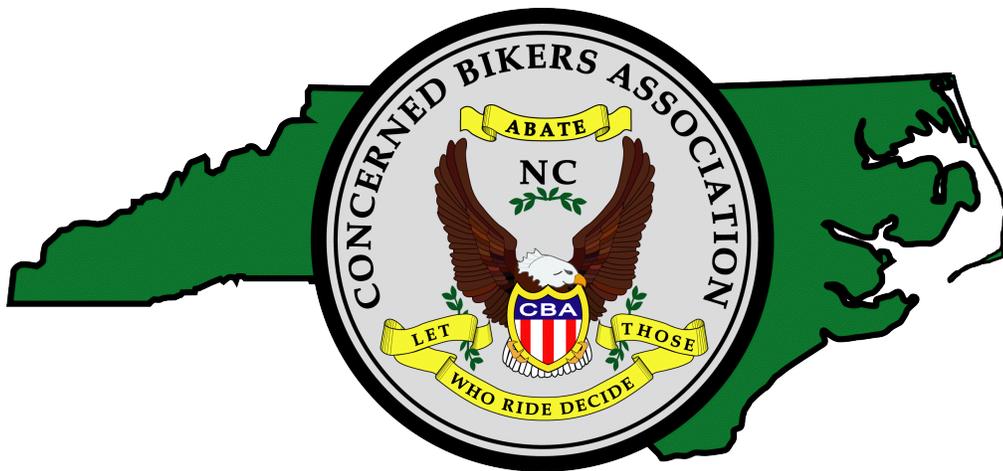
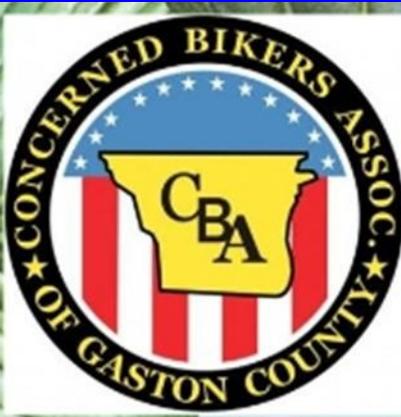


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

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 BUT you are NOT required to eat so please don't let that stop you from attending.

First of all I want to encourage you to read and act on our Legislative Agenda in the newsletter (page 5). We have several bills that we need you to contact your Representatives in the NC House & Senate. A lot of you have been yelling about grass in the road. Well we are trying our best to make it against the law to blow it in the roadway, but we need you to get everyone you know to help us. That means anyone you know across this state. Call up your friends & relatives and ask them to help—even if they don't ride a motorcycle. Another item on the agenda is trying to get a bill passed for "hands free device." We are not going to ask our Representatives to sponsor this bill on our behalf BUT we are going to support it and try to help get it passed. So please encourage your friends & relatives to contact their Representatives about this also. We've lost too many loved ones because of distracted driving so let's try to fix it.

I want to thank the Gaston CBA members who attended Lobby Day on February 6th. I really think the new attendees had a great time and learned a lot about the way things work in Raleigh. Everyone of them made a commitment to go again. Plus the lunch that the Tom McGrath Law Group provided was also great so that was a big plus. We really appreciate all that Tom and his staff do for the CBA/ABATE of NC. They have even provided a "paid" lobbyist on our behalf in Raleigh. Tyler Stiles is a member of the McGrath Law Group and lives with his wife in Raleigh BUT Tyler is originally from Belmont and comes back often to visit family. We hope to get him to come speak at our general meeting soon so I hope you will make plans to attend when he does.

Our Spring Fling Ride is fast approaching so we are going to need raffle prizes. If you have something that you can donate, please get in touch with one of the officers and we can arrange to pick it up. Also this year we are donating 50% of the proceeds to the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids, so we hope you will make plans to ride and support the toy run and the CBA. It cost money to put on the toy run every year and it also cost money to keep the Gaston CBA going.

