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Letter from the Editor...

This will be my last newsletter and my last duty as State Information Director. I am happy to hand the reins over to Terri Hairston after 8 years in my position. I feel confident that she will do a great job. Everything old becomes new again and I am sure you will see some exciting changes in both the newsletter and the website.

It is always bittersweet to say goodbye so I won't. I will be around certainly although probably absent for a little bit. My family has had a tough 2009 and we are hunkered down licking our wounds for a bit. Sometimes you have to take a step back and regroup. I've been a member of CBA for 15 years and have gone through many life changes including all the usual marriages, births, deaths, major job changes and struggles. The one constant in my life has been my CBA family.

Someone in our organization told me after my musings about the death of Steve's father that when one of us hurts, we all hurt and it was right on the mark about why you should be an active member of CBA. We do important legislative work certainly, there are lots of events certainly but the friendships forged within our organization last a lifetime.

A word of warning to you and this is an inside joke.... Never just say yes without getting all the facts when one of the Board members calls you on the phone. You never know where it might lead J

You never really leave because CBA always stays within your heart. I am going to get back active with my chapter and sit on the other side of the table. I've been there so there will be no heckling. Being on the CBA BOD is one of the toughest jobs you will ever love.

Love and respect to all of you and I'll catch you later.

Peace,

Crazy Deb



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State Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2009

The meeting commenced at 9:15 am

BOD present:

President Randy Norris, Legislative Director Thomas "Doc Ski" Wasileski, 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.

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

Opening Prayer was offered by Bill Starnes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doc Ski

Chapter Roll Call & Introductions

Chapters present: Alamance, Brunswick, Buncombe, CBA of The Pines, Cabarrus-Rowan, Cape Fear Valley, Carteret-Craven, Chatham, Charlotte, Columbus, Davidson, Gaston, Granville, Hickory, Iredell, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, South Piedmont, Surry, Tar River Basin, and Triad. All chapters were represented! One At-Large member was 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/bank statement copies go to Darlene Kimsey.

State Secretary's Report: Cat Mohan – minutes from the July 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 – this report was delayed due to Darlene having a mishap with a copier. When Darlene was able to report later in the morning, she passed out the 3rd quarter accounting to include all expenses, inflows, and chapter/district contributions. A motion was made to accept the report; 2nd'ed and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. State Officer Elections – Board of Directors election results: Randy announced the names of the 2010-2011 officers: President - Randy Norris, VP - Charlie Boone, Legislative Director – Doc Ski, Secretary - Cat Mohan, Treasurer - Darlene Kimsey, Information Director - Terri Hairston, SEA (Safety,

Education and Awareness) Director - Charli Chandler, Membership Services Director – Dale Carroll, Eastern District Coordinator – Matt Shamblin, Central District Coordinator – Robert 'Shaggy' Causey, Western District Coordinator – Bill Starnes.

2. State party report

- Robert Causey gave a report on inflow and out-flow of monies from the State Party at Ole Gillians Mill in Sanford. The overall balance was (\$112.88).
- The park rental was more than first negotiated. The State Events committee will be looking for another place to hold this event next year.

3. 2010 State CBA Budget Proposal

- Randy asked membership to consider the following budget for 2010:
Membership Services - \$7,080
PR - \$8100
Legislative - \$7000 (due to short session)
MRF - \$1500
SEA - \$5,000
Constitution - \$1,000
BOD - \$3,500
Total \$33,180
Rollcall vote: passed 111-0.

4. 2010 Committee Meeting and Executive Council Dates – Randy read the proposed dates for the 1010 EC meetings; these were passed with aye vote:

16-17 Jan 2010 – Eastern District hosting
17-18 Apr 2010 – Central District hosting
17-18 Jul 2010 – Western District hosting
16-17 Oct 2010 – BOD hosting

NEW BUSINESS

Congratulations and welcome to Lincoln Co. chapter which received their charter today. Many of the new officers and members were present today to receive the charter including chapter President James Hughes. You can visit Lincoln Co CBA's website here: <http://sites.google.com/site/lincolncountycba/Home>

On the other hand, Cape Fear Valley has recently turned in their charter; they have tried to pull themselves together but it has not worked and they regretfully give back their charter.

1. Training Seminar and Awards Banquet- 21-Nov-09

- Training Seminar – 11am – 4pm. There is no cost

to this seminar which will feature the following:

- An NRA representative will speak about gaining and retaining membership
 - Dr. Ling will speak about non-profit marketing
 - Jeff Nixon will speak about how to become a political candidate and get elected
 - There will also be a presentation about how to run a non-profit organization legally
 - Lunch will be hot dogs and chips around 12pm.
- This seminar is open to the general public as well as CBA members.

- Awards Banquet – 6pm start

- 150 tickets are on sale for \$15 each to include a dinner (chicken cordon bleu) and entertainment (Willie P Richardson). Keynote speaker booked to date is Representative Dale Folwell. <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascrpts/members/viewMember.pl?sChamber=House&nUserID=521>
- Tickets will be sold to the general public after 15-Nov.
- A block of rooms has been reserved at Holiday Inn Express in Asheboro but these are going fast.
- Donations of baked goods for dessert will be appreciated.
- Please bring items for the silent and live auction. Profit from these auctions will be donated to the Roadblock Defense Fund.

2. 501c3 Foundation – Randy informed membership that at the MRF Meeting of the Minds, he discovered that a lot of the ABATEs are creating this foundation which they formed in the part of the organization dedicated to the education and safety part of their programs. If we were to add this foundation to our current program, it would allow us to have coffers for Education & Safety programs; it can also let us go to patrons and receive donations which will be tax deductible. It will open us up for some other grants for which we may be eligible. Cost will probably be a few hundred dollars with lots of paperwork. A motion was made by Allen Hutton for the BOD to research this endeavor and bring back findings to the next state meeting; 2nd'ed and passed.

