

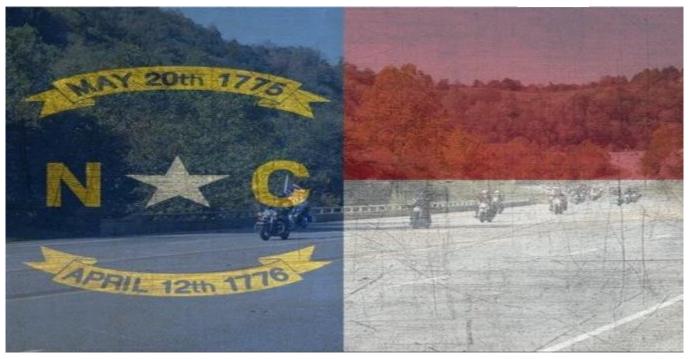
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A few words from the State President, Gary Bridges...



First and foremost, we (CBA/ABATE of NC) are a motorcycle rights organization. We lobby on a state level to protect motorcyclists rights in our great state. We CAN NOT do that without your help!

February 15th we hosted our annual NC Motorcycle Lobby Day in Raleigh, NC. 16 members attended this important day at our state capital. Senator Alexander has agreed to take on our legislative agenda in one omnibus bill which could be a great thing for us this year.

We are currently waiting on bill language to be released so we have a better idea of what to contact our representatives about. In our January State meeting, we has a special guest speaker, Dale Folwell, NC state treasurer attend to speak with us about

what he has accomplished during his tenure. We are happy to say that Dale joined CBA/ABATE of NC following his talk. Dale is a longtime rider and has many miles under his belt. We hope he will continue to do great things for us in NC!

We ended last year on a good note by adding a new chapter, Triangle Chapter and this year we have the rebirth of a chapter, Triad chapter. This inflex of new members seems to be a mix of experienced members from other Motorcycle groups along with younger members. It's a great way to start the year. We must work on maintaining our membership along with increasing our membership If we are going to survive.

We started off this year with a discussion on the move to PHASE OUT Internal combustion motors; it has started in Europe and has moved its way to California. Unfortunately our country seems to follow the lead of California. For good or bad, this will impacts our style of living. Not just our motorcycles but in automobiles, boats and even lawn equipment. Antique motorcycles and classic car could fall under these moves there is no line in the sand as of this moment. Give it some thought.

Lane filtering is another topic that we are looking into. Not for cutting through traffic but for the safety of not being run over when traffic is stopped and helping the flow on traffic.

The weather is starting to warm up and more and more motorcycles will be out on the road. We need to spread the word "LOOK TWICE MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE". We need to do are part also by driving responsible. The most important thing about riding- "YOUR BIKE IS ARRIVE AT YOUR DESTINATION ALIVE".

Have fun and be safe.

Gary Bridges



Not pictured in this 2023 Lobby Day photo are Lincoln Infield, Shannon Rights & Shane Hope.



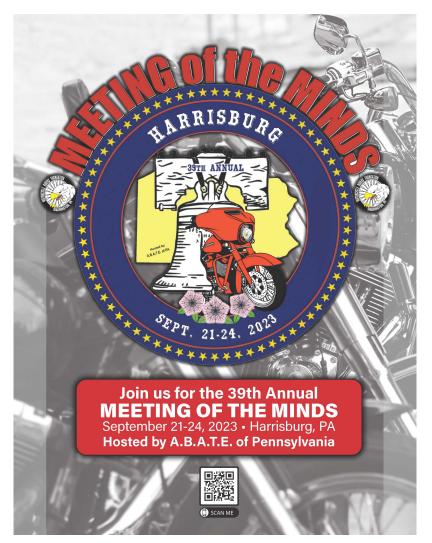
The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 2023 legislative agenda includes a diverse set of issues that strike at the core of who we are as bikers.

Historically, the MRF has fought many battles to defend individuals and the aftermarket motorcycle businesses' rights to customize and repair motorcycles. Our successful defense against the EPA's "Color and Chrome" only initiative and the regulations/enforcement related to it helped define the MRF and what we stand for to this day.

