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Newsletter – July 2016

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President's Message—

I'm going to take a question from the Hot Springs Rally catalog and put my spin on it and ask —Have you ever wondered what the money made at our rides, swap meet and membership dues goes to pay for? The money we raise from those events goes to support motorcycle rights and safety efforts. Throughout the year, we have a lot of opportunities to be a voice and learn more from others. We participate in Lobby Day to talk with our representatives about our concerns and ideas. CBA/ABATE of NC has a quarterly meeting for our members. We discuss what our chapters across the state are doing, banning together for any violation of rights that may occur, and enjoy each other's company. There is also a yearly meeting called Meeting of the Minds located in a different part of the country that is filled with information. Hopefully we will be able to send representatives to this meeting in the near future.

Gaston County was well represented at the Hot Springs Rally put on by our sister Western District Chapter—Buncombe County. This is a fun rally with bikers from across the state and country. We even seen a tag from Alaska! This chapter works hard to put this rally on and has the support from a lot of their members who worked hard to make our weekend a pleasant and entertaining one. They didn't just work one day and call it quits. They worked for days—all day long helping to make their rally a success. To be honest—I'm very jealous of the support they have in their chapter. Wouldn't it be great to have that support in our chapter? We could you know with your support.

Below the secretary's page you will find Dale Carroll's resignation as our Legislative Director. This position is the most important one in our chapter because that is what we are all about. Are you interested in what goes on in our chapter concerning legislation? If so, would you be willing to help us in this position? With the 2017 election coming up we really need help in understanding where our candidates stand on issues that concern us.

In this issue (again) you will find a donation sheet for the Homestead. I hope each of you will see fit to help support the Homestead. There are a lot of good points in having our own place but there are also a lot of bad such as having to keep enough money to pay the rent and utilities. It's a place where we can come together and be ourselves and not have to worry about what the owners or other patrons say about us. The Homestead is open to any biker organization (that includes religious ones) that wants to use it. It's also open for birthday parties, reunions, weddings and celebration of life. We will try to accommodate you on any event that you may have. So why don't you just come on down to the Homestead and just be yourself – a biker that loves his brothers and sisters and who just needs a place to relax and enjoy the company of other bikers. To be honest—we are at a fork in the road concerning the Homestead. We've got to make a decision to support and keep it or let it go. I would very much appreciate your input on what you think we should do. I know some of you want to keep it but with no support of money or help running the concession—there is no way we can. If we had 16 volunteers, you wouldn't have to work the concession but once every two months. That wouldn't be so bad would it? If I call upon you to work the concession—please consider saying yes.

Our state meeting is the 16th & 17th of this month. If you would like to attend on Sunday (the day the Executive Council meets), the meeting will take place at the American Legion Post 53, 729 Creek Ridge Rd., Greensboro NC. It would be a good Sunday ride and you can meet other CBA members from across the state and sit in on what we are all about. We start at 9am and usually the Sunday meeting is over by 12:30-1pm. The Saturday meeting consist of committee meetings (which everyone is invited to attend). The hours for Saturday are 9:30 am until around 3:30 pm. We encourage all our members to go and participate in our state meetings. It's all about what we do to protect you—the biker that loves to ride.

As we celebrate this 4th of July, please remember the meaning of this day. It says a lot when we know what we are celebrating and why. Our forefathers fought and died for our freedom and down through the years other young men and women have died for that freedom. Don't take it lightly or for granted because it could be taken away from you in an instant. During this election year, I beg you to get to know the candidates you will vote for this year. Don't vote strictly along party lines if you feel your party doesn't offer the best candidate for the job. And listen closely for the reasons they are running and how they would govern. Our country is already a great country so we don't need to be made "great" again. We are indeed the **GREATEST** country in the world—bar none. And if you have traveled to other countries—you know what I mean. There is no place like the United States of America!

