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More Info: [www.cba-abatenc.org](http://www.cba-abatenc.org) or [www.motorcyclegroup.com](http://www.motorcyclegroup.com)



# **CBA/ABATE of NC GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER**

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -**

**CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION:** We are now having our meetings at Jackson's Cafeteria. When you enter, we will be in one of the rooms that is near the front of the building. Our next general meeting will be on the 12th at 7pm. Come early and have supper with friends.

What can I say or how can I begin to thank everyone for supporting Gaston CBA in our 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run! We had the BEST turnout we've had in nearly a decade. We thought we had prepared for a lot of riders since we knew how the weather was going to be but we underestimated by a lot. I do want to apologize to those that didn't get food. We are so very sorry and we do make this promise—we won't ever let that happen again even if we have to order pizza! We had a number of riders who showed up at the end that were not there at the beginning and "usually" some riders don't always go to the end of the run electing to peel off and go home or to another location. Well that did not happen but we were very happy about it! We just want you to know we are so very grateful for all the riders who came out to honor Mickey and also support Gaston CBA. If you didn't know him, you missed out on knowing a really good guy with a wonderful personality.

Our Spring Fling Run will be coming up in April, so we really hope you will attend this one also as we are hoping to try something a little different. So please mark your calendar for April 6th with details in the next newsletter.

On the very first page of this newsletter is our Lobby Day flyer. I don't think our members take this as serious as they should. We have so many issues that we need your help with. If we are going to be taken seriously, our members need to go to our legislator's "tuff" because if we don't show them that we really mean business, why should they help us get any of our agenda passed? Listen, it's only 1 day out of 365 plus you get a great free lunch! If you can take the day off—please go. You will be back home before supper time. And if you don't know who your representative's are—go to <https://ncleg.gov/> and click on District Representation. Gaston will pay for your gas if you are a Gaston member and can get another one or two people to ride with you. Just keep your gas receipt and send to Pete. For a list of our Legislative Agenda for 2019—see page 4 of this issue. This event is for ALL bikers. You don't have to be a member of CBA. We want as many bikers in Raleigh this year as we can get so that includes you!

Have you ever read the history of the CBA/ABATE of NC by Claude "Boda" or "Sonny" Chavis on our state website? If not, please do so. Go to <http://www.cba-abatenc.org/history-of-cbaabate.html>. This will tell you exactly why and how the CBA in NC was started. "Boda" died of a heart attack on January 19th, so the CBA has lost another good man. He was a lifetime member of Charlotte CBA.

Donna & I have been going to area motorcycle clubs/organizations to speak about why every biker should be a member of CBA even if they are a member of another group. Sometimes we get new members—sometimes we don't. But at least we are trying. The one problem in our chapter is retention of members. We get them, but for some reason some don't renew. It's my opinion that if you are not a member of CBA, you don't care if our legislators pass bad laws that hurt us or don't pass laws to benefit us. I know one couple (and I'm sure they will know who I'm writing about) that say—well we don't want to belong to a "group" we just want to support everyone. The CBA supports everyone. We encourage our members to support all area events if possible. Plus the CBA is different. We represent all riders even if they are not members. So why wouldn't you join/renew to help us? Numbers count in Raleigh. That is a fact we know exist. The higher our numbers, the more they (legislators) listen. So I encourage you, if you have let your membership lapse or you are reading this and you are not a member—please join or renew. All things are possible with your help.

Challenge to every Gaston CBA member: Recruit one new member or get one lapsed member to renew during the month of February. A list of lapsed members from June thru November 2018 is in this issue or if you know of a former member that is not on that list—please talk to them about rejoining. Ride Safe—Jill

## Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / January 8, 2019

Meeting was held at Jackson's Cafeteria with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Jill led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President (Jill Stillwell)** – Jill welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Legislation** - See Legislation Section of the newsletter for the list. LOBBY DAY IS FEBRUARY 6, 2019. Please make plans now to attend. We need at least 2000 motorcyclists there!!!! McGrath Law Firm will be providing lunch.

