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FOREWORD
HISTORY

As with most organizations, Azusa StreetRiders was formed due to a “need.” For years, several motorcyclists who attended the First United Pentecostal Church of Conway, SC, USA, attended the Spring and Fall Bike Weeks sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Dealers of the Carolinas in Myrtle Beach, SC, USA. The Spring Event had grown to over 250,000 bikers by 1998 and was reportedly the third largest motorcycle event in the world. Although having a much smaller attendance, Fall Bike Week still boasted of over 20,000 bikers and was growing rapidly. During these events, many Christian motorcycle organizations were present in the area and some had tents, provided refreshments, held worship services and passed out Christian literature. As believers in the Oneness Apostolic Doctrine as summarized in Acts 2:38, this group of bikers from the First UPC found that none of the preached messages at these motorcycle events delivered “full truth” and a burden began to develop.

It has been often stated that the two most under-evangelized groups in the United States are truck drivers and bikers. The efforts of these Trinitarian biker ministries attending Bike Weeks in Myrtle Beach paled in comparison to the “need.” Splintering of their organizations was quite evident and “bike-ministry-hopping” was as noticeable as “church-hopping.” The true salvation message was not being taught at these motorcycle events or promoted in any way.

Recognizing this void of “truth” in motorcycle ministries, the internet was searched to find any Oneness Apostolic motorcycle ministry or club. Countless hours were spent searching the web, to no avail...no motorcycle ministry or club could be found anywhere in the world that embraced the message of God’s Oneness. We found literally hundreds of Trinitarian motorcycle/biker ministries but no Oneness motorcycle/biker ministries.

Azusa StreetRiders, The Oneness Apostolic Motorcycle Ministry of Jesus Christ was formed in August of 1999, as an outreach ministry of the First United Pentecostal Church of Conway, SC, USA, by the bikers in the congregation, under the guidance of Pastor Andrew Ben Cooke. The initial focus of this new ministry was to spread the Apostles’ Doctrine as found throughout the New Testament to the motorcycle community during the annual Spring and Fall Bike Weeks in Myrtle Beach, SC.

In the Fall Bike Week of 1999, our first “outreach” event, Azusa StreetRiders set up a “revival” tent to seat approximately 100, distributed flyers promoting the event which included free barbeque lunches and dinners, and provided live “praise” music. There were about 25,000 bikers in Myrtle Beach for that Fall Bike Week, but the Azusa StreetRiders Revival was sparsely attended by bikers. Were it not for the support and attendance of the congregation of the First UPC of Conway, the event would appear to most observers as a total “flop.” But the revival fire had been planted in the church and the event would be “tweaked” for the future Bike Week events.

Desiring to promote the Apostles’ Doctrine of Oneness to the motorcycle community, Azusa StreetRiders decided to make some changes in the “outreach format” and decided to do a live music festival during the 2000 Spring Bike Week which was expected to have about 250,000 bikers in attendance. The barbeque lunches and dinners were continued as before, but the “revival” was eliminated, and the Azusa StreetRiders Songfest was born. Over a five-day period, eleven different Christian music “acts” performed live, on stage, from noon to 6:00 pm. Most every type of Christian music was performed; Rock, Gospel, Blue Grass, Contemporary, Praise and Worship. There were solo acts and praise teams with up to 17 members. Public testimonies were given between songs and during changes

in performance groups. Nationally (in 32 states at that time), K-LOVE Christian Radio tagged the Azusa StreetRiders Songfest as their “Featured Event of the Week” and we had five daily one- minute national promotions for a week and live radio updates on the last day of the event.

Again, the turnout was disappointing. Although we fed over 1,800 bikers free lunches and dinners and were able to pass out Oneness tracks, the music events were not well attended. We tried this same “Songfest” format for both the Fall of 2000 and the Spring of 2001, with similar results...we fed many, but the music did not attract the bikers. They were more interested in visiting the motorcycle “swap” events and bars.

Simultaneous to hosting the early Azusa StreetRiders events during Bike Weeks in Myrtle Beach, we began to put the Apostles’ Oneness message on the internet stating that Azusa StreetRiders was the only motorcycle ministry that embraced this “truth..” We had secured the web address of www.AzusaStreetRiders.com and over the course of a few years have found others with a similar burden for bikers and the Oneness message across the US and Canada. The first time Azusa StreetRiders was featured in print media was in Volume 12, Number 2 issue of Perspectives magazine published by Indiana Bible College (IBC) and since that time, we have been quoted in numerous newspaper articles regarding our Bike Week events and ride events. “Chapters” in other states and Canada were formed by individual bikers and small groups of bikers.

In the Fall Bike Week of 2001, shortly after the devastation of September 11th, we eliminated “live” music, went to Christian taped music, concentrating on the more successful food distribution, witnessing one-on-one, passing out Oneness tracks, distributing Bibles and praying with those who would allow. In essence, we have gone from a “grand music production” (our Songfest) to simply “making friends.” Since that time, the fall of 2001, this has been the method of operation for the Bike Week events in Myrtle Beach. Through the Azusa StreetRiders “chapter” in San Diego, CA, USA, in 2004, Azusa StreetRiders featured a booth in Biketober West and passed out Oneness literature along with refreshments. At the Sturgis [SD, USA] Bike Week, several Azusa StreetRiders from Springfield, OR, USA, and San Diego, CA, proudly wore their “colors” at the world’s largest motorcycle event and in many events around the country, you will now find Azusa StreetRider members befriending bikers and witnessing to them of God’s goodness.

