motion was made to accept the report, 2nd'ed and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. State Officer Elections

- Randy read the statement on CBA State Officer elections that was posted to the Statenchapter Yahoo Groups list for the benefit of chapter officers:

Offices to be voted upon:

- President
- Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Legislative Director
- Membership Services Director
- Treasurer
- SEA Director
- Information Director
- Secretary
- Eastern District Coordinator
- Central District Coordinator
- Western District Coordinator

Nominated persons must be a member of CBA for 2 years by the time the term starts.

Dates to remember:

- 19-April at the Executive Council Meeting – Randy Norris to announce that nominations will be accepted as of this date.
- 12-June - Nominations closed.
- 19-July – Voting packet distributed to all chapters at the July Executive Council meeting. Packet will include:

- o A sign up sheet, ballot, absentee ballot, and verification form in event of absentee.
- o Information on absentee Ballots - instructions on how absentee ballots are to be distributed and the details for validation.

- 1-September – voting closed.
- 8-September - chapters to have sent ballots/roster to district coordinators.
Coordinators to validate votes – i.e., check that all members on the voting roster are current members.
- 15-September – deadline for District Coordinators to send info to Cat; Cat will send Deb Knox the results so the information can be displayed on the website and Statenchapter yahoo website.
- 18-October - Official announcement on officer elections to be made at the October state meeting. It is critical that all membership information be up to date during the voting process. Persons voting not showing as current

members will not have their votes counted.

- There was a question on whether there can be a special meeting for voting for the State Officers. Randy said it is up to the chapter officers to hold a fair and equitable election.
- A request was made for bio's to be put into the July newsletter and the website.
- Note that the number of names on the voting roster need to match the number of ballots submitted.
- Absentee ballots – chapters will be asked to make copies of the form to be provided at the July meeting; there will be a sheet that the MSgt at Arms can transfer the names from the ballot sheet onto the sign-up sheet. Absentee ballots need to be numbered.

State CBA/ABATE of NC Officer Nominations for 2010-2011:

President - Randy Norris, nominated by Mike Mohan (nomination accepted)

Vice President

Charlie Boone, nominated by Denny Harless (nomination to be considered)

Earnest "Kip" Roseman, nominated by Dale Carroll (pending nominee notification)

2nd Vice President

No nominations at this time

Legislative Director

Thomas Wasileski "Doc Ski", nominated by Larry Blankenship (nomination accepted)

Membership Services

Iris Hindle, nominated by Mike Mohan (nomination accepted)

Dale Carroll, nominated by Gail Rumler (nomination accepted)

Treasurer

Darlene Kimsey, nominated by Allen Hutton (nomination accepted)

SEA Director

Becky Mooney, nominated by Kyle Charli Chandler, nominated by Melody Myrick

Information Director

Allen Dockery, nominated by Al Smith (this nomination was declined)

Charlie Boone, nominated by Mike Mohan

Secretary

Cat Mohan, nominated by Dwayne Jenkins (nomination accepted)

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Meets at Breakzone Billiards at BMOG (Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center). Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Brunswick Chapter

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Meets at 600 Ocean Isle Beach Road (4 mile road). Located in the CBA and the DAV lodge. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

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Wayne Glosson: (919) 542-4267

Meets at the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Virlie's Grill, Pittsboro, NC

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Greg Stevens: (910) 646-3520

Web: <http://columbuscba.tripod.com>

Meets monthly at the lodge - 47 Mercer Road, Chadbourne on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

Davidson Chapter

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Meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM at Christo's restaurant, South Main Street, Lexington. Call for meeting date confirmation.

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State Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Eastern District Coordinator

Matt Shamblyn, nominated by Jesse Watson (nomination accepted)

Central District Coordinator

Robert "Shaggy" Causey, nominated by Robert House (nomination accepted)

Western District Coordinator

Bill Starnes, nominated by Jeff Rief

These are preliminary nominations; remember, further nominations will be accepted through 12-June.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lobby Day Seminar – Randy Norris: We are looking at planning a seminar to be led by Paul Wilms. After discussion, it was decided that we will ask him to come to the July meeting on Saturday to talk to membership.

2. Voters Choice Tool- Randy Norris: We are looking at adding a new communications tool

- It's about the same cost as the phone tree;
- It takes all the emails addresses into one database so that emails can be sent from Doc Ski to membership;
- Members have the option to click a button to send the message on to their legislators and it looks like it's from the member;
- The forwarded email can be edited;
- Paul Wilms recommended using this tool; legislators know that the emails are a form email but they are appreciative of the time taken to read and sending on the email.

Allen Hutton made a motion to proceed with the procurement of this tool. 2nd'ed and passed.

3. State of the Organization

Randy read his yearly report as required by the Constitution. The report is posted on the State website and in the current newsletter.

4. Iredell Chapter Charter – President Tony & VP gave info about this new chapter. President & VP have been long time ABATE members from other states. Currently there are 9 members; a motion was made to accept Iredell County CBA/ABATE of NC as a chapter. 2nd'ed and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (15 minutes allotted per Committee)

1. Legislative Committee: Doc Ski

In the absence of Doc and Cindy, Raz gave an update on legislation (see Legislative Committee Update in newsletter).

2. MRF: Cindy Hodges

No report as Cindy was attending the MRF Meeting of the Minds in Bloomington, Minn.

