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The Gaston CBA News & Report—February 2020

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February 2020 Issue

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President's Message—

Our next general meeting will be on February 4th @ 7pm at Jackson's Cafeteria. When you enter, we will be in one of the rooms near the front of the building. Come early and have supper with friends but you are NOT required to eat, so don't let that stop you from attending.

We can't stress enough that since 2020 is an election year with local, state and federal seats being decided on at our March 3rd primary and November 3rd general election for our members to get involved. The SC primary will be held on February 29th. We strongly encourage this because these future representatives will be working on our behalf. Because we're a legislative organization, we encourage you to find out where your future representatives stand on issues that concern the motorcycle community. I know this should not be your only criteria concerning a future representative but it should be at the top of your list. We surely don't want someone to serve in the NC House or Senate or the US House or Senate that are not open to new solutions to the problems we have. We are concerned about profiling, the grass in the roadway, being able to park anywhere other vehicles can park, lane filtering, and hands free (phone) concerns, so we don't want someone up there who isn't open to helping us with a least some of these issues. If you haven't registered to vote or need to up date your registration, you only have until February 7th to do it in NC. And PLEASE go vote on March 3rd!

The quarterly state meeting was held on January 25th & 26th. I think you are going to see a lot of new and good ideas coming down to the chapters. The first and very welcomed change is that the state meeting will now only be a one-day event on Saturday. We will have the committee meetings in the morning and the Executive Council meeting in the afternoon with the BOD meeting in between those meetings. We hope this change will encourage you (non officer CBA members) to at least attend one or two of our quarterly meetings a year. They are planning some fun stuff for after the meetings so please mark your calendar for April 18th, July 18th and October 24th and plan on going to The Village Inn Conference Center and attending. Many members who are not officers do not feel they need to attend and while it is not a requirement for non officers to attend, we are all invited and encouraged to take an active role in understanding what is going on in our organization. The BOD and Executive Council are always open for suggestions for improvements on the state level and encourage your help within your own chapter.

The next big thing happening this year is women riders. Do you know that 28% of all new bikes are sold to women? To celebrate women riders, the Executive Council is encouraging all chapters to give new or lapsed women a break on their membership (renewals do not count). Therefore from February 1st thru May 31st, all women who sign up for a new or lapsed single membership (not a couple) can join Gaston CBA for only $10. Now I know some of you guys are going to say that is discrimination but when or if we celebrate "International Men Ride Day," we will give you a break. So if you know of a lady who rides (or doesn't ride) that might be interested in our organization—give her the application on the back of this newsletter and tell her to only send $10 with it. Also we will be helping to sponsor a "International Female Ride Day" on May 2nd in conjunction with Indian Motorcycles of Charlotte. Watch for more information on this event.

We want to extend a BIG thank you to all of you that came out on a rainy cloudy day and supported our 2nd Annual Gaston CBA Mickey Seigler Memorial Day Polar Bear Run on January 4th. We still have t-shirts available with all of the proceeds from the sale of the shirts going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. And another BIG thank you from Southern Gentlemen & Gaston CBA Lifetime Member Sugarfoot and his wife Kay for the outpouring of support and love showed for them at the benefit the Southern Gentlemen had on January 11th. Both days were a total success and for that we thank you. Bikers are one of the most giving groups of people in our country and when we have events like those—our biker community is the best!

Check out our additional 2019 CBA/ABATE of NC Awards in this issue! And as always—Ride Safe! Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / January 7, 2020

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. Thanks to Jackson's Cafeteria. Thanks to everyone who attended the Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run.

Legislation - Please take the time to visit the MRF's legislative section to keep up with several federal issues and please contact your US Representatives and Senators regarding these issues. www.mrf.org. Contacting your legislators in Washington only takes a couple of minutes. 2020 will be a short session in the NC Legislature. We will let you know when a lobby day gets scheduled.

