

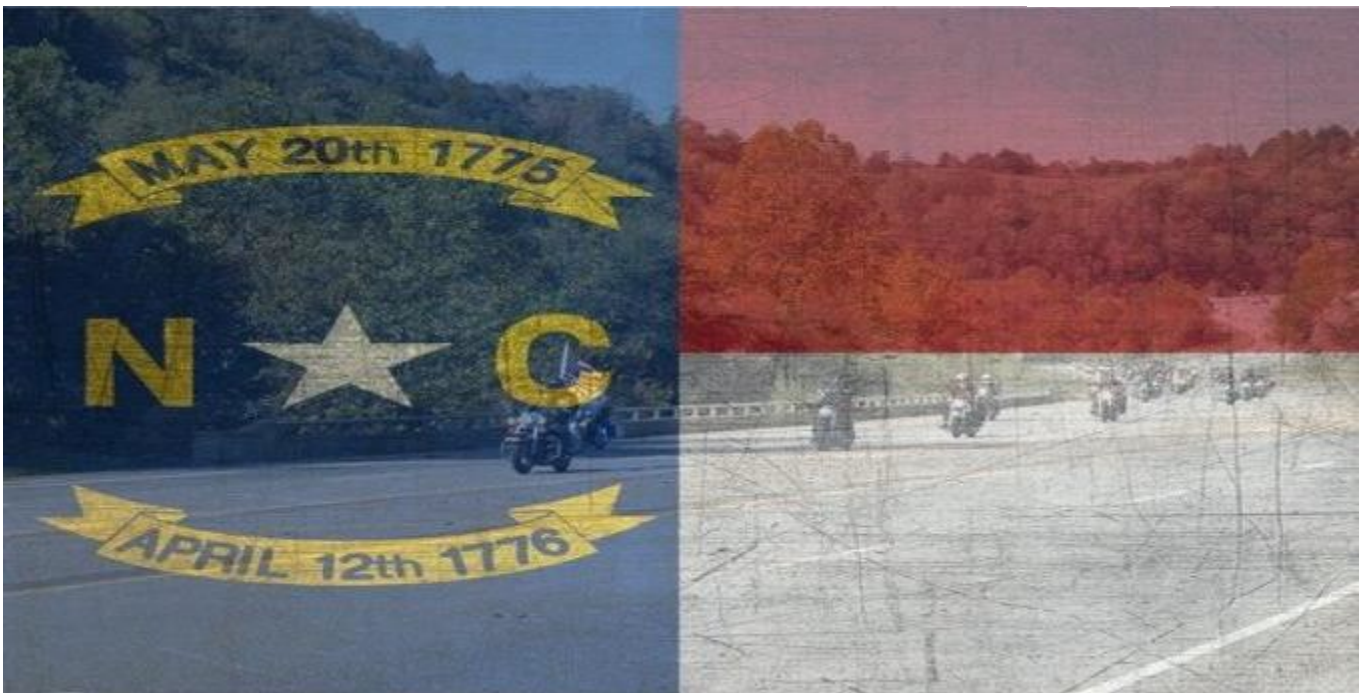


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A few words from the State President, Gary Bridges...



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!

With the coming of flowers, the number of motorcycles on the road increases. Over the past couple of weeks, my heart has gone out to post after post of car VS motorcycle accidents. We need to be vigilant about our surroundings at all times. School is out for the summer, families are going on vacations with Lord knows the noise and distraction that can happen on one of those outings. We as motorcycle riders need to keep our heads on a swivel. A day out in the breeze can change in an instant. Also people are cutting

their yards and their right of ways. Remember cut grass on the road is not our friend. Talk to your friends and neighbors about this is general conversation especially with those who don't ride motorcycles. (I know some of you have some of these people as friends)

We must have new members to be affective. When we go to the state on legislation issues, they want to know how many motorcyclists do we have as members. There is strength in numbers and we need numbers.

As always, have fun and be safe.

“It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas”

Over the weekend a Washington Post story on Tesla’s Autopilot system made national news. The story included this quote from former National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) senior safety adviser, Missy Cummings, “It’s very dangerous for motorcycles to be around Teslas.”

According to the Post’s research, since 2021, there have 17 fatal crashes involving Teslas operating in Autopilot mode. Motorcycles were involved in four of the 17.