Azusa StreetRiders Inc. is now recognized by the IRS as a 501 © 3 not-for-profit organization. This legal structure does not extend to local chapters (to be defined later), so for legal purposes, they operate autonomously. Most do so under the umbrella of a local church as “a ministry of [local church name]” until they are ready to formally incorporate. Due to our many activities around the world and the litigious nature of society today, the “legal” protective covering offered by the local church should be exchanged for direct incorporation by all “chapters” as soon as practical. All individual “chapters” of Azusa StreetRiders,

whether now in existence or those to be formed in the future, will operate their “church” organization as “a ministry of [church]” until they deem it necessary to become autonomous themselves. This decision is purely a “legal” necessity and does not mean that we operate any differently than before, as a Oneness Apostolic motorcycle outreach.

GOAL

Our goal is to unite all existing bikers (motorcycle riders) in Oneness Apostolic churches around the world, regardless of their church organizational affiliation, under the Azusa StreetRiders banner and to go forward

spreading the Holy Ghost flames of revival begun on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts and as witnessed in modern times on Azusa Street in Los Angeles, CA, USA, in the early 1900s, in what has become known as the “Azusa Street Revival,” the greatest outpouring of the Holy Ghost since Biblical days. We want to spread this message to fellow bikers and their families regardless of their existing beliefs, their loyalties, their church attendance, their traditions or their socioeconomic status...The soul-saving message of Acts 2:38 is for all!

There are many Oneness Apostolic motorcycle riders across the globe. Our intent is to identify each and every one, involve them in outreach for Christ using their motorcycles and to encourage them to become active members of Azusa StreetRiders. Membership has a two-fold purpose. First is to get Oneness Apostolic motorcycle riders to be able to identify with others of like faith (Acts 2:38 message of “Truth”) and interests (motorcycling) in order to come together for larger outreach events—there is strength in numbers. And second, to be able to fellowship with fellow biker-believers. By organizing, perhaps we can prevent fragmentation into many different Apostolic Oneness motorcycle groups with varying messages, as Trinitarian motorcycle ministries have done throughout the years. We want to include all who believe as we and who have like passions and burdens. We will witness to all who have not had “Truth” revealed. Azusa StreetRiders is not a church and as individuals within the organization, we attend a number of different local assemblies that are affiliated with a number of different Oneness organizations and independent assemblies around the world. We recognize the authority of the pastors God has placed in our lives and willingly submit to that authority. We do not want a watered down version of the doctrine preached by the Apostles and we certainly do not want to offend our brothers and sisters in Christ due to our love of motorcycling. We simply use motorcycles as tools to witness to a segment of the world’s population that might not otherwise have that opportunity. To this end, we have formed “Azusa StreetRiders Inc.” To assist local pastors in winning souls.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE

We believe in One God, who made Himself flesh through the overshadowing of His Holy Spirit on a virgin. We believe that Jesus Christ was crucified for the sins of the whole world. We believe in the salvation message given in Acts 2:38: repentance, baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. We believe we are to be holy in our behavior because He is holy. We believe we have a great commission from Jesus Christ to go into all the world to witness, teach, and love others to the body of Christ, that is, the church. We want as many people to go to Heaven as our Lord calls. We believe in the assembling of ourselves together regularly in our local church and in being obedient to those who have rule over us. Every member should be held accountable not only to ASR but to their organizational bylaws and marriage statement.

MINISTRY OF AZUSA STREETRIDERS

Azusa StreetRiders is a motorcycle “ministry,” not a riding “club.” When and wherever we ride, we wear our large official back patch. This outward evidence of our “Christianity” frequently generates questions thereby opening doors for witnessing opportunities.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be Azusa StreetRiders Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of Azusa StreetRiders is to unite all motorcycle riders (sometimes referred to herein as “bikers”) who profess the true Apostle’s Doctrine found in the Book of Acts under the name of Azusa StreetRiders. To ride among the hedges and byways seeking the sin sick and to reach lost souls.

Our Mission is to “Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” (II Timothy 4:2)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lust shall heap to themselves teachers having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.” (II Timothy 4:3-4)

We use motorcycles and modest/decent motorcycle-related apparel emblazoned with the Azusa StreetRiders insignia and/or other logo items as our outward “tools” for witnessing of Christ’s true Gospel to bikers, their friends and families. We profess the plan of salvation found, discussed and practiced in the Book of Acts and supported in the epistles and encourage all members to recognize and act upon this fundamental tenant of Christianity. (Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38)

ARTICLE III ORGANIZATIONAL JURISDICTION

Azusa StreetRiders has individual members throughout the world, all of which will abide by the By-Laws approved by ASR International Board. Which may be changed from time to time, as provided for herein.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Application For Membership

- 1 All applicants must agree with the Fundamental Doctrine of the Azusa StreetRiders.
- 2 All applicants must understand and embrace the Apostles' Doctrine as taught throughout the Bible's New Testament. The Apostles' Doctrine is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and obeying

Acts 2:38.