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 **15th** each month (jillstillwell@bellsouth.net). Please note the deadline has changed so that the newsletter can be received before the general meeting each month.

Vice President (Geno Pennington) - Nothing at this time

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 354 members (301 renewals, 56 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 and members being notified through the US Postal Service and emails. Memberships: single - $20, couple - $30. There were no December minutes (we did not meet in December) in the January newsletter to approve.

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) – absent

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

Products – "Watch for Motorcycles" yard signs are $5 each. Patches are also available for purchase. New shirts are $15 each and old shirts are $5 each. Polar Bear Run shirts are $15 each and the proceeds from these shirts will be donated to St. Judes (Mickey's family chose the charity) so please buy a shirt.

Old Business –

* 2020 Ride Dates (January 4 Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run, April 4 Spring Fling Ride, May 2 International Female Ride Day, July 4 Independence Day Ride, September 26 Freedom Ride) *

Recap of Awards Banquet from November 16th (Gaston won a lot of awards: Legislative Chapter of the Year, Membership Chapter of the Year and Chapter of the Year). Donna also won an individual award for Legislative Member of the Year.

* Recap of the CBA Constitutional Amendment Proposal that our chapter voted on at the November general meeting. We will be casting 5 yes votes in support of this amendment at the January State Meeting.
* The 2020 CBA State Meeting Dates are: January 25-26, April 18th, July 18th, October 24th.

New Business –

* Met the Candidates Day – Do we want to try and have one with the Primary being March 3rd. After discussion it was decided that we would wait and do one before the General Elections on November 3rd.
* Recap of the Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run: Good turnout given the chilly and rainy weather; Have volunteers serve the food and collect meal tickets; Need to make sure all volunteers get a chance to eat; Need more volunteers to help at the ending stop; Always bring our tables just in case they are needed.
* There is an article in the January issue of Full Throttle (pg. 54) on the Gaston County Toy Run and there will be an article on the Gaston County CBA in the February issue.
* Geno brought up whether or not we should help the Off the Streets Program with their Bike Show this summer because they had not met the deadline of the end of December of securing a location that we requested of them. A vote was taken and passed not to help them. Side note: Their location was secured around January 14th which was after our January meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Barnett, Secretary

From the Rumor Corner of the Gaston County CBA—

Well the 2020 season has already been a fast start for all of us with the 2nd Annual Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run which was a huge success considering the weather we had. Our Polar Bear run is sometimes a hit and sometimes a miss depending on the weather. We raised some money for St. Jude's and also Gaston CBA. We still have a good number of event t-shirts available with all the proceeds from these shirts go to St. Jude's in memory of Mickey.

There was also a benefit put on by the Southern Gentlemen MC for a well known man (and his wife) in our community whose has a very big heart for children in our area making sure that the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids is on track every year. Sugarfoot works hard year round for this great event and it's harder now with the way Kay's health is. The toy run was started by Buddy Sexton and the Southern Gentlemen Motorcycle Club with Sugarfoot & Buddy leading the charge. Sugarfoot also served several years as the first President of the Gaston CBA. He was very grateful to all who supported their benefit on January 11th and I've heard from a reliable source that the plans are to use the money raised to redo their bathroom making it more handicap friendly for Kay. I would guess that we all consider him a dear friend and wish him and Kay the very best in the future.

Mark your calendar for April 4th because we will be having our Spring Fling Run that day. And on May 2nd the ladies are having their day "International Female Ride Day" with an event starting and ending at Indian Motorcycles of Charlotte. There is a flyer in this issue on the Spring Fling Run and more information on the International Female Ride will be available soon.

Our meeting attendance is up and the officers appreciate that. Hopefully we can get it up a little more so that we can invite some speakers to attend. We have a list of interesting people that we think will come and speak, so please join us at Jackson's Cafeteria on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Our meetings are not long plus the fellowship and the food make for an enjoyable evening.

