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June 2015



Message from the President

Hello to everyone, Hope all is well and that we all are enjoying the beautiful weather. I know I have! I just returned from the Spring Bike Rally in Myrtle Beach, where I enjoyed the company of 30 or so of my CBA brothers and sisters. We all had a wonderful time the whole week. I want to give a shout out to JJ, who had an issue with his foot and had to be admitted to the hospital there. We were also blessed to have Dawg Knox ride with us, even though he knew he was having surgery upon return. May God be with you both during recovery. May it be speedy! I want to remind everyone of our upcoming Freedom Ride on June 13th. We will be donating all proceeds to the Potter House and Biker Down Lifted Up. These two organizations need and deserve our help, so I urge everyone to attend the ride and show your support to them. Please don't forget the other events coming up in June. Be sure to check out the events section along with our Face book and web page for more information. I know that with everyone's support we can be successful in helping those in need. Well enough said for now. Please be safe and keep the shiny side up!

Big "A" Allen Head

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Gaston County CBA Meeting Minutes May 7, 2015

Meeting was held at the Gaston County Homestead with the Meeting being called to order by Robert Ham, Opening Prayer led by Chappy Pitts and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Allen Head.

President – Allen thanked Tavern 24 for providing the meal tonight. Allen acknowledged new members and visitors. Allen discussed Guidelines for all meetings.

The following nominees for State Office Positions spoke during the meeting tonight:

Derrick Hall who is running for the State Legislative Coordinator Position spoke about the need for more communication between the chapters, groups going to Raleigh at least once a month, sharing our side of the story vs. the insurance industry and medical professionals regarding helmets and motorcycles, wants ideas about board signs, ideas and help to get info to law enforcement regarding laws that affect motorcyclists, and that H142 is not completely dead yet (helmet bill).

Dustin Peacock who is running for State President spoke about the need to be prepared and ready in Raleigh, having a continuous presence in Raleigh, and that the state executive council needs to take back control instead of doing “yes” to the Board of Directors (BOD).

Crystal Rogers who is running for State Secretary thinks that information should be disseminated much sooner to the chapters after meetings are held.

Gabby Mintz who is running for State Western District Coordinator (WDC) is seeking re-election to this position. Gabby spoke about the need to maintain communication between the western district chapters, the major communication issues at the state level that need to be addressed, and the need to get back to focusing on bikers’ rights.

The following organizations were nominated for the Freedom Fund Run: Each organization had someone share information. During the Officer’s Meeting on May 4th it was voted that once an eligible non-profit has been selected to receive funds from the Freedom Fund Run they are not eligible for funds again for 3 years. This is to allow more organizations an opportunity to be selected. Two worthy organizations that had been nominated were withdrawn: the USO was the recipient in 2012 from the Fund Run and the Gaston County Battered Women’s Shelter which is not a 501 c3 organization. CBA members attending the general meeting on May 7th voted unanimously for the funds to be given equally to two organizations this year. All eligible nominees were placed into a container and junior member Georgia Kirkland drew the two names. The recipients for this year’s Freedom Fund Run will be Biker Down Lifted Up and The Gastonia’s Potter’s House. Congratulations to both of these organizations.

Biker Down Lifted Up

Guardians of the Children (GOC)

Gaston County Toy Run

Riders Fighting Breast Cancer

The Gastonia’s Potter House

Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA)

Open Arms Ministry

CBA, Homestead and Other Area Events – Melissa, Gabby, Mike and others announced and discussed the following upcoming events, etc.

5/13/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – DJ Kevin Brown

5/20/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – DJ C. Duncan

5/21/15 – **Blue Ridge Harley Davidson – Bike Night**

5/23/15 – **Gaston County Homestead** – Karaoke with DJ Perry – 8 pm

5/27/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – Brother’s Keeper

5/30/15 – **Gaston County Homestead** – Karaoke with DJ Lisa Sue – 8 pm

6/1/15 – **Gaston CBA Events Committee and Officer’s Meeting** – Gaston County Homestead – 6:30 pm

6/5 & 6/6/15 – **Hog Happening Lincolnton** – Friday night 6 pm – 10 pm, Saturday 10 am – 6 pm

6/10/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – Iron Horse

6/11/15 – **Gaston CBA General Meeting** – Gaston County Homestead – Dinner 6:15 pm \$5 person – Meeting 7 pm

