CBA/ABATE of NC—Gaston County Chapter
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The Pantagraph July 2019

To our Members & Friends

INDEPENDENCE DAY RIDE

THURSDAY
JULY 4, 2019
KSU 10:30 AM

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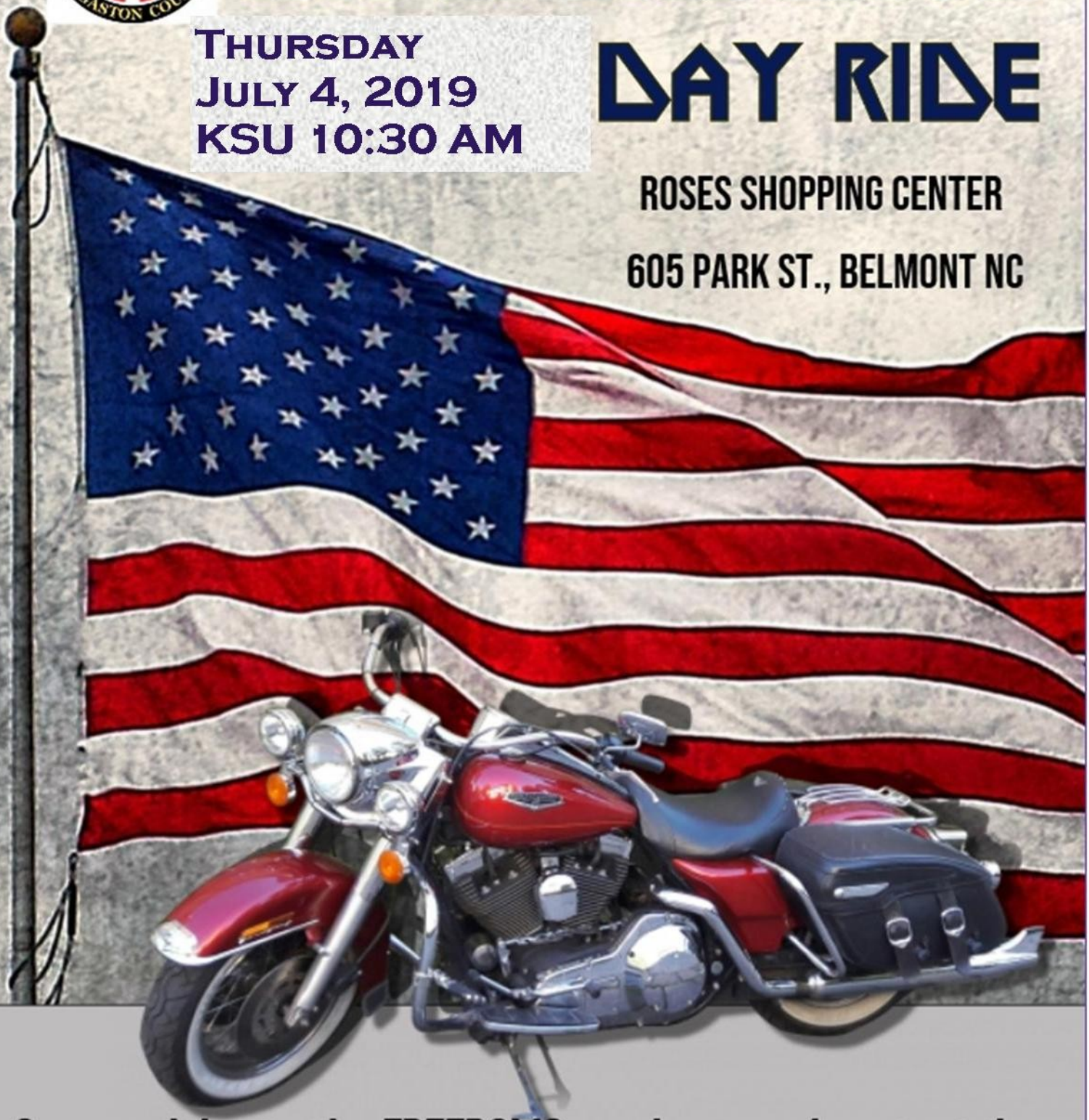

Come celebrate the FREEDOMS you have and protest the freedoms you don't have on your motorcycle.

CBA/ABATE of NC—GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

Our next general meeting will be on July 2nd @ 7pm at Jackson's Cafeteria. When you enter, we will be in one of the rooms that is near the front of the building. Come early and have supper with friends but you are NOT required to eat so please don't let that stop you from attending.