3. NCOM: Doc Ski

In Doc's absence, Randy said that the next NCOM convention is Mother's day weekend in Reno, NV.

4. NC Confederation of Clubs: Doc Ski

In Doc's absence, Randy said that the Confederation is still watching what we're doing and is supportive.

5. Products Committee: Darlene Kimsey

At the last state meeting, Darlene announced that products would cease to exist if no one stepped up to take over; no one has stepped up so at the previous day's committee meeting, members talked about the \$\$ left in the Product check account. The committee voted to bring back to membership the request to transfer the \$\$ back to the General Account to be used as needed. At the end of the committee meeting yesterday, Dale Carroll said he is opening a store around 1-May and has offered to have the products in the store that we have left. He will sell those products – they will not be replenished. A motion by Roger Boger to return the \$1 seed money back to the state, the remaining \$\$ to be left in the products account; this was 2nd'ed and passed. Mike Hodges made a motion to discontinue all products with the exception of the back patches. After more discussion, this motion was not seconded. This subject will be tabled until the next meeting. Nicole Smith will get with Darlene and talk about the logistics of taking over the Products role. Allen Hutton made a motion to continue the products line at this time; 2nd'ed and passed. Randy asked Darlene to send out, to all chapter presidents, an inventory of current products and accounting. Nicole will give a report on Products at the next committee meeting.

6. PR/Newsletter/Web Page Committee: Deb Knox. No report as Deb was absent.

7. Membership Committee: Gail Rumler

Some chapters are starting to get applications into her on time and working with her on all the application problems. Currently there are 1590 members. Gaston, Charlotte, and Columbus were recognized for having good membership increases. We have increased revenue by over \$500 due to the increase in renewal membership fees.

8. Safety, Education and Awareness: Matt Shamblyn

See committee report on details. Some highlights:

- On the AMA website, there's a tool called Megavote where you can track your Senators' and Representative's votes by e-mail: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisltn/rapidresponse.asp> ;

• HIPPA 1352 has passed;

• Omnibus bill – on 11-March, the U.S. House voted down a bill that would have banned motorized vehicles from more than 2 million acres of public land;

• An ATV bill has been filed which requires ATVs and motorcycles used off-road to be registered with the DMV;

• Lifesavers Conference in Kentucky in April – motorcycle safety was on the agenda;

• MSAP – 2,050 students taught so far this year; and

• Lee Ann Redwine Award for 2009 – get the nominations to Matt; State website has the information on this award.

9. Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone

• Section 1, 1) & 2) - Membership Termination - Charlie read the upcoming proposed changes for this change. The wording has been on the state website for the past few months (too long to post here). Roll call vote: Passed 82-24.

• Article II, Board of Directors - 2) Remove the words "Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents' meetings." Roll call vote: Passed 78-22.

• Article V - State Treasury and General Financial Policies - Add "Section 10) If a check written to the Corporation is returned for insufficient funds, the State Treasurer may assess a fee to the payer equal to the amount of the insufficient funds fee charged by the financial institution." Roll call vote: Passed 87-13.

• Charlie read the proposed changes to be voted upon at a future state meeting. These included:

• Discretion of chapter to determine whether to impose a 90 day waiting period to new member for the right to vote on chapter matters.

• Eligibility for state office

• Elimination of State 2nd Vice President position

• At-large membership voting guidance
For specifics on wording, consult the State website.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR REPORTS

Central District: Robert Causey

• The Central District Spoker run was hosted by Alamance Co. CBA and was a great success.

• Shaggy gave an update on upcoming chapter events.

• Dwayne Jenkins mentioned that the Cabarrus-Rowan chapter recently held a run where they took donations – i.e., they didn't charge for food or the ride. They felt that they'd made as much, if not more, money from donations than if they'd had charged.

Eastern District: Charlie Boone

• Charlie gave an update on the Eastern District Swap meet; weather was not so good so didn't make as much \$\$ as hoped.

The Progression of HB 839

By: Charlie Boone

Here is the story of HB 839, or the bill which would allow freedom of choice regarding helmet usage for riders over 21 years of age. The bill was introduced by Rep. Bill Current (R)Gaston Co. at the request of Gaston Co. CBA. The other primary sponsor was Rep. Dewey Hill (R)Brunswick Co. The bill was read on the floor and assigned to the Transportation Committee, and if passed there it would go on to the Judiciary III committee. The bill was finally scheduled for Transportation on May 13, the day before the crossover deadline. Crossover is the day set by the Legislature where a non-revenue bill has to be passed by either the House or the Senate or it will not be considered further. During the hearing, which was attended by several interested motorcyclists, testimony was given by representatives from the Governor's Hwy. Safety Program, the NCDOT and the CBA. After some discussion from the com-

mittee members, an amendment was proposed to allow this only on roads with a speed limit of 45 MPH or lower. While this is not what we wanted, it was something we could correct at a later date so we agreed to go with this. The vote was taken, and the bill passed the committee by a vote of 9 in favor and 7 against. On to the J-III committee!