The MRF has long supported the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act), which would ensure that modifying motor vehicles into racing vehicles used for competition would not violate the Clean Air Act. We anticipate an updated version of the RPM Act will be introduced this Spring. The MRF and our partners will work diligently for passage of this commonsense piece of legislation. Importantly, some of these parts and technology we are looking to protect are used in the EPA allowances for one-per-lifetime custom bikes and Tier 1 eligible motorcycles we fought for two decades ago.

The MRF agenda also strongly supports the desire to protect a consumer's right to repair, and ownership of data related to their vehicles. A recently introduced bill, H.R. 906 The Repair Act, helps protect consumers ability to utilize independent repair shops and aftermarket parts to work on vehicles, including motorcycles.

These issues are becoming increasingly important and drawing the attention of the aftermarket industry and bike customizers. The EPA has restarted a campaign of increased enforcement and it is threatening shops and individuals with legal action.







MARCH 18, 2023

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Davidson Co CBA/ABATE of NC

It was decided at our January Davidson Co CBA ABATE of NC meeting to use Don Black's Allied Veterans Post 9 at 1200 Piedmont Dr. Lexington 27292 as our meeting place going forward starting in February 2023. 3rd Sunday at 5:30 PM pot luck dinners can be brought in. Membership \$10 but not required at this time; non-smoking facility but a smoking area is provided. Easy on/off from Business I 85. Building is labeled Don Black's Post 9. small meeting room but plenty of seating. Use back door only. gravel parking lot but we can use the dock side of the Janet's Ceramics parking lot for bikes that don't like gravel.

A good number of the Don Blacks Post 9 are motorcycle riders so we are hoping to pick up some members there in the future.

David Twiggy Terwilliger
New President of the Charlotte Chapter

I've worn many hats during my life, and truck driving was one. I've travelled much of this beautiful country. It's no secret, unlike the proud families who bled for this land, I chose to raise my family in North Carolina. (While some might disagree) It is my learned opinion that this, is the best

place on earth!

Like many who 'don't do groups' my past experiences with people, left me feeling used, dried up and left out. After spending one-hour with the (farthest-spectrum of) good people at the CBA ABATE of NC, I said, "where do I sign up?" Because they are just that, Riders from every walk of life, who just want to make the world a better place.

(Doesn't get any better than that!) I deeply believe in the mission of ABATE, to create laws preserving our rights as riders, is just! As a Marine, I bleed- service above self for every person of this great nation, including & especially those that do not agree with me. As a father & a builder of roads (literally) I want to ensure those roads are safer, for generations to come. But as the new president my first order of business, is to ensure every member understands how valuable YOU ARE! Every person is utterly and completely valuable because we all come to the table with unique experiences & gifts. The CBA's meetings have always been open to the public, but folks might think they will be further obligated if they attend. That's not the case. True to our Biker Nature, here you give what you want, when you want, how you want, nothing more.

Communication is Always Key! When we have ideas, it can be hard to hold onto them, until the next meeting. (Sometimes it's difficult for some of us to speak in public.) The 1st thing I've done is create an online forum, for everyone to share their ideas, anonymously. Just click this link and submit your ideas about how we can improve the chapter and the events we hold! We'll address them at the meetings. Thanks for this opportunity to serve you!







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A Biker's Prayer

May the sun rise in front of me
May the rain fall behind me
And the wind follow me
May the angels guard my travels
For they know the road ahead of me
Keep me safe through swirling turns and rolling hills
Let the eagle guide me to the mountaintops
Let the moons light guide me through the night
Lord, thank you for letting me be a biker



LEGENDARY MOTORCYCLE DAREDEVIL ROBBIE KNIEVEL -- R.I.P.

'Kaptain Robbie Knievel' followed his famous daredevil father, Evel Knievel, into the high-flying, bone-shattering world of motorcycle stuntriding, going on to break all of his dad's jump records and even successfully clearing the fountains at Caesars Palace that famously nearly killed the elder stuntsman. Decked out in star-spangled leathers, Robbie Knievel landed more than 350 jumps over a death-defying 30-year career, and he died January 13, 2023 of pancreatic cancer at his home in Reno, Nevada at age 60.