VP Geno

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WHY I SAY, WHY *by Kirk Willard, MRF President*

You know, in society, there is an interesting behavior that genuinely affects the biker's rights world. Those of us that routinely exercise our freedom and individuality on a motorcycle tend to stick to ourselves. We don't feel like we need a great deal of intervention from the outside world and especially not from the government.

We aren't natural joiners beyond our small circle, and we don't need to be. You know the slogan you used to see on many t-shirts, "If I have to explain, you wouldn't understand." Well, I don't ever recall trying to explain. Again, I had enough people around me that did understand to fulfill all my gregarious needs.

It is who we are but ultimately not the ideal formula for building volunteer grassroots activist organizations that have to play well with other to be successful. We certainly aren't unique in this regard. Many people who tend to be involved in things where it requires a great deal of passion and act on that passion carry these same tendencies, and they too are under attack daily.

I have always found it a mix between baffling and incomprehensible when someone takes up a cause with a crazed zeal to restrict or take something away from someone doing what they don't even themselves do. I immediately think of throwing a leg over a bike or various other outdoor activities I am heavily involved in. I often say to myself, "What gives them the right to fight to take away something we have that they don't?" Therefore requiring us to fight to protect it because we do it and understand why we do it.

Well, that the catch, we fight to give them that right, I don't see it working any other way in a free country. Of course, one problem is there are less of us that fight out of love for something than those that zealously and jealously fight out of spite to take it away, again something they don't even do. That WHY I say, WHY.

Over the past three decades, my experience in the MRF, ABATE and many other grassroots organizations (including being President of non-motorcycle organizations) lead me to the conclusion that it is indeed fear, spite, jealousy, misplaced or lack of understanding. Increasingly a troubling area, to get attention, which eventually leads to corrupt money. Most ANTI-groups I come up against don't even want to win the fight because then their source of income, notoriety, and endless fundraising goes away.

So, as we know, the only way to combat this uneducated crazy is with a more deep-rooted passion, and battle more aggressively than someone that doesn't even involve themselves in the activity they struggle against. We have also learned to do it from the inside with significant education behind the causes we take up. Hard to replace an honest, educated, passionate person trying to protect something they love.

So, while the political arena is beyond dysfunctional, media's incredible bias, society seemingly having zero tolerance for anyone that doesn't think exactly the way they do and significantly decreasing independent thought happening. I remain optimistic in my belief that honesty, sincerity, education, in and around a passion for something I love to do and that is woven into my very being will win the day. High time we spend some energy with like-minded individuals believing this is the case and we will continue to prevail.

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1101 South Union Road
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Registration From: 10:30AM-12PM

Raffle Prizes
50/50

LAST BIKE OUT @ 12PM - LAST BIKE IN @ 4:30

HANDS: 1 FOR $15 / 3 FOR $25

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GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

February 4 – General Meeting 7pm @ Jackson's Cafeteria
February 20 – Toy Run Meeting @ Union Diner 1101 Union Rd, Gastonia 7pm
February 21 – Cleveland County CBA Spaghetti Dinner @ VFW Post 4066 855 W Sumter St, Shelby 6pm-9pm
March 3 – Gaston CBA Officers Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ Jackson's Cafeteria
March 3 – Gaston CBA General Meeting 7pm @ Jackson's
March 14 – Gaston County Toy Run for Kids Breakfast @ Gastonia Dodge 2339 Franklin Blvd, Gastonia
March 21 – Steel Rain "Chop Rods & BBQ" @ Brooklyn's Pizzeria 3481 US-601, Concord 12pm-4pm
March 24 – Deadline to order Smoked Boston Butts or Chickens from Carolina Thunder (Pick up will be March 28th after 10am @ Cavendish Brewery 207 N Chester St, Gastonia)

BIKE NIGHT: Cycle Gear—2nd Tuesday of each month from 5-8pm (even during the winter months)

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MEMBER CONTEST: The Gaston CBA is continuing our member contest in 2020. Would you like to win $100? To win all you need to do is attend our general meeting or state meeting. You will receive a ticket every time you attend a meeting. The more you attend—the more chances you have of winning. The winning ticket will be drawn on November 3rd at our general meeting.