The chair of J-III is Rep. Ronnie Sutton (D)Robeson, who has made it clear that he is not in favor of this bill. He was asked by both primary sponsors and by CBA to schedule the bill for a hearing. Keep in mind that this was occurring on May 14, crossover day. He called a committee meeting at his desk during the lunch recess, but did not hear the bill. Since the bill did not pass this committee and reach a floor vote, it would appear to be dead for this session. There is a way around this, though. If there can be found a way to attach money into the bill, the crossover deadline will not apply, and the bill can be

revived. We are looking at ways to do this which will not be detrimental to motorcyclists, but that will be difficult. There was a lot of political maneuvering during this process. One of the factors that worked against us was the tight timeline that we faced for crossover. Late during crossover day, comment from legislators on the floor was limited to 10 seconds apiece due to the large number of bills to be considered. It ain't pretty, but that's the way things work on Jones St.

One other bill still in consideration at this time is SB 64 which would make changes to the learner's permit laws for motorcyclists. This bill has passed the Senate and will go to the House J-III and Finance committees. CBA is opposed to this bill, and we will be working the legislative halls to gain support for our position on this. For more info check our website at www.cha-abate.org.

State Information Director's Position STILL OPEN

The 5th Annual Central District Spoker Run 2009

I'm just going to start off with...what a perfect day for the 5th Annual Spoker Run on 4/25/09! As you know the central district chapters start from their own area doing a poker run. Every year a different chapter has hosted the event. This year Alamance had that pleasure, and let me say that Robert, Tom & Sue from "The Other Place" in Burlington, aren't just owners, they're also members of the Alamance Chapter. Thanks guys for the hospitality. Did I mention what a beautiful day for a ride??? This year the way the Chapters set their routes allowed us to all meet up and ride in together. When Triad rolled into Ed Rich's American Classic Motorcycle Museum in Asheboro, we were greeted by the South Piedmont, Charlotte, and Cabarrus/Rowan Chapters. From there we went to Riders in the Country where the Randolph County Chapter was having their Annual 2 day swap meet.. It was unfortunate that the two events fell on the same day, so they were unable to participate in the ride this year. There we picked up the Davidson Co Chapter and blasted off for the Liberty Tavern, by this time we had 5 chapters together. When

we arrived in Liberty, we met up with Alamance and Chatham. To my surprise 6 Raleigh Chapter and one At Large Member rode in with Chatham! When we left there, Ron, from the Alamance Chapter led all 74 bikes to our final destination: The Other Place. After all the chapters tallied up their winners, they brought them to me. Richard and Cathie served up some good hotdogs & hamburgers which were donated by Auto Zone. Winners from the Poker Hands go as follows: Alamance: Rick Odey, Cabarrus/Rowan: Dwayne Jenkins, Charlotte: The Spoons, Chatham: Jean (President of Raleigh), Davidson: Mama Sue, S. Piedmont: Ed Weakly, Triad: Gwen Nichols, and the big winner of the \$500 Grand Prize was the President of Charlotte, Gary Bridges! Byron King from Raleigh won the 50/50. Thanks for making the 5th Annual Spoker Run a big success!

Central District Coordinator
Triad Chapter President
Robert "Shaggy" Causey

State Meeting Minutes (cont.)

- He gave update on upcoming chapter events

Western District: James Buckner

- In Jame's absence, Larry Blankenship gave update on future chapter events.
- Motorcycle Awareness Month billboard will be going up.
- Cliff Cyphers showed how his chapter copied 10 business cards from local businesses on the flyers passed out for a CBA event; doing this raised \$250 towards the event.

Raffle ticket and 50/50 winners –Doc Hairabedian, Matt Shamblin, Steve Herbert, Gary Livingwell

CLOSING COMMENTS

1. Next State Meeting Date: 18-19 July 2009
2. Closing Benediction – Cliff Cyphers
3. Motion to Adjourn – 12:26pm

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<http://capwiz.com/amacycle/megavote/>

(Sign up and get weekly updates on the votes of your Senators and Reps in DC. You can also get notifications of pending legislation regarding motorcycles and motorcyclists.)

(Learn from the propoganda of our opponents.)

Lifesavers 2009 Conference Workshops

<http://www.lifesaversconference.org/workshops.html#D ataandResearch>

The sponsors for the 2009 conference in Nashville are:

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- National Transportation Safety Board
- Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company*
- Safe Kids USA*
- State Farm*
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State sponsor: The Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office*

The following link is for one of the "Motorcycle Safety" handouts used at these conferences. This one is for helmet propoganda.

<http://www.lifesaversconference.org/handouts2009/Wigle.pdf>

(Yes, it's from Virginia. This info is pertinent in any case involving this particular breathalyzer.)

Virginia: Accuracy Problem Discovered in DUI Machines Fairfax County, Virginia backs down from drunk driving charge after attorney threatens to test accuracy of breathalyzer machine.

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/news/27/2727.asp#source>

(If you stand by idly while the government discriminates against a certain type of bike/biker because you think it doesn't concern you, you make it easier for them to successfully discriminate against you when they decide that you are their next target.)

It's the rider, not the bike

Crackdown on supersport bikes would be misguided -- enforce safe riding instead.

Daily Record/Sunday News

Updated: 04/03/2009 12:36:03 PM EDT

If you buy into the old gun rights mantra -- guns don't kill people, people kill people -- consistency might dictate that you apply the concept to motorcycles as well. To wit: Motorcycles don't kill motorcyclists, bad driving kills motorcyclists -- and bad driving could be on the part of the cyclist, drivers of cars or trucks, or all of the above.

(There's no telling how long they'll study this before they actually decide to do something about it, but at least they haven't lost interest.)