6/13/15 – **Gaston CBA Freedom Fund Run** – Ride to benefit **Biker Down Lifted Up and The Gastonia’s Potter’s House Charities**

6/17/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – DJ Perry

6/18/15 – **Blue Ridge Harley Davidson – Bike Night**

6/24/15 – **Gaston CBA Bike Night** – Rock House – Russell Crews

6/26/15 – 6/28/15 – **Buncombe CBA – Hot Springs Rally**

7/4/15 – **Gaston CBA Helmet Law Protest Ride**

9/12/15 – **Steve Melton Ride and Motorcycle Awareness** – Lake Lure – Geneva Hotel

9/25/15 – 9/27/15 – **Creekside Rally**

Sponsor Bike Nights, etc:

Rt. 55 – **Bike Night - Thursday nights, Jimmy D’s** – **Bike Night - Thursday nights, Bears Den** – **Karaoke - Friday nights**

Newsletter Editor/Lodge Committee Spokesperson – Rhonda asked everyone return borrowed koozies to the lodge or drop some off if you have extras that can be donated. 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 Rhonda by the 15th of each month (rhamcba@yahoo.com).

Secretary – Motion made and approved to accept the April minutes as printed in the May newsletter. We have 315 members (289 renewals, 26 Life, and 23 juniors). Please sign in each time you come to the lodge. Please remember to contact Donna if you have changes to your contact information. You can save the chapter up to \$25/year by receiving the newsletter online. New member packets are available – please see/contact Donna if you need one. Renewals are posted at the Homestead. Memberships: single - \$25, couple - \$35

Treasurer – Pete read monthly treasurer report. Motion made and passed to approve report. Copies of the treasurer’s report are always available and the books are always open to anyone who wants to see them. Please contact Pete with any questions/concerns about the reports.

Meeting Minutes Continued

1st Vice-President & Western District Coordinator – Gabby discussed sponsorships and protocol for obtaining them. Contracts have to be signed and a business card from the sponsor is needed for the newsletter, website, and facebook. Please see Gabby, Donna or Allen if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a sponsor of the CBA. Hog Happening in Lincolnton will be 6/5 and 6/6. Magic Mike will be in charge of the biker games (please see him if you would like to help). We will be setting up a booth with other chapters from the western district. Please see Gabby, Melissa or Ladonn if you are interesting in helping at the booth with memberships and merchandise. The Steve Melton (Bird) Poker Run 9/12/15 – Lake Lure, Geneva Hotel will also be a western district event. Volunteers are needed for the CBA table on Saturday, September 12th. Please let Gabby know if you would like to help. The CBA Facebook Page will be for CBA events only. The Gaston Area Motorcycle Rider's Facebook Page has been changed to Area Events for Motorcycle Riders and will be used for all community events. Please get info to Gabby if you would like it posted. The deadline for having your name on the Gaston County Toy Run shirts this year is mid-November and is a \$100 donation.

2nd Vice-President – Mike is currently looking for people to be Road Guards (minimum of 10) for rides and will ask that they all go through the MSAP program with Robert. The training is to ensure that everyone is on the same "page". One of the responsibilities is "blocking" to keep the bikes together, moving and safe. Road Crew Patches will be available to anyone who completes three group rides as a rider or passenger. You must sign-in at the beginning of the ride. Everyone who rides at least 500 miles a month between April and the November meeting will be given a big party. If you are interested, please have an officer log your miles each month. Bike Nights at Rock House are going well. The winners of the "biker games" each week win a t-shirt of their choice. The bike show is the last Wednesday of each month. Remember they are held rain or shine. The 2nd quarterly overnight excursion will be Hot Springs at the end of June with a possible ride to Freeborne's. Please let Mike know ASAP if you would like to attend. Mike is handling Bike Games for Bike Nights at the Rock House and will be handling the games for Hog Happening in June in Lincolnton and for the Creekside Rally this fall.

Legislative Coordinator – Chappy indicated that the long session in Raleigh has ended and that the next one will be in 2017. The helmet bill isn't dead yet. Please be aware that E15 gasoline is starting to show up at gas stations across the country. We should be contacting both state and federal leaders regarding the dangers of E15 gasoline. Grass on the roadways is littering and is also an obstruction because a motorcyclist has to change their path in which they are travelling. Chappy also discussed the Motorcycle Safety Act and that everyone needs to be aware of it to be able to discuss it with law enforcement in the event that someone else causes a motorcycle accident. It is part of the "Health and Safety Law Changes" SB 353.