3. MRF

- Randy showed membership the appreciation certificate received from the MRF to NC/ABATE of NC for our continuing support.

- Randy asked the membership for a donation to be made to the MRF; Charli Chandler made a motion that we donate \$2,000; 2nd'ed and passed.

4. Gaston Chapter review – Randy told the membership about some complaints that had been received against the Gaston Co. CBA. Randy has visited a few of the Gaston meetings to talk *Cont. pg 4*

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to their officers/members. They are working through all these problems and Randy advises us to put all this conflict behind us at this time as the complaints have been found to be false according to Sugarfoot (Gaston President) and a Gaston County sheriff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Legislative Committee: Doc Ski – some topics covered:

- ROW bill – we would like to get another bill in place; Rick Killian (Charlotte area) will support a new bill that we need to write up.

- Anti discrimination – would like to get cultural attire and mode of transportation added into these proposed laws. Contact Doc Ski if you are discriminated against so he can direct you to the NC COC website where you can report the incident.

- Noise pollution law in NYC & Boston.

- A new committee has been formed: Roadblock Defense Fund regarding checkpoint discrimination. Some of the roles include: Doc will help overall, Randy is to communicate with legislators, and Raz will do research. Also, Bob Donut (AIM attorney) is involved; he stated around \$1500 will be needed to get the depositions. Charlie Boone is to figure out how to get this \$\$\$ to work on this defense. Bob mentioned that we need information from victims of this discrimination – specifics such as name(s) of officers involved, date/time of checkpoint, etc. would be very helpful.

- Helmet citation defense fund – Bill 'Blast-Off' Starnes has taken the lead on this project. Please go back to your chapters and get a member to help with this committee; call Bill at 704 747 1450.

- 19-May-10 will be Lobby Day in Raleigh (opening day is 12-May). Reminder: BikePac will help with your expenses to go talk to your legislators. Doc encouraged members to have a fundraiser for BikePac.

- Appeal the helmet law – we are still working on this.

- NHTSA and other agencies are collaborating against us in our freedoms; we need to keep an eye on the agencies that manage the \$\$ that was earmarked for highway safety.

2. MRF: Cindy Hodges

- Report on Meeting of the Minds.

- Highlighted the MRF President's article in the newsletter thanking everyone for their support; doing much better financially.

- Hot topic is the 'distracted driver' issue – MRF feels there's too much legislation; so many laws from so many states on the same issue.

- Charlie has written a report on the breakout ses-

sions; this will be in the state newsletter.

- We are looking into special insurance thru SMROs; stayed tuned.

- Randy brought up the 2012 Beast of the East seminar and asked membership if they would consider hosting; membership supported the possibility of hosting in Raleigh.

3. NCOM: Doc Ski – has asked to be relieved from his position on NCOM. Doc has nominated Randy for this position. Randy has accepted the nomination and received support from the membership.

4. NC Confederation of Clubs: Doc Ski – With Bob Donut, Doc is working on a discrimination issue from a few years ago where police would not help with road blocks for a Charlotte CBA fundraiser (Toys for Tots) if the patch holders wore their patches during the run.

5. Products Committee: Darlene Kimsey - Products were turned over to Nicole Smith of the Hickory chapter. We will have you caught up on the information around products at the next state meeting.

6. PR/Newsletter/Web Page Committee: Deb Knox - Deb was absent so no updates

7. Membership Committee: Gail Rumler

- Presently we have 1,640+ members.

- Gail will be working with new Membership Director, Dale Carroll; looking forward to a smooth transition.

- Gail spoke about etiquette on yahoo groups; let's stick to the subject on the groups please.

- Membership recruitment recognition; Macon Co., Buncombe Co., and Gaston Co.

- Gail thanked members for their support during her time in office; membership showed their appreciation with a standing ovation. Randy presented Gail with a gift from the organization for her efforts to include a locket with the years of her service engraved on it.

8. Safety, Education and Awareness: Matt Shamblin – Matt covered the following:

- Health cost study/deficient roadways.

- Discontinuities in roadways – please read the article in the newsletter/website –

www.artba.org/mediafiles/pirestudy.pdf.

- Motorcycle touring tires/Dunlop – failure of these tires.

- NHTSA study regarding cellphone use (distracted driving).

- Motorcycle fatalities are down from last year but crash numbers are still consistent.

- Charli Chandler read off the MSAP numbers thru

the 3rd quarter – over 7K students have been taught so far this year.

9. Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone

- Constitution changes/updates voted upon at this meeting:

• BOD, Art IX, add Section 5) - The Board of Directors has the authority to make decisions on governing this organization on Constitutional meaning and intent that a chapter must abide by. If the chapter is not satisfied, they can make an appeal to the State Executive Council. Rollcall vote: passed 106-5.

• BOD, Art. III, Section 2) B), add new sentence (this is in reference to State VP duties) - He/she will be responsible for all security arrangements at any state event. Rollcall vote: passed 111-0.

- Charlie read the new proposed changes for officers to take back to their chapters. These changes are located on the state website: State Information/Read pending changes to the Constitution.

10. Events Committee: Steve Knox/Robert Causey

- State Party Event - Report had been given by Robert Causey earlier in the meeting.

- EasyRider Bike Show in January 2010 – Charli made a motion to have a booth at this event, membership approved the proposal. Cat will check with Chatham member, GB Lewis, regarding tickets for members who work the booth.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR REPORTS

Central District: Robert Causey

- The Central District financially sent Charli Chandler to MRF's Meeting of the Minds with \$\$ help from South Piedmont & Chatham Co chapters.

- Upcoming events were reported.