The riding season is fast approaching (if this rain ever decides to quit)! There is a report from AAA that motorcycle deaths are up for 2018. That being said, we want you to be careful out there. We have lost a lot of friends and loved ones over the past several years so we don't want to lose anymore. There will be an article in the Gazette soon (we think) about the AAA article and our response to it, so keep checking our FaceBook page and emails for it. Several of the officers and members met with a reporter from the Gazette to give him our view on the AAA report so we are anxious to see if he writes the truth (as we told him) or goes in another direction. The total number of NC motorcycle registrations is down from 2017 so we are not sure where they are getting their numbers.

The officers have started a new contest to try and get our members to attend the general meetings. Check it out in this issue and you might just win \$100! The officers are not allowed to participate since we are required to be at the meetings. Also if you attend a state meeting, you get an extra chance to win each time you go. Yes we know meetings are usually boring, but if we can get enough of our members to start coming again, we hope to get some interesting speakers to come. Gaston CBA once had 60-70 members at our meetings, so let's try and get the numbers back to where they should be. The officers work hard on your behalf and we could use some help. Won't you help?
Ride safe..... Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / February 12, 2019

Meeting was held at Jackson's Cafeteria with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Pete led us in prayer and Jill led us in 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 was successful. We were able to meet with John Torbett, Dana Bumgardner, Kelly Hastings, and Ted Alexander. Kathy Harrington was tied up in meetings and was unable to meet with us. Jill sent her a letter outlining our concerns and Kathy responded with apologies for not being able to meet with us.

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 20th each month (jillstillwell@bellsouth.net). Flyers should be sent in a jpeg file.

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

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 357 members (302 renewals, 55 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) (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. Motion made and approved to accept the January minutes as posted in the February newsletter.

Treasurer (Pete McGinnis) – Pete read the reports. 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 at least until late April. The state is looking at responses and taking all comments seriously as to what and how we need to improve.

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 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 1st 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.

Close Meeting – Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting with Pete leading us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Barnett, Secretary

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The VP Newsroom — If you have never attended the CBA/ABATE of NC Lobby Day in Raleigh, you are really missing out. Your presence is needed to help get our bills through the General Assembly. This was my first time attending and I had a great time and plan to go back (if possible) every time we have a Lobby Day. The people representing us only know what we want in the way of new laws is by what we tell them and how we continually contact them on these bills. If you want grass out of the road—you need to tell them. If you want distractive driving dealt with, you need to tell them. If you want freedom of choice for helmets, then you need to tell them. We are very lucky in Gaston County that our Representatives actually like the bikers in this area and have introduced several bills for us. Not so in other areas, so we encourage you to contact your friends across the state to join the CBA/ABATE of NC to help in these fights. If we could get 2,000 riders to go to Raleigh, we could probably get our bills passed. Rumor is that they might be another Lobby Day this year because it is a long session. If we do, please make plans to attend.

Gaston County CBA wants to thank Tom McGrath Law Group for the great lunch that was provided for all those attending Lobby Day. Tobacco Road Brewery was a great place for lunch and we thank them for the great service and great food. They really pile the food on! I think Jill took 1/2 of her lunch home with her. - Geno



Pictures from Lobby Day—February 6th

Our Sincere Sympathy goes out to Don Price and his family of Bessemer City Motorcycle Shop on the death of his beloved wife Lois who passed away last month on February 18th. Don's post said she "kept me going straight at the track and thru life."