You may remember that NHTSA recently opened investigations into fatal crashes involving Tesla vehicles and motorcycles. One occurred in Utah, when a motorcyclist on Interstate 15 outside Salt Lake City, was struck from behind by a Tesla in Autopilot. “The driver of the Tesla did not see the motorcyclist and collided with the back of the motorcycle, which threw the rider from the bike,” the Utah Department of Public Safety said.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in May that Autopilot is not an appropriate name “When the fine print says you need to have your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road at all times.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has been raising this issue with federal officials for years. Just last month, MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard and Vice President Jay Jackson, met with safety officials at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on this very topic. The two MRF leaders stressed the concerns of bikers about the deployment of this new technology. Additionally, in the coming weeks, MRF senior officials will meet with leaders at NHTSA to seek answers on this troubling report.

These meetings with Biden Administration officials come on the heels of the MRF’s Bikers Inside the Beltway (BITB) annual event. During BITB, riders from across the country met with Members of Congress seeking action on self-driving cars as they relate to motorcyclists.

The MRF has been, and will remain, vigilant on this subject that effects ALL motorcyclists. Increased media scrutiny, along with the thousands of voices demanding action, is turning the heat up. Let’s keep the pressure up and protect bikers on our nation’s roadways.

CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION/A.B.A.T.E. OF NC, INC.
 STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES
 Meeting was held at the Village Inn Hotel and Event Center

April 22, 2023

Meeting Started at 12:00 pm

Questions and responses are limited to CBA members only and voting is a maximum of 5 votes per chapter. At-Large Voting: One vote per member and a maximum of 5 votes for all At-large members

Gary Bridges called the meeting to order, led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chapters and Others in Attendance:

Charlotte Davidson Gaston Granville Randolph Triad Triangle At-Large (4)

Gary Bridges: Opening statements: Always focus on riding, having fun and safety. Constantly be working on recruiting new members and retaining current members. Our lifestyle is in jeopardy.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Donna Barnett: Reminder that quarterly activity reports are due to both the state secretary and state treasurer.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT: Darlene Kimsey: Packets will be mailed due to printer dying. All chapters need to get your quarterly monies and reports turned in.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Welcome back Triad Chapter. Meetings are held at 3:30 pm the 3rd Sunday of each month at Smokin' HD.
- CBA trailer and contents are for sale. Shaggy will get pictures and measurements this week. It will need new tires and a request will have to be made for a lost title. It has barn doors on it. Contact Shaggy.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: Please submit reports to the BOD and Shannon Rights for the newsletter.

- Legislative:
- MRF: Cat Terwilliger
- STATE (CBA): Dave Terwilliger – Cat Terwilliger gave the report
- NCOM: Charlie Boone – New Chairman of the NCOM Board
- Other (Vision Zero, etc.): Charlie Boone
- Safety, Education and Awareness (SEA/MSAP): Cat Terwilliger
- Membership Services: Jill Stillwell
- Information (PR/Newsletter/Web Page): Shannon Rights – absent – no report read
- Constitution: Charlie Boone
- State Events: Robert Causey

DISTRICT COORDINATORS : (Chapters should submit info to their district coordinator for their reports)

- Central District: Michael Morris – Shaggy gave the report

- Eastern District: Wendy G. Dixon
- Western District: If anyone is interested in being the western district coordinator please let a BOD officer know.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There were some communication errors regarding the time for the state meeting. This was discussed in the BOD meeting and the times have been set as follows: 10:00 am – President's Meeting, 10:30 am – BOD Meeting, 12:00 pm – Executive Council and Committees Meeting
- The Triangle Chapter has created a poker chip that has their logo on one side and a QR Code on the other side. The QR Code can take people to a website or Facebook page. It is a great idea because it is small enough to fit in your pocket or someone can just scan it with their phone and save the info. Cat also shared how she shares contact info with QR Codes.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

I am really excited about the Triad and Triangle Chapters. It is great seeing more people at the state meetings and hope that this continues to grow especially the younger ones.

Closing Prayer: Gary Bridges

Adjourn: 2:58 pm

2023 Dates

State Meetings: January 28, April 22, July 15, October 7

State Party: August 11-13 at Riders Roost

Nominations for 2024/2025 Board of Directors (BOD) will be held at the July 15th meeting. Per our state constitution Article II Board of Directors #4 Election of Board of Directors:

A) Nominations

1) Nominations for the offices of State President, State Vice President, State Treasurer, State Secretary, State Legislative Director, State Information Director, Safety, Education and Awareness Director, and Membership Services Director shall be made by the general membership of the CBA.