Eastern District: Charlie Boone

- Eastern District Event may be moved to the month of May since it has been hard to get participation due to typical harsh weather in February.

- Upcoming events were reported.

Western District: Bill Starnes for James Buckner

- Upcoming events were reported.

Other Business

Calendar – Charlie Boone will take the input for the 2010 CBA calendar to the printer in the next few weeks. He needs ads and photos of members who are active military; also chapter info/chapter events are welcome.

Chapter Meeting Places

**This information has
not been updated.**

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Ron Namest: (336) 437-8030
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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cba@cba.xaranda.net
Kyle Caison: (910) 842-3475
Cleve Gore: (910) 754-7394
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.

Buncombe Chapter

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Larry Blankenship: (828) 683-3734
Email: blankenboat@charter.net • Web: www.buncombecba.com
Meets at Home Folks Diner, 1459 Merrimon Ave., Asheville on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Cabarrus - Rowan Chapter

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Gary Livengood: (704) 279-5343 • Email: dacynth@alltel.net
Meets at Cabarrus-Rowan Lodge, 1152 Hwy 152, Rockwell, NC on the 1st Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Cape Fear Valley Chapter

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Duke Durham: (910) 574-7154
Email: parts@capefearhd.com
Meets at Spirits Pub in Tallywood Shopping Center in Raeford on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Carteret-Craven Chapter

PO Box 1474 • Havelock, NC 28532
Greg Houde: (252) 646-3133 • Email: Shuttermaster@ec.rr.com
Jim Gnozzio: (252) 242-0055
Meets at Jeans Place, East Main Street, Havelock on 1st Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM.

Charlotte Chapter

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Lodge Phone: (704) 391-1222
charlottecba@yahoo.com
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
Wayne Glosson: (919) 542-4267
*Meets at the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM
Virlie's Grill, Pittsboro, NC*

Columbus Chapter

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Randy Norris: (910) 653-4066
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

PO Box 227 • Lexington, NC 27293
Allen Hutton: (336) 240-1652
Ken Ward: (336) 225-4916
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.

Gaston Chapter

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Secretary: Jill Stillwell (704) 922-5437
Meets at Gaston CBA Homestead, 267 Stowe Road, Gastonia, NC on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

Granville Chapter

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Hickory Chapter

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Meets at Shoney's Restaurant on 441 in Franklin on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

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

South Piedmont Chapter

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Roger Boger: (704) 764-7254
Ed Weakley: (704) 622-4984
Chapter web: www.southpiedmontcba.org
Meets at the American Legion, 700 Southerland Avenue, Monroe, NC 28110 on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 3:00 PM.

CBA of the Pines

PO Box 924 • West End, NC 27376-0924
Sam Storch: (910) 692-0907
Sonny Colvin: (919) 708-788 6
Call for meeting time and location.

Surry Chapter

PO Box 126 • Mt. Airy, NC 27030
Joey Mitchell: (336) 786-5053
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Meets at Sagebrush Steakhouse - Hwy 52, Mt. Airy on 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Tar River Basin Chapter

PO Box 7474 • Wilson, NC 27893
Jesse Watson: (919) 778-0049 • Email: Bikerpoppop@aol.com
Bob Burke: VICE PRESIDENT
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 always on the 3rd Wednesday.

Triad Chapter

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Charli Chandler, Secretary (336) 362-9539
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Central District Committee Minutes

October 16, 2009

Attended: Alamance: David Blum, Chatham: Iris Hindle, Cat Mohan, Charlotte: Louie Hairston, Derrick Hall, Terri Hairston, Rick Nail, Myra Nail, Randolph: Cindy York, Rick York, South Piedmont: Roger Boger, Ed Weakly, Keith & Kelly, Mark & Lori James, Triad: Carol Bullard, Gary Cooper, Gwendolyn Nichols, Charli Chandler, Robert Causey

Shaggy called the meeting to order at 12:51 pm

Minutes (cont.)

Randy expressed his thanks for outgoing BOD members Deb Knox, Steve Knox, and James Buckner for their service to this organization as BOD members. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Randy gave kudos to Buncombe Co CBA as they turned in over \$8K to the State resulting from their Hot Springs event.

Due to health issues, Darlene talked to the membership about how she cannot take care of the food/meals for the 2010 State meetings. Each district will be responsible for buying, transporting, preparing and serving meals for the state events. Typically, breakfast is offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings, lunch is offered on Saturday.

Matt Shamblin won the 50/50 raffle.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Next State Meeting Date: 16-17 January 2010, Eastern District Hosting
- Closing Benediction offered by Bill Starnes
- Adjournment at 12:38pm

Reports

Secretary Report: Gwen Nichols: Report was sent out to the membership by e-mail & handed out at the meeting. Motion made by Derrick Hall to accept the secretary's report as written, 2nd by Charli Chandler. Voted & Passed

Treasurer Report: Carol Bullard: \$1,304.13: October. South Piedmont donated \$100.00 & Triad Chapter donated \$200.00 towards Charli Chandler's trip to the meeting of the minds. The rest of the amount that is owed for this trip will come out of the Central District Account. Motion made by Charli Chandler to accept the Treasurer Report, 2nd by Derrick Hall. Voted & Passed

Old Business

Spoker Run: Motion made by David Blum & 2nd by Terri Hairston to keep the ad for the Spoker Run event a whole page advertisement in the State Calendar for next year. Voted & Passed. Chatham Chapter will be hosting this event next year. Members also want the Spoker Run advertised in Full Throttle's Cruzin Calendar & the Website.

Spoker Run: Big thank you to Alamance Chapter for hosting this event this year. Chatham Chapter has volunteered to host this event in 2010. Discussed when to have next year Run: Motion made by Charli Chandler & 2nd by Kris Hinkle to have this event on April 10th, 2010: Voted & Passed

State Ballots: Shaggy thanks the membership for turning their ballots in quickly. Just about all the Central District Chapters turned their ballots in on time.