Officers are not allowed to enter this contest.

We can't accomplish our goals in Raleigh without your support. Please renew today to help us in Raleigh to fight for your rights. We ask that you recruit at least one (1) new or lapsed member during the month of December. Your motorcycle freedom depends on organizations such as the CBA/ABATE of NC and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF).

You can renew using PayPal at: www.gastoncountycba.com or use the application in this issue of *The Gaston CBA News & Reports*. Mail application to:
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RENEWALS FOR July 2019 — February 2020

JULY 2019
Tim Wilson
Patricia Tubby

AUGUST 2019
Allen Head

September 2019
Ronald Conrad
Cameron Little
Jack J. Weisberger
Lisa Downie
Breanna Nicoletti
Travis Robbins
Dustin Jones
Ronald Robbins
Tammy Shelton
Phillip & Stacy Middleton

OCTOBER 2019
Mark & Kathy Moses
Darin & Amber Walls
Al Brower / Lisa Gibson

NOVEMBER 2019
Kyle Pennington
Chris Shackelford
Susan Monaco
Darrell Wyatt
Angelizue Jenkins Price
Mary Schneider
Rob Robinson

December 2019
Lillian Burgess
David & Cindy Childress
Michael & Audra Cline
Paul Bumgardner
Heaven Bumgardner

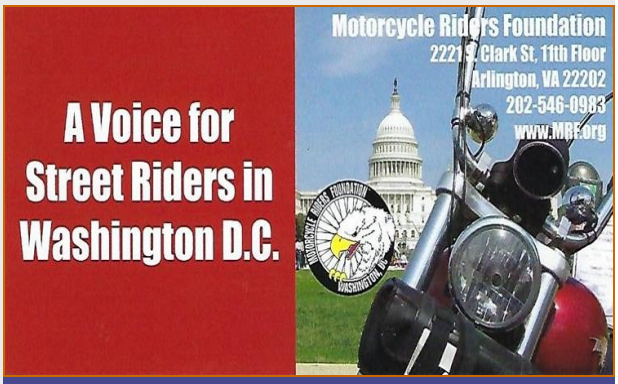
December 2019
Sidney & Amanda Gillespie
Daniel & Tiffany Moffat-Guinn
Robert Reep
Harry & Ginny Waller
Mike Wilson
Jason & Ecco Bentley

January 2020
Sherry Beason
Steven Blanton
Danny & Beth Collins
David Jones
Jeremy Randolph
Cathy Burgess
Jeffrey Randolph
Horace & April Sprouse
Jody & Ann Eudy
James Michael King
Kenneth & Jackie Auten
Malcolm & Kristy Mize
Wesley & Angela South
Yanitza & Michaella Hill

February 2020
Pete & Jennifer McGinnis
Billy & Angie Starnes
Todd Stillwell
Mark & Crystal Ward

March 2020
Christopher Madore
Bill & Angel Thurber
Walter Ratchford
Mike & Wendy Dixon

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Christopher Atchley
Roger Carpenter
Paul Brock
Jamie Carter
Travis Greene
Robert Martin
Douglas Morris
Shawn Smith
Brandon Stevens
Tommy and Megan Pardo
Steven & Ashley Sanders
Hugh A Teague III
Lee Burgin & Patty Hawkins *(transferred from Cleveland County CBA)*



We encourage our members to also join the MRF. The Motorcycle Riders Foundations does the same thing in Washington that we do in Raleigh, so it's very important that we have a voice there too. There is also an extra incentive to join the MRF, you will receive $3500 of accidental death & dismemberment insurance. To join and be a part of another organization that watches out for your rights—click on www.mrf.org.