**CBA and Other Area Events** – Donna read the list. See the Events section of the newsletter for the list

**Newsletter** – Anyone can submit articles of motorcycle interest for the newsletter. Just remember to site your source and include a link if possible. Items for the newsletter are due to Jill Stillwell by the 20<sup>th</sup> each month ([jillstillwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:jillstillwell@bellsouth.net)).

**Vice President (Geno Pennington)** – Nothing at this time.

**Secretary (Donna Barnett)** – We have 358 members (303 renewals, 55 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) ([deb2334@yahoo.com](mailto:deb2334@yahoo.com)) or if you need a new membership packet. You can save the chapter up to \$25/year by receiving the newsletter online. Renewals are included in the CBA emails, the monthly newsletter as well as members being notified through the US Postal Service and emails. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30.

**Treasurer (Pete McGinnis)** – Donna read the reports for Pete who was absent. Motion made and approved to accept the report. Please contact Pete if you want more information about the details or want copies of the reports.

**Master Sergeant at Arms (Michael Cline)** – Nothing at this time.

**MSAP** – Please let an officer know if you are interested in becoming the new coordinator.

**Products** – Shirts are \$5 each, "Watch for Motorcycles" yard signs are \$5.00 each. Patches and koozies are also available for purchase.

**Old Business** – PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE STATE CBA SURVEY – it will run through the end of January. Thanks. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDF3XN3>

### **New Business** -

- Donna and Jill are visiting area motorcycle groups/organizations to discuss the CBA. We have recently met with the Guardians of the Children (GOC) and the Rolling Disciples Motorcycle Ministry. We have plans to meet with the Dixie Drifters (DD), Sentinels of Hope (SOH) and Travlin' Light. Please contact Jill or Donna to schedule the CBA to speak with your group. Thanks.
- Mark your calendars for June 1<sup>st</sup> for a motorcycle/car show to benefit the "Off the Streets Program". The CBA is helping with this event. All area motorcycle groups/organizations are encouraged to participate/volunteer. The Off the Streets Program is asking for Sergeant at Arms of area groups/organizations to provide assistance for the show that day.
- Polar Bear Run – The Polar Bear Run was held on January 5<sup>th</sup>. We had amazing weather and an amazing turnout. The Ride has been renamed honor the memory of CBA member Mickey Siegler. The new name is The Mickey Siegler Memorial Polar Bear Run. For those that don't know, Mickey stopped to see his sister after the run in 2018 and shortly after leaving there to head home he had a wreck. Mickey passed away a few days later.

Thank you to Potter's House, Jackson's Cafeteria and Jill Stillwell for providing the food that  
Thank you to all of our stops: The Country Kitchen in Dallas, Metrolina Motorsports in Kings Mountain, Route 55 in Clover, Indian Motorcycle in Lowell, and Cavendish Brewery in Gastonia.

Some things that were discussed include: Someone collecting food tickets, putting up a sign asking everyone to wait until each person has had a chance to get food before going back for seconds, giving a different color ticket at each stop for a special drawing at the end, and having the person working the stop to fill in each box and initial the stop.

**Close Meeting** – Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Donna Barnett, Secretary**

BBQ Menu's Beverages		Breakfast Menu's Coffee
Birthday Parties		Weddings
Fund Raisers		Corporate Events

## LEGISLATION: 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Amend Littering Statute to include grass/yard waste (keep it off the roadways)
- Freedom of Choice regarding motorcycle helmet usage (we aren't against helmets, but we do think it should be the adult riders choice)
- Motorcycle access to public facilities (Same language as last session) Have companion bill in Senate or Senate Bill only.
- Amend mask law to where motorcyclists are exempted.
- Anti-profiling bill (using 2015 PA bill as model) (HB 1580)
- Make lane filtering/splitting legal (currently not addressed in any way)
- Support making no texting law into "hands free usage only" and make it a careless and reckless violation if an accident causing injury occurs due to distracted driving
- Amend additional lighting statutes for motorcycles

**LOBBY DAY IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019.** Please make plans to attend this important day where we get to spend time talking with our state legislators about issues that are important to motorcyclists. Our goal is to have 2000 "bikers" there because that is what several legislators have told us that we need to truly get their attention about "our issues." If any of the issues on the list above is important to you, then take the day and attend our Lobby Day.