AFB20(2) Roadside Design Subcommittee on International Activities Statement on Motorcyclists and Safety Barriers January 31, 2009

"Longitudinal barriers are doing an excellent job protecting motorists from roadside hazards. However, due to the lesser degree of crash protection inherent in motorcycle use, motorcyclists may face a greater risk of injury when impacting the face of a steel beam or cable guardrail as well as, concrete parapets, depending on the speed and angle of the impact event. Motorcycle fatalities or serious injuries can occur when a fallen motorcyclist leaves the motorcycle and contacts the roadway surface or when he or she slides into a nearby concrete or steel barrier system. Riders who drive into a barrier can be injured as they strike the barrier, including the steel beams, cables and support posts. Further injuries may result as they slide along the top of barrier." The EuroRAP document can be downloaded from:

http://www.eurorap.org/news_item?search=y&ID=200

(Support the MRF/Jeff Hennie every chance you get!!! He is our voice on the MAC.)

http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2009-07886_P1.pdf

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION [4910-22-P] Federal Highway Administration [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2005-23112] Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration
AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT. ACTION: Notice of meeting of advisory committee

SUMMARY: This document announces the sixth meeting of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration (MAC-FHWA). The purpose of this meeting is to advise the Secretary of Transportation, through the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, 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, pursuant to section 1914 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

DATES: The sixth meeting of the MAC-FHWA is scheduled for May 7, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: The sixth MAC-FHWA meeting will be held at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Griffith, the Designated Federal Official, Office of Safety, 202-366-2288, (mike.griffith@dot.gov), or Dr. Morris Oliver, Office of Safety, 202-366-2288, (morris.oliver@dot.gov), Federal Highway Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

(If your locale utilizes traffic cameras, this could be important to you.) Corpus Christi, Texas Red Light Cameras Increase Accidents
<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/2009/corpuscrashes.pdf>

(I repeat: Support the MRF/Jeff Hennie every chance you get!!! Jeff and our AMA reps were, and still are, our voices in this matter.)

Washington, D.C.: House Resolution 1253 has passed. Sponsored by Rep. Michael C. Burgess M.D. (R-TX-26) and cosponsored by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI-1). H.R. 1253 would require that people signing up for a health plan to receive in writing an explanation of treatment limits or non-covered conditions, along with other plan limitations, "in a form that is easily understandable." This legislation is supported by several organizations, including the AMA, Motorcycle Industry Council, American Council of Snowmobile Associations, American Horse Council, American Recreation Coalition, American Trails, Americans for Responsible Recreational Access, Blue Ribbon Coalition, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, National

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SEA Committee (cont.)

Ski Areas Association, Specialty Vehicle Industry Council, Sporting Goods Manufacturing Association, the Washington Road Riders Association, and many others.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/144567.php>

(Send a "thank you" to Reps. Giffords and Burgess, it's not hard to do and it only takes a minute or two.)

Washington, D.C.: The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed House Resolution 269, a bill entitled "Supporting the goals of a motorcycle safety month." The bills sponsor is Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ-8), who is co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus and an avid rider. Rep. Giffords was joined by fellow co-chair of the Motorcycle Safety Caucus, Rep. Michael Burgess M.D. (R-TX-26), as an original co-sponsor.

The bill encourages all road users to be more aware of motorcyclists and their safety. In addition it encourages all riders to take appropriate rider training and learn safe riding skills. The bill is now headed to the House floor for a full vote. Riders are encouraged to contact their representatives to request their support for H.R. 269.

(I'll repeat this one too: If you stand by idly while the government discriminates against a certain type of bike/biker because you think it doesn't concern you, you make it easier for them to successfully discriminate against you when they decide that you are their next target.)

Omnibus Public Lands Bill Passes: Despite widespread objection from AMA members, riders and the general public, and a previous failure of the measure in the House, Congress has voted to close more than 2 mil-

lion acres of public land to off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation. By a 285-to-140 vote, U.S. House Members on March 25 approved a bill that consisted of more than 160 individual pieces of legislation, in over 1200 pages and devastated access to public lands nationwide for off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and all other motorized recreation. Following congressional maneuvering that breathed new life into the measure after it was defeated, the lawmakers approved amendments to H.R. 146, known as the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Acquisition Grant Program. This bill was formerly known as S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009.

Source: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=760>

(See: MRF news release no. 09NR14 dated 3/23/09)

Pickerington, Ohio: The AMA urges action to end the ban on the sale of youth-model motorcycles and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles). The AMA is encouraging its members and all concerned motorcyclists to push their federal lawmakers and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to exclude youth-model motorcycles and ATVs from the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA). AMA members and others can take action by visiting: www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com, clicking on the "Rights" section and then "Issues and Legislation." AMA members will also find a self-addressed card in the May issue of American Motorcyclist that they can mail directly to the CPSC. The AMA would like to thank all its members who, by the tens of thousands, contacted their federal lawmakers urging them to support two bipartisan Congressional letters to the CPSC asking the Commissioners to exclude youth-model motorcycles and ATVs from the CPSIA. The letters to the CPSC were sent April 2.