If you noticed in the paragraph above—there has been a change in our meeting date. We had a pretty good crowd at the June meeting and everybody wanted and voted to change the date of our meeting to the 1st Tuesday instead of the 2nd, therefore we will start this month.

As most of you know our Bike Night at the VFW was cancelled by VFW Headquarters. It wasn't anything we did or any of the friends that came out to support us and the VFW, but an internal problem with personnel. We sincerely wish the VFW Post the best and hope they get things straightened out and soon because the Veterans need that facility and the service they provide.

We have a BIG announcement! Rock House will now be sponsoring our Bike Night beginning July 3rd. If you are new to Gaston CBA, they sponsored it several years ago and it was great. They have a big parking lot, good food, and DJ Roger Waters to provide some great music plus Mike & Wendy Dixon are going to run our bike games so put your "game" face on and join us. We will have a table set up so you can join or renew your membership or to purchase patches or one of our new t-shirts.

The CBA/ABATE of NC elects officers every two years. I am glad to announce that Donna Barnett (our secretary) was nominated to fill the position that Kristie Morris holds as Secretary. Donna has been a very valuable member of the Executive Counsel while serving as Gaston's secretary, but now she will have two jobs. I did tell her she couldn't quit her job as our secretary to become the state's secretary but she said she is up to doing both jobs. And I am sure she is. Sadly nobody wanted my job as Membership Services Director so I will be doing it for another two years. All in all I really do enjoy serving on the BOD and want to thank everyone that continues to support me in the position. I will be honest with you and say that I didn't realize until I started serving on the BOD what all the CBA/ABATE of NC does on your (my) behalf. If you read Cindy Hodges story in this issue, maybe you can understand how passionate you get when you take part and become involved. It's strange that when I joined the Gaston CBA chapter, it was purely to be social with friends and to make new friends. Little did I know that people like Cindy can be so encouraging to a newbie like me in 2007. There was also another member that I always enjoyed listening and talking to. But sadly he was killed in a motorcycle accident several years ago. He had a world of knowledge that he gave freely to us and when it came to protecting biker's rights and freedoms—he was the man! RIP Doc Ski.

If you are not going out of town this 4th of July, we do hope you will join us and ride. We are celebrating the freedoms we do have and protesting the ones we don't. KSU at 10:30am at Roses Shopping Center in Belmont (see flyer). We will ride through the country and end up at one of our sponsors. If you want to ride your child - please do. Why not teach them early what being thankful is all about when it comes to being able to ride your bike where you want and when you want and also that the power of protesting in this country is strong and continues to be a way to sometimes get things done. We never want to take riding our bikes for granted because you never know. We never want to take for granted being able to wear the clothing we want to wear because you never know. We never want to take for granted being able to customize our bikes the way we want to because you never know when some law maker or group of individuals are going to try to impede our freedom. Also it's very important that we not allow the law/courts to dissolve motorcycle clubs or take the colors off their backs. Why you ask is that important to us? Because when they start losing those freedoms—where do you think it will end? Next it will be the riding clubs they target and then the average everyday rider will be the target. If you don't think this could happen—please think again because it could.

There's a lot going on this month, so if you can please support the events listed in this newsletter. You don't always have to purchase a hand or give to every event, but if you just show up and purchase a raffle or 50/50 ticket—it shows you care and are supportive.

Ride safe…….Jill

CBA/ABATE of NC—Gaston County Chapter / Meeting Minutes / June 11, 2019

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

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

Legislation - See Legislation Section of the newsletter for updates.

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

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

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

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 374 members (317 renewals, 57 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) (deb2334@yahoo.com) or if you need a new membership packet. You can save the chapter up to $25/year by receiving the newsletter online. Renewals are included in the CBA emails, the monthly newsletter as well as members being notified through the US Postal Service and emails. Memberships: single - $20, couple - $30. Motion made and approved to accept the May minutes as posted in the June newsletter.

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

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

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

Products – "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.

Old Business – PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE STATE CBA SURVEY – it will run at least until late July. The state is looking at responses and taking all comments seriously as to what and how we need to improve. Thanks. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SDF3XN3. Survey will end in July.

Donna and Jill are visiting area motorcycle groups/organizations to discuss the CBA. Please contact Jill or Donna to schedule the CBA to speak with your group. Thanks.