- 3 All applicants must be a minimum of legal motorcycle endorsement age in their state with signed wavier by pastor and parent/legal guardian.
- 4 All applicants must be faithful supporting members of their local churches and submit to their pastor.
- 5 The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject or pull any applicant they feel does not meet the Azusa StreetRiders membership requirements after conversation with pastor.

Section 2 All Azusa StreetRiders

- 1 All members, associate members, honorary members, and life members will be supportive of Azusa StreetRiders chapter activities and events and will participate in local area Azusa StreetRiders sponsored rides and events
- 2 There is no exclusion of any biker due to the make or model motorcycle he may own, ownership of an operational street-legal motorcycle is suggested to enable members to participate in Azusa StreetRiders rides and events.
- 3 The exclusion of non-bikers from membership in Azusa StreetRiders is because most non-bikers simply do not understand the biker culture and generally cannot be effective in a full membership position. There are, however, associate memberships and honorary membership positions available for non-bikers in Azusa StreetRiders, as are addressed in the By-Laws.
- 4 All associated with other than Azusa StreetRiders are expressly prohibited from being a member of any motorcycle club or another motorcycle ministry. For purposes of clarification, "Motorcycle club" shall not include motorcycle benefit organizations, such as A.M.A., H.O.G., or A.B.A.T.E.
- 5 All are expressly prohibited from being a member of any secret society or organization that requires anything to be done in secret, for this does not line up with the Holy Scriptures.

Section 2 Member

- 1 A member of Azusa StreetRiders must be or have been a biker.
- 2 A member must have the approval of his/her pastor before membership will be granted his signature is required on a membership form which, from time to time, may be amended. The signature of the pastor of the individual seeking membership in Azusa StreetRiders will confirm that the individual applying has in fact: Repented, been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and received the gift of the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in tongues. At anytime the board may ask for new signature of pastor on new application. If member changes church, member must do a new application signed by new pastor.

- 3 A member shall pay yearly dues and any other assessments Azusa StreetRiders deems necessary for the good of the organization. All dues and assessments shall be paid in a timely manner and, in no event, later than thirty days after the date due, except as otherwise specifically provided in these By-Laws.

Section 3 Associate Member

- 1 An associate member of Azusa StreetRiders must embrace the Apostles' Doctrine as taught throughout the Bible's New Testament. The Apostles' Doctrine is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and obeying Acts 2:38.
- 2 an Associate Member must agree with the Fundamental Doctrinal and sign a statement stating such.
- 3 An Associate Member does not pay dues.
- 4 An Associate Member may purchase a Azusa StreetRiders back patch.
- 5 Associate Members cannot hold an elected office local or international nor can they vote in elections for officers of Azusa StreetRiders. They shall be able to participate in all Azusa StreetRiders sponsored rides and events.
- 6 Spouses of Members are considered an associate member unless they upgrade to member.
- 7 An associate member may upgrade and is encouraged to upgrade their membership classification to Member upon payment of dues in full for the ensuing twelve months. All past dues will be forgiven.

Section 4 Honorary Member

- 1 Honorary membership may be bestowed on any individual or entity (i.e., church, club, organization, company, corporation, LLC, etc.) that has/have been "unusually helpful" to Azusa StreetRiders in some manner. This may be for physical help in working an Azusa StreetRiders sponsored ride or event or for a significant donation of product(s), money and/or material(s).
- 2 Any Member may submit the name of an individual or an entity in writing to the Azusa StreetRiders Board for consideration to be an Honorary Member, along with the reason(s) for requesting honorary membership.
- 3 The Board will review each request for honorary membership on a case by case basis at the first Board meeting after receiving the request for honorary membership.
- 4 Upon approval by the Board, the general membership will be notified via email of the new Honorary Member.

- 5 Honorary Members will pay no dues.
- 6 Honorary Members are not authorized to vote on Azusa StreetRiders issues or hold any office.
- 7 Honorary memberships will not exceed 10% of the chapter membership.
- 8 Honorary members may attend Azusa StreetRiders general meetings, rides and events as they choose.
- 9 Honorary Members are authorized to wear Azusa StreetRiders backpatch with “HONORARY MEMBER” on bottom ribbon.

Section 5 Life Member

- 1 Life Membership in Azusa StreetRiders will automatically be bestowed on any individual that has been a dues-current Member of Azusa StreetRiders for 20 consecutive years all exiting presidents are eligible lifetime member.
- 2 Life Members will pay no dues.
- 3 Life Members are authorized to vote on Azusa StreetRiders issues and may hold any Azusa StreetRiders office.
- 4 Life Members” may attend any Azusa StreetRiders general meetings, rides and events.
- 5 Life Members are authorized to wear their original Azusa StreetRiders colors but there will be no life member designation shown on the Azusa StreetRiders colors.

Section 6 Discontinued Membership

- 1 Membership in Azusa StreetRiders will continue as long as a member, associate member, honorary member or life member maintains membership in good standing, as provided herein, and actively supports Azusa StreetRiders. Membership will cease upon resignation or dismissal from the Azusa StreetRiders. Thereafter, the former member, associate member, honorary member or life member will have no right, title, interest or claim in any asset of Azusa StreetRiders Inc. including all Azusa StreetRiders back patches (insignias) as delineated herein, nor any rights to any refund of any dues, fees or contributions the member, associate member, honorary member or life member has made to Azusa StreetRiders. Upon demand, the Member back patch (insignia) and property, if any, will be returned to an Azusa StreetRiders the board within thirty days.

