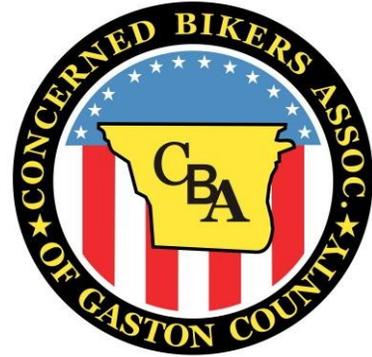
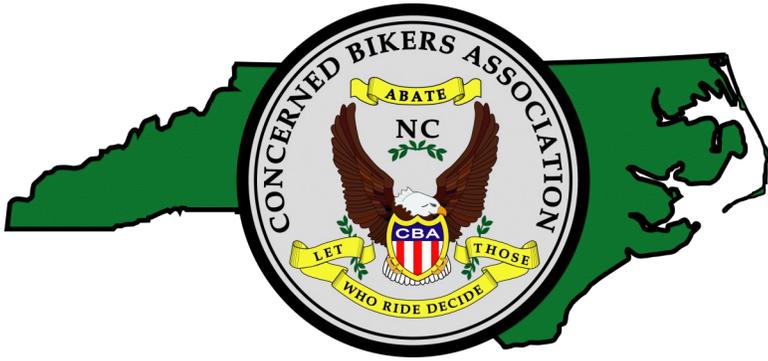


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Information:

Donna Barnett 704 287-4309 / deb2334@yahoo.com

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President's Message -

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7pm. Meetings are held monthly at Jackson's Cafeteria, 1453 E. Franklin Blvd, Gastonia. You are not required to eat to attend but they have really good country food, so come early and join us.

As I'm sitting here in room 6205 at CaroMont Hospital, Gastonia watching my husband of over 59 years deal with another health issue, it saddens me to see him go through this. For over two weeks he has been here with iv's of antibiotics going into his body to try and cure the infection in his heart. I marvel at the dedication of his doctors and nurses who are helping him, but I'm very sad at the staggering number of people in this hospital especially in the ICU/CCU that are also here. The following is my opinion. I'm a firm believer in vaccines. Maybe you're not but because there are so many people in hospitals that have Covid who were not vaccinated, other surgical procedures for people are being delayed. The infectious disease doctor (who is also taking care of Peewee's infection) told us that nearly all of the patients and the most serious patients with Covid are the unvaccinated. He said the hospital does have a few that were vaccinated but it's mostly patients that have other severe health problems. I am amazed at the dedication of the scientist that worked tirelessly in developing a vaccine for this terrible virus. I'm also thankful for the scientist that developed the antibiotics that are going into Peewee's body and the ones that developed the defibrillator that keeps his heart pumping. Peewee and I have taken the vaccine and will get the booster shot as soon as he gets better. I firmly believe that God leads mankind to develop healing and preventable medicine and devices. I know people say "well when it's my time—it's my time" but if God allowed mankind to develop something that will prevent death then I believe a person should take it if they can. You can disagree but I will bet my last dollar that if you or your family member comes down with this virus and it is serious to the point of death you will (as a lot of people are doing) beg for the vaccine or wish you had received it to help save your life or the life of your loved one. I have a cousin who retired from the Air Force but before he went into the service he worked at CaroMont (then Gaston Memorial) as a respiratory specialist. He said that even patients that were "do not resuscitate" fought death when they couldn't breath. Imagine having to fight that for weeks trying to breath with this virus. If a vaccine can help save my love ones or me in anyway, I'm willing to get the shot. By the way I do respect your right to disagree but I believe that you should not take up a hospital bed of someone that needs heart or other life saving surgeries because you choose not to get the vaccine. Now I will get off my soap box. ** I know some can't take it because of other serious health issues.*

We have our annual Freedom Ride coming up on Saturday, September 11th. This should be a good ride down SC Hwy 11 to Strawberry Hill Farm for lunch. If you have never been to Strawberry Hill, then you are in for a treat. They have really good food but the best part is their ice cream. We hope you will join us on this ride to our southern state where you are allowed the freedom to ride without your helmet if you so desire.