2) Nominations for the District Coordinators shall be by the members of their respective districts.

3) Any nominations made for the Board of Directors positions shall be made in writing and sent to the current District Coordinators for validation prior to submission to the State Secretary 30 days before the 3rd quarter State Executive Council meeting. No person may accept nomination for more than one position.

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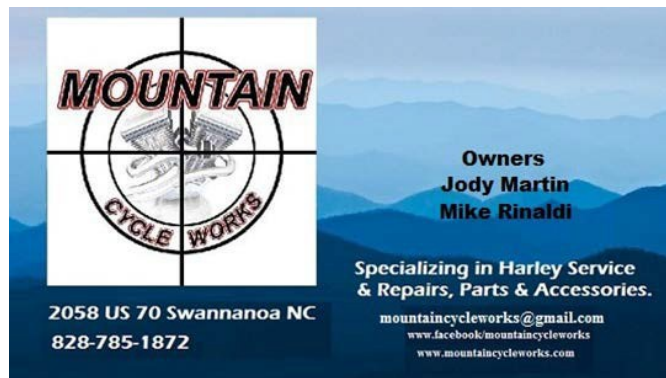
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2023 Davidson Co CBA Freedom Run 5-13-23

It was a very cloudy morning that looked like rain but as it turned time to ride out the skies turned blue and became a perfect day for riding. We had 5 bikes with 8 riders and 2 car riders. Four riders came because they saw our event listed in Full Throttle (2 from Wallburg and 2 from Spencer)..

We took a leisurely ride through the country from Don Black's Post 9 Allied Veterans of the World in Lexington to the Carolina Field of Honor outside of Kernersville. From there we headed to our member's home in High Point for a hot dog and baked beans dinner. We want to thank Forrest Littleton for opening his home and hosting the dinner. We want to thank Diddy Alston for playing blocker for us.

It was a great day riding and camaraderie after the ride. We want to thank our members that showed up for this ride as well as for supporting the chapter event. We hope to see Ron, Judith, Jim and Debbie at future events as well.



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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

GREETINGS TO ALL BIKERS AND BIKER GROUPS:

As the Executive Director of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, a biker's rights group that my dad Richard Lester founded 39+ years ago, I take great pride and responsibility with helping to steer the vision of NCOM now and into the future. NCOM, since its inception, has always been a coming-together of a broad range of biker groups & biker individuals. People who share the like-minded goal of protecting their right to ride their motorcycles with as minimal intrusion from the government as possible, and without being labeled or targeted. Our goal has always been and remains: to facilitate and promote communication between the bikers and between different biker groups. We've helped further this goal in many ways throughout the years by doing our part to help organize and bring bikers together across the nation, the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney's court battles and support of biker friendly legislation, among other things. NCOM does its work solely through the monetary and legal help of the AIM Attorneys. There are no dues or money required to become a member of NCOM.

I believe we can get the future we want through working together. Unity of purpose and direction will achieve the best results for all of us. In the past this might not have always been the case, but moving beyond the past and looking toward the future, I truly believe we can achieve great progress in solidarity. I know we can make NCOM better and more productive and look forward to input on how best to do that and how we can help other groups in their efforts.

The MRF has been doing an incredible job on the National Legislative front. Having a national lobbyist in Washington and their Bikers on the Beltway legislative event, they are definitely on the forefront in the fight. We look forward to helping them where they need us in our common goals.

The Council of Clubs and their Motorcycle Profiling Project is kicking ass and helping local state groups get anti-profiling legislation adopted in many states and improving the image of motorcycle clubs.

The state SMRO groups are always working nonstop to pass different biker-friendly legislation through their state. One of NCOM's own Board Members, Ed Schetter out of ABATE of Ohio helped with getting motorcycle safety legislation passed out in Ohio.

NCOM and its new chairman, Charlie Boone, look forward to working with all of the biker groups and organizations out there. Believe me, we truly recognize and support all of the hard work you guys are doing out there for the betterment of us all. NCOM is not in competition with other rights organizations. We are all stronger working together! I am looking forward to this next chapter in NCOM's history. I cannot wait for the annual NCOM convention coming up in June. As always, we appreciate all ideas and welcome all feedback on how to make NCOM more successful for everyone.