- 2 The membership of any member, associate member, honorary member or life member of Azusa StreetRiders will terminate after the member, associate member, honorary member or life member has submitted a written or verbal request for such termination to the Board or any Board member. The Board will respond in written form to said request.

Section 7 Suspensions and Expulsion

- 1 The Board will have the authority to suspend, expel and terminate the membership of any member, associate member, honorary member or life member, for any of the following reasons:
 - a Conduct which, in the opinion of the Board disturbs the order, dignity, business, and harmony or impairs the good name and/or popularity of Azusa StreetRiders. Azusa StreetRiders is a ministry, therefore, we shall not provoke other ministries and/or clubs, or individuals in other ministries and/or clubs to anger because of our Oneness Doctrine. We must be wise in discussing our beliefs in an effort to help others understand truth.
 - b Conduct which, in the Board's opinion, endangers the welfare, interest or character of Azusa StreetRiders.

Section 8 Right to Appeal

- 1 Any member, associate member, honorary member or life member that has been suspended has the right to appeal to a grievance committee.

Section 9 Grievance committee

- 1 Five members that shall be formed from the general membership to serve as a grievance committee.
- 2 No Board member, or individual who filed the grievance shall serve on the grievance committee.

- 3 Each of the five Grievance Committee Members will be assigned by the board.
- 4 A majority vote concerning the matter by the grievance committee will be the final decision on the matter.

Section 10 Reinstatement

- 1 Any reinstated individual must pay their dues to current status to the Board.
- 2 All applications for reinstatement must be a new application signed by pastor and submitted to the Board.

Section 11 Non Transferability of Membership

- 1 Membership in Azusa StreetRiders is non-transferable and non-assignable. This applies to any Azusa StreetRiders property and Azusa StreetRiders back patches.

Section 12 Dues And Fees

- 1 Annual dues for each member will be \$60.00 per year payable within thirty days of receipt of an invoice from Azusa StreetRiders international headquarters. Each year members will be provided with an invoice via email or US Postal Service at the last known email or postal address. Spouses are automatically associate members. However the husband and wife may each become voting members by paying annual dues of \$60.00 each. Each individual member will receive invoice due in thirty days. Each chapter will receive invoice due within thirty days.
- 2 If a member does not pay the annual membership dues within thirty days of receipt of the invoice, they will automatically be transferred to associate member status.
- 3 Dues received by the Azusa StreetRiders international headquarters may be amended from time to time as provided for herein, and will be used for any of the following reasons:
 - a ministry expenses
 - b administration expenses
 - c operating expenses
 - d promotional expenses, or

- e Board approved expenses, as may be directed.
- 4 An initial application fee of \$10.00 will be charged by the Azusa StreetRiders international headquarters for postage, processing and handling of an individual's application for membership.
- 5 Although there will be no other fees associated with Azusa StreetRiders, unless changed from time to time as allowed herein, there may be costs for purchases of logo items, support items and/or registration costs for Azusa StreetRiders sponsored rides and events.

**ARTICLE V
GOVERNING BODY**

Section 1 Names of Officers

- 1 The Board of Directors of Azusa StreetRiders will consist of the following officers:
 - a President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by a single Individual Member rather than by two different Individual Members.
- 2. Optional Officers may be appointed by the Board or the President on an as needed basis to fulfill the responsibilities of the ministry.

Section 2 Qualifications For Board of Directors

- 1 Azusa StreetRiders will be governed by a Board of Directors. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Board"). The Board will strive to maintain the quality and integrity of Azusa StreetRiders as formulated by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- 2 To be eligible, an Individual must be a dues- paying member in good standing for at least a period of two years.

Section 3 Term of Office and Elections

- 1 Each Board member shall be elected for a term of two years, with a term commencing on September 1 of the year of the election.

- 2 The four elected officers positions will be elected by the general membership in alternating years at the annual membership meeting, with the President and Treasurer being elected opposite the Vice President and Secretary.
- 3 Elections will be held during the annual meeting of the membership which will be held each year between March 31 and August 30, as to be determined by the Board.
- 4 Nomination ballots will be made available to only dues paying members starting April 1 each year. No other nominations for national office will be accepted after May 31.
- 5 The Board shall be elected from the membership of Azusa StreetRiders, by majority vote and by written ballot of eligible members.
- 6 Absentee ballots will be designed by the Secretary for each election and made available through the internet at least thirty days prior to the scheduled annual meeting. Absentee votes must be submitted in writing to the Secretary or President prior to the vote. Starting fourteen days prior to the annual Azusa StreetRiders business meeting no Absentee ballots will be accepted.
- 7 Members running for office on the Board must declare their candidacy to the Secretary or President for the specific office that they seek at least forty-five days prior to the scheduled annual meeting.
- 8 Members may nominate other dues-current Azusa StreetRiders members for office in the same manner.
- 9 Term limits for board members is set at two consecutive full terms. To serve beyond two terms, requires two thirds majority vote on the nominating ballot.
- 10 All members shall have one vote for each office.
- 11 In the event that a simple majority is not received for an office due to more than two individuals running for the same office, then the top two vote recipients will have a runoff election immediately following the first vote count. In this instance, Absentee ballots will be counted only if they cite one of the top two vote recipients