We said good-bye to a dear friend and brother—Buddy Sexton this past month. There was rarely a time you didn't see a beautiful smile on that man. He loved the kids that the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids provided toys for and he loved the CBA. He was truly a "one of a kind" whom we shall truly miss. It's very difficult for me when we lose members who truly made a difference in our community but that is the way life is. It's up to us to take their place in our biker community and we have very big shoes to try and fill in the folks we have lost the last several years. Right?

I wish you nothing but peace and love. May your ride always be enjoyable and safe.

Respectfully, Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / June 9, 2016

Meeting was held at the Gaston County Homestead with the Meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Copperhead led us with the opening prayer followed by Jill leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

President (Jill Stillwell) – Jill recognized new members and visitors and thanked Donna for providing the food tonight. Volunteers and Coordinators are needed for the homestead, CBA events, and products. A moment of silence was held for Buddy Sexton (lifetime member) and Howdy Smith (owner of Twin Tops which is a long-time sponsor of the CBA).

Membership contest – Buncombe county CBA has contributed \$500 for the contest. The contest will run from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. The member who recruits the most new members and can get members to rejoin who have been lapsed for at least one year will win \$250. For every 10 members that sign up, your name goes into a drawing for another \$250. There is a place on the membership applications for the recruiter to place their name.

State Raffle (shotgun) – Raffle tickets are available at the homestead for \$5 each. Please contact an officer or concession volunteer if you would like to purchase any tickets.

Guest Speaker – Bob Karney – Karney Law Firm

Discussed minimum coverage including under/uninsured coverage

Separate policies for each vehicle (they can be stacked for claims using the under/uninsured coverage)

Discussed several cases & the importance of not giving statements to the police immediately following an incident.

Always look at the direction of vehicle wheels when approaching stop signs

Also discussed the best and worst insurance companies for paying claims when an accident occurs

Legislation (Dale Carroll) - Dale was absent. Jill read a message from CBA State Legislative Coordinator Charlie Boone regarding HB1050 that deals with access to parking decks, etc. built with public funds. This bill is being postponed until the long session in 2017 so that some of the wording can be changed.

1st Vice-President & Western District Coordinator (Gabby Mintz) – Gabby was absent. The Freedom Fund Run is June 11th. There will be a meeting Friday night for volunteers to put together the Raffle prizes and Stop volunteers to pick up their dice. Sponsors for the newsletter are available. Please contact an officer if you know someone or a business that is interested in being a sponsor. Ads are also available for the State CBA/Abate newsletter.

CBA, Homestead and Other Area Events –

6/11/2016 – **Gaston CBA Freedom Fund Run** (volunteers are needed to work the stops and raffle prizes are also needed)

6/14/2016 – Officer's Club Meeting for officers of area groups to discuss upcoming events. 6 pm @ American Cycle Works

6/20/2016 – Ride your bike to work day

6/24/2016 – 6/25/2016 – Hot Springs Rally sponsored by Buncombe County CBA

7/11/2016 – Events Committee and Officers Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ the Gaston County Homestead

7/14/2016 – General Meeting @ the Homestead (Food will be available at 6:15 pm for \$5 per person while it lasts)

7/16/2016 – 7/17/2016 – CBA State Meeting

7/23/2016 – Dixie Drifters RC benefit & dice run to support Dance Abilities Academy

7/23/2016 – Carolina Thunder poker run and pig pickin'

8/26/2016 – 8/27/2016 – Jace Man Run

(The homestead is open on Friday and Saturday's at 6:30 pm – Volunteers are always wanted. Please contact Jill Stillwell or Donna Barnett if you would like to volunteer at the Homestead)

Please use common courtesy when tagging photos with the CBA and the Homestead. Please return borrowed koozies to the homestead or drop some off if you have extras that can be donated. Thanks.

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 June newsletter are due to Jill Stillwell by the 22nd this month

(jillstillwell@bellsouth.net).

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 267 members (238 renewals, 29 Life, and 22 juniors). Motion made and passed to accept the May minutes as posted in the June newsletter. Please sign in each time you come to the homestead. Please remember to contact Donna if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) (deb2334@yahoo.com).