New Shirts are here. A 2nd order of shirts has been placed but not received yet.

New Business – Vickie from the Off The Streets Program stopped by the meeting to say thank you to the CBA for their help and support on June 1st for their Car and Bike Show. They are asking for our help again next year. They will be doing a separate show for cars and motorcycles on different dates in the future. They will also be looking for a new location to hold the show. The tentative date for next year is May 30th.

We will be voting at our July 2nd meeting whether or not to help again next year with the bike show. Nominations for state CBA Board of Directors are open until June 21st. To be eligible for office one must be a CBA member for at least 2 years with no lapses in membership. Nominations are to be sent to our Western District Coordinator Tim "Smitty" Smith preferably through email (Timsds-inc@outlook.com).

We discussed changing the date of our general meetings to the first Tuesday of each month with the officer's meeting 30 minutes before the general meeting starts. Motion was made and passed to change the meetings to the first Tuesday of each month starting with the July meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted, Donna Barnett, Secretary

From the VP Newsroom — If you haven't heard the VFW Bike Night was cancelled but it had nothing to do with the CBA or anyone attending the event. But we have some really good news! Rock House is now sponsoring our Bike Nights beginning July 3rd. DJ Roger Waters will provide the music and Mike & Wendy Dixon will be in charge of bike game. We want to thank Rock House for coming to our rescue this summer. They have always been very supportive of Gaston CBA and we do appreciate them.

Our 4th of July Ride (by the way it doesn't cost you a thing to celebrate the freedoms you have nor protest the ones you don't have) is an annual ride where we come together and just ride to show other bikers just what we are all about. KSU @ 10:30am.

Please remember to be careful when riding in storms because several years ago we lost a very nice young man in this community. Scott Paysour of Dallas was struck by lighting and died while riding his bike.

Special thanks to Carolina Thunder, Dixie Drifters, GOC & SOH riding clubs for a great job in our community. Also I would like to thank everyone and every officer in the Gaston County CBA for the hard work they do on behalf of all of us. It takes a lot of time running around looking for new sponsors or getting the current ones to renew and contacting new and old members to join or renew, so we could use your help. So don't be shy and volunteer! .....Geno

LEGISLATION

We are currently waiting for **H257/S321 Motorcycles/Face Masks** is in reference to General Statute 14-12.7 to 14-12.11 & 14-12.14 to be signed by the Governor.

The Hands-Free North Carolina Group has been instrumental in the Hands Free NC bill (H144). This bill would make it unlawful to use a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle on a public street, highway, or public vehicular area. There are a few exceptions such as an emergency situation. This bill passed the House and is now in the Senate awaiting further action. https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2019/h144

H104 Litter Definition Clarification would add yard waste to the definition of littering. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, shrubbery trimmings, and any other plant material resulting from lawn maintenance and other horticultural gardening and landscaping activities. The House Caucus decided not to advance this bill. Therefore it did not make the crossover deadline and is now dead for this legislative session.

H267 Require Safety Helmets/Under 21 would give riders age 21 and over the right to choose whether or not to wear a helmet if they have had their motorcycle endorsement for at least one year or has successfully completed a motorcycle safety course. Passengers age 21 and over would be able to choose whether or not to wear a helmet only if the operator of the motorcycle is eligible to operate a motorcycle without a helmet. This would modify GS 20-140.4 Special provisions for motorcycles and mopeds. This bill did not pass the House Health Committee and is now dead for this legislative session.

We will notify you as bills are scheduled to be heard in committee and their progress.

NCDOT

INCREASE IN MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES IN NC—2018: Motorcycle accidents have been on the rise in North Carolina lately. According to the NC Department of Transportation, there were 136 motorcycle fatalities in North Carolina in 2017. In 2018, that number climbed to 165 — a 21-percent increase.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