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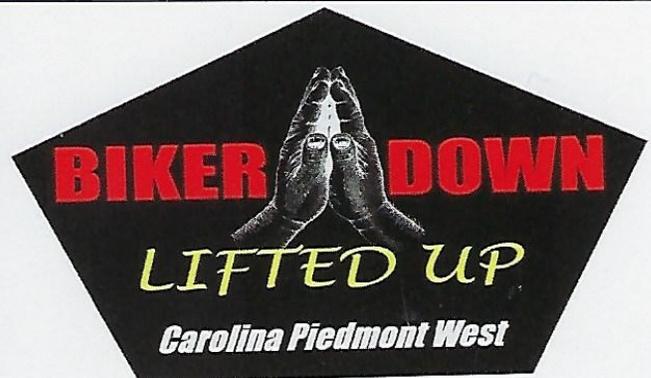
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**RENEWALS FOR JULY 2018 – FEBRUARY 2019**

**July 2018**

Earl Barnette  
Justin Bell  
Daniel Brafford  
Brittany Collins  
Shaun Mingle  
Austin Rushton  
Jonathan Thompson  
Karen Thrasher  
Mary Wilbanks  
Jason Chappell

**August 2018**

Walter & Lorene Kimble  
Walter Eddy Jr  
Jerry Walker

**September 2018**

Charles & Josephine Swain  
Eric Costner  
Kayla Howe  
Adriana Reyes  
Leia MacEachern  
Aaron & Sabrina Flowe  
Angela Helms  
Bruce Keurzoneff  
Debra Larson  
Angel Campbell  
Donna Dowdle  
Michael & Amanda Pleasant  
Larry & Kimberly Walton  
Jacob Smith  
Tonya Dellinger  
Ryan Neumann  
Roger Philbeck  
Anglia Conner  
Trista Biddle Ritchie  
Chance Branham  
Nathan Brown  
Robert Cloninger  
Daniel & Brandy Horton  
Jeff & Mary Huffstetler  
David Penley  
Melissa Holder  
Bill & Jackie Starnes  
Reggie Hartsoe

**October 2018**

Ronald Ball / Wanda Potter  
Andrew Johnson  
Joel Cook / Amy Gillespie  
Jason & Hope Morrow  
Douglas & Denise Morrow  
Melia Privette  
David & Lauren Seslar  
Lora Brooks  
James Dale Carroll  
Larry Fanella  
Bobby Burton  
Secret Cope  
Bob Bynum  
Dylan Hewatt  
Marissa Hamrick

**November 2018**

Scott Carrigan  
Timothy Wright  
Joseph "Joe" Byrd  
Joshua Pennington

**December 2018**

David & Cindy Childress  
Kelly Helms  
Phil & Brenda Barker  
Harry & Ginny Waller  
Ben Davis  
Sasha Parsons

**January 2019**

Thomas Knight  
Jesse & Hilary McGinnis  
Jeff & Kay Rumsey  
Marcus Tench  
Jeff & Libby Worley  
Brad Chester

**February 2019**

Roy "Pete" & Jennifer McGinnis  
Jack Acheson  
Bryon & Christine Farris  
Todd Stillwell  
Blake-Marie Farris Wyatt  
Jason Taylor  
Karl Fielding