Meeting of the Minds: Charli thanked everyone for her being able to attend this event in order to bring us back valuable information that we can use. Doc & Cindy were there. Randy Norris gave the run down of what was going on in our State. This was the 25th Anniversary for the Meeting of the Minds. Charli talked to the membership about grassroots. She spoke with young activists. She discussed the Dial a Ride & she discussed the staggering sentence.

State Event: Everyone had a good time. Central District had the most members. 10 from Charlotte, 10 from South Piedmont, 4 from Triad, 4 from Chatham & 3 at Large Members. Shaggy thanked everyone for keeping their campsite clean.

New Business

Annual Seminar & Awards Banquet: November 21, 2009, Randolph County CBA

Meeting Hall, 620 Veterans Loop Rd, Asheboro, NC 27203. Seminars will be held in the morning.

Awards Banquet - 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served, entertainment provided by Willie P. Richardson. (<http://www.worldwidewillie.com/>) . Tickets are \$15.00 each and must be purchased in advance. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Tickets will be sold exclusively to CBA members until November 15th. Tickets will be available for general admission November 16th and only 150 total tickets will be sold. Tickets are being sold by Darlene Kimsey; HOTEL INFO: There's a block of 27 rooms being held for CBA at the Holiday Inn Express (336) 636-5222, let them know you're booking with CBA. Rooms will be available at the discounted rate until November 1st. (Rooms will revert to rack rate price after then. Be advised there's a pottery festival in town that weekend and rooms will be scarce - reserve early!)

Upcoming Events

Charlotte Chapter: Camp Care Ride: October 24th

Randolph Chapter: Ugliest Car, Truck & Bike Show: October 24th

Brunswick Chapter: Annual Bike Show: October 31st

Randolph Chapter: Swap Meet: November 1st

Charlotte Chapter: Swap Meet: November 14th & 15th

Annual Seminar & Awards Banquet: November 21, 2009

Randolph Chapter: Annual Nursing Home Ride: November 22nd

Randolph Chapter: Christmas Party: December 5th

Randolph Chapter: Annual Mills Children Toy Run: December 6th

Charlotte Chapter: Toys for Tots: December 6th

Triad Chapter: Christmas Party: December 20th

Adjourn: 1:44 PM

Check Central District Website for Upcoming Events: <http://centraldistrict.tripod.com/>

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Eastern District Minutes - October 16, 2009

ED secretary, Becky Mooney was absent due to school.

Notes taken, recorded and transcribed by Becky Mooney

Eastern District Coordinator Charlie Boone called meeting to order at 12:51 pm.

Chapters in attendance -Brunswick, Raleigh, Tar River Basin, Columbus, Carteret Craven, Granville, CBA of the Pines. Chapters not in attendance – Cape Fear Valley Cape Fear Valley chapter will be turning in their charter. No one from Fayetteville seems to be interested in CBA, hard to get members. The members of the chapter will be transferred to At Large. Matt Shamblin will be assuming District Coordinator January 1, 2010. Expressions of appreciation were extended to Charlie for his dedication and leadership to the district. Charlie will be assuming State Vice President

January 1, 2010.

• Secretary: Copies of the July 18th Eastern District meeting were passed out at this meeting as well as being either snailmailed or E-mailed to each of the districts chapter Presidents and the coordinator. Matt Shamblin made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18 Eastern District meeting as written. The motion was second and passed.

• Treasure

Wayne reported \$4759.64 in the account. The district previously agreed to send a member to Meeting of the Minds conference held Sept. 25-27 in Bloomington Minnesota. Bill Ruby from Columbus County attended representing the district. The bill consist of 1/2 the motel as Bill shared a room with Charlie, conference fees and air fare. Darlene will be submitting the bill for approximately \$500. (At the state meeting October 18th the bill was obtained and paid \$503.60) Bill attended all the seminars and general sessions and has taken his knowledge back to his chapter. A motion was made, second and passed to accept the treasure report. (secretary didn't get name of person who made the motion) A report was given on Johnny Keith who was injured in an accident. He is doing much better, but has lost his short term memory.

Red from Granville chapter has lung cancer, a benefit will be held for him next Saturday October 24th.

• Swap Meet

Previously the district discussed holding the meet at Mason Dixon Bike Park. The park is concerned about holding an event similar to theirs. They do not want to allow "competition" to hold an event there. The district needs to decide today what will be done instead of the Swap Meet in February. Charlie has spoken with Wilson Fairgrounds about expanding

our event to include camping and bike games. The fairground has a 60 day lockout for m/c events before the Easyrider Rodeo held in July. The lasted assumed date the meet could be held would be May 9th.

Myrtle Beach rally will be held the 3rd weekend of May, Outer Banks Rally is the 3rd weekend in April, the Rat Daddy run is May 2nd and May 8-9 the INCOM convention will be held.

Randy Norris told of fairgrounds in Columbus County and another 25 minutes north of North Myrtle Beach.

Columbus & Brunswick combined to hold an event at the Columbus County fairground June of 2010. It was agreed Columbus would be feasible to hold an event as it is not central to the district.

The cost of the Wilson fairground is estimated to be \$2000 for the weekend which includes the use of the buildings and the grounds. The Fairgrounds also has a quit time of 11 pm. The band would have to stop playing by then.

Sonny Colvin made a motion to hold the event May 7-9 at the Wilson County fairgrounds as long as the price of the rental is below \$2000. The motion was 2nd and passed unanimously.

It was suggested to have an alternate date after the Easyrider Rodeo; there are no restrictions when an event can be held after Easyrider Rodeo.