Is your name on this page? Or did you lapse before July 2019? If so we need you to renew today! It doesn't matter if you belong to another organization or club, every biker needs to belong to the CBA. We are the only organization in NC that represents approximately 200,000 bikers in the General Assembly. If you know someone on this page, please encourage them to renew. Also if you have any ideas on how to retain our members, please let us know. This is not just a Gaston problem, it's a problem all over the state.

Gaston County CBA Polar Bear Run
January 4, 2020
Proceeds benefit Gaston County CBA/ABATE

Income:

Ride	$	750.00
Food	$	
Raffle	$	230.00
50/50	$	200.00
Total Income	**$**	**1,180.00**

Expenses:

Best Hand	$	100.00
Worst Hand	$	30.00
Food	$	54.63
50/50 Payout	$	100.00
Gift	$	38.52
Flyers/Ad	$	198.49
Total Expenses	**$**	**521.64**

Difference	**$**	**658.36**
Donations	**$**	**35.00**
		623.36

20% to the State	**$**	**124.67**

Event Profit	**$**	**533.69**

This report does not include the final tally on the t-shirts as all the information isn't available yet.

Jason "Jughead" Barber's winner of $100 from our sponsor Metrolina Motorsports

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We welcome our newest Gaston CBA Sponsor—The Union Diner at 1101 Union Road, Gastonia. A lot of you already know this great place to eat so we are happy they decided to join our family.

For a great meal at a really good price—try them out and while you are there, please tell them you appreciate their support of our chapter. Remember without the sponsors in this newsletter, there is no way we could afford to put it out every month.

ATTENTION AREA CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS! Information for the newsletter must be sent to Jill by the **15th of the month.** 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 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. At our general meeting in April 2019, it was voted on and approved that if your club or organization does not support the CBA, then the CBA cannot support you or your events. If your members are not CBA members, advertising rates will now apply for one issue of our newsletter: 1/4 page—$ 12.50; 1/2 page—$25.00; Full page—$50.00.

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Cherokee Grill, Kings Mtn.
Iconz Bar & Grill, Gastonia
Rockhouse Tavern, Gastonia
Friends Bar & Grill, Belmont
Tony's Bar, Charlotte
Scooterz's, Cherryville

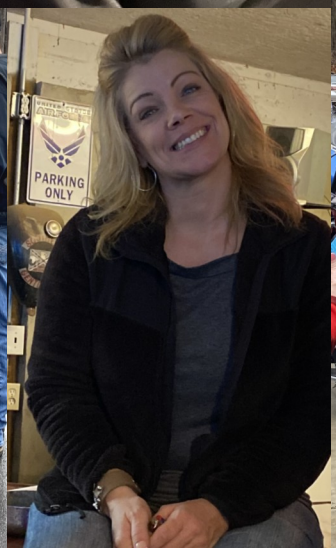
The places we have listed above that **<u>DO NOT</u>** support the wearing of patches or colors in their establishment. We believe this should not be a factor when we are only there to support their business.

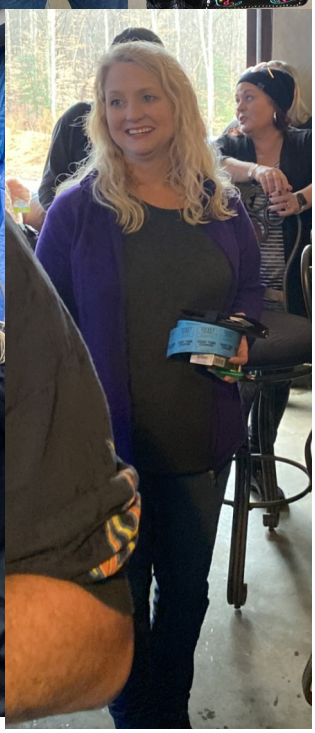
Do you read your printed newsletter? Do you receive it via the US Postal Service but would you consider getting it online instead? You could save us approximately $25 a year if you would just get it online from our website. Since printing cost is high, we just can't put as much information in the printed version as we can in the online issue. If you would like to get it online, please let Donna know as soon as possible so we can save money for our chapter.