- JOSEPH M. LESTER

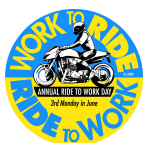
NCOM Executive Director and California AIM Attorney

The 32nd Annual Motorcycle and Scooter Ride To Work Day is Monday, June 19. World-wide, more than an estimated million riders become two-wheeled commuters to demonstrate riding as a fun and practical form of utility transportation. Over 100 American cities formally recognize Ride to Work Day by proclamation, and riding clubs around the world encourage their members to participate in this annual demonstration.

According to the Ride to Work non-profit organization, for hundreds of thousands of U.S. workers, riding is a socially beneficial form of transportation which provides a broad range of other public benefits. According to the United States Census Bureau and the Department of Transportation, over eighty million cars and light trucks are used every day for commuting, and only about 200,000 motorcycles and scooters are a regular part of this mix. On June 20, the practical side of motorcycling and scootering becomes more visible as a higher percentage of America's 8,000,000 cycles and scooters replace automobiles.

The first Ride to Work Day event date was July 22, 1992. For several years various motorcycle businesses informally promoted every third Wednesday in July as Ride To Work Day. These early advocates included Road Rider Magazine, Dunlop Tires, and Aerostich/Riderwearhouse. The event continued to grow as an informal grass roots demonstration every year until 2000. That year a non-profit organization, Ride to Work was formed to help organize and promote Ride to Work Day. The first Ride to Work Day event led by this group was the third Wednesday in July of 2001. This day was the annual day until 2008, when it was changed to the Third Monday in June. This change was made to climatically better accommodate riders world-wide, and to give more riders an opportunity to participate.

Starting in 2024, the day will be changed to the second Tuesday in June to avoid conflicting with the Juneteenth United States federal holiday going forward. This day was chosen because: A) it breaks up the workweek better than a Monday day does (RTW Day is a demonstration day), and B) because a midweek day is more likely to receive media coverage than a Monday or Friday. Ride to Work is a 501 c4 nonprofit, all-volunteer effort. Organizers include Andy Goldfine and Lynn Wisneski.



Let Those Who Ride Decide – State #33

On June 1st, Nebraska governor Jim Pillen signed into law a motorcycle helmet modification bill, which allows riders to choose if they wear a helmet. Congratulations to the motorcyclists in Nebraska, ABATE of Nebraska and all the groups in Nebraska who for years fought to have helmet choice in the Cornhusker State.

Nebraska State Senator Ben Hansen originally introduced the language, which was included in a larger transportation bill that passed the legislature at the end of May. Effective January 1, 2024, an individual age 21 and older, who has completed a certified motorcycle safety course may now choose whether or not to wear a helmet, provided the rider uses protective eye equipment.

In 2020, Missouri passed a helmet choice bill leaving Nebraska as the sole state in the Midwest that required all riders to wear a helmet. With this new law, Nebraska now joins its neighboring states and becomes the 33rd state allowing helmet choice.

For 34 years riders in Nebraska have sought the freedom to decide whether to wear a helmet. This victory is a testament to the handiwork, determination and passion of all those involved. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has long championed the belief that “those who ride should decide.”

When hearing the news, MRF President, Kirk “Hardtail” Willard said, "Grass roots activism at its finest, it is encouraging to see that there are still politicians and bureaucrats in this great country of ours that bend to common sense and the will of the people. Given the nanny state of our society today, it is an outstanding achievement by ABATE of Nebraska and other involved motorcyclists in earning their freedom of choice."

This message from “Rouge,” State Coordinator for ABATE of Nebraska, Todd C. Miller should inspire us all. “It is hard to explain what this bill means to me. I was mentored and encouraged by so many. I am turning 60 and had the privilege to ride in this state prior to the mandatory helmet law enacted in 1989. Over the years, I have lost many friends, colleagues, brothers and freedom fighters who were on the frontlines of this fight. It is hard to encourage a group of young riders that have never ridden free in Nebraska, for us, that was anyone under the age of 50! So, in honor of all of those we have lost, I am very proud to say the next generation of riders will know what it means to ride free in this state. I pray they make memories, enjoy the ride here in Nebraska and become emboldened with the same desire I, and so many others, had to defend our rights in the years to come. We all know the fight is NOT over. I would like to Honor my Board of Directors/State Officers both past and present for sticking with the plan... and making it happen. My legislative officers over the years who helped keep us focused and get us there one step at a time, including Charles Thomas, Scott Lucey, Gary Neeman and my current Legislative Representative Randy Geer. Last and certainly not least, my wife and State Membership Secretary, Sheri Miller for all the late nights, weekends, and continued support.