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 included in the weekly emails, the monthly newsletter and are posted at the homestead. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30

Treasurer (Pete McGinnis) – Pete read the treasurer's report. Motion made and approved to accept the reports. Please contact Pete if you have any questions about the reports. Secretary's Report Continued next page

Secretary's Report (Continued) -

Treasurer (Pete McGinnis) – Pete read the treasurer's report. Motion made and approved to accept the reports. Please contact Pete if you have any questions about the reports.

Master Sergeant at Arms (Jason Beck) – Nominations are being accepted for two male sergeant at arms. Please submit names to Jason, Jill, Gabby or Donna.

MSAP – Please contact Jeff Reif if you are interested in becoming the MSAP coordinator for Gaston County.

Products – Shirts are \$15 each (There are both men's and women's shirts). Please see an officer if you are interested in helping with products. "Watch for Motorcycles" Gaston County CBA stickers are also available for \$1.00 each.

Old Business – We are working very hard to save the homestead. If you are interested in helping with the homestead and events please contact Jill Stillwell, Gabby Mintz or Donna Barnett. It is going to take everyone's support to keep the homestead. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the proposed by-laws/procedures for Gaston County CBA (remember that this is the first draft).

New Business –

Motion to Adjourn – Made and Passed
Copperhead led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barnett, Secretary

Resignation: James Dale "Caveman" has resigned as our Legislative Director. We want to thank Dale for his help & support in this important position in our chapter. Most of you don't know this but Dale was the person instrumental in organizing this chapter. He worked hard to get us where we are, so we don't want to let Dale and the others that worked so hard down when it comes to working hard on behalf of biker's rights and freedoms. Thanks Dale and we hope that you and Nora the best in any future endeavor you take on especially in raising those chickens. We love you both.

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VICE-PRESIDENT -

Hello everybody- would like to wish all a very happy and safe Fourth of July. Don't forget our annual Helmet Protest Ride, Monday July 4th. (See flier in newsletter). Recently, we received a message from a concerned motorcyclist about being able to go thru a red light.

Special Rules for Motorcycles and Bikes

Motorcyclists and bicyclists in North Carolina may run red lights legally. If a traffic light fails to turn green in a "reasonable period of time," riders are now permitted to proceed through the intersection. This law is derived from a technical problem. Devices that trigger red lights have difficulty "reading" the presence of motorcycles and bicycles. Cyclists are often left standing for long periods, or until a car approaches.

You may read more about this and other NC Laws by searching: [www.ncga.state.nc.us/](http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/)

Our Event's and Officer's meeting was moved to Monday July 11th, 6:30 pm for all to be able to enjoy Independence Day. General Meeting,

will be held on that Thursday July 14th with quest speaker Jason Taylor the Litigator, Attorney and CBA sponsor. Hope you will join us for some great food, staying abreast of things going on. And helpful information Jason has for us.

Hope all are enjoying the hot hot, hot weather. Me not...But better than winter..

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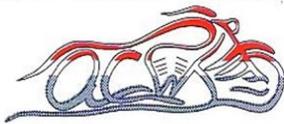
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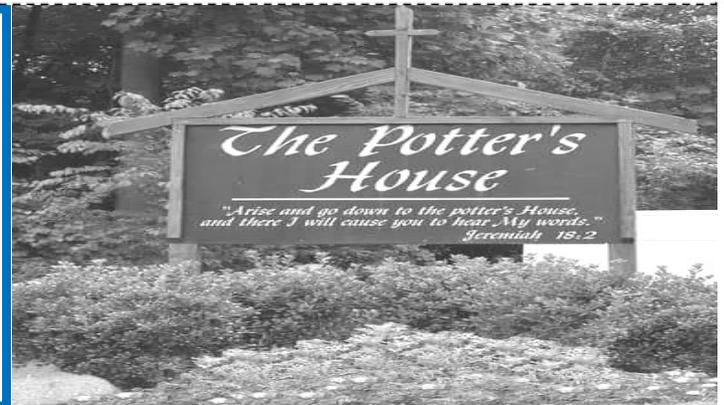
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR GASTON COUNTY CBA,
GASTON COUNTY HOMESTEAD AND AREA EVENTS**