Source: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=767>

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STATEWIDE MSAP TOTALS 1st QTR 2009

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BRUNSWICK	157
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CAB-ROW	25
CARTERET	179
CHATHAM	117
GASTON	529
GRANVILLE	42
RALEIGH	459
S. PEIDMONT	240
TRIAD	50

Total: 2275

Running For The Board of Directors Dale Carroll - Membership Director

My name is Dale Carroll. I have been a member of CBA of NC Gaston County Chapter for 3 years. I have served as Legislative Officer and Treasurer. Prior to that, I was in Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/ABATE for about 8 years. I served as Legislative officer for my chapter for most of that time. I also served as Membership Director for on the CMT State BOD for 2 years.

Members and therefore the Membership committee are the most important aspect of this organization. Without them, we are only self-indulgent egomaniacs who like to sit in a room and listen to ourselves chatter. The primary objective for an officer at either level, state or chapter, should be to serve the members and also the organization. Now, some folks in CBA have at times called into question whether I actually serve the organization or exist only to be a pain in the ass. I am brusque, opinionated and sometimes(?) unpleasant to talk to. But, in my opinion I have NEVER personally insulted any member of this organization. Disagreeing

with you and candidly talking about the reasons for doing so, I don't consider insults. This is a volunteer organization, however when you step up to the Officer level you don't get more privileges, you actually get more responsibility and scrutiny. Please reference the old heat and kitchen cliché.

After speaking with Gail at the last state meeting, I came to several conclusions. I do have the knowledge and drive to be the Membership Director. What I don't have is the financial resources to operate the Membership Committee as she has done. I will not be able to front hundreds of dollars (Yes Gail does this!) to operate membership between BOD meetings.

Expenses such as stamps, envelopes, copies, etc will have to be budgeted and paid for at the beginning of each quarter. Others, such as, a dedicated fax line, a fax machine, a large capacity copier, these are things I don't have and CBA will have to assume the expense.

I have recently opened a small store in Gastonia. I will route the membership phone line

through it. That way I will be available (unless with a customer) from 10 to 6 most days if you have a membership issue that can't be addressed by email. My plan is to process memberships weekly and mail them on Monday morning. I will institute an actual committee to help prepare the memberships in a timely fashion. I think that ALL the membership duties fall under the direction of the Membership Director. By this I mean I will not accept this position (if elected) if a separate position of MEMBERSHIP PROCESSOR (which is not in the constitution) is approved. Old ties are soon forgotten (I made that one up). One person needs to be in charge of the Membership duties.

I would like to commend Iris Hembey for also running for the Membership Director. It may very well be that I will breathe a sigh of relief if she is elected. I doubt if either of us knows what we have let ourselves in for.

Dale Carroll

Running For The Board of Directors DocSki - Legislative Director

Thomas J. Wasileski, PhD
Legislative Director for CBA/ABATE of North
Carolina
Registered Lobbyist, NC Bike-PAC

Doc Ski rode his first motorized-cycle at 14. He traded his three-speed English racer bicycle, for a Lambreta (pedal to start) motor-scooter. Since the Lambreta required repairs, he pushed it the five miles home; and, with assistance from his father, completed the necessary repairs. That first trip on the Lambreta began his love affair with motorcycles and fueled his enthusiasm for the freedom of the road.

Doc Ski has been a member of NC CBA/ABATE for more than ten years. He is on the Board of Directors for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and a Sustaining State MRO Representative on the Board of Directors of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). He was a founding member of the North Carolina Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs. He is a retired member of the Viet Nam Vets M/C USA where he has served in leadership positions at the chapter, state, and regional level. Doc Ski was nominated by NC Motorcycle Rights Organizations as their candidate to serve as one of the two designated positions for State Motorcycle

Rights Organizations, on the United States Department of Transportation's Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administrator (FHWA).

Doc Ski began his adult life as a high school drop out. He joined the U.S. Army at 17 years old, and spent the next twenty years of his life in service to his country. He fought Communism on three different continents, in eleven countries and in seven languages. He was an Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces (Green Beret) qualified soldier.

While in the army Doc Ski was forced to complete his GED and continue his formal education in order to compete for promotions. When he retired from the Army in 1985 Doc Ski had received a Bachelor's Degree from Columbia College. He went back to school and received a Masters Degree in Special Education from Fayetteville State University. After working several years in public schools teaching children with learning difficulties, he returned to school and earned a PhD in Education (Special Education/ Developmental Psych) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Among his many accomplishments in academia, Doc Ski was awarded a grant to provide services to children and families of Viet Nam Veterans. "Project

Agent Orange" was funded from the moneys awarded in a class-action law suit against chemical companies that manufactured the defoliant Agent Orange, an herbicide used in Vietnam. The program helped many children and families in North Carolina and the program continued to receive funding until all class-action funds were disbursed.

As a research scientist and a member of the faculty Doc Ski has served in a variety of positions, including principal investigator, on several federal and private agency grants, bringing more than \$1,000,000 into the University of North Carolina System during his tenure. Among the many projects he received funding for, he is most proud of his work in the development, accreditation, and funding for a program to teach Special Education teachers to teach children who are blind and/or visually impaired.

He is currently retired from the world of work and living "in the woods" of Chatham County North Carolina with his bride Katie, his HD Bagger (FLHTCUI), two Custom Motorcycles (Soft-tail Replicas) he built, and more than fifteen "foster" dogs.

In Memory Of...