Master Sergeant at Arms – Robert followed up the need for "Chapter By-Laws" to be used in conjunction with the state constitution. This will be an ongoing process as minutes from our past meetings will have to be checked for motions that were passed. The local by-laws would contain motions that are made and passed within our chapter. A motion was made and passed to set up local by-laws for our chapter. Several organizations have stated that they would give us a copy of their by-laws to look over. Anyone interested in helping with this whole process should contact an officer.

MSAP – Robert Ham stated MSAP is doing great but needs volunteers to teach. Please contact Robert if you are interested in becoming a MSAP instructor. You do not have to be a CBA member in order to teach MSAP classes. As of July 1st state funding for the Driver's Education program in the school system will end. Please contact state legislators regarding this situation. Funding for two years has been approved by state legislators but this doesn't address long-term funding. Robert stated that the tri-fold brochures for MSAP that can be placed at churches and other locations for parents and teens is ready to print. A generic tri-fold brochure with Jeff Reif's name will be done for the Steve Melton (Bird) Poker Run in the fall because riders from all over the state will be there. Jeff will then be able to give them the contact information for where they live in N.C.

Products – Anyone interested in taking over products, please see an officer. You have to be a member for at least one year and your membership is current. New shirts have been ordered and will be in soon. There will be both men's and women's shirts and the cost will be \$15 each.

Old Business – Just a reminder from Allen that volunteers are needed at the homestead and to please contact Rhonda if you are interested in helping.

New Business – The following constitutional changes from the April state meeting were read by Donna:

Existing: Article I MEMBERSHIP: #5 Lifetime membership will be available to members after five consecutive years of membership have been completed. (Current lifetime membership fees are as stated in Section 1 of the By-Laws.)

Proposed: Article I MEMBERSHIP: #5 Lifetime membership will be available to members after the first five years of membership have been paid. (Current lifetime membership fees are as stated in Section 1 of the By-Laws.)

Existing: BY-LAWS Section 1 Membership fees #2 A) Lifetime membership will cost five times the current membership fee after years of consecutive membership.

Proposed: BY-LAWS Section 1 Membership fees #2 A) Lifetime membership will cost five times the current membership fee after the first five years of membership have been paid.

These proposed changes will allow members to become lifetime members of the CBA without having to first complete five consecutive years of membership. Members would have to have 5 paid years of membership and then could pay for lifetime membership. We will be voting as a chapter at the June meeting whether or not to support the proposed state constitutional changes. The proposals will be read again at the June meeting with a brief question/answer session.

Motion to Adjourn – Made and Passed

Closing Prayer – Chappy

Respectfully submitted,
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1st Vice President

Hello Everyone, and to all the Daddy's and (Mother's that play the role of a Father) Happy Father's day to all. There's nothing like a Dad, I love mine with all my heart. I've always been a spoiled rotten "Daddy's Lil Girl", and will always be. A man that stole my heart many years ago, and taught me a lot about life, and yep~men (I've only met a few men that could hold a candle to my Dad. Cherish your time on this earth with him. Cause you are not promised tomorrow. So, why not pick up that phone and make that call, or better yet go for a visit. You'll be glad you did!

June 5th and 6th will be Hog Happening weekend, hope to see everyone there! We will be in charge of the Biker games, (Magic Mike is in charge of all the FUN SH..) and we will have a table set up with our new t shirts for men and ladies shirts. And membership table. As always we are looking for volunteer's to help us. Why not come out and support us, you joined for a reason right? So come on and have some fun! Food, Music, and lot's of vendors. So there's something for everyone!

Our Freedom/Fund Run is June 13th starting out at Ray's Smoke House and heading South where you can toss your helmets. Charity that was selected this time is Biker Down Lifted Up and The Gastonia Potter's House. So please come out and support these 2 great Organizations. Potter's House will also be providing the food for our next general meeting on June 13th, welcoming them to the CBA as a new sponsor. Cindy Jackson, Executive Director also rides. Yea, for another Lady Rider!

I recently had the privilege to ride with some local Police, Renegade Pigs, Rejects MC, Blue Knights, and Travlin Light member's in a memorial ride for fallen City Police Officer John Baker. Was an awesome day remembering a man that dedicated his life to law enforcement, protecting and serving the City of Gastonia. He died from a massive heart attack while in his police car in 2001. He loved people and riding his motorcycle.