6 - 10 PM

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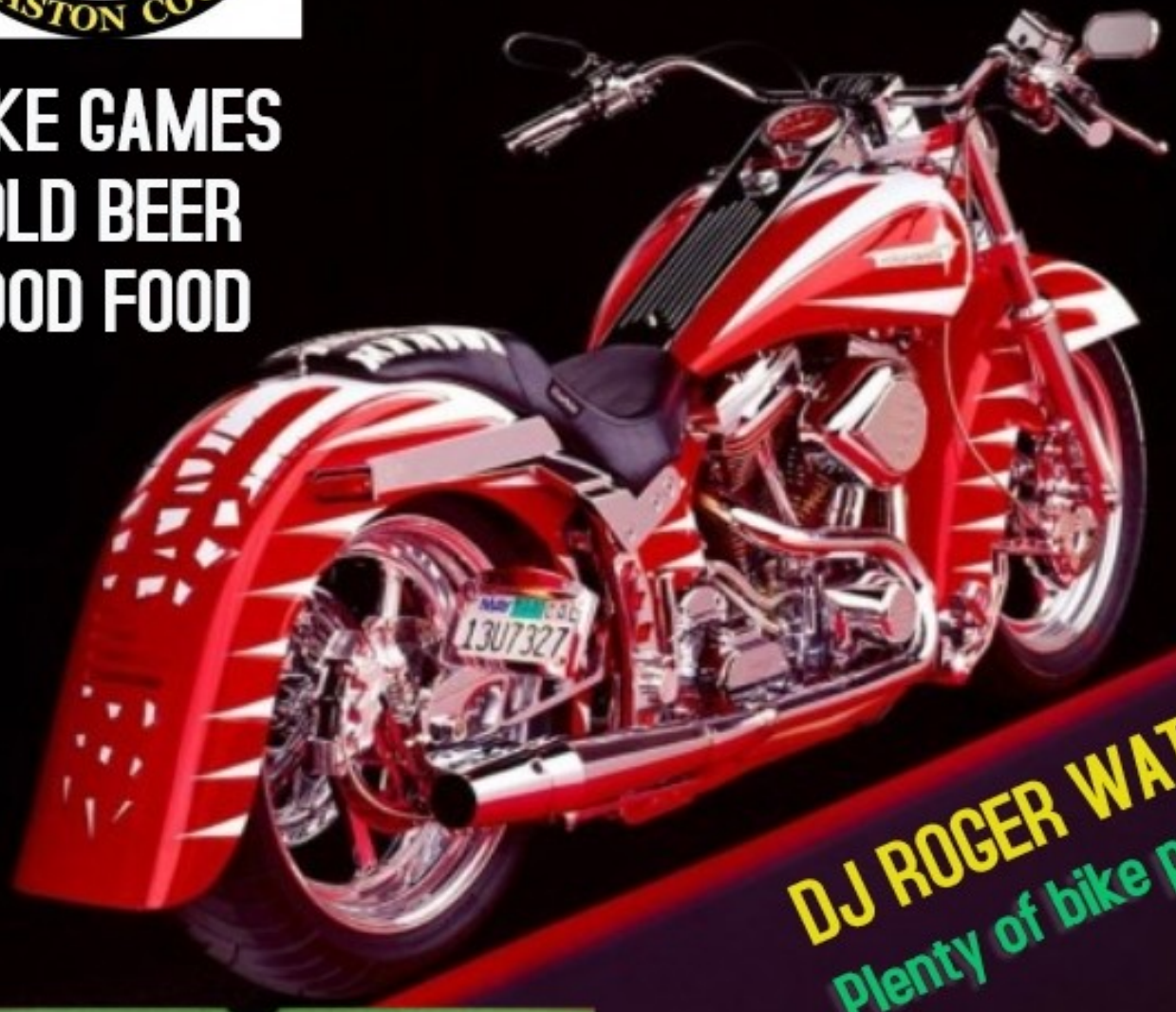
GOOD FOOD



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BENEFIT FOR
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JULY 20 FROM 3-8PM

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Hot Dog, Hamburger, Chip & Cake

You can eat at the clubhouse, pickup or we will deliver.

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PLEASE drop off your donation(s) at least a week to a week and a half before the benefit.

MEMBER CONTEST

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

Our meetings are held at Jackson's Cafeteria, 1453 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, on the 1st Tuesday of the month. By the way—you are NOT required to eat at the cafeteria, but they do have good food and you would be supporting one of our sponsors.

This would be a good way to get an extra $100 for Christmas while supporting your CBA.

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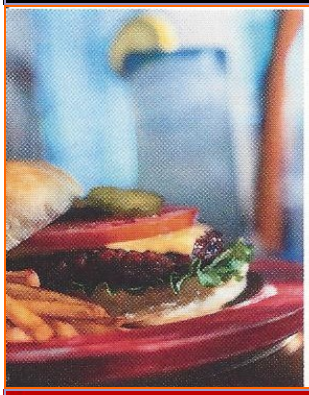
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ATTENTION AREA CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS! Information for the newsletter must be sent to Jill by the 20th of the month. Let us know what kind of articles you would like to see and also we would like to know how we can improve our newsletter. We try to include all the events of other organizations, but sometimes space prevents this in the printed version, so we encourage you to also view it online on our website at www.gastoncountycba.com. We really don't mind advertising your organization or club events, in 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, 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.

GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

July 2—6:30pm: Gaston CBA Officers Meeting
July 2—7:00pm: Gaston CBA General Membership Meeting
July 4—Gaston CBA Independence Day Ride (see flyer)
July 6—11am: Power Lunch with Veterans Six
July 8—7pm: Area Officers Meeting @ Southern Gentlemen Clubhouse (CBA will serve the meal around 6:15). This meeting is for ALL area organization & club officers.
July 13—Jaceman Yard Sale—Cleveland County CBA and CCIB @ CCIB Clubhouse
July 20 & 21: CBA/ABATE of NC State Quarterly Meeting: Village Inn Event Center, 6205 Ramada Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012 (336) 766-9121
(*Committee Meetings on Saturdays starting @ 10am*
Executive Council Meeting on Sundays at 9am until approximately noon)
July 20—Benefit for SG "Bouncer" Thompson (see flyer)
July 20—Cox Harley Davidson—BACA Event
July 27—Carolina Thunder Click's Ride (see flyer)
July 27—Steel Rain Dice Run

BIKE NIGHTS:
2nd Tuesday of each month Cycle Gear from 5-8pm. Suggestion: Stop by Cycle Gear before coming to the general meeting at Jackson's.
Wednesday— Zippers in Lincolnton, Mac's Speed Shop on South Blvd in Charlotte
Thursday—Route 55 in Clover; Side Trax in Mt. Holly; Youngun's in Kings Mtn, Mac's Speed Shop in Cornelius, Kickback Jack's in Mooresville
Sunday—Tank Town Tavern from 2pm—Music starts @ 3pm
Cleveland County CBA—Every other Tuesday (see their FB page for dates) at the VFW, Shelby

Note: If you hear of other area bike nights, please let us know.

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We can't accomplish our goals in Raleigh without your support. Please renew today to give us the numbers we need in Raleigh to fight for your rights. We ask that each of you recruit at least one (1) new member during the month of February. 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 you can use the application in this issue of *The Pantagraph*. Mail application to: Gaston CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell NC 28098

RENEWALS FOR DECEMBER 2018– JULY 2019

December 2018
Kelly Helms
Phil & Brenda Barker
Ben Davis
Sasha Parsons

January 2019
Thomas Knight
Jesse & Hilary McGinnis
Marcus Tench
Jeff & Libby Worley

February 2019
Jack Acheson
Bryon & Christine Farris
Blake-Marie Farris Wyatt

March 2019
Tracey Drader
Dawn Wood
Mike Dixon
Andrew Herwin

April 2019
Kenneth Clontz
Tammie Long
Galvin Clinton Bolen
Tommy Jay Spencer Jr.
Jeff & Miranda Willard
Angela Davis
Steven Griffin
Ronnie Melton
JoAnn Trimnal
Jacob Ward
Ed Barker
Richard & Jodi Kennedy
Wendy Clark Metro
Lisa Stine
Andra Tolbert
Jessie Strickland

April 2019 (continued)
Eric & Crystal Thompson
Zachary Bolch
Brad & Wendy Helms
Tim & Sondra Sutherland
Mitchell Bridges
Julie Thompson
David Hoesly

May 2019
Scott & Alicia Denlinger
Richard & Melanie Edling
Patrick Hall
Scott Hoffmann
Philip Festa
Tony Giacobbe
Chuck & Pamela Dalton
Patti Ernst
Dale Haskins
Todd Pierceall
Joey Raborn
Scott M Wilson
Matthew Whisnant

June 2019
Joshua & Renee Christman
Jesse Helms
Emily Sells
James & Debbie Helton
Angie Marlowe
Justin Burgess
Chasity Weaver
William Mancini
Lynnette Strauss
James Byars
John Franklin
Ed & Penny Biggers

June 2019 (continued)
Suzanne Harris
Cameron & Leslie Maples
Reba Sisk
Cystal Terry
Rick & Brandy Allen Jr.
Ronnie Brown
William Andy & Rocia Lewis

JULY 2019
Mike & Aulisha Humphries
Kenny & Jaren Buchanan
Tim Wilson
Patricia Tubby
Kenneth Engelhardt
Jason & Corrine Beck

WELCOME BACK PREVIOUS MEMBER

Philip Hans

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Karolyn Hans
Paula Ramsey
Susan Walsh
Jeff & Janet Tudor
Erin Richardson
Chip Jackson
Kim Smeltzer

Is your name on this page? Or did you lapse before December 2018? 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.

