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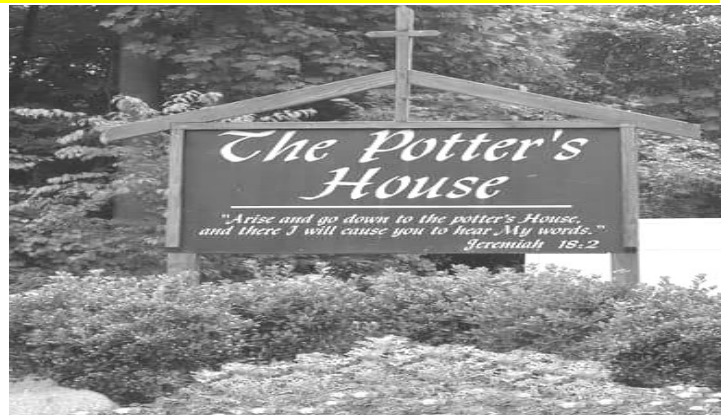
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To The Members & Friends  
of Gaston CBA

Newsletter – June 2017



**WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES AND SAVE A LIFE!**



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## **CBA / ABATE of NC, GASTON COUNTY**

**June 2017**

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### **President's Message—**

**OUR MEETING DAY & TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE 4th SUNDAY EVERY MONTH AT 2PM. The next meeting will be on June 25th. We will have food at the meeting. Is this going to work? Please let us know if you would like the meetings to continue on Sunday afternoons or go back to a weekday night. Since we haven't heard from any of you, we really don't know what you want.**

There is a lot going on in our area right now. The riding season is in full swing and we want you to be extra careful on the road. Please don't drink and ride. We love each of you and want you to be safe. Call a friend if you need a ride home. Also please watch out for cars/trucks making unsafe moves.

This month is the 21st Annual Hot Springs Rally (see flyer) in Hot Springs NC put on by the Buncombe County CBA. This 3-day event is a great rally with good bands, bike games, vendors and fun, fun fun! If you've never been, take your camper or tent and go! Peewee and I are going to miss it this year because of his heart surgery and we really hate it! Buncombe County CBA does an excellent job putting on this rally.

We are again planning on the Right to Choose—Helmet Protest Ride on July 4th (see flyer). It doesn't matter if you would wear a helmet or not, it should be our right to choose. And we should be able to have that right without legislators who have never ridden making the rules for us. Every year we get a little closer. And with your help, we will get there soon. This year Magic Mike is chairman of this event and I know he could use your help, so call him and volunteer.

We welcome two new Gaston CBA sponsors this month. Little L's has been around Gaston County for a good many years. Little L's is located at 414 Bessemer City Rd., Gastonia. Remedies is new to the area and from what I hear, they have a really good bar with great food. Can't wait for Peewee to get back on his feet so we can attend bike night at both places which by the way they both bike night on Thursday nights. Of course we have some other great Gaston CBA sponsors. Some that just want to show their appreciation for the work that we do on your behalf. We hope you will show your appreciation by supporting their business and thank them for being on our team.

The officers of Gaston CBA are disappointed right now at our attendance at the general meetings and at the non-interest at events that we plan for the CBA and the Homestead. It certainly makes the job of our officers in this chapter harder and sometimes we think why should we waste our time trying to come up with ideas that would spark your interest in attending the meetings or events? It's like we are spinning our wheels and not going anywhere. What we need is your participation and your interest in an organization that you really don't want to be without. You can say—what they do in Raleigh and Washington doesn't concern me when it comes to riding my bike, but you are dead wrong. And you can say—I can't change what they do or will do to me when it comes to riding my bike, but you are dead wrong. Did you vote in the last election? It doesn't matter if you voted for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, you want whoever won to do the best job he/she can. You want to support the good and protest against the bad because that is what we as Americans can and must do. It's the same thing where our rights as bikers is concerned. We need you to support the good and protest against the bad. But we need your participation on our local level also. We need you to get involved. What about serving as an officer? I for one would like to see someone new running for President. If you are interested, PLEASE call me and I will be more than happy to tell you the requirements of this job. Maybe someone new can spark that interest in Gaston CBA that I have not been able to do. During the last couple of months, CBA has been put on the back-burner in my life because of Peewee's health issues, but I have tried my best to keep things up to date. Donna, Angela and Pete have picked up the slack when I wasn't able to do my job and we are very blessed to have dedicated officers like they are. But they are like me, if you want to serve, they would be very happy to tell you about the requirements of their job. I have heard rumors of bikers in this area being put out of certain groups. Well let me tell you right now that you are very WELCOME at CBA! We can give you a job and most of all, we will appreciate all that you do.

**Please check the renewal list for your name.** We need you to keep your membership with Gaston CBA! We have a number of members that need to renew. If you didn't get a renewal letter or you can't find it, you can renew online on our website or come by the Homestead on a Friday or Saturday night and someone will be there to receive your renewal. It's only \$20 for a single and \$30 for a couple and remember you get \$3500 of accidental insurance FREE! It's worth the renewal fee just for that!