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LEGISLATION: 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Amend Littering Statute to include grass/yard waste (keep it off the road way). Bills were introduced on 2/20/19 in the House (HB104) and the Senate (SB81) will define yard waste as “grass clippings, leaves, shrubbery trimmings, and any other plant material....and will classify such as litter. If passed the law will take effect on 12/1/19. Please contact your Representatives to support these bills. The links for these bills are: <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2019/H104> & <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2019/S81>
- Freedom of Choice regarding motorcycle helmet usage (we aren't against helmets, but we do think it should be the adult riders choice). A bill is in the works for this. Will keep you up to date on it.
- 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. A bill was introduced on 2/21/19 in the House (HB144) for a Hands Free NC. The CBA is supporting those who are pushing for this legislation. The link to monitor the progress of the bill is: <https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2019/H144>
- Amend additional lighting statutes for motorcycles

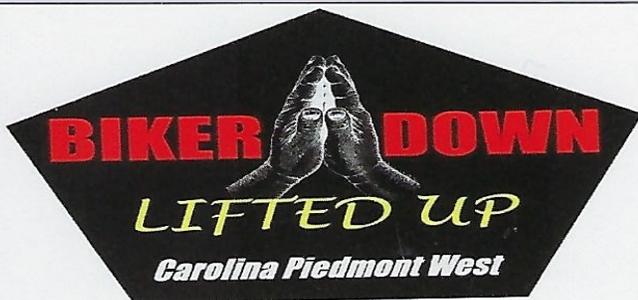
Please contact your Representatives when we “call for action” on any of these agenda items. We need your help in getting them passed by the General Assembly this year. If you don't know how to contact your Representatives, go to <https://www.ncleg.gov/> and click on “District Representation” and the site will direct you to who represents you. No computer—no problem. Just call Donna or Jill for the information. The contact information for them is on the officer's page in this issue.

LOBBY DAY WAS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019. We met with our legislators and discussed the items on our Legislative Agenda. Thanks to Donna Barnett, Randy Baker, Roger Howard, Geno Pennington, Kurt Brandt, Jill & Peewee Stillwell who represented our chapter at Lobby Day.

This is a long session for the legislature and therefore we will be planning another lobby day later in the year. Please watch for another date so that you can make plans to attend. We received several compliments from legislators about how organized we are as a grassroots organization. Our legislators are always very receptive and enjoy taking time to meet with us.



Congratulations to Gaston County CBA members Mike & Wendy Dixon who were married on February 15th. A long and loving life is in their future.



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RENEWALS FOR JULY 2018 – MARCH 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
Larry Scott
Lauri Mageras
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
Tonia 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
William Beverly
Joseph "Joe" Byrd
Joshua Pennington

December 2018

Kelly Helms
Phil & Brenda Barker
Ben Davis

January 2019

Sasha Parsons
Thomas Knight
Jesse & Hilary McGinnis
Marcus Tench
Jeff & Libby Worley

February 2019

Jack Acheson
Bryon & Christine Farris
Blake-Marie Farris Wyatt
Jason Taylor
Karl Fielding

March 2019

Christopher Madore
Tracey Drader
Dawn Wood
Mike Dixon
Andrew Herwin

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Billy and Angie Starnes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Malcolm and Kristy Mize

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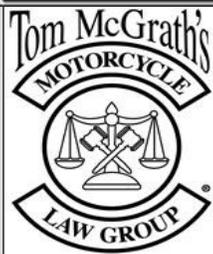


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GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

March 5 @ 7pm—CBA Events Committee & Officer's Meeting @ Jackson's (plans for spring run)

March 9—Steel Rain MC & SOH Boston Butt BBQ Fundraiser (see flyer online)

March 12 @ 7 pm—Gaston CBA General Meeting @ Jackson's Cafeteria

March 16—Gaston Toy Run for Kids Breakfast (see flyer)

March 23—2nd Annual Chops, Rods & BBQ by Steel Rain MC in Concord 3481 US 601

March 30—Carolina Thunder Butt Sale (see flyer)

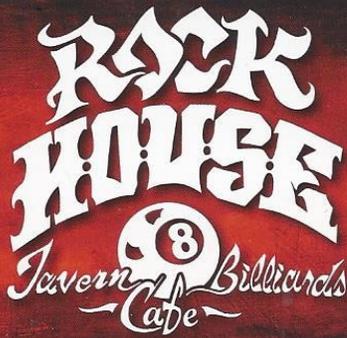
March 30—Cavendish Brewery—Blessing of the Bikes & Cars "Cruise In" with Brother James Herring 12-4pm.