I always like to leave you with something that's helpful..So since I am a survivor of a wreck on a motorcycle..Here you go~ Every motorcyclist knows them, the lesser moments. You have crashed, and you are struggling to get you confidence back. You can't get yourself to enter corners as fast as you wish, or you are afraid of locking your front wheel every time you brake.

How do you cope? You have to get over it, some people will tell you. But how do you do that? Is there such a thing as getting over your fear? If not, how to get rid of your fear?

The first time that you get on your bike after having an accident will feel very, eh, strange. The general advice is to get on your bike as soon as possible (medically possible that is), the longer the pause, the harder it will be to get used to riding again. Allow yourself time to adjust again, don't expect that you immediately will ride "as before" and don't be mistaken we all have this tendency to idealize "as it used to be", there is a fair chance that you will always keep the idea that you were a better rider before the accident, while in reality you will probably get better than before.

When you don't have to blame yourself for the accident, you might, strange as it may seem, feel insecure because of exactly that fact, if it was just a case of bad luck, you might run into the same bad luck today or tomorrow. And that bad luck might be worse, the next time. It's one thing or the other, either you choose to believe that you could have done something to prevent the accident, even in the case that you are not guilty legally, or you choose to believe that it's completely the fault of the other (a driver, animal, the government, a tree, gravel on the road, etc).

In the first case, you are able to learn something from the accident, with the result that in the future, in circumstances similar to the accident, you will know what to do. But in the other case, exactly the same could happen to you, and there would be nothing you could do about it. So it seems a very attractive idea, that you really couldn't do anything about it, but in fact you prevent yourself from regaining control, by having such an attitude.

The words "fault" or "mistake" are hard to take for many people. Many motorcycle riders like the idea that they "can ride" after a couple of years of riding and had an advanced riding course, and that accidents that happen after you reached that point are just a matter of bad luck. But the fact is, of course, that you can always make adjustments to your ability to look and think, to notice possibly dangerous situations, to predict behavior of other drivers and riders, and that everyone tends to forget part of what they have learned when they don't pay attention to it all the time. The more miles you ride, and especially the more active your attitude is concerning learning and practicing, the lower the chance of getting involved in an accident.

Part of that attitude is that you evaluate each (almost) accident, and try to see what *you* could have done, what *you* could have seen, how *you* could have reacted. It doesn't help you only to think about the faults of others. The most ideal situation is that you can talk the accident over with people whom you know and whom you trust, to have an objective view. Of course, you shouldn't choose people who see mistakes as a personal flaw, and will try to blame others, instead of trying to see what can be learned.

What it all boils down to is. Find out about the facts, read, ask and think. Gradually expose yourself to what you are afraid of (the "gradually" part is the most important). Take precautions not to induce the fear (by concentrating on other things). Don't ask performances of yourself that you're not (yet) up to. Keep the responsibility for yourself with you, and don't give it away to others, to the road, etc. Realize that in every situation, you can make a difference, and that you can learn from it.

Your pleasure in riding will come back like that, and with it, the always promised feeling of freedom.

Let those who ride DECIDE..

Gabby,
1st Vice President
Western District Coordinator
GCCBA Sponsor Chair Person





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We all love to ride and we all love to live, with that in mind we have to realize that we are ultimately responsible for our own safety. We do this by education, ability and anticipation. We educate not only ourselves about motorcycling but we also educate others that may not ride motorcycles about noticing and driving safely around motorcycles. The real meat and potatoes of riding safely is anticipation and ability. We always need to be realizing what is going on around us. We must always anticipate what others are doing, fixing to do, or could possibly do so that we will be ready to react in a manner to literally save our and our passengers lives. Always anticipate that they are fixing to do something stupid in your path and your percentages of making contact with them will be greatly reduced. We also need to realize our individual ability on these machines. Everyone does not have the same ability to handle a motorcycle so you must always ride within your ability. Until you have practiced successfully your sudden stops, quick turns, and most important, your swerves be sure to maintain slower speeds (possibly below the posted speed limit) and longer following distances. You do not have to keep up with others to enjoy riding so always stay within your ability this will also increase your percentages of making it home safe and/or alive.

Always remember Capt. K loves all of his brothers and sisters and I am a little bit selfish in that I want all of them to be safe and alive so that I can enjoy their company when I get the opportunity.