Section 4 Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

- 1 Maintain a roster of all members;
- 2 Maintain control over the usage of the Azusa StreetRiders insignia and logos;
- 3 Maintain a treasury, which will be used to promote continued growth of Azusa StreetRiders and to fund various forms of ministry, as allowed for herein and as may be amended from time to time, as provide for herein;
- 4 Issue a periodic email newsletter known as “Azusa StreetRiders’ Rumbings” to the general membership and other interested parties, which will provide updates on events and developments

of interest to the membership as a whole;

- 5 Operate and maintain a website with information about our beliefs for anyone to see and to provide a means of contact between Azusa StreetRiders Members. The web address will be www.azusastreetriders.com and will also be connected from the web address of www.azuzastreetriders.com.
- 6 Oversee the management of property owned by Azusa StreetRiders and report to the membership at its annual meeting.
- 7 Oversee the Azusa StreetRiders's financial books, which may be reviewed by a C.P.A. annually. The Board may, or at the direction of a majority of the Membership shall, call for an audit.
- 8 Appoint as necessary, all agents and employees of Azusa StreetRiders who, except as may be otherwise provided by lawful contract, shall serve only with the approval and consent and solely at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall fix and determine salaries and duties and shall have the power, except as otherwise provided, to regulate the same at it's pleasure.
- 9 Perform all other such assignments as may be ordered by the Membership or as may be in the best interests of Azusa StreetRiders.
- 10 The board shall maintain strict adherence of the Azusa StreetRiders membership requirements when accepting a new application for membership. A phone call to the pastor who signed the application will verify they understand about the Azusa StreetRiders ministry and answer any questions.

Section 5 Meetings of Board

- 1 The Board shall meet electronically or in person, at least semi-annually. The date of the next Board meeting shall be announced at the close of the Board meeting.
- 2 Special meetings shall be called upon petition of three Board members for any purpose whatsoever. A quorum of four Board members, one of whom must be the President, shall be necessary for the transaction of business. If, however, the office of Secretary/Treasurer is filled by a single Individual Member, then a quorum of three Board members, one of whom must be the President, shall be necessary for the transaction of business. All Board members may vote by proxy as long as there are two Board members present. If secretary/treasurer is held by one person, one of the two present Board members must be the President.

Section 6 Removal from Office

- 1 Any member of the Board who is absent without an acceptable excuse for two consecutive Board meetings may be replaced at the discretion of the Board. A hearing shall be held within fifteen days of a decision to replace the member. This hearing is open to all members. A vote on replacement shall be taken within ten days of said hearing. The nominee will be confirmed by majority vote of all members.

- 2 In the event of death, resignation, or termination of any Board member, a special Board meeting shall be called by the President to appoint a member to replace the departed Board member until a new Board member can be confirmed by a majority vote of the membership at the next annual meeting of Azusa StreetRiders. If the departed Board member should be the President, the Vice President shall be elevated to President and shall fulfill the duties thereof for the remainder of his term of office and the newly elected replacement member shall assume the duties of the Vice President for the remainder of the two-year election cycle.

- 4 The entire Board, or any Individual Board officer may be removed from office at any time by a vote of 75% of the voting “Members” of Azusa StreetRiders. If any or all officers are so removed, new officers will be elected at the same meeting and will hold office for the remainder of the term of the officer removed.

Section 7 Duties of Optional Officers

- 1 Road Captains.
 - a Road Captains shall gather information on upcoming rides and events sponsored by other motorcycle ministries, clubs and/or organizations and shall, upon approval from the President, organize and plan any rides and/or events to be sponsored by Azusa StreetRiders.
 - b shall maintain a signed waiver for riders and passengers for each ride and event to include the names, addresses, and email addresses of all in attendance, both Azusa StreetRiders members and non- members, and shall provide the compiled list to the Secretary by the next Board meeting. The non-Azusa StreetRiders member attendees are prospective (future) members and/or potential Honorary Members.

- c shall, for all Azusa StreetRiders sponsored rides, lead the rides obeying all applicable traffic laws using Hand Signals.
 - d shall, for all Azusa StreetRiders sponsored rides, lead according to the following Guidelines for Group Motorcycle Riding Activities.
- 2 Information/Public Relations Officer.
 - a Shall have duties determined by the Board and/or the President and will be responsible for all advertisements and/or information released to the public pertaining to rides and events of Azusa StreetRiders.
- 3 Chaplains.
 - a shall open and close in prayer at Azusa StreetRiders general membership meetings.
 - b shall keep a list of all members.
 - c shall minister to a downed biker or a family member of a downed biker.
 - d shall start a prayer chain when needed through social media.
 - e shall pray before a ride or event.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 Annual Meeting

- 1 An annual membership meeting of Azusa StreetRiders shall be held anytime from March 31st to August 30th of each year at a location to be determined by the Board.
- 2 Written notice via the internet will be given to all members in advance of a general membership meeting. Notice of special meetings will be given as far in advance as possible.
- 3 At general membership meetings where voting takes place there must be a quorum, which shall consist of a majority of those persons entitled to vote. Absentee ballots will be counted as attendance of an Azusa StreetRiders member for purposes of the quorum.

Section 2 Special Meetings.