Creekside is coming up the weekend of September 17, 18 and 19. We need volunteers to work the gates at this event. If you are willing to work a 4 hour shift either Friday afternoon/night or anytime on Saturday, you will get in free for the weekend. Please let Gabby, Donna or Spyder know if you can work the gate. This is one of our biggest recruitment events for new or lapsed members and right now we need them but of course we always need you to renew your membership. If we don't fight for our rights as bikers—who do you think will do it for us? Or we can sit just sit back and let the politicians make laws that do not benefit us.

I do want to address the issue of planning events on the same date as yearly established events. We all try to support each other but when organizations plan something on the same day (such as on Creekside weekend), I will not advertise that event because CBA supports Creekside. I just think it's just wrong to do that especially when area organizations know the dates of planned yearly events from our Area Officers Meeting that are held quarterly where most of these events are listed at the beginning of the year. The CBA has had to move our event before to accommodate an organizations but to plan something on a date you know from the start that is a yearly planned event is wrong plus it causes hard feelings. Ride safe —Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / August 3, 2021

Meeting was held at Jackson's Cafeteria with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell at 7:00 pm. 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. Please remember to silence or turn off your phones.

Legislation – Please take the time to go to the MRF's legislative section to keep up with what is happening in Washington and to contact your representatives regarding several Federal issues. Your input is very important and only takes a few minutes.

CBA and Other Area Events (Gabby) – Gabby 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).

Vice President (Gabby) – Rusty Rabbit in Dallas will be our newest sponsor. Gabby and Brian are also working on some other sponsors.

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 323 members (259 renewals, 64 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. Motion made and approved to accept the July minutes as they were published in the August 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/Road Captain (Brian) – Currently working on routes for some Sunday rides. One of the rides will be to the Fred Sims Chapel – watch for more details. This is the outdoor chapel that has the amazing view with the cross.

MSAP – Please let one of our officers know if you are interested in being the MSAP Director.

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 is being donated to St. Judes (Mickey's family chose the charity) so please buy a shirt.

Old Business –

- 2021 Ride Dates (Freedom Ride – September 11)
- Ride rates: different rates for CBA members vs. non-members. Non-member rate includes a 1 yr membership (members \$15/one, \$25/two; non-members \$20/one, \$30/two)
- Motorcycle Profiling link on the state CBA page (it is under the "More" tab on the top right hand side of the page and is the last item under the tab). <https://www.cba-abatenc.org/report-profilingdiscrimination.html>. There is also a link (report discrimination) on the front page of our website www.gastoncountycba.com.
- The area groups are being asked to provide 2-3 people each to help run the top gate at Creekside in the fall (Sept. 17th after lunch and Sept. 18th starting around 10 am). The more people there are to work the shorter the shift. Please let us know if you can help.
- Meeting of the Minds will be in Atlanta, Georgia September 23-25. We will determine at the July meeting how many we can send. We will also need volunteers of those who go to work while at the MOTM. CBA/ABATE of NC is responsible for volunteers to work. We voted to not spend over \$1200 to send 2 people. This covers gas, hotel for 3 nights, and registration. Donna Barnett and Butch Whitlock will be attending from our chapter.

New Business –

Nominations for chapter officers for 2022 will be due at the September General Meeting. Please speak with Jill, Pete, Gabby or Donna if you are interested in running and they can give you all of
(continued next page)

the information you need about the various positions. The info will also be available in an upcoming newsletter.

We voted on the three choices for state patches. The choices are the current state rectangular patch, the Charlotte patch design that is on our newest shirts, and a one piece patch that is similar to a three piece patch design. We voted on the Charlotte patch design. This will be discussed further during the state meeting in October.