We really need your help to make Gaston County MSAP the success that it can be. Not only does it make our riding experience safer but it provides CBA clout with our representatives by providing the numbers of potential drivers that are reached through our safety program. I am available to provide support and training to anyone that would like to participate in making our roads a safer place to ride

We are in need of MSAP instructors to help make our riding experiences safer by donating a little bit of time to educate drivers (experienced and potential) about being aware of everything around them. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested (they do not have to be a CBA member) please contact Robert Ham (aka Capt. K) @ 704-861-5735 or rttham4@gmail.com.

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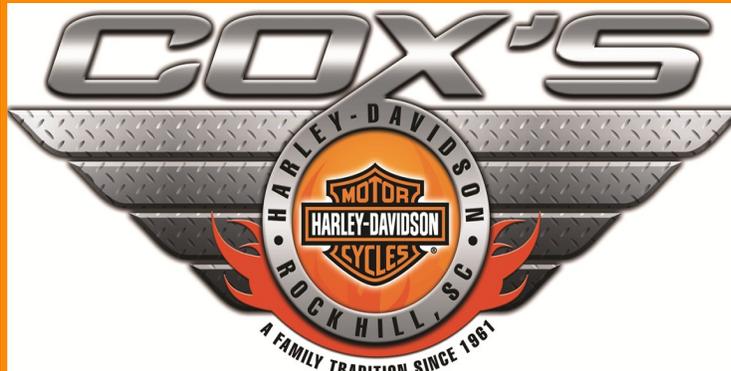
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2nd Vice President

AHHHHH June at last !! Myrtle Beach Bike Week behind us and the full summer ahead , warm nights and long rides, which brings up our 2nd quarter ride for the CBA. We are looking at Hot Springs for this overnighter. It should be a blast! I need everyone who is interested to let me know so we can plan an agenda to make this happen. We are also planning a trip up to Lake Lure for our good friend The Bird Man, who so tragically passed away doing what he and his bird loved to do, and show our support and respect for our fallen brother. Hog Happenin' is the first week in June. Come out for all the fun and festivities and always a bike game that is the best in the South! We look forward to seeing everyone soon . Wednesday night is bike nights at the Rock House come see us, we have great games going on for tons of fun.... Come get you some!!!



2nd VP - In charge of the fun Shit!
MAGIC MIKE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR GASTON COUNTY CBA & GASTON COUNTY HOMESTEAD

- June 5** **Game Night Homestead**
- June 5-6** **Hog Happening in Lincolnton (see flyer)**
- June 12** **Open Mic Night at the homestead (see flyer)**
- June 13** **Gaston County Freedom/Fund Ride (see flyer)**
- June 13** **Indian Motorcycle Cookout for the USO**
- June 19** **Game Night Homestead**
- June 20** **Karaoke with DJ Lisa 8pm (see flyer)**
- June 20** **Tony's Bar 30th Annual Holy Angels run (see online flyer)**
- June 26-28** **Hot Springs Rally (see online flyer)**

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As editor of the Gaston County CBA newsletter, I would like to extend an exclusive apology to Pop's Place in Myrtle Beach. I am still not certain how I missed placed their ad, especially that close to bike week, but Charlotte Cantrell, I am truly sorry and the missed ads will be added to your renewal. As most of you know, that is our favorite place to emerge on most all nights while at the beach.

If any sponsor ever notices their ad is missing, please don't hesitate to contact me, 704-861-2391 or by email, rhamcb@yahoo.com.

I would like to also welcome our new sponsors, No Limit Motor Sports, Indian Motorcycle and The Potters House. Thank you all for coming aboard and we look forward to a very prosperous venture together.