April 2 @ 7 pm—CBA Events Committee & Officer's Meeting & Jackson's. (final plans for spring run)

April 6—Gaston CBA Annual Spring Fling Ride (see flyer)

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.

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. 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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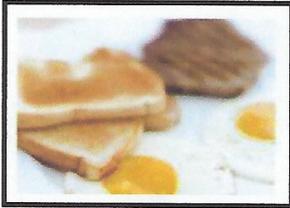
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Please bring your donations to the breakfast! Thank you!

We will be having a raffle soon! Details to come!

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LADIES NEED OUR HELP!

All of you know how supportive The Potter's House is and has been to the biker community. That being said—they need our help now. The ladies need clothing and shoes to apply for jobs and to work in. They need to be clean and in good shape. You can drop off your clothing at The Potter's House, 124 Burmill Rd., Ranlo. Their driveway is next to the Ranlo Church of God (Toy Run Church). Or you can bring them to SERF (Donna Barnett), 528 South Hwy 27, Stanley. Sizes needed 6-14

MEMBER CONTEST

The Gaston CBA Officers have a new contest for you. Would you like to win \$100? All you have to do is to attend our general meetings. Every month that you attend, you will receive a ticket for a chance to win the \$100 which will be drawn at our November general meeting.

Our meetings are held at Jackson's Cafeteria, 1453 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia. By the way—you ARE NOT required to eat at the cafeteria, but they do have good food. This would be a good way to get an extra \$100 for Christmas while supporting your CBA.



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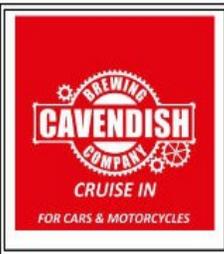
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Summary of the state meeting January 26th and 27th

The state meeting was dedicated to the memory of long time CBA member Claude "Sonny" or "BODA" Chavis who passed away in January.

GUEST SPEAKER: We had a guest speaker on the 26th, Stephanie Almeida who is the Director of the Western NC Aids Project (WNCAP). The WNCAP covers all of western NC all the way to Cleveland County. Stephanie spoke to us about the Opioid crisis in the US and NC and that we are currently in a syndemic which includes Hep C (HCV), HIV, and Opioids. 1 in 5 kids are using drugs that are not prescribed. 44% of grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Hep C is increasing rapidly in young adults especially those who are poor and/or in rural areas. Fentanyl is emerging and is much more dangerous than other drugs due to the number of deaths from people using it. Not everyone who is using is aware that their drugs are being laced with it which is increasing the problems with it.

Stephanie also went over several laws/bills that are relevant to the controlled substance/drug use situations in NC. They are HB712, HB850, HB734, HB972, and SB154. Lastly Stephanie talked about NARCAN and how to administer it if someone overdoses.

If you want more information please contact her: Stephanie Almeida, CSAC, CSAPC, Harm Reduction Coordinator
Stephanie@wncap.org

If you have any ideas for guest speakers at the Saturday meetings during the state meetings please let James Buckner know. A couple of ideas that were suggested were the NRA and a fundraiser guru.

BUDGET: Budget Proposals were discussed and passed.