**WELCOME BACK LAPSED  
RENEWAL MEMBER**

Sherry Beason

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Lillian Burgess  
Chris Shackelford  
Susan Monaco  
Jody & Ann Eudy  
Kenneth & Jackie Auten  
Timothy Gaddy  
Timothy Gaddy II  
Horace & April Sprouse  
Danny & Beth Collins  
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Jeremy Randolph  
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o Additional research and

## The VP Corner—

It was GREAT to see the support from our community for our 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run! It was a wonderful testament for a man that was our friend. Our sponsors are the best and are always inviting when we need their places of business for stops. I worked the Indian stop and would like to give them a special thanks for the special kindness they gave us during the run. We encourage you to support and remember our sponsors.

When you stop by their place of business, always tell them you are a member of Gaston CBA and appreciate their support. Also if you go into a place of business, ask them if they would be interested in being a Gaston CBA sponsor. Take your newsletter with you and show it to them. If you think the business might be interested, contact one of the officers to contact them. These sponsors allow us to publish the newsletter every month so without their support we would not be able to mail out the newsletter to our members who don't have email nor to the ones that just want a printed copy.

Please take note that whatever you ride, we are always one in brotherhood so please be respectful to others regardless of what brand you ride.

I hope to be back from my two back surgeries real soon. It has taken me a while (longer than I thought it would) to get back on my feet, so I really want to thank everyone for their kindness and understanding over my duties as VP. I love everyone of you for that support.

- Geno

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## BIKERNET BOOK REVIEW— The Harley-Davidson Motor CO.

<http://blog.bikernet.com>

The Harley-Davidson Motor CO. -Archive Collection

By: Randy Leffingwell and Darwin Holmstrom / Publisher: Quatro Publishing Group

Like those too broke for Sturgis parties this books gives us a glimpse into the Harley-Davidson museum. Through amazing photos and a strong narrative it give you a peek into what you will see when you actually get to make that pilgrimage to the source.

H-D is one of the few companies that saw the need early on to preserve its history in both documentation and examples of its product. Not all items in the Archive Collection are original but the idea it to capture and preserve forever the memorable moments in the companies wonderful past. Original production units, experimental units, bikes from collectors, and items from other lines like the golf carts are preserved and on display for everyone to enjoy. Some are completely restored, some are in the condition in which they were found. Randy Leffingwell worked with the archivist to carefully photograph each item that is presented in this book. With close to 10,000 photographs taken of 196 motorcycles this was a labor of love.

Starting with the oldest bike, a 1903 serial number 1 single cylinder motorcycle to a 2015 XG-500 Street Model you will find an excellent representation of Harley-Davidsons motorcycles. Each photo comes with a description of the bike and a little of its history. This book is not only a peek into the archives but also a good history book.

We are sure this book will bring your pilgrimage to a higher priority on your bucket list. Take a gander...



  
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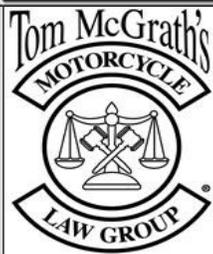


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## GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

February 6—CBA Lobby Day in Raleigh (see flyer)

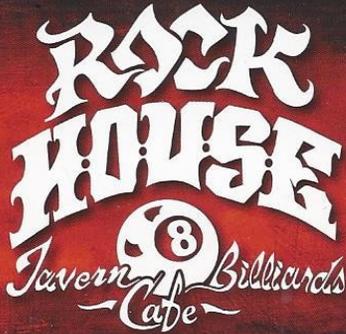
February 12—Gaston CBA General Meeting @ Jackson's Cafeteria

(There is no Events Committee meeting in February)

Cycle Gear has started their bike nights for 2019. They are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5-8pm. Suggestion: Stop by Cycle Gear before coming to the general meeting at Jackson's.

When you hear of other area bike nights starting up—please let us know.