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U.S. HOUSE JOINS SENATE IN OPPOSING MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 23, 2022, in one of the last actions of the 117th Congress before adjourning, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H. Res.366; "Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

The House now joins with the U.S. Senate in passing separate resolutions opposing the discretionary profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, defining it as; "motorcyclist profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

Sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), House Resolution 366 garnered 103 bipartisan cosponsors, and is similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by the U.S. Senate in 2018 which likewise urges state law enforcement officials to condemn the discriminatory policy.

Accordingly, H.Res.366 states;

- "Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives –
- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training materials."

Meanwhile, in addition to the federal efforts to prevent anti-biker profiling, the five states of Washington (2011), Maryland (2016), Louisiana (2019), Idaho (2020) and most recently New Hampshire (2022) have all enacted laws at the state level to curb profiling.

NHTSA CHALLENGED ON ANTI-MOTORCYCLIST PROFILING

On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending measure that will fund the federal government through September, avoiding a government shutdown, but attached within the funding section for the Department of Transportation is language from House Report 117-402 inserted at the request of Rep. Susie Lee (R-NV) that questions the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about their role in the promulgation of anti-motorcyclist profiling;

"The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act."

SAVE THE PATCH: MONGOLS M/C KEEP THEIR TRADEMARK LOGO

The Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club can keep their trademark logo, a backpatch typically worn on jackets and vests by members, thanks to a Ninth Circuit ruling handed down on January 6, 2023. But the three-judge panel also declined to overturn the 2018 criminal conviction of the organization on federal racketeering charges, reports Courthouse News Service.

Stephen Stubbs, the Mongols general counsel, called the ruling "a victory not only for the Mongols Motorcycle Club, but for all motorcycle clubs, freedom, and America as a whole."

As backdrop to the now-infamous courtroom battle with far-reaching implications for America's biker community; after a decade-long prosecution 77 members were convicted, as was the Mongols organization itself, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). A federal jury ordered the club be fined \$500,000 and forced to forfeit a large stockpile of vests, guns and ammunition seized by federal agents in raids. The jury also decided the club should forfeit their trademarked patch over to the government.

Months after the verdict, U.S. District Judge David Carter said the Mongols could keep their trademark, ruling that such a forfeiture would violate its First Amendment rights to free speech and association, and would also constitute an excessive fine prohibited by the Eighth Amendment.

Both parties appealed. The Mongols argued the organization wasn't an indictable "person" under the RICO statute. The federal government asked the Ninth Circuit to simply dissolve the Mongols' trademark, effectively allowing anyone to buy and sell products with the design.

In a unanimous opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Holly Thomas wrote that the RICO law's forfeiture provision only allows the government to seize property, not destroy it.

Attorney Stubbs applauded the appellate ruling, saying that the "Mongol Nation is thrilled to push back against government overreach and win this important freedom of speech battle, first in the federal district court, and then at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals," and adding that "The Mongol patch is a symbol of the esteemed brotherhood of its members, and the Ninth circuit stood strong against the government's unconstitutional attempt to ban and extinguish important symbolic free speech."





































Shannon Rights-Info Director

Longtime State MRF Representative, Cindy Hodges announced her resignation from the role during our January state meeting in Clemmons, NC. She has asked us to carry on her fight on the Federal level protecting motorcyclists rights. She will remain a member of both the CBA/ABATE of NC and the MRF amongst other motorcyclist groups but wants to take a breather and regroup. Cindy Hodges has been a part of my memory from a very early age. She was always around and she has a vast knowledge of everything motorcycle rights related. I consider her not only a mentor, but my friend. But I get it, EVERYONE of us is tired of fighting when there are so many who just choose to ignore the writing on the wall. It's like beating your head against a brick wall sometimes. Cindy has been fighting the good fight for

over 50 years here in North Carolina. We all should thank her for her sacrifices, the long hours and the trips she took that no one else had time for. Hopefully, Cindy will be able to just get on her little girlfriend, her bike and ride to her heart and mind are clear. Cindy, we will hold down the fort and keep the fight going!













Members of the prospective Triad Chapter met in February to discuss reopening the chapter.

17 people showed up to the Smokin'
Harley riding academy room to talk and
make a game plan. 11 rode their
motorcycles since it was a clear day.
Next meeting will be March 19th at 4pm
in the riding academy room.
We hope if you are a member living in
the Triad area you make plans to attend.
We go before the State board of Directors
at the April meeting to officially restart!