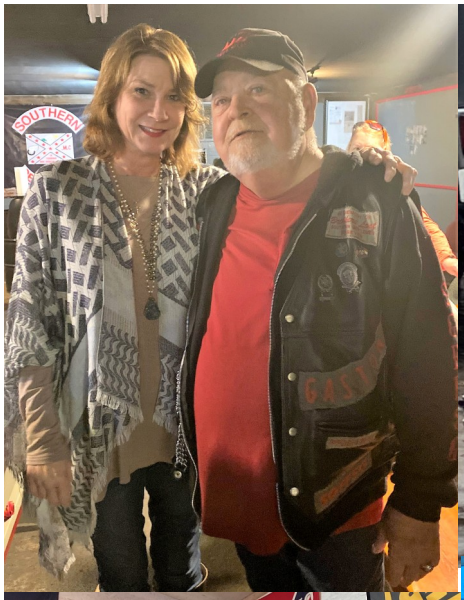
Pictures from State Meeting Weekend— January 25th & 26th

Polar Bear Run—January 4th

Benefit for Sugarfoot & Kay—January 11th



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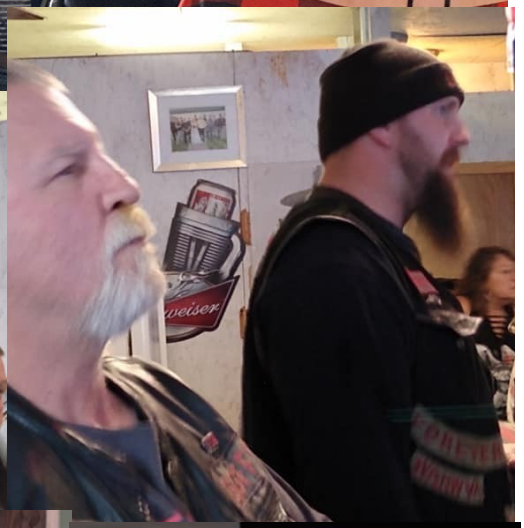
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Blueprint For Successfully Protesting "No Motorcycle Colors"

Nationwide the act of law enforcement coercing private establishments to prohibit motorcycle club-related clothing and paraphernalia has grown to epidemic levels. The National Council of Clubs, representing motorcycle clubs and their member's legitimate interests in all 50 states, stands in opposition to law enforcement coercion and encourages motorcyclists to organize and fight back!

A recent example in the state of Pennsylvania not only highlights the issue, but also provides a viable blueprint for successfully reversing law enforcement motivated discrimination in public accommodations. Ephrata Police attempted to coerce a local Elks Lodge into breaking a contract with the Lancaster County Motorcycle Club (LCMC) that planned on holding their annual Halloween party to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Fortunately, the LCMC, the NCOC, and Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP), organized a successful campaign blocking law enforcement's efforts.

The Background

Lancaster County Motorcycle Club is "a family friendly group using our love of riding motorcycles to help charities and benefits in our community." LCMC as a collective, have never had any interactions with any law enforcement agency, and has references from many facilities that have hosted them, or that they participated in events with. On August 15th, 2019, LCMC signed a rental contract with the Elks Lodge 1933 to hold their annual Halloween party to take place on October 26, 2019. LCMC had hired a band, and planned on renting a taxi for any intoxicated drivers, and had a motorcycle trailer on standby as well. With food, entertainment, and safety measures in place, everything was going as planned, and shaping up to be a successful charity fundraiser. That is until the Ephrata Police decided to get involved.