**ATTENTION AREA CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS!** Information for the newsletter must be sent to Jill by the 20th of the month. Let us know what kind of articles you would like to see and also we would like to know how we can improve our newsletter. We try to include all the events of other organizations, but sometimes space prevents this in the printed version, so we encourage you to also view it online on our website at [www.gastoncountycba.com](http://www.gastoncountycba.com). We really don't mind advertising your organization or club events in our newsletter, in fact we encourage you to send us the information, BUT it cost the CBA money for every page we print so we feel the least your organization or club can do is to encourage your members to join the CBA.



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A great BIG THANKS from The Country Kitchen to all the participants in the 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run. Everyone was so nice and patient with our staff, so we really appreciate every one that supported the run. We hope you will come back and visit us soon!

**Pictures were taken at the 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run 1/5/2019**



**FREEDOM IS NOT A GIFT RECEIVED FROM A STATE OR A LEADER BUT A POSSESSION TO BE WON EVERY DAY BY THE EFFORT OF EACH AND THE UNION OF ALL.**

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1st Annual Mickey Seigler  
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January 5, 2019



Paul "Sonny" Gibson was the winner of the \$100 donated by Metrolina Motorsports, Kings Mountain, on our 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run. Thanks to Metrolina who is a great CBA sponsor!



In Memory of Claude "Boda" "Sonny" Chavis. Sonny died on 1/19/19. He was a lifetime member of CBA/ABATE of NC—Charlotte. He was one of the driving forces in the organization of the CBA in NC and he also wrote the history of our organization on the state website.

## 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run January 6, 2019

Proceeds benefit Gaston County CBA/ABATE

<b>INCOME:</b>	Ride	\$2,774.00
	Food	\$ 5.00
	Raffle	\$ 264.00
	50/50	\$ 208.00
	Donation	\$ 41.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,292.00</b>

### EXPENSES:

	Best Hand	\$ 125.00
	Worst Hand	\$ 75.00
	Food	\$ 66.64
	50/50 Payout	\$ 104.00
	Flyers	\$ 200.09
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 570.73</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 2,721.27</b>
	<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ 41.00</b>
		<b>\$ 2,680.27</b>

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## US Attorney's Embarrassing Closing at Mongols Trial.....

Closing arguments in the US v. Mongols Nation, the trial in which the US government is trying to assert control over the club's Patch and other trademarks through forfeiture, occurred today (12/03/2018) and according to an anonymous source observing the trial, "the strategy is clear- motorcycle culture and traditions are on trial...Assistant US Attorney Steven Welk's behavior is nothing less than tragic and embarrassing."

The government's goal in this case is to take a motorcycle club's identity by giving law enforcement the legal right to force members to forfeit their colors and property bearing the Mongols MC marks. The jury now is deliberating on the guilt phase of the trial. Their decision could potentially impact the entire motorcycle club world and also limit the fundamental rights of freedom of expression and association for all Americans.

**Welk's Closing Argument**—"US Attorney Welk's entire argument is framed around the outright mocking of motorcycle culture," says the trial observer. "US Attorney Welk directly attacked former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, self-defense Laws, men that stand their ground instead of running like cowards, and even the love and dedication women in the motorcycle world show their men." "It's clear- motorcycle culture is on trial. If someone attacks you, the government wants you to retreat like a coward, and call the police. The government is trying to make it part of a crime if bikers don't conform to their own set of morals and values," says the trial observer. "The US Attorney wants to dictate whether a biker ol' lady should be allowed to wear a property vest, of her own free will. If not, the Department of Justice will try to make you pay, not only with criminal charges, but with the cruel and unusual punishment of having to listen to US Attorney Welk ramble on about it for hours, while laughing alone to his own jokes...and it's an awkward, nerve cringing laugh too. Oh God, please make him stop," says the observer. "Finally, at 3:37pm, after US Attorney Welk spent almost the entire day basking in the personal excitement of listening to his own whiny voice, in between his grunty, self- loving laughter (...everyone stood puzzled as to what could possibly be funny), the Department Of Justice finished their closing argument. The jury...sat up in their chairs, and seemed gleeful that the torture had ended."