Board of Directors: 2018 - \$5000 / 2019 - \$5500

Legislative: 2018 - \$3000 / 2019 - \$3000

MRF: 2018 - \$3000 / 2019 - \$3000

Membership Services: 2018 - \$6000 / 2019 - \$6000

SEA (includes MSAP): 2018 - \$2500 / 2019 - \$2500

Information: 2018—\$7000 / 2019 - \$7000

Constitution: 2018 - \$500 / 2019 - \$100 (hasn't been used in several years)

Training/Banquet: 2018 - \$5000 / 2019 - \$5000

INFORMATION: Anyone wanting to advertise in the state newsletter here is the cost for CBA members and chapters. CBA members: \$36 for one year (4 issues) business card ad. CBA Chapters: ¼ page ad for chapter events is free, ½ page ad is \$37.50, and a full page ad is \$75. **WEBSITE:** All chapters need to check their information for accuracy and let Crystal know asap if any changes are necessary. Boda Chavis wrote the history of the CBA so please take time to read it. The legislative section and MSAP section need to be updated. Crystal needs someone who wants to help with the CBA's twitter and instagram. Crystal will help any chapter that wants it to setup websites.

Elections will be in a few months and Crystal wants someone to learn how to take over information because she will not be running for reelection.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES: There are well over 200,000 registered motorcycles in NC. Membership numbers are pitiful. Need ideas on how to get membership numbers up. Crystal is going to look into whether or not the online membership process on the state website can be changed to a one-step process instead of the current two-step process. This is to be discussed at the next state meeting.

A few ideas: All chapters need to make sure they are sharing information with their members and on social media. Find the MC's, RC's and other groups in your area and go speak to them about the CBA and what we are doing to protect/fight for their rights in Raleigh and the benefits of membership.

Plan an annual state-wide ride visiting designated spots in each county. Points will be assigned based on distances traveled. Planning has started on this. Carol Wiggins, Donna Barnett, and Gary Bridges will be working on this along with a few others. Some names for the ride included The BODA Challenge and 100 County NC Annual Ride. Please let Carol, Donna or Gary know if you are interested in helping with this.

LEGISLATION: Tyler Stiles is our new registered lobbyist in Raleigh. Tyler is an attorney for McGrath Law Firm in their Raleigh office and a CBA member.

We discussed Lobby Day on February 6th and the agenda for it. (This is in our legislative section of the newsletter, so it is not included here)

SEA: There is a new MSAP presentation on PowerPoint and it is very user friendly. There is a Facebook page: NC Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program. You can email them: NCMSAP@outlook.com.

MRF: Cindy discussed that the Anti-profiling resolution passed the US Senate during 2018. It will be re-introduced in the US House of Representatives this year by Rep. Burgess of Texas. Bikers in the Beltway in Washington DC will be May 20th

NCOM: Charlie gave the dates for this year's annual convention. It will be in Orlando, FL the weekend of May 10-12. Visit the AIM/NCOM website for the flyer.

STATE EVENTS: Shaggy stated that the state party will be the weekend of September 14th @ Riders Roost. Ages 21 and up and no pets. Tent camping: \$10 per night. Cabins: \$45 per night with 2 night minimum.

It was also stated that opening weekend for Riders Roost will be the first weekend in April and that Cuttin' Loose at the Roost will be the last weekend in July.

STATE SURVEY: The state is currently conducting a rider survey. The results through mid-January were given to the Board of Directors and It was discussed that the chapter presidents were to be emailed the survey results except for any names that were given on the survey. The survey results are being taken very seriously concerning the perceptions that people have, people don't knowing about the CBA, leadership issues, and other comments that were made. We discussed chapters and members sharing more information about the CBA and trying to get more people involved. We will be working very hard to improve our organization. The survey will continue at least until the next state meeting in April.

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Summary of the state meeting January 26th and 27th (continued)

MRF MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) 2021: The CBA/ABATE of NC was contacted about working with Georgia and South Carolina to host the MOTM in 2021. The MRF has done a lot to streamline expenses since it was last held in NC and three states working together will lower the cost even more to host the event. After much discussion, it was voted to let the MRF that we were on board to host the event with Georgia and South Carolina. We should know the host city by the next state meeting so that the three states can start the planning process.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Nominations for Board of Directors for 2020-2021 will take place at the next state meeting.

The next state meeting is April 27th and 28th.