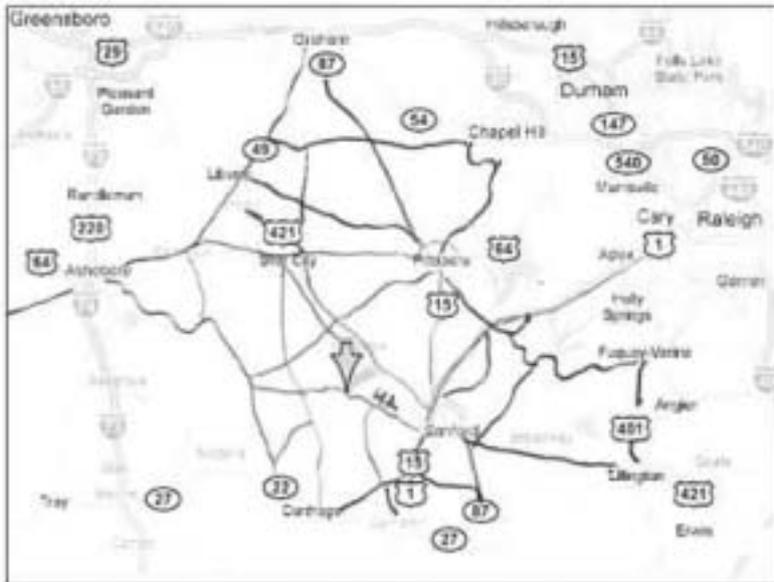
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<i>Bruce Vogle (Klean)</i>	<i>April 29, 1999</i>	<i>Julie Jenrette</i>	<i>March 26, 2004</i>
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<i>Mike Daniels</i>	<i>March 23, 2000</i>	<i>William Randle Young</i>	<i>August, 28, 2005</i>
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<i>Tommy "DJ Crazyhorse" Clendenin</i>	<i>June 22, 2002</i>	<i>Greg Dinerstein</i>	<i>July 1, 2006</i>
<i>Joe "Ugly" Sidley</i>	<i>June 30, 2002</i>	<i>Charlotte Bellamy</i>	<i>September 18, 2006</i>
<i>Alan Baker</i>	<i>August 4, 2002</i>	<i>Tim Hamby</i>	<i>September 30, 2006</i>
<i>John Cowdrick</i>	<i>August 6, 2002</i>	<i>Tim Scoggins</i>	<i>April 27, 2007</i>
<i>James "Pickle" Deal</i>	<i>August 20, 2002</i>	<i>Lee Maney</i>	<i>July 30, 2007</i>
<i>Clyde Starnes</i>	<i>September 7, 2002</i>	<i>Lee Ann Redwine</i>	<i>December 21, 2007</i>
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<i>Gary Barba</i>	<i>January 7, 2003</i>	<i>Wendy Norris</i>	<i>August 23, 2008</i>
<i>Charlie Hodge</i>	<i>April 18, 2003</i>	<i>Fred "Pug" Pugliese</i>	<i>May 12, 2009</i>
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Running For The Board of Directors Charlie Boone - Vice President



Personal:
54 years old, grew up in Rocky Mount, Southern born and bred. Married since 2001 to Ruth who has twin sons who are 30 years old. I have one son, JT, now 20 yrs. old who is in the USAF. He was named for two of my CBA brothers who were

killed in separate m/c accidents. He was brought up at CBA functions and became Raleigh Chapter President shortly after his 18th birthday. His mom was former CBA State Secretary Sheila Maness Boone who is now deceased. I also consider JT's brother David Fowler, age 24, as my son since he was raised in my home from the age of 2. I enjoy what leisure time that I can squeeze out at our little getaway at Lake Gaston. Come visit with us sometime.

Business: Have worked for UPS in Raleigh since 1973, started as a part time package handler. Went full time in 1975, drove package car for nine years, have been driving tractor trailer since 1984. Hold additional duty as non-management co-chair of department safety committee. Hope to retire at the end of 2010. Started a small snack/soda vending company in 1995. Sold this company in 2009 to make more time for CBA duties.

Motorcycles:
Have had only three. Bought a '65 Honda Super Hawk at the age of 18 (against my parent's wishes, of

course). It still sits in my back yard for the kids to play on. Bought a 1976 H-D Super Glide in 1977 at the age of 24, that is my current ride. Also have a 1999 Titan custom that I bought to ride while my shovelhead was being rebuilt. Have never been able to ride as much as I would have liked throughout the years because I was always hauling around a ton of CBA stuff everywhere I went. Prefer the back roads, hate wearing a helmet (and always have). In the future, I hope to own an Ultra Classic for the long rides.

CBA History:
Joined Raleigh CBA in 1978 solely because I wanted to help fight the mandatory helmet law. Met Rick Nail at a Charlotte swap meet a year or so later, thought that I had met God. Later discovered that he was just a regular guy (Rick, that is). Became Raleigh chapter President within a few years, did 10+ years of presidential duty throughout the years. Joined the Board of Directors as Information Director upon the switchover to that organizational format. Held that position for about seven years, also was newsletter editor for five of those years. Was involved in the formation of the current CBA Constitution during this time also, and held the position of Constitution Committee chairman. Had to back away for a couple of years then due to the ill health of my wife. Came back onto the BOD as Eastern District Coordinator, a position which I still hold. Reassumed position of Constitution Committee chairman. Was CBA rep to the MRF for a couple of years and have attended several MRF and NCOM conventions. Have been editor of the CBA

calendar for the last 10 years or so. Developed the CBA Young Activist Program and the CBA Points Program during the last couple of years. Basically I just try to help out wherever and whenever needed for anything CBA.