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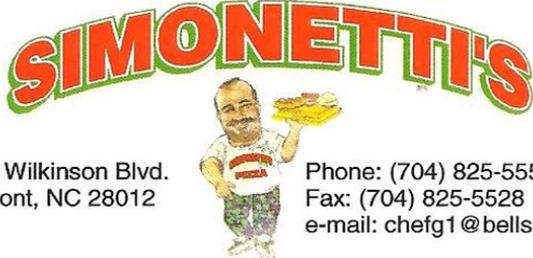
7/23– Carolina Thunder poker run and pig pickin' to benefit Webb Street School

8/26 & 27– Jace Man Run, Cleveland County CBA & CCIB

We are aware that there are many biker events in our area and that you can't support every one of them. To do so would be financially impossible unless you have a never ending supply of money in the bank. But we do encourage you to support your CBA events and runs. We cannot do anything on your behalf without your support.

Gaston County Homestead is open on Friday & Saturday Nights

All area events are welcome on our online newsletter...please send to jillstillwell@bellsouth.net. It has to be sent to Jill to be in the newsletter. Don't assume that she knows about your event.



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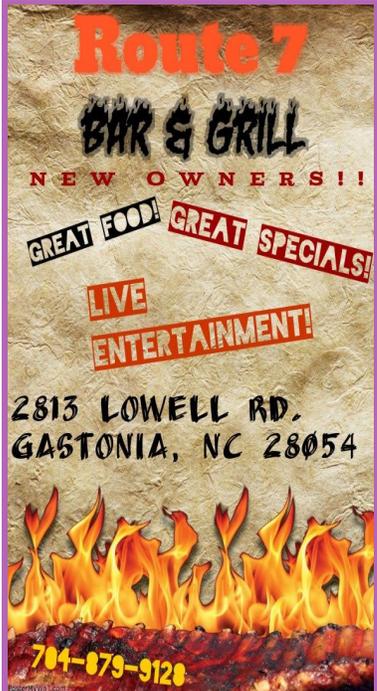
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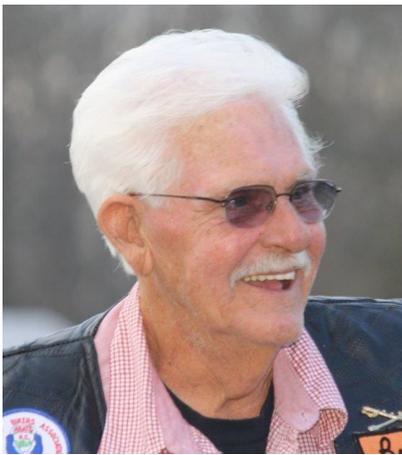


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This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of our brother and friend—

Buddy Sexton (March 31, 1940—June 3, 2016)

Buddy was a veteran of the US Army and later worked in construction as a truck driver. He was the founder of the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids and also a charter member of Gaston CBA.. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and dear friend who will greatly be missed by his family and the biker community.



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On the website now is a really good history of the CBA/ABATE in North Carolina.

2016 Membership Contest sponsored by Buncombe County CBA is announced.

**Membership Contest—
Win \$250 or even \$500!!!**

Buncombe County Chapter is donating \$500 for two recruitment prizes.

The person who recruits the most new members in 2016 wins \$250! Another \$250 prize goes to the winner of a drawing. To be entered in the drawing, you must recruit 10 new or lapsed members. Members must have been lapsed for 1 year. For every 10 names recruited, you get another chance to win.

Free memberships are not included in this contest.
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The Renewable Fuel Standard [proposal](#) announced May 18 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would increase the risk of misfueling for motorcyclists and all-terrain-vehicle owners by forcing the widespread availability of higher-ethanol fuel blends, such as unsafe E15.

The American Motorcyclist Association wants to hear from you about your experiences with ethanol fuel blends. Please submit comments about your personal experience (see below).