State Actor Discrimination

On September 23rd, a board member of the Elks Lodge informed LCMC that their party was canceled at the behest of Lt. Christopher McKim of the Ephrata Police Department. Lt. McKim, acting under the color of state law in a official capacity, and who is also a member of the Elks lodge, had several conservations with a board member and the president of the lodge, "advising" them "not to have the party because of the possible ramifications that could happen from it." The board members of the lodge decided to have a meeting to discuss what they believed was a directive from the local police department. Lt. McKim told the board members that he was 'tipped off' by agencies that were higher than his. Lt. McKim falsely claimed that LCMC had ties to a Motorcycle 'Gang', and employed a scare tactic of asking the lodge what they would do in the event that something 'bad' happened. Based on the erroneous and sensationalized misinformation that was presented to them, the Elks Lodge decided to cancel the planned event.

LCMC Pushes Back

Lancaster County Motorcycle Club was not happy about the slanderous information that was being spread about them, and made the decision to push back. The President of LCMC made several phone calls to the president of the Elks Lodge, as well as too Lt. McKim seeking an explanation as to why he would illegally influence a private business under the color of the law.

After several days and multiple attempts unanswered, LCMC President contacted the NCOC. On September 27th, 2019, I called Lt. McKim and requested an interview. Initially, he stated that he did not have time, and did not know what the questions were going to be in reference too. I informed him that I would be writing an article about his illegal actions, and would like to get quotes and/or his side of the story. Once this information was presented, Lt. McKim made time and decided to speak with this writer.

Ephrata Police Backpedal

Lt. McKim denied pressuring the Elks Lodge to cancel event, stating that "we", the Ephrata Police, "just wanted them to be aware of the situation, aware of the connection." He stated that he had received information from other confidential sources that "trouble can arise, not that it will arise." He stated that the police department contacts any venue that is holding an event discusses how they would handle the situation "if anything bad happened." When asked whether he, or the Ephrata Police Department is against the Elks Lodge hosting the LCMC parties, he responded "NO, not at all."

While this writer was informing the LCMC President of the conservation with Lt. McKim, the Lt. coincidentally decided to return the President's phone call. Armed with this new information, LCMC was able to secure an audience with the Elks Lodge board members to discuss the issue of having their party cancelled.

The Meeting

Majority of the LCMC, as well as this writer, were present for a meeting with board of the Elks Lodge. Many of tired and true misconception about Motorcycle Clubs were brought up in the meeting. One board member, a retired Ephrata Police officer, even insinuated that if a certain Motorcycle Club was not invited, that there was going to be violence. This same board member reaffirmed what was believed when he stated that "we were basically told not to have the party."

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Blueprint For Successfully Protesting "No Motorcycle Colors" (continued)
Armed with statistical data and evidence, as well as compelling personal and collective stories, LCMC was able to able to convince the board members that having the party would not result in any violence, and that Lt. McKims mischaracterization of them was exactly that. After the meeting LCMC was informed that all but one board member voted to allow the party to take place as originally planned.

The Party

On October 26th, LCMC held their Halloween party as planned. There were zero incidences of violence, zero complaints from neighbors, and zero involvement from any law enforcement agency. Most importantly, proceeds were able to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which helps the families of sick children at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Children's Hospital.

This is yet another example of what can be accomplished when the Motorcycle Club community works together for Our 1st Amendment Rights.

LEGISLATION

Federal: Visit www.mrf.org for more information on these bills.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will be rolling out a handful of calls to action with membership in the coming weeks. A call to action is the easiest way for you to contact your elected officials about the priorities of motorcyclists directly. It takes on average 2 minutes to fill out the basic contact information and reach out to your lawmakers. Part of the power of our movement comes from strength in numbers.

Your outreach helps build the foundation for what we are doing here in DC. When we walk into an office, and the staff has seen dozens and dozens of letters about motorcycle issues, they are always more engaged and willing to listen.