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Cindy Hodges—MRF Members Representative
(Cindy is from NC and a member of CBA/ABATE of NC—Raleigh Chapter)

I pull on my thick hunting socks and slide my feet into my riding boots. Silk leggings under jeans, silk tee under sweatshirt, heated hear and riding gloves, jacket in hand, I close my back door behind me and walk to the barn. Pulling the double sliding doors apart, I reach over to the wall and flip on the lights. It's cold in here. Not for the first time, I curse the lack of a concrete floor or at least a corner wood stove. Oh for the bike garages and barns of my past. Still, it remains on the list.

There she sits beside her older brother. My girlfriend, my therapist, my 2006 Kawasaki. In my self-righteous fury over corporate legislative shenanigans in the past, I sold my last bigger American made bike. I'm starting to yearn for another; again something for the list.

She sits patiently. Ignored in the cold. Ignored when my days full with work and plans that make riding a few more steps that I'm not wanting to add to an already over-full schedule.

Still, nothing brings me alive as she does. Not anymore. Nothing grounds me or takes me to church as she can. Damn winter. Damn you age and injuries.

I walk around and check her over. Tire pressure good. Everything as it should be. Except for the bath she sorely needs. Cursing myself for treating her thusly, it is with a small amount of guilt that I know I'm going to take her out, once more, dirty. It's too cold for my hands to wash. I make promises to her that the first warn day…..

I slide the key into her ignition. She fires right up, steadfast and eager. As she warms, I pull on the heated jacket liner, jacket and helmet. Plug in. Swing a leg over, and in that one moment, my internal compass is righted. Cobwebs of frustration starts to pull apart. My butt on the saddle is a connection that spans years, spans memories, and rights my ship.

I slide on my glasses, pull on my gloves.

We roll out of the barn and across the expanse of green lawn, up the grassy hill under the pines and over to the white sandy farm road. Navigating around the frosty patches of pine straw in the sand and potholes, soon We are into gravel, then finally the asphalt.

I feel sluggish but I'm waking. I feel as though I'm 16 again. Holding the reins of my quarter horse whose been held back for too long. Knowing my girlfriend wants to run, I turn right towards the deepening country roads.

Grey skies and cool temps rule the day but we are becoming One. Oaks and pines, fields and ponds, swamps and mill dams flash by as we run through leafy tunnels into curves that spill out amongst farmland one moment, and over rivers the next. She warms and purrs, moving brilliantly in this setting, a beautiful red streak carrying me through the miles. My list of things to write, conversations to finish, plans to complete, advertising to create, bills to pay, problems to solve; goes from a thrumming ache to a distant murmur until I no longer feel or hear or see it.

After a few solitary hours, we return home, my girl and I, much more settled. Things seem to be under more control in my head. My guilt at her dirtiness is assuaged by having run for a bit, good for both of us. I roll back to the barn, back her in and cut her engine. I sit with her a moment. Thankful for answered prayers. Nothing ran out in front of me or into me at all, nor did I do such silliness.

I shut it all down and head back into the house, knowing I've a writing deadline tonight. Sometimes I am completely clueless what I will write. Some of you tell me how you enjoyed my last column and I have to stop and think what in the heck I wrote about. I don't have that problem tonight.

In a few days, my state Motorcyclist's Rights group will hold their opening Lobby Day of the season. I've rearranged my schedule to be there and join my like-minded brothers and sisters. We have a laundry list of "asks" for our general assembly this year and need some bill sponsors. This is work. Sometimes the hardest part comes from surprising quarters and sometimes it's quite easy. Regardless, after so many years, it is harder to break away from the business of life and take the time. Time is the most precious thing I have; don't know how much I have left and am old enough to see how quickly it spends.

So when I tell you that I take my old, cold, begrudging arse out and fire up the girlfriend for a few hours' run' well if you are reading this you know. You know why repetitive meetings, trips around the state, and footfalls across the state legislative campus are necessary.