Other Business – None

Close Meeting – Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting with Pete leading us in closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barnett, Secretary**

Hello Everrrbody,

Wow it's hard to believe

Summer is almost over.. It's been a HOT humid season...

I'm so ready for fall, cool nites, bonfires, the beautiful color of the leaves changing colors. Saving on the power bill NO A/C. And of course Good riding weather..

Sept 4th at Indian Motorcycle, Lowell. We are setting up at their Swap meet from 10-2pm.

If you can volunteer to work please call me (704) 868-4688 or Donna (704) 287-4309. We would love for our CBA members that haven't been around to Volunteer ~working our vendor spot. Just stopping by to Show support for our sponsor 'Indian Motorcycle' and your organization.

The vendor spots are 10 x 10 and FREE!!

HOPE TO SEE YALL!

I started back this month our "CBA SPOTLIGHT"..

This is where we SPOTLIGHT one of our Sponsors, a Event or person of interest.

Anyone can write a story, if interested in interviewing one of our CBA Sponsors, please let me know which one you'd like to do.

GASTON CBA SPOTLIGHT

Recently I had the pleasure of talking with Erin Richardson. She wanted to share her breast cancer journey. (Most of the story is in her own words)

I had no health issues at all but cancer don't care. On March 25th I was diagnosed with stage 3 invasive ductal carcinoma.

I'll never forget the day and moment I got that diagnosis. My world stopped right then and so many thoughts consumed me. My little boy "Z" is only six. He doesn't fully understand everything but my mind raced with thoughts of him growing up so young without his mommy, his dad being a single parent, my family being without me. Mike my love and all the very best friends I have I wasn't ready to leave this life.

I have lymph node involvement and my fears were this trying to take over my body since it had already left my breast. It's emotionally, physically and mentally draining then the financial part hits once the scans, doctor appointments, treatments and etc start. I've had 24 appointments and my journey chemo, surgery, radiation, hormone, blocker infusion and reconstruction will not be over until June or July of 2022. Today I have number four chemo treatment. I'm halfway there, days after chemo it knocks me to the dirt, attitude is everything. With this journey you can't sit down you have to fight. I appreciate all the prayers for me daily, the messages and texts it helps more than y'all know.)

Please keep Erin in your prayers on her journey.

Gabby, VP

Chapter Elections -

As an organization, we can't survive without leadership. Right now our officers do a fantastic job BUT we always can use and want new blood. Any organization without new blood gets stagnate and that's not a good thing. Several of our officers have served for several years and are ready to take a break so if you are interested in serving the CBA in an officer's position, check out the requirements and job responsibilities in this newsletter on page 11. We are aware that most bikers belong to other organizations but the CBA is so important to the biker community and we really could use your participation. Sometimes it takes holding a position to fully understand an organization's purpose and goals. If you want to know more about what is involved as an officer, please get in touch with one of the current officers and they will be more than happy to help you.