- 1 Special meetings of members shall be called by the President or by any two Board members and shall be held at such times and reasonable places as may be ordered by the Board.

Section 3 Liability

- 1 All individuals, including members and guests, participating in Azusa StreetRiders sponsored events will be required to sign a liability/waiver release form.

ARTICLE VII NAME, LOGO, AND INSIGNIA

Section 1 Trademark Right

- 1 The Azusa StreetRiders name and logo, is a registered trademark owned by Azusa StreetRiders Inc.
- 2 The Azusa StreetRiders logo is for the sole use of the member, associate member, honorary member or life member in good standing. As approved by the board.
- 3 The name “Azusa StreetRiders” must appear with the logo as a trademark or service mark. The name, Azusa StreetRiders, or logo may not be used on commercial goods or services for sale to the public without express agreement by the Azusa StreetRiders Board. ASR as an abbreviation of the ministry name in news letters would not constitute trademark use, and therefore would be acceptable.

Section 2 Suspension of Trademark Use

- 1 Azusa StreetRiders Inc, reserves the right to suspend or revoke the use of the Trademark name and logo, by any Local Chapter, Provisional Chapter, member, associate member, honorary member and /or life member for violations of the By Laws, violation of local, state or providence and/or federal laws, or conduct that brings discredit to Azusa StreetRiders.

Section 3 Statement of Use

- 1 Each Azusa StreetRiders member, associate member, honorary member or life member in good standing is allowed to use the Azusa StreetRiders name and Logo as follows:
 - a The insignia as it appears on our Azusa StreetRiders back patch, is to be worn only by Azusa StreetRiders members, associate members, honorary members and life members.
 - b Spouses are automatically members of Azusa StreetRiders, and are entitled to have a back patch and must abide by the same rules of use as other Azusa StreetRiders members.

Section 4 Back Patch

- 1 The Azusa StreetRiders insignia is the greatest witnessing tool that we, as Azusa StreetRiders, have. All are encouraged to wear their patches proudly wherever they travel, whether on a bike or in another type vehicle. Numerous times, strangers have seen the back patch emblazoned with Acts 2:38 and have asked what the scripture says or what the patch is about. It is an open door to witness!

- a For this reason the Azusa StreetRiders back patch shall be worn to all Azusa StreetRiders sanctioned rides, events and meetings, provided.
 - b The Board or the President may authorize individuals to wear an officially sanctioned Azusa StreetRiders T-shirt to a meeting (not a ride or an event) in lieu of the back patch on a vest or jacket.
- 2 The back patch, remains the property of Azusa StreetRiders Inc. and is authorized for use by Azusa StreetRiders members, associate members, honorary members or life members.
 - 3 Upon termination of membership, the back patch will be returned to the board upon request within 14 days.
 - 4 The bottom ribbon can be modified for every individual member, associate member or life member of Azusa StreetRiders to read with their city and two-letter state or providence identifier. The words “Heaven Bound” may be inserted by personal decision. Nothing else can be inserted therein and no other part of the insignia can be changed without a 75% vote of all members.
 - 5 There is a disclaimer form for members to sign who choose city and state.
 - 6 The ASR backpatch can not be used without approval of the board.

Section 5 Support Items

- 1 Any item using the Azusa StreetRiders insignia or back patch must be produced with some type of wording that signifies it is a “support” item. Support items may have the back patch appear on the back of any clothing item but must be fashioned with the “Heaven Bound” wording on the bottom.
- 2 Support items, using the name and logo, such as hats, are acceptable and support patches are for use on the front of jackets and vests of members, associate members, honorary members or life members, and may be worn by others, bikers or not, as a sign of support for AzusaStreetRiders.
- 3 The support item may not be worn on the back of a shirt, jacket or vest by any member, associate member, honorary member or life member of Azusa StreetRiders.

Section 6 Production and Sales

- 1 The production and sale of items with the Azusa StreetRiders name and logo should be for the sole benefit of Azusa StreetRiders Inc., local Azusa StreetRiders chapters and/or rides and/or events sponsored by Azusa StreetRiders. To do otherwise would jeopardize our tax-free status with the IRS.

ARTICLE VIII CHAPTERS

Section 1 Forming A Chapter

- 1 A locale having five or more members, and/or life members can form a local chapter.

- 2 Request for a new local chapter must be submitted in writing or verbally to the Board, which will sanction all new local chapters and make the announcement of a new local chapter to all other existing chapters worldwide via email and such chapter will be denoted on the Azusa StreetRiders website.
- 3 Local chapters may elect to operate under the corporate umbrella of Azusa Street Riders Inc., or may become autonomous by filing the appropriate forms with state and federal authorities for their independent tax-free corporation status.
- 4 The Local Chapter must operate under the general guidelines of these By-Laws.
- 5 Area boundaries will closely follow state boundary lines.
- 6 Although having five members or fewer, such individuals or groups may be called areas, as designated by their state or providence.
- 7 Unless there are multiple active local chapters in an area, there is no need for area officers. Area coordinators will be considered in states where needed. Coordinators must be approved by the Azusa StreetRiders Board. Guidelines will be established for Area Coordinators by the Board.
- 8 The Board will make the announcement of a new area to all other existing chapters worldwide via email and such area will be denoted on the Azusa StreetRiders website.
- 9 A local “Provisional Chapter” of Azusa StreetRiders can be formed with three members, or life members which must be authorized and sanctioned by the Board.