There is a CALL TO ACTION for Federal - H Res 255 (The link for the resolution for anyone who wants to read it is: https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/255)
This is a resolution promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling.

In just five days, over 1300 of you sent letters to Congress regarding H. Res 255, the motorcyclist profiling resolution. At least one letter was received by 312 of the Congressional offices. Meaning 72% of the House of Representatives heard from us. The state of New York is leading the charge with the most letters sent to their legislators on H. Res. 255. Let's keep hammering these lawmakers until they understand we aren't going away. If you haven't already done the call to action, you can click here to get it done.

http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/write-a-letter…

The more letters that are sent, the louder our voice is on Capitol Hill. We also encourage you to share the link with friends and other riders via email and social media. Sharing these links is a great way to introduce non-members to the MRF and our important mission here in D.C.

Keep your eyes open for more of these calls to action on different topics, and let's keep the pressure up!

Other Federal Bills to watch:

Federal - HR 1024

A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15, and for other purposes.

Federal - S 2602
A bill to exclude vehicles to be used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

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Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report
December 2019

Beginning Balance : $ 2,881.95

Income:

$ 210.00	Membership
600.00	Newsletter Sponsors
800.00	Polar Bear Shirt Sponsors

Total Income: $ 1,610.00

Expenses:

$ 70.60	Fraud Refund overage
194.32	Newsletter
198.49	Polar Bear Run Expense
100.00	Polar Bear Run Expense

Total Expenses: $ 563.41

PayPal Balance: $1,719.66

Ending Bank Balance (12/31/2019): $ 3,928.54

Cash on Hand—$5,648.20

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

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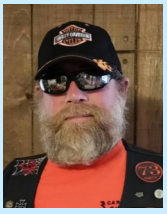

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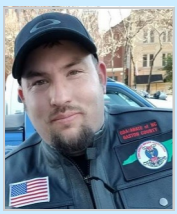

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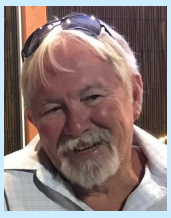

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cba.abateofncmembershipservice@gmail.com

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DATE: _____

CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION/ABATE OF NC, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ____ NEW or ____ RENEWAL

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST/LAST NAME_____

AGE: __Under 16 __16-29 __30-50 __Over 50

PHONE ( ) _____

E-MAIL _____

OCCUPATION _____

REGISTERED VOTER ___YES or ___NO

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Other MOTORCYCLE AFFILIATIONS:_____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ State _____ ZIP CODE+4 _____

Would you like to receive your copy of your local & State Newsletter? ____Electronic or ___US Postal Service?

Would you like to have a membership card mailed to you? ____ Yes _____No

Your membership in the CBA is important and valued. How would you like to share your involvement, knowledge, love of riding and protecting motorcyclists' rights?

___Volunteer for events (road guards, food, raffle prizes, sell products, ride stops) ___Attend meetings
___Legislative Committee ___Speak to other bike groups ___Sponsor recruitment ___Events Committee

I understand by signing my name to this application that I am a member in a grassroots political organization formed to protect motorcyclists' rights.

SIGNED: _____DATE: _____

Dues: Individual ___1 year $20.00 ___3 year $60.00 ___5 year $100.00 ___Lifetime $100.00*
Couple ___1 year $30.00 ___3 year $90.00 ___5 year $150.00 ___Lifetime $150.00*
___ Junior (under the age of 16, free) ___ Young adult (16-29, free for first year of membership)

***Lifetime is available after 5 consecutive years of membership**

How did you find out about the CBA? (Social media, recruited by, etc.): _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKET GIVEN BY: _____ DATE: _____

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES ONLY: **Revised: January 30, 2020**

Postmarked: _____ Received: _____ by Email - Fax - Mail Sent to State – Chapter: _____

Pymt. Method:_____ Amt: _____ Expiration Date:_____ Renewal Card Mailed:_____ Inv:_____