Thank You All!
Rhonda Ham
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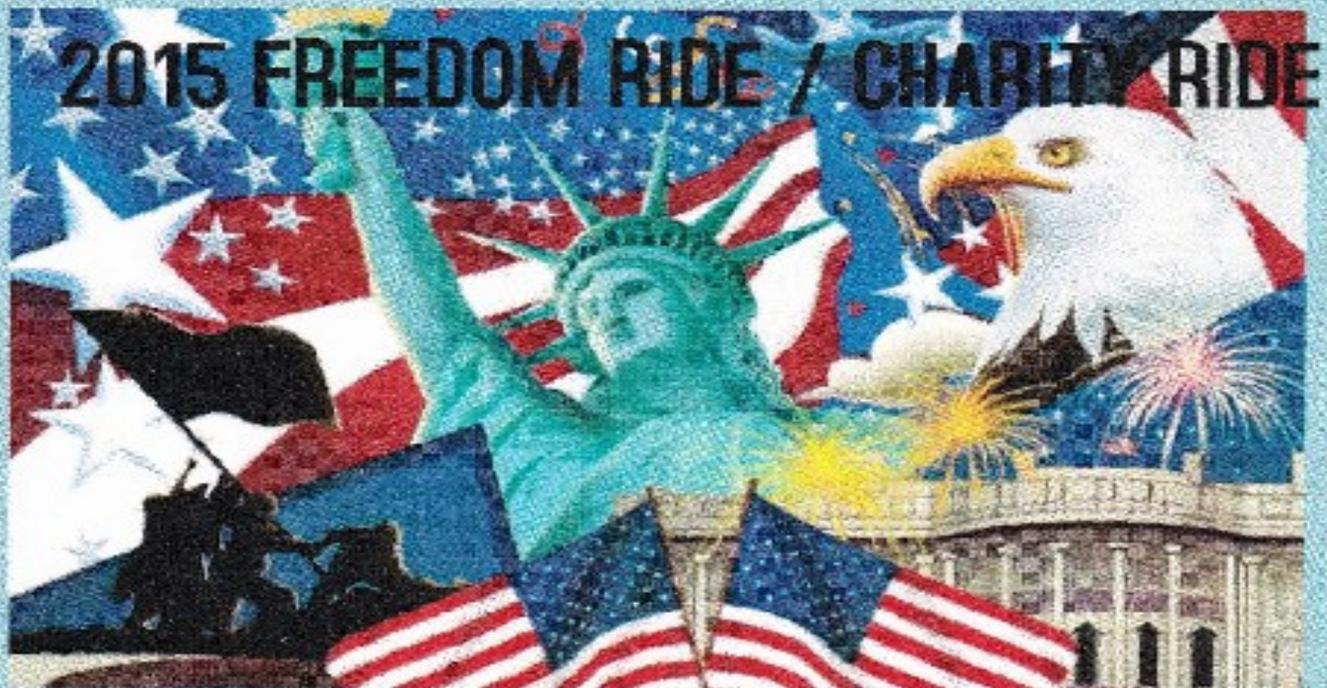
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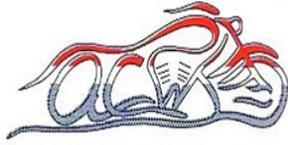
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Join Us On June 13 For A Fun-Filled Day To Support The Good Work Of The North



Join us on Saturday June 13 at Indian Motorcycle Charlotte for a very special fundraiser for the North Carolina USO--The Great American Summer Cookout. There will be some challenging games and from 11 am till 3 pm, we will be cooking up some delicious food here at I-85 Exit 22 in Lowell (near Gastonia). Come hungry and prepared to donate at least \$10 per individual to the USO. If you can't make it, you can also donate online by clicking on the logo above.

The USO is a privately-funded organization that has been supporting our men and women in uniform for decades! Our cookout is a way of raising awareness of the USO as well as raising funds to help support their good work.

Indian Motorcycle Company (corporate) has already partnered with the national USO and pledged \$100,000 to the organization. We want to support that effort and 100% of funds collected will stay local and go to the North Carolina USO.

- A Member's Opinion -

Recently we were told by Gaston CBA President Allen Head that some of our members are not renewing because it "seems" we like to party more than we are concerned with the issues of the CBA. It is true that most bikers like to get together and have a good time but that doesn't mean we don't care about what is happening to our rights as bikers nor about what is happening to the rights of others in the USA. Sometimes when I hear friends talk (bikers and non-bikers), I'm shocked and discouraged by their prejudice of other people be it their race, religion, culture, and even to the total disrespect of people that were elected to serve us. If you don't like who is in office, get off your a\$\$ and work to get someone else elected! The main solution to this problem is getting our citizens to vote. Those that yell the loudest are usually the ones that don't take the time to vote or work for a candidate that might turn out to be a truly great representative who is actually concerned about us and our rights and the rights of others.