**Defense Attorney Joseph Yanny's Closing**—According to the trial observer, Yanny's closing set the burden of proof and gave an inspiring history on the founding fathers and power of the jury. Yanny has previously conceded that some members had committed crimes, but said those men had been kicked out for violating rules against bringing trouble down on the club. Yanny has also maintained that in some violent incidents Mongols simply acted in self-defense or in defense of others. 1 Who more effectively made their argument? Soon, the decision will be in the hands of the 12 people whose opinion matters the most in this phase of the case.

**First Amendment Implications**- Predictably the government's argument is based around a stereotype crafted by making generalizations about motorcycle club culture based on the actions of the few. In this case, the actions of individuals that have long ago been prosecuted. In fact, if the jury brings back a verdict of guilty no one will go to jail. But they would lose their right to express their association to the Mongols MC. This violates the fundamental concepts of personal guilt and freedom of expression. There is "no evidence that by merely wearing [1% motorcycle club] "colors," an individual is "involved in or associated with the alleged violent or criminal activity of other [1% motorcycle club] members. It is a fundamental principle that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual "merely because an individual belong[s] to a group, some members of which committed acts of violence." In fact, the Supreme Court has long "disapproved governmental action ... denying rights and privileges solely because of a citizen's association with an unpopular organization." *Healy v. James*, 408 U.S. 169, 185-86 (1972). To permit [law enforcement] to impose restrictions on any person "who wears the insignia of [a 1% club], without regard to or knowledge of that individual's specific intent to engage in the alleged violent activities committed by other members, is antithetical to the basic principles enshrined in the First Amendment and repugnant to the fundamental doctrine of personal guilt that is a hallmark of American jurisprudence."

**2 Precedent**—The outcome of this trial is likely a looking-glass into the future of the government's one- sided war against motorcycle clubs. Australia, Europe, and Canada have all focused on various strategies to make motorcycle club membership illegal. The MPP believes that trademark forfeiture is American law enforcement's attempt to achieve the same outcome. None of those countries have a 1st Amendment. If the government succeeds in this case, our fundamental understanding of the protections the 1st Amendment provides will be completely rewritten. Of course, this case is in a district court. Precedent will not be created until the decision is ultimately appealed and decided by a higher court. Regardless, even success at the district court level will embolden the US Attorney's office to employ this strategy against other motorcycle clubs and ultimately other organizations.

## **Rule for Radicals – Rule #1 Power is not only what you have, but what the enemy thinks you have.**

Visit the town of Salzburg in Austria and you'll immediately notice the brightly painted statues of bulls scattered throughout the city. Some are tie-died, some are painted plaid and some even have costumes. The bulls may seem like a strange art project or a quirky local custom. But ask any local and they'll tell you the story of the Salzburger Stierwascher.

**Sneakily Saving Salzburg** - The legend goes that during an uprising in the 16th century, peasants laid siege to the fortress of Hohensalzburg high on a hill in the center of town. As the weeks dragged on, the peasants were sure they would win. They had cut off the nobles' food supply, and surely the fortress' resources were running out quickly. But every morning, the peasants would spot a different bull grazing on the walls of the fortress. It seemed no matter how long they laid siege to the fortress, the nobles never ran out of fresh meat!

Frustrated, the peasants eventually gave up and went home.

It was only later that the truth came out: there was only one bull.

Every day, the nobles would send the bull out to graze. And every night, the Salzburger Stierwascher—or bull washers—would scrub off the bull's spots and repaint it. The next day, they would set the bull out someplace else along the walls of the fortress. Some days the bull would be black. Some days the bull would be spotted. Some days the bull would be brown. But it was always the same bull.