My list of outstanding contributors also includes Rick Backer, Jimmy Wray, Jodi Wessel, and Duane ‘Drano’ Goff, all of whom are no longer with us ...”

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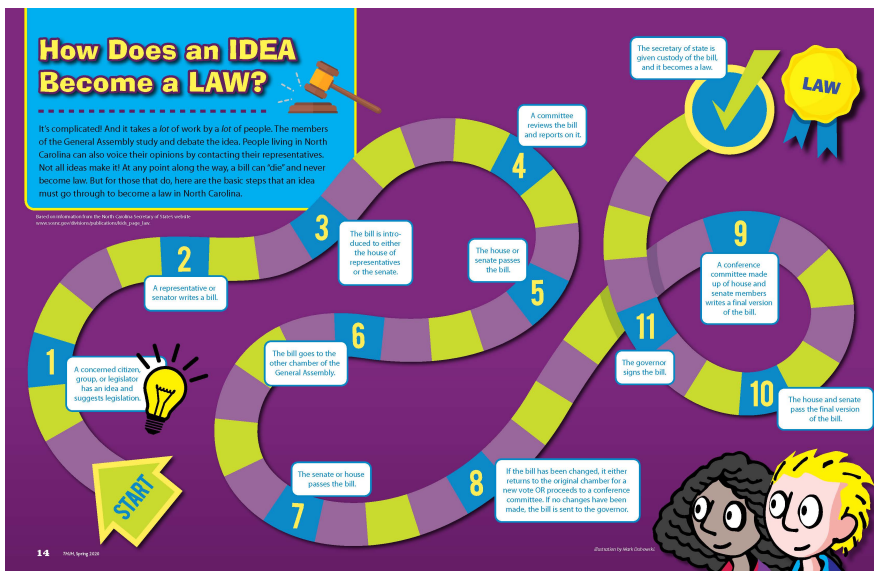
Shannon Rights- Info Director

We as the premier State Motorcycle Rights Organization (SMRO) in North Carolina must strive to provide accurate information to anyone we speak or come into contact with regarding issues that effect us as Motorcyclists in NC. When we embellish things, we end up alienating the very people we need in our corner. CBA/ABATE of NC is struggling to maintain memberships and we need to provide accurate information to those we talk to about joining and to our members.

Some of our members do not understand how a bill becomes a law or how to track bills that are moving through our legislation bodies. This needs to change if we are going to continue to call ourselves a motorcycle rights organization. The parties and the swap meets are all fine and dandy but at the end of the day, we put ourselves out there to the public as a motorcycle rights organization fighting for bikers rights. Please educate yourself on the topic that you are trying to discuss so that you do not make the entire organization look bad. If you are not sure whether you have correct information, do some research but whatever you do- DO NOT embellish or provide false information to others. We have new members who look to the longer standing members for guidance, lets provide them with correct information.

I will step down from my soapbox now- thanks for letting me vent.

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WHEREAS, North Carolina has over 250,000 registered motorcycles and over 490,000 licensed riders who have either a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle learners permit, according to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the people of North Carolina be aware of motorcycles on our roadways, recognize the importance of motorcycle safety, and share the roadways; and

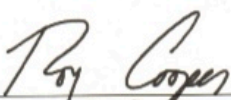
WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is designed to increase public awareness about motorcycles and to encourage their safe and proper use among motorcycle riders; and

WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle is enhanced through a combination of rider training, experience, good judgment, and motorist awareness of motorcycles sharing the roads of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program, NC Highway Patrol, and BikeSafe North Carolina join the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program and other interested organizations in promoting motorcycle safety and awareness and encouraging all motor vehicle operators to join in the effort to keep our highways safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2023, as "**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





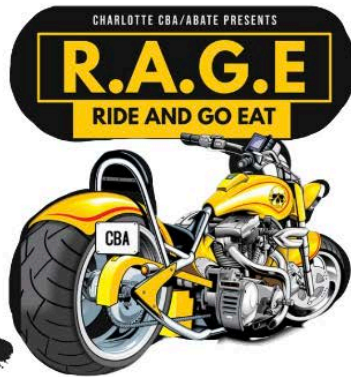
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Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.

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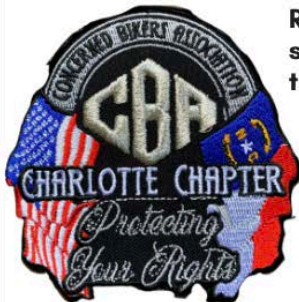
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