Randy Norris made a motion to open the gates Friday to the vendors at 6 am to come in and set up and 12 noon to the public. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Matt Shamblin made a motion to charge \$25 per person to for weekend camping pass, \$10 per day to attend event and free Sunday. The motion was 2nd and passed. Free Sunday will not be advertised. The camping area will have 1 entry gate and security will monitor entrants no one may enter the camping area without the \$25 pass.

Sonny Colvin agreed to handle vendors again.

Suggestions for swap meet – Have DJ Friday night, Saturday have games, swap meet, bike show & band then Sunday only swap meet and close up at 12 noon Sunday for clean up – No one under 21 in camping area – Not have beer sales due to price of insurance, allow coolers – Liability insurance is a must! – Not to hold vender party on Friday night.

Charlie reported Wayne Mooney spoke to him about being required to attend district meetings and having financial hardship. Wayne is the district treasure and his wife Becky secretary. Wayne asked the

district to provide them a mote for 1 night in order to attend the district meeting. Gail Rumler made a motion to pay for 1 night motel room for Wayne & Becky to attend the district meetings. Randy 2nd the motion and passed unanimously.

Quarterly report and monies owed to the state needs to be turned in. This past quarter is the first time in a long time that all chapters have paid up on time.

Upcoming chapter events -

Carteret Craven – Ride up coming, details on web site.

Raleigh – Nothing

Columbus - Halloween party October 31

Brunswick – Poker run October 31

Granville –Benefit for Red October 24 – upcoming Turkey Shoot

Tar River Basin – Christmas Party December 12

CBA of the Pines - Nothing

At 1:57 a motion was made 2nd and passed to adjourn.

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MRF Meeting of the Minds 2009

Let me start out by saying that this was my first time attending the MOTM, and WOW what an experience it was! I have previously attended two NCOM's, and while both were great experiences, this just blew them away. The level of organization and the expertise of the speakers were unparalleled. This having been the 25th anniversary of the MOTM lent to a very special feeling and theme of nostalgia and acknowledging how far this vision has come. Spearheaded by Kirk "Hardtail" Willard and Mark Buckner, they seamlessly set the stage for a weekend of legacies and memories yet to come.

The General Sessions were nicely divided between pertinent current information, mixed with occasional historical events and people of interest, both past and present. Amazingly, they managed to keep to a timely schedule, which left plenty of time for network-

ing and fun social interaction (which I did my best to make the most of). It is my honest opinion that the time spent doing those two things are just as, if not even more important, than the sessions themselves. I know I made many contacts and friends that are sure to endure for many years to come.

The break-out sessions were both wonderful and a bit frustrating, because unfortunately, you had to make a choice as to which one to attend in which time slot. Luckily, with more than one attendee from our organization, we split up and will have the opportunity to share what each of us learned individually. This most definitely makes me want to attend next year's conference even more so. That way I can catch first hand what I wasn't able to attend this year! Luckily I had the guidance of those with many more years of attendance than I, to help lead me down the path of getting the

most out of this experience.

There is no way I could go into details about the sessions, or what I learned and keep this short enough to fit into a reasonably sized article. For detailed information I highly recommend reading the MRF news releases, and making a huge effort to attend a conference in the future!

Respectfully,

Charli Chandler

State Safety Education & Awareness Director
2010-2011

Legislative / MSAP Coordinator/ Sgt at Arms:
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2009 Meeting Of The Minds Report By: Charlie Boone

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Meeting of the Minds was held this year on Sept. 24 – 26 in Minneapolis, Mn. To me, this was one of the most productive conferences we have attended in quite a while. We had 8 CBA members at this conference, with 2 of them being 1st time attendees. Two of the attending CBA members, Cindy Hodges and Docski, are MRF Board of Director members. The two 1st time attendees were Bill Ruby of Columbus Co. chapter and newly elected CBA Board of Directors member Charli Chandler (PC, for Pretty Charli). Other CBA member attendees were Jim Tuthill of Macon Co. CBA, CBA State President Randy Norris, CBA State Treasurer Darlene Kimsey, and CBA Eastern District Coordinator Charlie Boone (UC, for Ugly Charlie).

Five of us flew in together, we had pleasant flights and made good time. We got into Minneapolis about 2pm on Thursday, then waited about 2 hours before a shuttle picked us up to go to the hotel. We arrived there about 5pm, went through the check-in hassles, and got settled in. At 7pm we attended the Meet the Board session, which lasted until about 10pm. After that we hit the hospitality room for a while, then hit the sack as to be ready for the Friday morning general session (session open to everyone) at 9am. I will list the sessions info after the general overview.

There were 2 general sessions on Friday morning lasting from 9am until noon with a short break in between. Our lunch on Friday was sponsored by the American Motorcyclist Association. After lunch, we had another general session. After that there was a break-out session with 4 different topics to choose from. After the breakout session, Randy and I attended the SMRO Leadership Meeting which ended around 6pm. At 8pm there was an MRF fundraiser where everyone enjoyed the games at Carnival Night and helped provide funds for the operation of the MRF.

There were 2 general sessions again on Saturday morning lasting from 9 am until noon with a short break in between. Our lunch on Saturday was sponsored by Harley Davidson Motor Co. The two

afternoon breakout sessions began at 1:30pm and ended around 5pm. After that the Tug of War took place after being postponed from the previous day due to rain. The awards banquet began at 7:30pm, with both a live auction and a silent auction being held to raise funds for the continued operation of the MRF. This lasted until about 11pm. With our flight out leaving at 7am on Sunday, most of us retired early. We arrived at RDU at 2pm, worn and weary but pumped up for the work that we need to do to be successful in our efforts in the future.