- Jill



## Vice-President's Column -

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice warm riding weather. I want to thank everyone who has been helping with events at the homestead.


Over the last couple of months, there has been numerous motorcycle accidents which some have been fatal. Motorcycle accidents can result in serious consequences, including brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, broken bones, and more. These injuries can be life changing and may require a lifetime of medical treatment that can cost tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars. I understand the need for speed but please consider safety first. Remember it's not just you when you have a wreck. There are people whom care very much and families as well so always consider that before you take that risk.

About half of the accidents involving a single motorcycle are caused by speeding or alcohol use. This statistic is not surprising and these factors play a significant role in accidents among cars and other vehicles as well. The single most dangerous situation for motorcyclists occurs when cars are making left-hand turns. These collisions account for 42% of all accidents involving a motorcycle and car. Usually, the turning car strikes the motorcycle when the motorcycle is:

- Going straight through an intersection
- Passing the car, or trying to overtake the car.

These types of accidents are common between two cars as well, but the motorcycle's smaller size makes it even less visible to the turning vehicle. Motorcycles that pass cars within the same lane are even more vulnerable --cars don't expect, and are often surprised by, such motorcycle maneuvers.

Thank you



*Jack Helms*  
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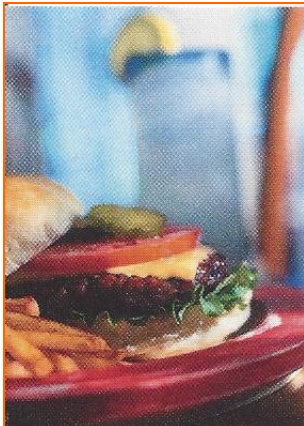


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## **MOTORCYCLE BILLS IN THE NC LEGISLATURE**

Updated as of 6/01/17 by Charlie Boone, Legislative Director, CBA/ABATE of NC

TO FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THESE BILLS, GO TO [ncleg.net](http://ncleg.net) AND TYPE IN THE BILL #

### **HB91/SB66 - MANDATORY HELMET USE REPEAL BILL**

**HB91/SB66** provides that this requirement (mandatory helmet usage) would not apply to operators and passengers who are 21 years of age or older if the operator and passenger are covered by an insurance policy providing at least \$10,000 in medical benefits and if the operator has held a motorcycle license or endorsement for more than 12 months or has successfully completed a motorcycle safety instruction program. The bill also provides that the penalty for violating the section is an infraction with a fine of not more than \$25.00 and that no drivers license points, insurance surcharges, or court costs shall be assessed.

The bill is in the House Rules committee. If we can find a way to add a fiscal note (money) to the bill we may be able to revive it for this session. The bill has been held up due to the Senate leadership saying that they will not consider the bill without medical insurance of \$30,000. They seem to have received bad info from the Dept. of Insurance, as no company will write that kind of insurance. We continue to work to rectify this situation.

### **HB28 – EQUAL ACCESS BILL**

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Torbett would require that any parking facility built with any amount of public funds (tax dollars) must accommodate motorcycles. This has already passed the House. It has now been sent to the Senate for confirmation. We have requested that the Rules committee chair move the bill into an appropriate committee to debate the bill on its merits.

**HB 214** - Would allow that helmets are not required for autocycle operators or passengers. Has passed a House floor vote and now resides in the Senate Rules committee. We have requested that that the Rules committee chair move the bill into an appropriate committee to debate the bill on its merits.

**SB 364** - Distracted driving legislation: This bill is sponsored by Sens. Tarte, Lee, and Ballard. It did not move in the Senate and appears to be dead.

**HB 207** - This bill states that "Neither a motorcycle learners permit nor a motorcycle endorsement is required to drive a motor scooter that was manufactured prior to January 1, 1960 and has a motor that does not exceed 150 cubic centimeters piston displacement and produce less than eight horsepower". This bill was written for the antique scooter clubs that restore the machines and go to local shows with them. It is currently in the Senate Rules committee. We have requested that that the Rules committee chair move the bill into an appropriate committee to debate the bill on its merits.

**HB223** – This bill allows for the development and distribution of a disabled veteran license plate for motorcycles. The bill also would provide these plates free of charge for those qualified to receive them. It is currently in the Senate Rules committee. We have requested that that the Rules committee chair move the bill into an appropriate committee to debate the bill on its merits.

**HB691** – This bill would require a person operating a moped at night to wear clothing or a vest making the person visible to other drivers from a distance of 300 feet to the rear of the moped. We do not support this bill and have asked that it be killed in committee. The bill sponsor has now agreed to NOT advance this bill.

**HB872** – This bill would require certain off road all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles to be registered and titled through the Wildlife Resources Commission. This would not affect vehicles that are registered through the DMV.

Anti-profiling legislation: We submitted language that we would have liked to see entered as a bill. This would require training for all LEO's on what constitutes profiling, and a statement condemning profiling that would be entered into all law enforcement policy manuals. We hoped that would be addressed this year, but the language was not filed. We will be back with that in 2019.