By increasing the amount of mandated ethanol in America's fuel supply, the EPA will force suppliers to exceed the blend wall by hundreds of millions of gallons! The blend wall is the point at which no more ethanol can be added without forcing higher blends like E15 and above into the marketplace.

Doing so means ethanol blends of 15 percent or higher would become more prevalent, and safe fuels like E10 or E0 could become harder to find. To learn more about the proposal and sign the AMA petition to voice your concern, click [here](#).

We want to hear from you about your experiences with ethanol fuel blends. Tell us:

- The year(s) and model(s) of your motorcycle(s)
- How have these fuels affected your riding, maintenance and storage practices?
- Have you found yourself cleaning carburetors more often than you have in the past?
- Do rubber seals and gaskets fail more often?
- Are you experiencing corrosion in your gas tank?
- What steps do you have to take when storing your motorcycle for long periods?
- Do you go out of your way to find ethanol-free gas? If so:
- Has ethanol-free fuel become harder to find?
- How far do you travel to get ethanol-free fuel?

Forward this email to your friends who ride because the AMA wants to hear from motorcyclists everywhere about the impact of ethanol fuel blends on riders.

With the EPA continuing to push ever-increasing amounts of ethanol onto consumers, your experiences can help us convince the EPA to address the concerns of motorcyclists regarding the federal Renewable Fuel Standard.

[Share your story](#)

Renewals for December 2015 - July 2016

December

Frank LeBeau
 Ginny Gaydon
 Billy & Geraldine Orrell
 Jimmy Rushing
 Lynn Howson
 Tammy Faucette
 David Laws
 Keri Hunt
 Blair & Lisa Sutton
 Wendy Johnson
 Sherry McKinnish
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January 2016

Dayna Wilson-Burris
 Keith Costner
 Rick Jenkins
 Danny & Vickie Plemmons
 Rob Robinson
 Miles Hamrick, Sr.

February 2016

Jon Pendleton
 Haylie Black
 Tim Poarch
 Holden Russell
 Charlie & Pashia Evans
 John C. Revels
 Mike & Karen Slinger

March 2016

Michelle Lineberger-Hall
 Christy Long
 D. Shane & Lisa Burris
 Christopher James Clark
 Amber Berry

April 2016

Shawn Owens
 Adam & Sandra Rose
 Jeff Richards
 Robin Warren
 David & Lisa Coblentz
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 Chris & Wanda Baucom
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May 2016

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 Tonya Howell
 Randall James
 Mark & Kathy Moses
 Barry & Lori Scruggs

June 2016

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 Buddy Hawkins
 James "Gene" Clark
 Tara Moses

July 2016

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 Bryan & Karen Patterson
 John Allen Crawford
 Steve & Gina Goff
 Jason & Corrine Beck

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RECRUITED BY: _____

**Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report
May 2016**

Beginning Balance : **\$ 1,405.83**
 Income:
 \$ 20.00 New & Renewals Membership
 \$ 600.00 Newsletter Sponsor
 \$ 15.00 Products
 \$ 20.00 Swap Meet

Total Income: \$ 635.00

Expenses:
 \$ 215.30 Lobby Day
 \$ 1,179.60 Membership Expense

Total Expenses: \$ 1,394.90

Ending Balance (2/29/2016) - \$ 645.93

Respectfully submitted by: Pete McGinnis
 If you have any questions, please contact Pete at the information listed below.

**Homestead Treasurer's Report
May 2016**

Beginning Balance: **(- \$ 685.00)**
 Income:
 \$ 710.00 Concession stand donations
 \$ 15.00 Donations
 \$ 190.00 Power

Total Income: \$ 788.00

Expenses:
 \$ 199.54 Concession Supplies
 \$ 217.00 Power Bill
 \$ 500.00 Rent
 \$ 125.00 Entertainment

Total Expenses: \$1,041.54

Ending Balance – 5/31/2016 - (- \$ 811.54)

As you can see again this month we are in the red at the Homestead. We sincerely hope you help by donating to the Homestead. See the flyer in this newsletter. We are determined to pull the Homestead out of the red and make it pay for itself again but we can only do this with your help.

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