Meet the Board session – Thursday night, 7pm

The MRF BOD was introduced, then the attending MROs were asked to speak of the issues that they were working on in their state. Many of them are dealing with ROW (Right of way) issues with very limited successes on this. There are a few states that have been successful on this, hopefully some of the other states can use their info to make progress elsewhere. I picked up some good ideas from other states, here are some of them:

- Work with DOT to get m/c safety messages on highway electronic signs
- Get grants for PSAs (public service messages)
- Put PSAs in movie theater ads
- Require motorists who are at fault in accidents involving a motorcycle to take a m/c awareness class
- Make trash bags with our logo and m/c safety messages available at highway rest areas
- Have a m/c awareness day at the state fair
- Put out the message to our members that "If you don't vote, you don't count".

Also picked up a couple of T-shirt slogans: Freedom is one generation away from extinction
Distracted drivers destroy lives

Throughout the weekend we were entertained with short bits of the history of the MRF and introduced to many of the people who have been instrumental in the

growth and success of the MRF, and also memories of some of those people who are no longer with us.

General session – Friday morning, 9am

MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard commented on the common problems that many MROs are now facing and the new issues that were brought up by some at the previous nights session. We heard that the financial position of the MRF is better than at this time last year due to an increase of over 300 members and the MROs stepping up with increased donations. Jeff Hennie provided an overview of legislative successes over the past year, updated us on current federal issues, who our friends are in Washington, DC and what we need to pay attention to over the next year.

General session – Friday morning, 10:45am

Legislative awards were presented to states that had major successes this year. We heard from "Gimme Jimmy" of Texas on the "Defenders" program there which provides much needed support from the m/c clubs on legislative actions. Hardtail asked that the MROs let the MRF know their opinions on the current issues, especially the issues where it is not obviously clear which position we want to support. It was noted that we all need to be going in essentially the same direction, even if we don't agree on all of the details of how to get there.

General session – Friday afternoon, 1:30pm

Awards were presented to the MRF state reps for memberships signed up over the past year. This years 2 Young Activists were introduced and a Q & A session followed on what drew them into the MRF and how to interest younger riders in the motorcyclist rights movement. One suggestion was to use current technology (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to interest the younger riders. We received an update on the situation in Myrtle Beach.

Breakout session – Friday afternoon, 3:15pm

I attended a session called

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"Building the Circle" which was an interactive session moderated by Carol Simpson of Tennessee. In this we learned that everything that we do as an MRO, both good and bad, is part of the political circle. If the political machine builds a circle to keep us out, we just build a bigger circle to bring everyone in. We need to do events that will bring in people from outside the m/c world. For example, next year I may try to organize a boat/motorcycle poker run at Lake Gaston that will go from marina to marina. The boaters have fun, we have fun, someone will benefit from the monies collected, and we get good publicity in the local press and make new friends. If possible, we will also involve the local politicians, and they will be happy to get good media attention.

Also in the political arena we need to check our NC drivers manual to make sure that m/c awareness is addressed. Take your kids with you if possible when you visit your representatives at the legislative building. This will accentuate the fact that we are just normal families with political concerns, and it will ingrain the idea into your kid's minds that they need to be politically active in their lives. As an organization, we need to publicize our legislative agenda so there is no confusion or misrepresentation of our stand. In politics, we will have enemies, adversaries, friends and champions. We need to take the long view of the stand of our enemies and adversaries because it is always possible that we can convert them into at least friends and maybe even champions of our causes.

SMRO Leadership meeting – Friday afternoon, 5pm

We learned the process on how to use MRF legislative alerts for our benefit. MRF legislative alerts go to a wide range of federal and state politicians, government agencies and others that are interested in m/c issues. Some of these are our friends and some are not, so some things just need to be discussed within the MRF reps chat list.

Upon request, MRF BOD members can be dispatched to our seminars as speakers. Legislative Director Jeff Hennie could be sent to our legislative session if needed. Expenses would normally be paid by the MRO for these services. MRF PAC monies are available to us to attend fundraisers for federal legislative candidates. MRF PAC donations can only be solicited from MRF members and employees.

The MRF Reports (newsletter) needs articles from the state MRO member reps, legislative coordinators, etc. They also need pictures from legislative activities, things like our governor signing a m/c related bill, meetings with our congressional representatives, etc.

General session – Saturday morning, 9am

We learned that the MRF has partnered with the American Income Life Insurance Co. to provide \$2500 in accidental death and dismemberment benefits to all MRF members. This in itself should provide you a reason to join the MRF.

General session – Saturday morning, 11am

I did not attend this session, but it provides

much needed info to the MRF BOD on the activities in Europe and Canada on m/c related legislation, highway safety issues, etc. and what the governmental solutions are in these arenas.

Breakout session – Saturday afternoon, 1:30pm

I attended a session titled "Lies, Damn Lies, and Politics". This was an interactive session moderated by John Pierce, formerly from Tennessee, now living in Oklahoma. In this session we broke down a newspaper article and discussed how the author made many assumptions and misrepresentations, told some outright lies and planted seeds of suspicion upon the motives of motorcyclist rights groups. All of these tactics are commonly used by our opponents, and most of the general public takes these articles as fact when it is often conjecture and the personal opinion of the author. Longtime freedom fighter Jesse McDougald of SC made the suggestion that instead of using the words "freedom of choice" when talking to our legislators or the press, we use the word "liberty". What politician wants to oppose liberty? We already have the freedom to choose our path, there are just too few who are willing or able to accept the consequences of choosing that freedom.

Breakout session – Saturday afternoon, 3:15pm

I attended a session called "Anatomy of a M/C Fatality Case". This seminar taught us how to put together a program to monitor the judi-

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In Memory Of...