**A Lesson for Grassroots Activists** - Whether or not the legend is true, there's an important lesson in it for grassroots organizers. What won the day for the nobles wasn't just what they had (the one bull) but also what the peasants believed the nobles had.

This idea was so important to leftist organizer Saul Alinsky that he made it the first rule of his infamous book, *Rules for radicals*, an organized minority is a political majority."

You can see this tactic used by the left almost every day. When a small group of Twitter accounts organizes a boycott of a business, that's Alinsky's first rule in action. When a handful of activists make it seem like a speaker isn't welcome on a college campus, that's Alinsky's first rule, too.

**Freedom-Loving Stierwascher:** What most freedom-loving activists don't know is that we can use Alinsky's tactics too—as long as we use them in a principled way. In most cases, just organizing a small group and showing up can make a difference, especially on the local level. Town councils, county boards and legislative committees rarely have people show up for comment. A small group of activists visiting a legislator's office, hosting an event or showing up at a town hall with coordinated signs and messaging is often enough to attract the interest of lawmakers—and of the media.

If you can show you're organized and vocal, you will have the attention of local legislators. After all, if this small group of activists was willing to show up, how many of their other constituents might feel the same way?

Author and academic Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." If grassroots activists like us are willing to work together, we can wield more power than we ever thought possible.

Mike Infanzon, Legislative Director

**TIP OF THE DAY: Be real.** I saw a really beautiful Harley-Davidson WLA recently. From looking at it, a complete restoration was done. These older bikes from WWII are beautiful. Then I noticed something odd, so I asked. My suspicions were correct. It didn't run and most of the "restored" parts were from aftermarket suppliers ... from Japan! There is another restored WLA at Buddy Stubbs Harley here in Phoenix in their museum of bikes. Now the first bike "looked" better but wasn't real. I'll take the REAL one!! If you ever get a chance, go to Stubbs and check out the museum of bikes.

In life, you will fall down and get a few dings and maybe rust is settling in. Me? I need a whole new suspension system. It happens with miles. Be a what you see is what you get person. It really doesn't matter how great you look if your engine doesn't fire and wheels don't turn. Shiny chrome is just that...shiny. Look past all that to the heart. So many only see a paint job and chrome when they look at a bike. These same folks only see that in a person. Buck the system, flip off the man, turn your radio up loud and be yourself. Be real. And look at the heart of people. Make 2019 your best year ever. Be good to one another!

Mike Infanzon, Legislative Director

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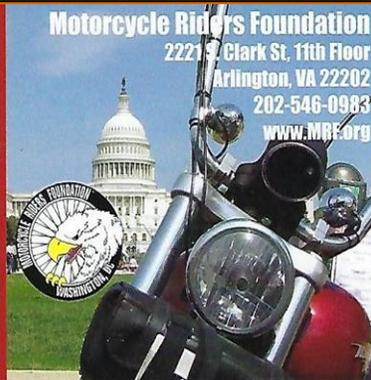
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**Beginning Balance :**           **\$ 1,020.38**  
Income:  
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95.00 Products  
  
**Total Income: \$ 930.00**  
Expenses:  
\$ 253.84 Newsletters  
\$ 23.50 Membership Expense  
\$ 100.00 Gaston Toy Run  
\$ 37.00 Survey Monkey—State  
  
**Total Expenses: \$ 414.34**  
**Ending Balance (12/31/2018) - \$ 1,536.04**

**PayPal Balance: \$ 348.63**

Respectfully submitted by Pete McGinnis, Treasurer for CBA. If you have any questions at all about the CBA report, please contact Pete at the information listed below.

**PLEASE check the renewal list to see if your name appears. Memberships can be renewed via PayPal using the Gaston CBA's website:**

[www.gastoncountycba.com](http://www.gastoncountycba.com) or by mailing it to Gaston CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell, NC 28098; at the General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7pm of each month at Hillbilly's, 930 E Garrison Blvd., Gastonia or at any event where the CBA is set up.

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