But let's get back to the party animals that we are. Getting together to socialize has always been a way to bring like-minded people together. It's a way to get people involved. If you don't make it fun, members usually get bored and quit. Bikers have always got things done by being a social group. Getting together socially to talk about current issues is a way to start the ball rolling on how to get things done. If you are one of the ones that say we only like to party - you are wrong and probably only using it as an excuse not to help us in our fight for YOUR rights. We DO NOT advocate the drinking of alcohol but as a citizen of Gaston County, the State of NC and the United States of America, we have that right to drink if we so desire. We DO NOT encourage our members to drink then drive. In fact we encourage all members and friends when they have had too much to drink to let one of us nondrinkers drive your car or ride your bike home. It doesn't matter what establishment you are at (be it a local tavern, bike night or the CBA Lodge), there is always usually someone around that can get you home. If not we will call someone for you. Bikers have always looked out for their fellow bikers and we will do our best to honor this tradition. We do not want one of our brothers or sisters hurt or killed because we didn't do our part in making sure they didn't get home safe. We don't want to see any biker out riding (or driving) when they have had too much to drink. Our lodge is supported totally by donations from our concession or by member donations to help pay the rent, utilities, repairs and liability insurance. We don't pay for our lodge out of our general CBA account. It's always been agreed to that if it can't pay for all the expenses by donations, then we wouldn't have the lodge. I really believe our lodge is an important part of the biker community and I hope you will do your part to help support it. The lodge is the place to get to know new members and make new friendships or renew old ones. We don't expect you to "like" every member (that is totally unrealistic) but we do expect our members to show respect to other members and friends.

Now let's get back to the CBA and what you can do to help. There are positions in this organization that we can certainly use your help. Legislation is what we are all about. We desperately need members (& nonmembers) to start calling, write letters or send emails to ALL state and federal representatives about the issues we are trying to get passed or issues that don't need to become law. And don't just call or email your local representatives because we pay the salary for every representative in our state and federal government, so call or email as many as you can. You can get the list of state representatives at www.ncga.state.nc.us and the US representatives at http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm & <http://www.house.gov/representatives>. If you truly want to make a difference and you truly are concerned about our rights, then start the fight today to protect our rights to ride without laws governing what we wear or don't wear (helmets), without discrimination toward our bikes or clothing - especially in public places or targeting people just because they ride a motorcycle. I don't understand how a business cannot discriminate against the color of someone's skin but can against what someone wears on his back. Discrimination is discrimination. If someone wears a patch or has colors on and they are disruptive - then ban that person and not the entire organization or club. We also desperately need Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program instructors. This is a program that is so beneficial to our future drivers. It would only take a couple hours a month of your time and is so rewarding (& fun). Please contact Robert Ham (phone & email on front page) if you can help. And by the way, you don't have to be a member of CBA to be an instructor, so if you know someone that would like to help - please encourage him/her or give Robert a call.

The officers need your help and support. They need your participation and most of all they need you to stay active. If you don't like the way things are done, then get off your a\$\$ and work for change! Talk is only talk. We need action here! Why wouldn't any biker want to be a member of the Concerned Bikers Association since our main objective is to fight for you! It's every CBA member responsibility to recruit new members and encourage lapsed members to rejoin. Our voice will only be heard if we are strong. And even though it's sad but true, most of the time lawmakers look at the number of members you have before they work on your behalf. After all members mean votes to most representatives. You can download applications for new or renewal membership from our website at: www.gastoncountycba.com or call Donna at 704 287-4309 or me at 704 922-5437 and we would be more than glad to mail you an application.