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The same jury that found the Mongols Nation Guilty of racketeering and conspiracy in the federal RICO case US v. Mongols Nation has also decided that the club should forfeit their patch because there was a nexus between the Mongols MC's collective membership marks and conspiracy. However, Judge Carter will not issue a forfeiture order until objections based on the First Amendment are decided at the end of February. Even then, this case is a very long way from its final conclusion.

What's happened so far.

The Mongols Nation, defined as all full patched members of the Mongols Motorcycle Club, was convicted as an entity last month in US v. Mongols Nation on 2 counts under the Racketeering In Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) for racketeering and conspiracy to engage in racketeering.

On January 11, 2018, the same jury found a sufficient nexus between the Mongols membership marks (word mark, centerpatch mark, collective membership marks) and the RICO conspiracy count to justify forfeiture of the membership marks in the second phase of the trial.

On February 28, 2019 the third and final phase of the trial will resume. Judge Carter made it clear that the trial's third phase will determine whether the First Amendment overrides the jury's grant of forfeiture. If Carter agrees with the Federal Government, then the Mongols centerpatch, name, and other assets connected to the RICO conspiracy count will be subject to forfeiture. If Carter agrees with the Mongols MC, then the First Amendment will override the jury. Appeal very likely.

Regardless of who wins, the losing party will likely appeal any decisions related to forfeiture of the Mongols membership mark to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. If the government wins, similar to what occurred in 2008, then the Mongols MC may have their patches and related property seized in the interim, until and only if they win an appeal.

Any decision in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals sets precedent for the Western US. Any decision from the 9th Circuit will also likely be appealed to the Supreme Court. If the SCOTUS agrees to review the case the outcome would set precedent for the entire country.

Conclusions

Although it is impossible to determine with certainty what Judge Carter will decide, the MPP is extremely optimistic that the First Amendment liberties of expression and association will reinforce the foundational concept of personal guilt and override a jury of lay citizens that are simply unprepared to engage in complex constitutional analysis.

For the sake of the motorcycle club community and the First Amendment, let us hope the MPP is correct. The very identity of a motorcycle club is the patch that they wear.

Steel Rain MC Silent Auction 2019

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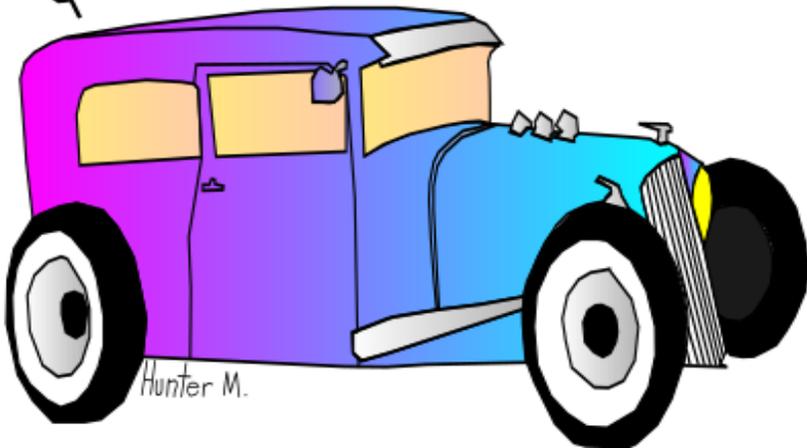
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**Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report
January 2019**

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15.00 Products
41.00 Donation
20.00 MRF Dues Reimbursement
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Total Income: \$ 4,089.00

Expenses:
\$ 215.46 Newsletters
66.64 1st Annual Mickey Seigler Polar Bear
300.00 Seed Money
62.17 State Expense
89.07 State Meeting

Total Expenses: \$ 733.34

Ending Balance (1/31/2019) - \$ 4,891.70

Note: We have \$1,437.25 in outstanding checks out.

PayPal Balance: \$ 558.34

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.

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