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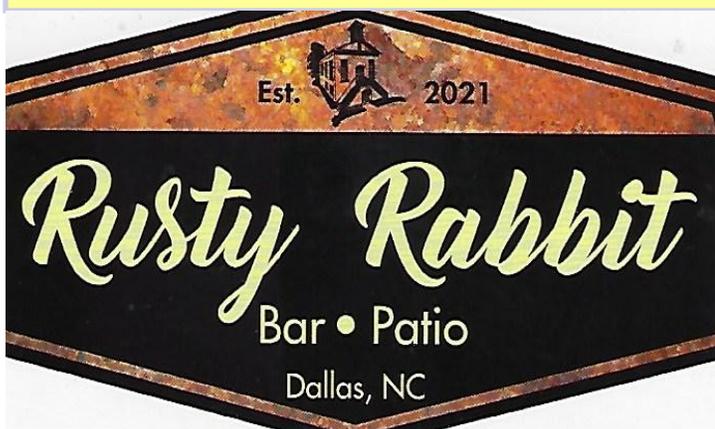
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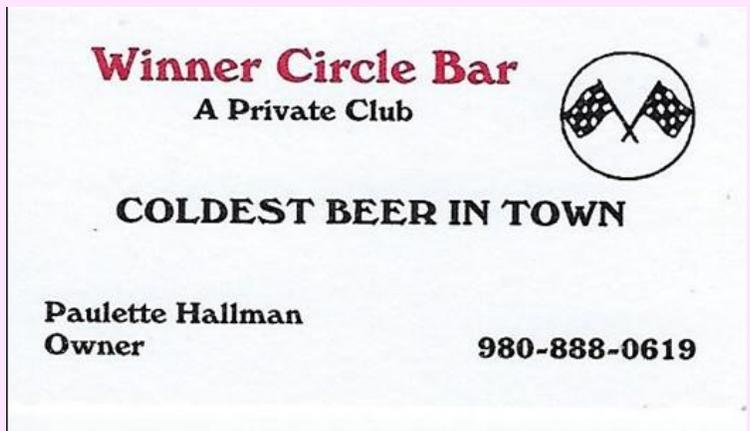
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Billy Atkins—704 860-0463

Chris Shope—704 691-5791

We want to welcome an old friend back to the Gaston CBA family. Paulette Hallman, owner of Winner's Circle, has been a staple in the biker community for more years than we care to remember. She runs a top notch private club with an awesome atmosphere. And when you go there, you will probably meet up with local bikers especially during her summer Thursday Bike Nights. It's a "jewel" in our community.



2021 State CBA Legislative Agenda

Our main focus for the 2021 long session will be -

Anti-Profiling

Equal Access to parking facilities built with taxpayer funds – we will reintroduce this bill

Grass clippings on the roadways

We will monitor legislation for anything that may come up regarding motorcyclists and we will be supportive of the groups pursuing "Hands free NC" legislation. We will monitor lane filtering/splitting in the states where legislation has been passed.

MRF High Priority 2021 Legislative Agenda

Profiling: Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.

Renewable Fuels: Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

Emission Regulations: Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.

Definition of a Motorcycle: Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.

Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws: Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards.

Black Box: Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill): Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021.

We can't accomplish our goals in Raleigh without your support.

Please renew today. Thank you.

RENEWALS FOR January 2021 – September 2021

January 2021

Jody & Ann Eudy
Hugh Teague
Tommy & Megan Pardo
Brad Chester
Wesley South
Angela South

February 2021

Billy & Angie Starnes
Mark & Crystal Ward

March 2021

Brandon Phillips
Tina Cook
James Wilkie
Justin Burgess
Reggie Graham
Melissa Lovingood

April 2021

Jeff & Miranda Willard
Timothy & Lisa Lancaster
Ronald "Ronnie" Jenkins
Kent & Sandra Bishop
Timothy Wix
Bob Bynum
Darrell Burris
Kristina Wyatt

May 2021

David Lutz

June 2021

Gary Miess
Beth Landis
Rob & Sherri Robinson
Jack J. "Diceman" Weisberger
Lisa Downie
Kris Shupikng
Josh & Lindsay Summey
Rick & Brandy Allen Jr.

July 2021

Stacie Howard
Jonathan Willard

August 2021

William "Willie" Grier
Darlene McAbee
Louie Morico
Billy Joe Atkins III
Alicia Kiebzak

September 2021

Malcolm & Kristy Mize
Danny & Karen MacEachern
Travis Logan Barnes
Scott "Rico" Carpenter
David "Pokey" Goodman
Gene Pennington
Lorri Moss
Ronnie & Tara Rockett Sr
Richard & Denise Welch
Amanda Barnes
Ralph & Apache Carpenter
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Devan Hoffman
Parker Lee
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Memberships can be renewed via PayPal using the CBA's website: www.gastoncountycba.com; by mailing it to Gaston County CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell, NC 28098, at any event where the CBA is set up or in person at

GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

September 4 – Swap Meet @ Indian Motorcycle, contact Amanda to set up (see flyer)
September 4 – GOC Car & Bike Show, Bessemer City, 12pm-4pm (rain date 9/5/2021) - (see flyer)
September 7 – CBA General Meeting 7pm – Jackson's Cafeteria
September 11 – Gaston CBA Annual Freedom Ride, Route 55 Country Store & Grill (see flyer)
September 17-19 – Creekside Bike Rally—Gaston CBA will have a booth. Volunteers needed
September 25 – Memorial ride for CBA member Jimmy Carpenter (1120 Hidden Brook Lane, Clover 5pm-8pm)
September 23-25 – MRF Meeting of the Minds (MOTM), Atlanta GA
September 25—Metrolina Benefit Ride & Concert (see flyer)
October 5 – CBA General Meeting 7pm – Jackson's Cafeteria
(chapter elections will be held)
October 11 – Area Officers Meeting @ Carolina Thunder 116 Codylan Dr., Dallas
(food 6:30pm, meeting 7pm)

2021 State CBA Meetings October 23 – State meeting 9 am and our 50th Anniversary Party and Awards that evening. Everyone in attendance at the party will receive a free 50th anniversary patch. The special patch will be available for purchase after the event. The meeting and party will be held at the Village Inn Hotel & Event Center, Clemmons NC

AREA BIKE NIGHTS

Wednesday: Rusty Rabbit, Dallas
Thursday: Winner's Circle, Gastonia

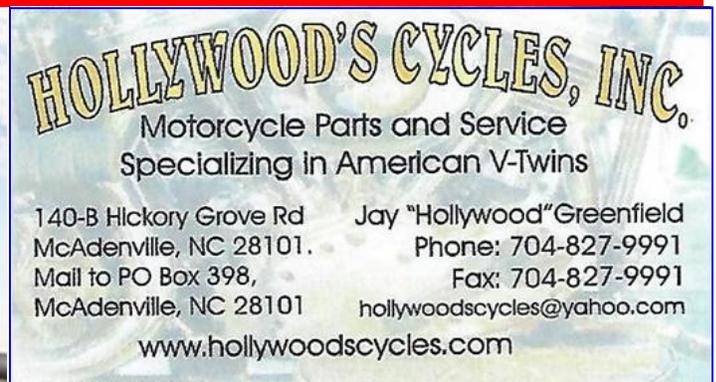


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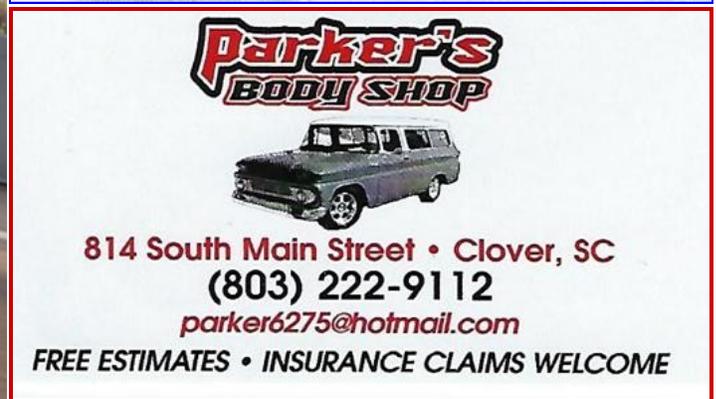
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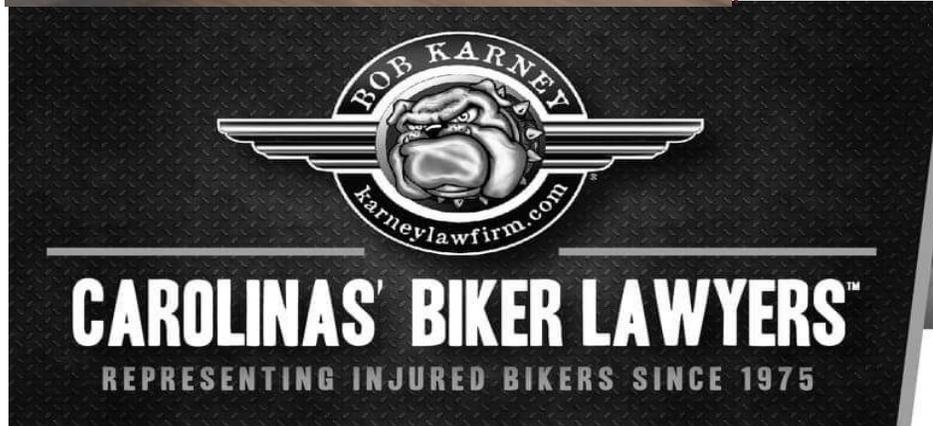
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Article VII CHAPTERS