BACKROW:Roger Boger, Josh Hawks, Lincoln Infield, Norman Chavis, Greg Bray, Zane Elridge, Katie Foster, Jejon Spencer, Lesley Brouillard, Chris Reavis & Jean Ireland **FRONT ROW**: Michael Morris, Robert Causey, Brandy Chavis, Billie Bray, Shannon Rights, Autumn

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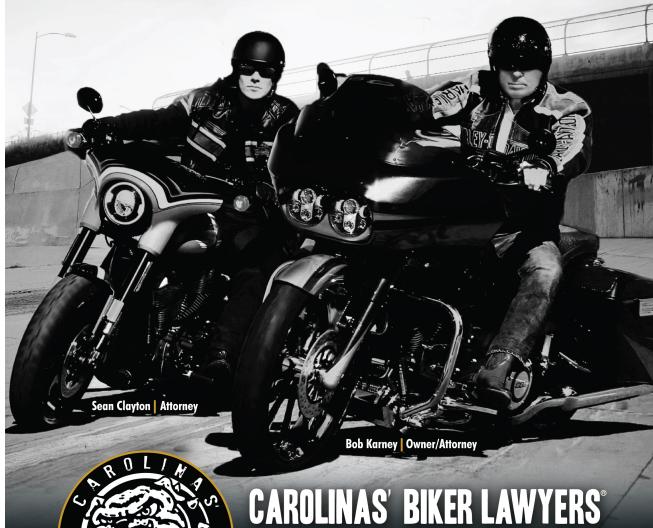
Signs available from Gaston County CBA for \$5.00.

Please contact Jill Stillwell @

704-913-7284 for purchase

Charlotte Vice President & owner of South Main Customs speaking to attendees of the Ladies on Main St Ladies Garage Night series during the February event. Be sure to come out to at least one of the series! They will be the LAST THURSDAY NIGHTS OF THE MONTH 2023!







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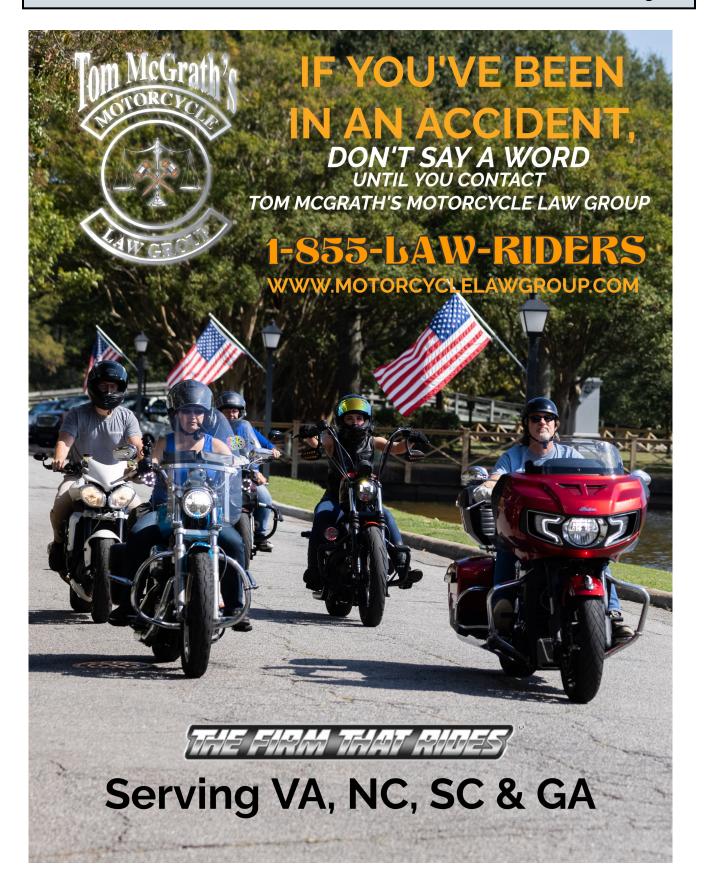






Triad Chapter receives their Charter during the January 2023 State Meeting from President, Gary Bridges.





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