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Cindy Hodges (Continued)

It matters to my life that I can ensure that I always have the liberty to ride. THAT I CAN ENSURE. Unlike the majority of riders, I'm not comfortable leaving that up to unknown, unseen folks to handle for me. I NEED to know it is being seen to. Biker elves don't show up and wave magic wands. I can't do it by myself but I can be part of it. There are roughly 180,000 motorcycles registered in my state.

There are roughly 2000 members in my state rights organization. We ARE the voice that speaks up. We ARE the shoulders helping push the MRF forward—right there with you.

Now is the time to find others who collective arses in their collective saddles turn their collective cranks to allay the collective BS and stress of their collective lives—to dissipate the negative and straighten their mental houses. Do not preach to them. Do not sell them. Just get to know them. Then those conversations about what is happening and how to fix it, how to ensure they too, can roll on—will organically occur.

I know I often have to REMEMBER who I am and what I truly need. I know I'm not alone. This is what we do. This is why, "Tis the season to find more for the ranks, my family.

Summer is coming. Let's get this stuff handled. That may be the most important thing on the list.

New Gaston CBA T-Shirts are Here!

This is our new t-shirt design. The price of the shirts are $15. On the front it says Gaston County CBA. It's been a long time since we've had a new shirt, so we encourage you to support our chapter by buying and wearing this new design. We have the men's in black, gray and orange. The ladies come in black, gray, pink and turquoise. Contact Jill (see officer's page for info) to purchase. Also we will bring shirts to any event that we set up at or will deliver to you at our general meeting. Just let us know what size and color you want.

We also ordered more "Look Twice—Save a Life" signs for your lawn or business. The cost is only $5 for a sign that just might remind a driver to watch out for you or someone you love on motorcycles. You can pick one of these up at our events, at SERF Thrift Store, 528 S. Hwy 27, Stanley, at Jill Stillwell's home or call Jill and she will be glad to bring you one to our general meeting.

Supporting your CBA with the purchase of merchandise helps spread the word about our Chapter and also encourages interest about the CBA/ABATE of NC.

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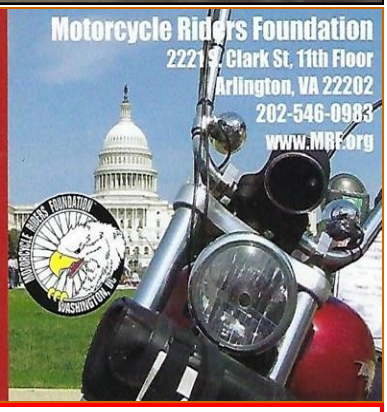
A Voice for Street Riders in Washington D.C.



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May 2019

Beginning Balance : $ 4,765.66

Income:

$ 450.00	Newsletter Sponsors
130.00	Membership
67.00	Products

Total Income: $ 647.00

Expenses:

$ 75.69	State Assessment
375.00	Donation to Gaston Toy Run
790.00	Membership Expense to State
739.57	Newsletter (2 months)
526.47	Product Supply
37.00	State Survey Monkey

Total Expenses: $ 2,543.73

PayPal Balance: $ 1,043.42

Ending Balance (5/31/2019): $ 3,912.35

Note: We have $100.00 in outstanding checks out.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

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WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AND HELP BUILD OUR CHAPTER. JUST RECRUIT BIKERS TO BELONG TO CBA/ABATE OF NC GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER *(all sign up's must pay the full price of membership)*

2019 GASTON CBA OFFICERS

If you have any questions, suggestions or complaints concerning YOUR Chapter, please contact your officers.

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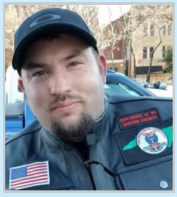

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CBA/ABATE of NC MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

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AGE _____ **DOB** _____ **AGE** _____ **DOB** _____

PHONE ( ) _____ **PHONE ( )** _____

E-MAIL _____ **E-MAIL** _____

OCCUPATION _____ **OCCUPATION**_____

REGISTERED VOTER ___**YES or** ___**NO** **REGISTERED VOTER** ___**YES or** ___**NO**

Other MOTORCYCLE AFFILIATIONS:_____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **State** _____ **ZIP CODE+4** _____

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

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

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*
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*Lifetime is available after 5 consecutive years of membership
___ Junior (under the age of 16, free) ___ Young adult (16-29, free for first year of membership)

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKET GIVEN BY: _____ DATE:_____

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