Section 2 Autonomy

- 1 Each new local chapter approved by Board is autonomous and operates independently from the Azusa StreetRiders Inc. and independent from all other local chapters throughout the Azusa StreetRiders motorcycle ministry.
- 2 Each local chapter is responsible for its own actions, conduct and liability for any and all of the functions performed.

Section 2 Provisional Chapters

- 1 Request for a new provisional chapter must be submitted in writing or verbally to the Board, which will sanction all new provisional chapters and make the announcement of approval to all members and other chapters worldwide via email. It will be noted on the Azusa StreetRiders’ website.
- 2 Provisional chapters must operate under the corporate umbrella of Azusa StreetRiders Inc., and may not become autonomous by filing the appropriate forms with state and federal authorities for their independent tax-free corporation status.
- 3 The Provisional Chapter must operate under the general guidelines of these By-Laws.

- 4 Local or provisional chapters shall be responsible for maintaining and control all records, fees, and functions.
- 5 Each Local or Provisional Chapter is encouraged to designate a member with an e-mail access to communicate to all Azusa StreetRiders about rides, events, and any members, associate members, honorary members or life members in need of assistance.

ARTICLE IX NON-PROFIT STATUS

Section 1 501(c)3 Corporation

- 1 Azusa StreetRiders is recognized as a 501(c)3 corporation by the IRS.
- 2 It is each individual's responsibility to insure that, that status with the IRS is not jeopardized and each local (not probationary) chapter's responsibility when deemed necessary for its proper operation to do the following:
 - a Establish Articles of Incorporation in their respective state or province.
 - b File for the appropriate "Non-Profit" tax filing status.
 - c File tax returns in accordance with appropriate state and federal laws.
- 3 Each Local Chapter is responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fund raisers, raffles, and or, events that raise monies for their local chapters and must do so in accordance with applicable local, state or providence and federal laws.
- 4 Azusa StreetRiders requires all of its chapters and members to obey all local, state or providence and federal laws.

Section 2 Compliance

- 1 In order to comply with our 501(c)3 with the Internal Revenue Service, Azusa StreetRiders Inc. will only issue funds to organizations within the United States. (Example) to donate motorcycles in our Motorcycles for Missionaries program, we must make the cash donation for the motorcycle purchase to the US based parent organization of the foreign missionary. They, in turn, will provide the funds to the missionary for the purchase of the motorcycle or motorcycles.

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

Section 1 Amendments

- 1 These By-Laws may be amended, by resolution, which must be approved by not less than 75% of the members of Azusa StreetRiders to become effective.
- 2 The resolution(s) for amendment(s) shall be written and forwarded via email to all members or associate members of Azusa StreetRiders at the last known email address by the Board Secretary. The amendment(s) shall be considered and passed if affirmed by a 75% vote of the “Members” responding within thirty (30) days.
- 3 Amended By-Laws will be posted on the Azusa StreetRiders website within thirty days.
- 4 State or local chapter By-Laws shall not conflict with the By-Laws of Azusa StreetRiders.

ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

Section 1 Requirements of Dissolution

- 1 Azusa StreetRiders Inc. may be dissolved by a 75% or greater majority vote of the responding members.
- 2 The entire membership must be notified of a “Decision to Dissolve” by the Azusa StreetRiders Board via email or US Postal Service to the last known addresses of all members.
- 3 Members have a thirty day period for response.
- 4 After receiving a favorable vote to dissolve, Azusa StreetRiders’s charter, records and all other assets will be transferred to the founding church, First United Pentecostal Church, Conway, SC, USA.

The undersigned organizational officers of Azusa StreetRiders understand this to be a true statement of the By-Laws of Azusa StreetRiders Inc.

May God travel with us and all future Azusa StreetRiders members and may He bless us as we strive to be effective witnesses of His mighty wonders in our lives.

AMEN

(Initially Enacted 02/28/2005; modified periodically with latest revision October 22, 2018)

Date:

Robert Thompson, Maryville TN, President

Date:

Randy Hennigan, Metairie LA, Vice President

Date:
Tom Thompson, New Straitsville OH, Secretary

Date:
Lauren Theodore, Warren OH, Treasurer

ADDENDUMS

Azusa StreetRiders Trademark Items



Disclaimer for Ribbon on Back Patch

Due to the possibility of issues that may arise from a member of the Azusa StreetRiders Intl, hereafter referred to as the "Azusa StreetRiders in this document, this hold harmless agreement must be signed by any member who wishes to have his City and State displayed on the ribbon of the Azusa StreetRiders back patch.

Confederation of Clubs

The potential for the Confederation of Clubs, hereafter referred to as the "COC, or a motorcycle club having an issue with a back patch color or design does exist, however as an actual motorcycle ministry, the Azusa StreetRiders does not fall under the rules in place by the COC, MC or RC. The COC is not an international organization and each state or region does their own regulation within their region. This allows for different opinions as to how each COC use to govern that particular region. The addition of city and state on our back patch can be viewed as a statement of territory even though we do not have a bottom rocker but a ribbon on the bottom of our patch. The Azusa

StreetRiders is a motorcycle ministry, or MM, and should not be held to any standard or rule in place for either a club or support club. We do not wear a three piece back patch nor is the ribbon on the bottom of our patch considered to be a bottom rocker.