Johnny "Blue" Wilson	January 21, 1996	Kim Ratliff	September 14, 2003
Brenda Beaver	July 7, 1996	Mark "Rat Daddy" Ratliff	February 10, 2004
Dennis Jackson	August 24, 1999	Julie Jenrette	March 26, 2004
Bruce Vogle (Klean)	April 29, 1999	Howard Coltrane	October 6, 2004
Mark Fisher (Fish)	September 25, 1999	Eldon Moore	February 26, 2005
Jane Janosko	May 15, 1999	Mark Lovette	July 20, 2005
Joann Stroud (JoJo)	January 4, 2000	William Randle Young	August 28, 2005
Mike Daniels	March 23, 2000	C.B. Roberts	August 30, 2005
Bear Allred	May 23, 2000	Ina Fitts	September 1, 2005
Ken Barentine	May 20, 2001	Charles Buchanan	September 12, 2005
Edward Lawson Whitton (Easy)	Dec. 25, 2001	Jay Fitts	March 29, 2006
Malachi Stanley	Feb. 16, 2002	Sonny Shope	May 22, 2006
Tom Weaver	June 1, 2002	Greg Dinerstein	July 1, 2006
Tommy "DJ Crazyhorse" Clendenin	June 22, 2002	Charlotte Bellamy	September 18, 2006
Joe "Ugly" Sidley	June 30, 2002	Tim Hamby	September 30, 2006
Alan Baker	August 4, 2002	Tim Scoggins	April 27, 2007
John Cowdrick	August 6, 2002	Lee Maney	July 30, 2007
James "Pickle" Deal	August 20, 2002	Lee Ann Redwine	December 21, 2007
Clyde Starnes	September 7, 2002	Carlton "Jason" Holis	May 4, 2008
Carl "Paul" Johnson	November 16, 2002	Wendy Norris	August 23, 2008
Gary Barba	January 7, 2003	Fred "Pug" Pugliese	May 12, 2009
Charlie Hodge	April 18, 2003	Robert Dale Woodlief	June 8, 2009
Richard "Cigar Man" Burnett	May 30, 2003	Clarence J. Goodenough	September 4, 2009
Sheila Boone	August 1, 2003	Donnie "Big Red" McDowell	December 20, 2009
Sandy Lee	August 23, 2003	Dewey Anderson	December 2009

The Awards Banquet... and a good time was had by all!

By: Deb Knox

Despite everything going on Steve and I attended the Awards Banquet. We needed to be in the loving arms of our CBA family and we were not disappointed.

The training portion of the day began at 11 AM with presenting speakers talking about membership recruitment, non-profit marketing and information on how to become a candidate. It was an exceptionally informative seminar from what I hear and is a service provided to the membership once a year and comes in varying formats. If you missed it this year, mark your calendars to attend next year. The training seminar is generally held in November so stay tuned for dates coming your way.

The annual Awards Banquet began at 6 PM in the same location. Lots of individuals and chapters receive awards for their hard work all throughout the year. It is a time of fun and fellowship and as usual Darlene Kimsey and crew blew it out and provided a beautiful setting, delicious food and great entertainment. She works awfully hard on this event and she truly honors the rest of us. I don't think anyone knows how hard she works for us, not only as treasurer but in general. More on that later.

Vinny Neumann put together another one of his infamous video recants of the year 2009 and while funny it also honors those that have left us while still highlighting the fun of the year gone by. I always get choked up over the lost members. We miss them and hold them in our hearts. I say thanks to Vinnie for this because it is truly a labor of love and enjoyed by all.

The food was delicious and we were served like the dignitaries we are all (LOL) by a beautiful staff. I really felt specially treated and think everyone did. The beverages were interesting and nicely presented by Darlene and wowsy real head spinners.

All throughout the evening there were raffles given away and chances to bid on the silent auction materials followed by a live auction. We had a quiz on the history of CBA which most of us failed miserably. I sure learned a thing or two though.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Representative Dale Folwell... a favorite and one of our legislative warriors in Raleigh. He really rides (a lot) and is genuinely happy to be with us. CBA has worked long and hard to gain a presence in Raleigh and be viewed as a legitimate player in the political arena. I say his attendance is proof positive that it is working. All good things take time and we are marching forward in that regard. The entertainment for the evening was Willie P.

Richardson who you may have heard on the John Boy and Billy Show. He is a story teller from the old school and gave the crowd some laughs. We have to be careful because Darlene's laugh caused him to ask her to go on the road and sit out in the crowd and we cannot afford to lose our Darlene. All in all a great show. Those panties! The hotel will never be the same as we suspected but they were warned. You had to be there. It was an opportunity to get to know each other and share a laugh. The after party is as much fun as the Awards Banquet! Yours truly usually sleeps through it but I've heard the stories. My husband goes MIA until the wee hours every year. Some of the awards given were to chapters who



made their 5, 10, 15 and beyond anniversaries. Macon Chapter – 5 years, Columbus and Davidson – 10 years, Brunswick and Chatham – 15 years and Randolph County – 25 years. Congrats to all for holding it together. Anyone involved knows it isn't easy.

The outgoing Board was honored with plaques and gifts. James Buckner and Gail Rumler were not able to attend but were mentioned again as outgoing. Steve and Deb Knox are outgoing and we thank you for the awards. Thanks to everyone who endeavored to persevere for their term on the BOD. Welcome to the new incoming BOD members and may the force be with you. LOL Our legislative awards went to Representative Dale Folwell as our Legislative Warrior for 2009. Other legislative warrior awards went to Jen Dasnoit, Mike Hodges, RAZ, Paul Wilms and Charlie Boone for their outstanding presence in Raleigh in 2009. We couldn't have made it without them!