- 4) Elections for chapter officers will be held the first meeting in October of each year. Officers shall be elected to serve from January 1 to December 31 of each year, and are elected by a simple majority of those members present at the election.
- A. Nominations for chapter officers will be held at the first meeting in September. Any member may nominate a person for office except as noted in Article I, Sections 9 and 10.
- B. Elections will be by secret ballot. Ballots are to be counted before the members at that meeting.
- C. Any member unable to attend an election may give his/her absentee vote in writing in a sealed envelope to any chapter officer or mail to the chapter post office box one week prior to that election. All absentee votes shall be submitted on an original, numbered ballot provided by the chapter and verified by the chapter Master Sgt. At Arms.
- D. If a chapter office is vacated, an election will be held for that office no sooner than the next regular meeting, but within 45 days.
- 5) Chapter officers shall include, but may not be limited to: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Master Sergeant at Arms, Sergeant at Arms, and Legislative Coordinator.
- A. The Chapter President is chairperson for the local chapter meetings, and is directly responsible to CBA for all actions and decisions. It shall be his/her responsibility to keep the State President, Executive Council and Board of Directors informed as to what is going on in his/her chapter. The Chapter President's signature may be one of two signatures on the chapter checking account.
- B. The Chapter Vice President shall act in place of the Chapter President in the event of his/her absence. The Chapter Vice President shall maintain communications between other CBA chapters and shall also perform any duties requested by the Chapter President. His/her signature may be one of two signatures on the chapter checking account.
- C. The Chapter Secretary shall keep full and fair records of all proceedings and transactions at all chapter meetings, including officers meetings. He/she shall maintain a membership roster of all chapter members. Membership applications shall be handled as stated in the By-Laws Section 1, #4 and mailed to Membership Services. The Chapter Secretary shall keep the State Secretary and
- D. State Information Director informed at all times of the time, place, and date of all chapter meetings,
- E. and shall inform the State Secretary of any chapter officer changes, and prepare a detailed and fully complete quarterly chapter activity summary to present to the State Secretary at meetings of the State Executive Council. The Chapter Secretary shall also insure responsibility of the chapter letter for the state newsletter by writing it him/herself or by delegating the letter to someone else within the chapter.
- F. The Chapter Treasurer shall maintain detailed financial records for the chapter, using a standardized system of recording expenditures and income. He/she shall forward to the State Treasurer any monies due the State Treasury for membership dues, product sales, chapter event assessments and/or donations to the State Treasury. These monies shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer within ninety (90) days of the event or collection of income. The Chapter Treasurer shall present to the State Treasurer a quarterly financial report for the state records, at the State Executive Council meetings. Membership applications shall be handled as stated in the By-Laws Section 1, Subsection 3). The Chapter Treasurer's signature must be one of two signatures on the chapter checking account.
- G. The Master Sergeant at Arms shall maintain order at all chapter meetings and functions, supervise secret ballots, and be available to the State Vice President for security arrangements at state functions. If a chapter office is vacated, an election will be held for that office no sooner than the next regular meeting, but within 45 days.