Personal Philosophy:
Work hard, play hard, never knowingly tell a lie, and take responsibility for your actions. Some say that I'm hard headed, that's better for you to judge than me, I just don't see it. I try to be open to suggestions from everyone, and I certainly don't ever hold it against anyone for having an opinion different from mine. I sometimes talk too much and don't listen enough, please don't hesitate to point that out when it occurs. I do realize that you learn much more when you zip your lip and open your ears.

Office of the Vice President:
With the help of the BOD and the membership, I hope to continue adding chapters and members throughout the state and finding more people who really care about preserving our right to ride free. I am eager to confront the challenges that will come our way over the next few years. I see no real problems in the way that our organization works, but there is always room for improvement in every operation. I will work with anyone who wants to build up our organization. I urge each and every one of our members to exercise their right to vote for whoever they believe has the qualifications and experience to lead the CBA into the future. Thank you for caring enough to be involved.

Running For The Board of Directors Bill "Blast off" Starnes - Western District Coordinator

Purchased first motorcycle in spring of 1972 at age 21 1/2 participated in many events hosted by the Southeast Chapter of ABATE of Florida, in the Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County area, and the Southernmost Chapter of ABATE of Florida, in the Florida Keys/Monroe County, in the late '70's and early to mid '80's.

Helped to establish and served as first President of the Dade County Chapter of ABATE of Florida, in the Miami area and have been a Life Member of ABATE of Florida since June 1985.

Currently serving the Gaston County Chapter of CBA/ABATE of NC as Legislative Officer and serving the State Board of Directors of CBA/ABATE of NC by heading up the Helmet Citation Defense Project. State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser, Certified in North and South Carolina working from a home based office. I supervise two Trainees and have one full time Office Manager. I have been in the

Appraisal business since December of 2000. Prior to that I worked in school photography while taking my Appraisal classes. I was a Team Development Leader for Olan Mills in their Church Directory division training new photographers and working with established photographers covering North Carolina, Virginia and part of South Carolina.

It is my desire to serve the State Board as Western District Coordinator. I hope to be able to establish new Chapters in Lincoln and Cleveland counties and to promote interaction between the existing Western District Chapters.

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Running For The Board of Directors Cat Mohan - State Secretary



My name is Catherine aka Cathy aka Cat. My father was a Sergeant in the Air Force which means we moved every few years when I was growing up. I've lived in California, New York, New Mexico, Washington DC, Maryland, Panama Canal Zone, Japan, New Mexico,

Alaska, and Florida. When I was growing up, our 'home base' was my mother's hometown which was Memphis so I always felt like a southerner despite my father coming from New York (yes, the city). When I moved here to NC in 1982 with husband Mohan and my children, I knew I'd finally come home. I love this area and hope to stay here for many more years.

I became aware of the CBA when I participated in a Freedom Run in Raleigh that began from the Youth

Center at the Raleigh Fairgrounds. My husband was already a member so we decided to join as a couple after that ride. That was when I was riding on the back of the bike. In 1992, I decided to take the MSF Beginner's class and started riding my own bike. I remember how my instructor talked about how he tried to be careful on the road; he was one of those riders that purposely chose to ride a bright yellow bike and wear a yellow helmet to match to be visible. He left a lasting impression on me and I will always be grateful for having had an instructor who taught me so much about riding. A few years ago, I read in the newspaper about an MSF instructor who was killed while riding his Yamaha. He was on his way to work as an optometrist and a UPS truck made that deadly left turn in his path. That was the MSF instructor who taught me to ride. Needless to say, I was saddened by this news and it strengthened my resolve to help this organization that fights for the rights of motorcyclists and to raise awareness of motorcyclists on the road.

Currently, I'm riding a Heritage Softail and it suits me fine. As I mentioned before, living in North Carolina is wonderful, especially if you're a rider! Just the past few months, I've been to the mountains twice (Macon Co. Poker Run and Hot Springs event), rode to the Outer Banks and up to Virginia. Of course, just riding around Chatham Co. is wonderful in itself (oh, did I mention I'm a Chatham member?). I've been an officer in the Chatham Co. CBA for over 15 years, serving as Secretary or Treasurer. When Randy Norris asked me to step in as interim State Secretary late last year, I was flattered and hope that I've done a decent job of helping out. I am honored to have been nominated for State Secretary for the next 2 years.

Respectfully,
Cat Mohan

Running For The Board of Directors Rita Spaulding - SEA Director

47 years old, born in New England and grew up in Louisiana. Was a bit of a gypsy in her younger years and has had the privilege to see and live in many different places from attending college in New Hampshire to ranching in central Texas to living in Scharnhausen, Germany for two years. Settled in North Carolina almost 15 years ago shortly after her divorce and now lives just outside of Smithfield with her son Drew, 23, a killer kitty and numerous species of wildlife.

Graduated with a BS in Accounting from Plymouth State University and has held a wide variety of occupations over the years from loading trucks for UPS to Director of Customer Relations for a communications company. Administrator for a Mechanical Contractor in Garner, NC for the past 6 years and has over 25 years experience in Finance, Administration and Customer Relations.

Rode mini-bikes with her brothers growing up and in her late teens met her future husband who rode a '78 Low Rider and it was love at first sight...with the bike anyway! Started riding with him and after a few years she learned to ride her own but gave it up after the birth of her son until 5 or so years ago. Have ridden several different makes and models (bikes, not husbands) and now rides a '01 Honda Shadow VLX. Some day she'll have a "big girl" bike again.