Jill Stillwell

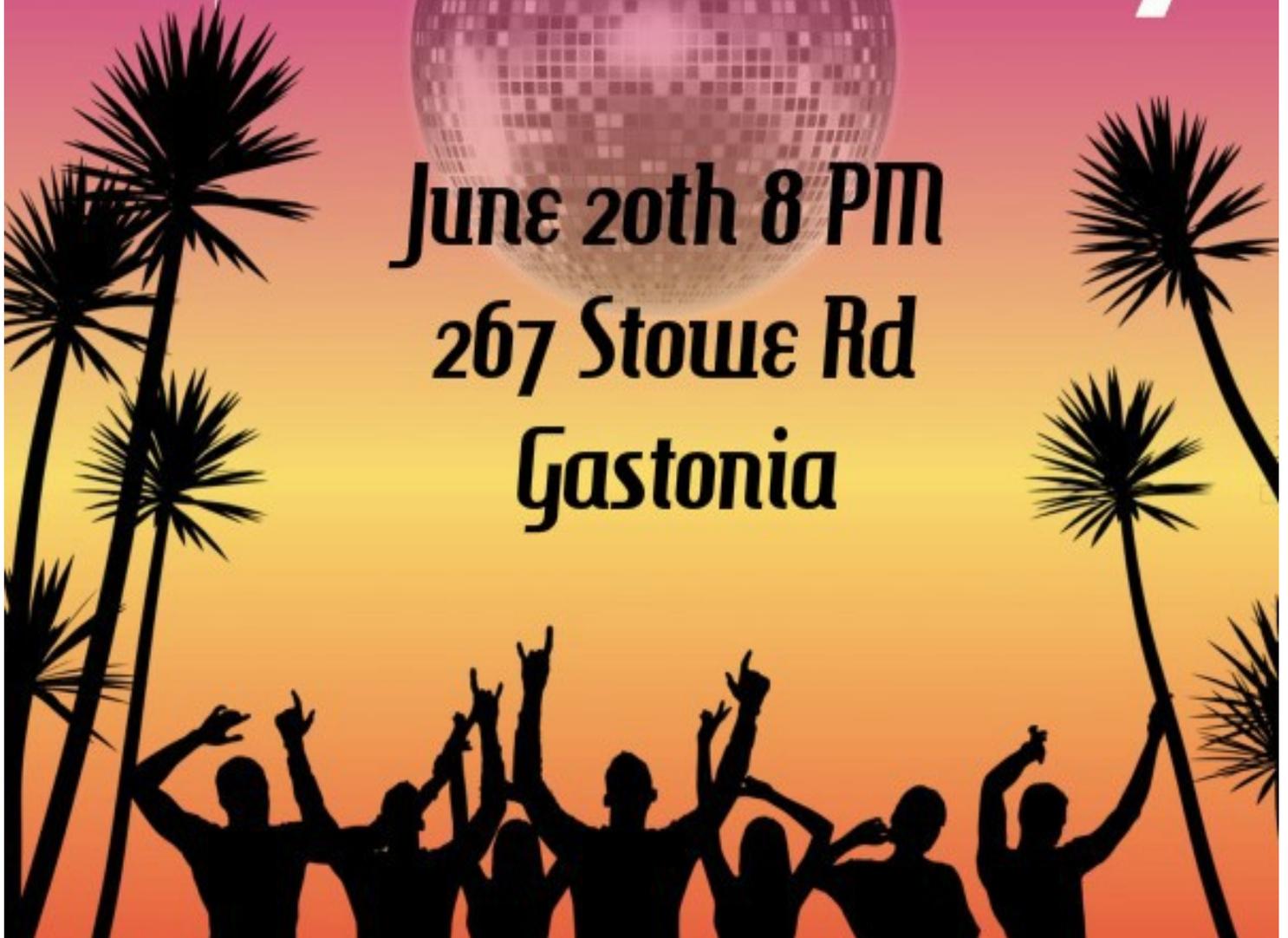
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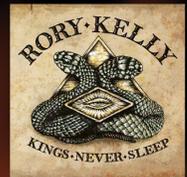
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PART V. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

SECTION 5.(a) G.S. 20-154 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-154. Signals on starting, stopping or turning.

...

(a1) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section and causes a motorcycle operator to change travel lanes or leave that portion of any public street or highway designated as travel lanes shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). A person who violates subsection (a) of this section that results in a crash causing property damage or personal injury to a motorcycle operator or passenger shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).~~(\$500.00)~~ unless subsection (a2) of this section applies.

(a2) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section and the violation results in a crash causing property damage in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or a serious bodily injury as defined in G.S. 20-160.1(b) to a motorcycle operator or passenger shall be responsible for an infraction and shall be assessed a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). A violation of this subsection shall be treated as a failure to yield right-of-way to a motorcycle for purposes of assessment of points under G.S. 20-16(c). In addition, the trial judge shall have the authority to order the license of any driver violating this subsection suspended for a period not to exceed 30 days. If a judge orders suspension of a person's drivers license pursuant to this subsection, the judge may allow the licensee a limited driving privilege for a period not to exceed the period of suspension. The limited driving privilege shall be issued in the same manner and under the terms and conditions prescribed in G.S. 20-16.1(b)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and G.S. 20-16.1(g).

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