Article I MEMBERSHIP

- 9) The Executive Council, the Board of Directors, and/or chapters shall be authorized to grant an Honorary Membership to any non-CBA member deemed worthy by their special assistance to CBA. Any such person shall have no vote or voice in the affairs of the corporation by virtue of this honor.
- 10) A) Full membership is available for all persons 16 years of age
B) Junior membership shall be available for persons under 16 years of age. Any such member shall have no vote or voice in the affairs of the corporation by virtue of this membership.
C) Associate membership shall be available for persons over 16 years of age. Any such member shall have no vote or voice in the affairs of the corporation by virtue of this membership.
- 11) A CBA member must have a minimum of two consecutive years membership before being eligible for state office and one calendar year for chapter office. The member is eligible if he/she meets the time requirement by the date that the term of office takes effect. There would be an exception for new chapters and emergencies. If no candidate with the appropriate length of membership is nominated, then others will be allowed.

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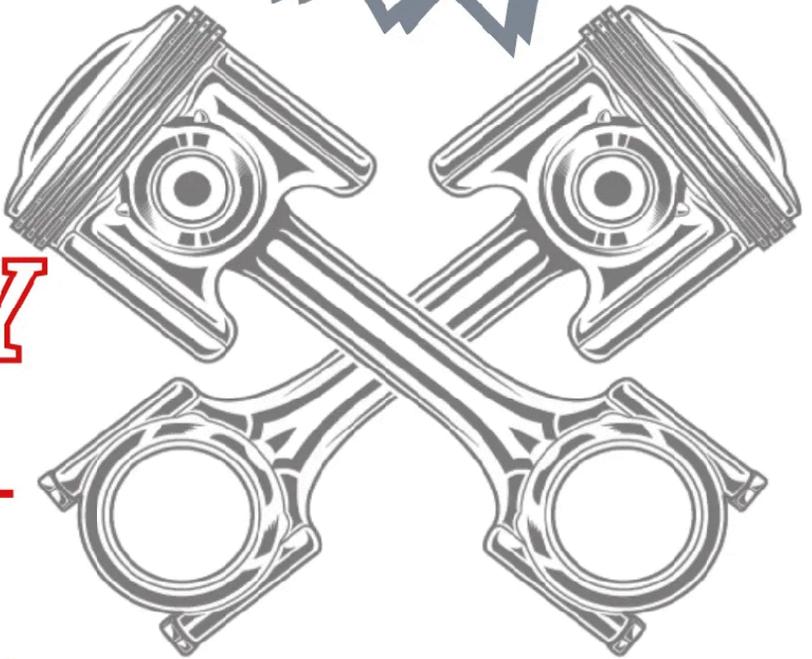
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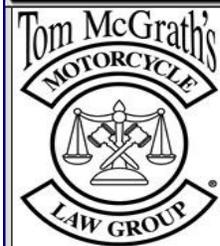
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**Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report
July 2021**

Beginning Balance :	\$ 3,764.67
Income:	
\$ 30.00 Membership	
\$ 150.00 Newsletter Sponsor	
Total Income:	\$ 180.00
Expenses:	
\$ 1,060.00 1st & 2nd Quarter State Dues	
\$ 150.00 Computer Repair (Donna) (New HDD & Updates)	
\$ 235.00 Patches	
Total Expenses:	\$1,445.00
PayPal Balance:	\$ 3,143.69
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 2,499.67
Pay Pal Balance	\$ 3,143.69
Outstanding Checks (Total)	(\$ 50.00)
Overall Total	\$ 5,593.36

Respectfully submitted by Pete McGinnis, Treasurer
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