She has always been aware of the importance of monitoring the various legislation and motorcyclists'

issues and while not actively participating within the different SMRO's she has belonged to over the years, she has quietly worked behind the scenes, contacting her legislators as necessary and standing up for what she believes in. A member of CBA for around 5 years, it was the MSAP program that was the catalyst in her active involvement and participation 3 years ago.

I don't have a particular personal philosophy but I am very passionate about the people and things I believe in. A person is only as good as their word and I do my best to live by that, realizing that respect and trust are things that are earned and not freely given. I dislike games and people who beat-around-the-bush so I tend to be very direct but have learned over the years that being tactful helps. People have the freewill to do things that they want, with the understanding that there are benefits/consequences received as a result. It's all about self-accountability. Mostly, I try as hard as I can to keep an eye on the past, grasp a firm understanding of the present, and maintain a view of not only the short-term future, but the long-term one as well. Hey, it works for me.

Office of the SEA Director:
With the assistance of the CBA membership and our dedicated MSAP instructors I hope to carry on in growing the MSAP Program so that we can see this vitally important program available and utilized in each and every Driver's Ed class across the entire state. We take a risk each day when we saddle up to ride and those risks are mounting at an incredible

pace. It is my belief that educating ourselves to ride safely and educating those on the roadways with us is the only way we will decrease that risk. I look forward to the responsibilities and challenges that volunteering in this capacity would bring—from writing grant proposals to working with the Governor's Highway Safety Program staff and the NC State Highway Patrol and working with the BOD and CBA Membership. Thanks for your support!

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Running For The Board of Directors Matt Shamblin - Eastern District Coordinator

My first motorcycle "seat" was actually the gas tank of my dad's Yamaha. I guess I was seven or eight years old when he took me for my first ride. From there I moved up to the gas tank of his Triumph "Bonneville 650". Soon after that, I graduated to the back seat and from there I moved to my first mini bike, it was a Honda "MiniTrail 50". For the next several years it seems as though I was determined to destroy that mini bike or myself, whichever came first. If you ever had one of those little bikes, you undoubtedly know that I couldn't have destroyed it with anything short of plutonium. I put quite a few dents and dings in that thing, but it never quit. I obviously never succeeded at destroying myself either, although I do have some interesting x-rays to show for my efforts. Somewhere around Junior High School I got interested in girls and bigger bikes. I forgot all about my mini bike & started riding whatever kind of bike I could borrow. After I moved out, dad took that mini bike with him (for some unknown reason) when he & mom moved to Henderson. When I was about twenty-one or twenty-two, dad gave that bike to a kid that lived down the road in exchange for some yard work (which is how I had earned it in the first place). Dad later told me that he thought the kid was going to kill himself kicking that thing to get it started, but with Dad's help on the carburetor, they got it started and the kid rode that bike home that day.

For the next twenty years or so, I expended all my efforts supporting the family that Debbie & I made for ourselves. I did a lot of looking and dream-

ing, but I knew I couldn't afford another bike for at least a few years.

It was a wonderful day for me in the spring of 1997 when my youngest son came to me and told me he wanted a dirt bike. He was the last of our three children still at home so I had a little more money to burn by then. Soon after that, he & I went to a local bike shop to pick out a suitable bike for him. A week later, we went back to get mine. (I couldn't leave him to learn by himself could I !?!) somewhere around 2000, he temporarily lost interest in his motorcycle so I decided to try riding the highways again & I haven't looked back since. I'm proud to say that he still rides with me whenever he gets a chance (now on different types of bikes).

I already knew a little about CBA/ABATE of N.C. because of a long standing family friendship with Mark Ratliff (Past President Carteret/Craven Chapter) & his wife Kim, who are sadly both now deceased. Joining CBA seemed like a no-brainer to me so I wasted no time. I think I made the move to a life membership in 2003, not long after I became a life member of the NRA.

When the MSAP program was introduced at our chapter (2004?), I immediately knew I had to become a part of it. Jim Barker & I made our first presentation in the spring of 2005 and our chapter's MSAP Instructors haven't missed a single class in Carteret County since then. Along the way we have had the full financial and moral support of our chapter and acquired some much needed additional Instructors also. I can only hope that all present and future

MSAP Instructors experience the same level of support from their respective chapters. That support allows us to do something that we believe in very strongly, and for that, we are forever thankful.

Fate and Jim Burns led me being recommended for the directorship of the S, E, & A Committee when he had to step down because of family considerations. My only qualifications for the position at that time were my efforts with the MSAP program. Randy and the membership put their faith in me and told me to go for it. The support I have received from the members of CBA/ABATE of N.C. since then have been nothing short of phenomenal. Without ya'll and your efforts, all we would have is a really good idea. I sincerely thank you all.

The time has come for me to step aside from S.E.A. to let a new voice and a fresh perspective build on our past accomplishments and expand MSAP to a larger audience.

Because of your support and enthusiasm for our organization and its mission, I would like to continue my service to you in a different capacity so I have accepted the nomination for Eastern District Coordinator. I know I'm in for some OJT, but with your continued support, I hope we can expand our membership in the Eastern District and increase our influence in the General Assembly of N.C.

Respectfully,
Matt Shamblin

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