As with any situation that can arise that could be confrontational, the Azusa StreetRiders recommends that if you encounter a potential problem with either a MC or the COC, apologize and remove your cut to diffuse the situation

and then assess whether or not to change to a Heaven Bound ribbon at that time.

Back Patch

Along with our back patch, any patch produced or displayed by a member of the Azusa StreetRiders should bear careful consideration as to the color and design in regard to other 1% clubs. We should never have a patch or color arrangement that could be mistaken for another group or club. This is why the only patches that have Azusa StreetRiders or Azusa StreetRiders on them require an approval from the board before printing or distribution.

I, _____ agree to protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the Azusa StreetRiders International, its officers, agents, servants and employees, including volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, expense and liability arising out of injury or death to any person, or the damage, loss or destruction of any property which may occur or in any way grow out of any act or omission by me, or any and all costs, expense and/or attorney fees, investigative cost, or any and all expenses incurred by me as a result of any claim, demands, and/or causes of actions arising out of my action in connection with my displaying of my city and state on the ribbon of the Azusa StreetRiders back patch.

Statement Of Cooperation

The Azusa StreetRiders has members and chapters that have great working relationships with many 1% MC's and the COC in different regions around the US. To receive respect, we must give respect. The motorcycle community is our first and most valued missionary field and our relationships must be nourished and guarded for the Azusa StreetRiders to be successful in reaching the unsaved of that community. If you encounter a problem with our back patch in any way, please contact the Azusa StreetRiders board as quickly as possible to discuss the issue and solutions.

Guidelines For Group Motorcycle Riding Activities

Riding a motorcycle in a large group of other riders is much different than riding alone or with one other motorcycle. You must be alert that to insure the safety of the entire group and your riding style may have to be altered.

1. Emergencies... All group rides will be led by the Road Captain or designated alternate. Two Rear Road Captains will be appointed for the ride who will ride in the rear of the group in the last two positions. In the event of an emergency, one of the Rear Road Captains will stay with the disabled motorcycle, while the other proceeds in a safe manner to the front of the group to inform the Lead Road Captain of the situation. The Lead Road Captain will then lead the group off the highway at the first safe stopping place. In the event the Rear Road Captain does not return within 10 minutes, a club officer will be sent to ascertain the difficulty.

2. Safe Riding Habits... Group riding in close parallel formations requires constant attention and awareness of safe riding habits. Any member that feels it is necessary to deviate from safe riding habits within the group will be summoned to the rear of the group by the Sergeant of Arms. Discussion of the offender's unsafe riding habits will be held in private at the next appropriate stop.

3. Group Separation... In the event the group becomes separated, the Lead Road Captain will slow the group down to enable stragglers to catch up to the main group. If this is unsuccessful, the Lead Road Captain will pull the group off the traveled section of the road in a safe location and wait for the rest to catch up.
4. Support Vehicles... If a support vehicle is accompanying the ride, the support vehicle will under normal circumstances drive at the extreme rear of the group, unless otherwise directed by the Lead Road Captain.
5. Speed... The maximum speed on any event will be no greater than the safe speed for current driving conditions, not to exceed the posted legal limit.
6. Headlights... All riders should ride with their headlights on at all times. Headlights should be kept on high beam during the daylight hours.
7. Entering a Freeway... When the group is in the process of entering a freeway the club will attempt to remain as a whole. All freeway riding under normal circumstances will take place in the right lane of traffic on a four-lane road or in the second (center) lane from the right side of the freeway on a six-lane road, unless otherwise designated by the Lead Road Captain.
8. Exiting a Freeway... When exiting a freeway, the Lead Road Captain will signal and commence lane changing in preparation for the off ramp no less than ½ mile from the exit ramp.
9. City Streets... City riding is the most difficult of all group-riding activities. The group can easily be separated by traffic signals, stop signs and other factors. Caution must be exercised when riding in this situation and extra time for lane changes, turns and parking must be allowed to safely accommodate a large group.
10. Traffic Lights... The Road Captain will attempt to time traffic lights to allow the group to proceed as smoothly as possible, with a minimum of starting and stopping.
11. Lane Guarding... The procedure known as lane guarding will not be used to block traffic having the right of way in a lane of traffic, or intersection allowing passage of the group in a unsafe manner. This is against the law unless a “parade permit” has been secured for the ride or unless part of an officially recognized parade.
12. Mountainous Terrain... When encountering mountainous terrain or roads, which would make parallel group riding unsafe, the group will fall into a staggered-right riding formation, where the Lead Road Captain takes the position closest to the center lane and the second rider drops back one bike length and takes the position closest to the right side of the road, and so on.
13. Variations from the Norm... Riding situations may arise which will force changes from the normal guidelines. To ensure the safety of the group the Lead Road Captain is responsible for all lane changes and speed changes, ensuring the safe passage of the group.

Remember the ride is for the enjoyment of the ride and to be with others who enjoy the same experience. As a ministry, rides sponsored by Azusa StreetRiders or those in which Azusa StreetRiders members participate will be observed by the general public and we, as Azusa StreetRiders members must represent Christ. It benefits all to be extra cautious and courteous to make the event safe and an “effective” witness.

Hand Signals