Although Matt Shamblin could not be there to present it himself, The Leeanne Redwine MSAP Award was presented to Becky Mooney. She was surprised and graced us with one of her best blushes. Becky has worked tirelessly from the beginning on the MSAP program and the award was well deserved. You may not know it but Wayne called Matt afterwards and he and Becky

shared a special moment on the phone. Mama Sue Everhart won an award for her tireless efforts on behalf of the SEA program. She is truly one of our pioneers and has been preaching to schools way before MSAP ever came to be. She goes about her work quietly with no expectation of praise and we love her for her ways. Gaston County won the membership award. They are truly a shining example of building membership successfully.

Our beloved Raleigh Chapter won MSAP Chapter of the Year, Legislative Award and finally Chapter of the Year!!! Well deserved. I often feel envious of that chapter because they are right there in the midst of the action. With that comes much responsibility too and they stepped up to the plate above and beyond in 2009. We all owe them a debt of gratitude.

Of special note .. Darlene Kimsey was given a special Achievement Award for her Dedication, Commitment and Service. CBA absolutely could not function without her and despite her very heavy workload at her job, she provides us the best meals, the best laughs and the best representation of a top notch CBA member. I love her, I respect her and I am in awe of her. She is a force to be reckoned with as many of you know and another one who works hard behind the scenes more than you know. She has a heart of gold and a backbone made of steel. Rock on Darlene!

Last and certainly not least... Charlie Boone was given the Lifetime Achievement Award. I think he was stunned as he is another one who goes about the business of CBA and has for 34 some odd years. We are lucky to have CB among our ranks. His no nonsense attitude has carried us through more than one crisis. Even though some of his antics are real head shakers (did I say tutu?) you cannot overlook his commitment to CBA and I am proud to honor him with the Lifetime Achievement Award. I was in on the first one and know there are only two in existence and the second one went to exactly who it should have gone to.

The Awards Banquet for 2009 was amazing. If you missed it, you missed it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If I missed anyone I apologize. There was a lot going on and after a couple of visits to the drink table (thanks Darlene) I can barely read my own notes.

The Awards Banquet... and a good time was had by all!



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cial progress of cases where a motorist has injured or killed a motorcyclist through criminal actions or inattention to safe driving. This seminar guided us through what is needed to get the actual facts from police, rescue personnel and media sources that covered the incident. There was info on how to use public records laws to our benefit. There were suggestions on how to contact the family and provide them with info on the case and how to manage the media. We learned that we need to provide a presence in court and to write letters to the judge and prosecutor on our opinion on the charges and sentencing. We learned that the Clerk of Court can be very helpful in providing info, and the steps that a criminal case takes from the initial hearing to the sentencing phase. This was a very informative seminar and steps are already being taken to initiate this program within CBA.

We also heard from Greg Zaffke, who is the founder of the Black Nail Brigade. Greg's mother was killed on her motorcycle last year when a female who was painting her nails while driving crashed into the back of the motorcycle. Greg gave us a first-hand account of his experience in dealing with such a tragedy.

Kilts vs. Bibs Tug of War – Saturday afternoon, 5pm

The annual competition was rescheduled from Friday due to inclement weather. The dozen or so kilt wearing bikers faced off against the bib overall crowd, all in the name of raising money for the MRF. This year the kilts got their butts kicked in a short amount of time in the 2 out of 3 pulls competition. The 1st pull lasted only about 15 seconds, the 2nd lasted maybe a

minute. The bibs were triumphant in this contest, but I'm sure that the kilts will be pumping iron over the next year so the can pull out a win in the next contest.

Awards Banquet and Auction – Saturday night, 7pm

The dinner began around 7:30, many auction items were on the table for the silent auction, and the big ticket items were on the stage for the live auction. Many awards were presented to individuals and organizations for outstanding services and accomplishments throughout the past year. CBA/Abate of NC received an award for providing funding for the 2 MRF BOD members from our organization. After the dinner, the silent auction was ended and the winning bidders were announced. The live auction was conducted by Mark Buckner and was very entertaining. Lots of money was raised for the continued operation of the MRF. Another successful MOTM came to an end, and I am looking forward to next year's session in Peoria, Illinois.

Other Bits and Pieces from the weekend

Randy talked to ABATE of Ohio members about their 501(C)(3) spin-off corporation. This designation enables them to do more politically and gives them additional leeway in funding some of their programs with voluntary donations, somewhat like a PAC. This is something that CBA will be looking into.

Charli (PC) talked with some folks from Iowa about their program that is similar to our MSAP. She gained a lot of insight into what works for them and the similarities and differences in the programs.

I picked up some info on the Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride program in Minnesota. This program will trans-

port an impaired rider, their passenger and bike to safety. This program operates from 6pm on Friday through midnight on Sunday from May through October. This is a very worthwhile program which has the potential to save many lives. It will take many committed volunteers to make this program work, but I believe that it would be very beneficial to our organization to have a similar program.

I also got some info from the editor of the MRF Reports on how they reduced their newsletter costs. This info has been passed on to both Deb Knox and our newly elected Info Director, Terri Hairston. It is my hope that we can go back to a magazine format and save costs on both printing and mailing.

Fun at the auction – Last year there was a rather unusual item up for bid, a pair of duct tape underdrawers fashioned by Corky from New York and worn by Maggot Mike. I won that item with a bid of only \$40. I took them back for the auction this year, and the crowd decided that they would rather pay to see Mark Buckner put them on. He raised \$276 with that effort, and next year they will be seeing how much they can raise to have Hardtail wear them. This shows how much a seemingly innocuous item can raise for an organization, and everyone had a good time with this.

Had some time to talk with Slider Gilmore while we were there. He is developing a new program which will be only about an hour and a half instead of the three hour program that he has presented in the past. He hopes to have this program completed in the spring. If this new program will be beneficial to our members, I hope that we can get him here sometime next year.



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