FOR MORE INFO ON THE CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION, GO TO [www.cba-abatenc.org](http://www.cba-abatenc.org) or our Facebook page at cba/abate of nc





**Tuesday —JULY 4TH, 2017 @ 11 AM**  
**Gaston CBA Helmet Law Protest**

**Abbey Plaza (Roses)**  
**Belmont, NC**  
**I-85 (Exit 27),**  
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**More info—contact**  
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- The Homestead Committee



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We welcome two new sponsors this month. **Little L's and Remedies Restaurant Bar & Lounge.** Little L's has been around Gaston County a long time and has some killer Karaoke. Remedies is new to our area and has a great restaurant and bar. Both have bike night on Thursday—so you need to try both out.

Do you know of an area business or individual that would like to be a Gaston CBA Sponsor? If so, please contact our Sponsor Chairperson Gabby Mintz @ 704 866-4068 or email her at: [ncharleygurl@yahoo.com](mailto:ncharleygurl@yahoo.com). We publish our newsletter using the funds that our sponsors contribute to be part of our CBA family.

We have cards available at the Homestead that you can leave at any sponsor to let them know you are a CBA member and that you support their business. If you don't have a card, please let them know you are a CBA member and value their support.

## GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

June 3—Gaston County Toy Run Breakfast 8am-until food runs out

June 2 & 3—Hog Happening, Lincolnton. For informational flyer go to:

**June 6—6:30: Homestead Committee; 7:00: Events Committee; 7:30: Officers Meeting**

June 10—Ride starting at the Homestead (One Ruff Ride for Jasmine) KSU @ 11:30 am

June 17—Holy Angels Poker Run

June 24—Gaston County Shiners Poker Run

**June 25—2pm: Gaston CBA General Meeting. Food will be ready around 1:15pm. Cost \$5**

June 23-25—Hot Springs Rally (see flyer)

**July 3—6:30: Homestead Committee; 7:00: Events Committee; 7:30: Officers Meeting**

**July 4—Right to Choose—Helmet Protest Run (see flyer)**

Bike Nights: Cycle Gear—2nd Thursday of each month; Winner's Circle—Every other Wednesday;  
Route 55—Thursdays; Remedies Bar— Thursday; Little L's Bar—Thursday

Information for Newsletter must be send to Jill by the 20th of the month

Do you read our newsletter? Let us know what kind of articles you would like to see. Also let us how can we 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.

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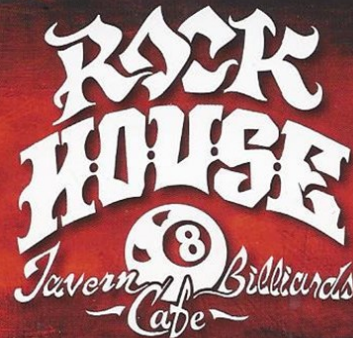
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*Sheriff Alan & Cathy Cloninger*

## #OneTuffRuff Ride for Jasmine



**What:** #OneTuffRuff Ride for Jasmine

**When:** Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Where:** Gaston County Homestead 267 Stowe Rd., Gastonia

**Time:** 11:00 am KSU @ 11:30.

**Destination:** W. 5th Ave. FWB Church - 2143 W. Fifth Ave.  
Gastonia

**Hot Dog Plates \$7.00, Indoor Yard Sale, 50/50 Raffle,  
Donations Accepted.**

(Plate includes: 2 Hot Dogs, chips, cake, can drink. Ride is Free, although donations are appreciated! Any questions, please contact Kesha Lay (704)685-5455)

Jasmine has Cystic Fibrosis and is currently awaiting a bilateral lung transplant at UNC Hospital. Please come out join the ride and support this sweet little girl! All funds raised will go to Jasmine's charity through Children's Organ Transplant Association. <http://cotaforjasminer.com/>

## GASTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB



### DICE RUN



June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Contact: Rick Gregory 704-853-8907 or Chip Rollins 704-718-8534

Registration at 9:30 First Bike out at 10:00am Last Bike out at 11:00 am, Last Bike in 5:00pm

**Start / End:** Gaston County Shrine Club (505 Pinkney Rd. Dallas NC 28034)

**First and Last CASH Prize, LOTS of Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing  
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(Meal ticket only 5.00)

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**(Sunday)**

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\$40 for non-members (includes 1 year membership to CBA/ABATE of NC, on-site registration required )

\$20 Saturday only pass for ABATE members\*

\$30 Saturday only pass for non-members (includes 1 year membership to CBA/ABATE of NC, on-site registration required)

Rally pass includes motorcycle/tent camping

\$20 fee for support vehicle (anything other than a motorcycle)

\*You must be a current member (with membership card) of a recognized State Motorcycle Rights organization (see Hot Springs website for full list and more information).

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Mack Sutton  
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Oliver Crawford  
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Meredith Thornburg  
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### March 2017

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Christopher Hopkins

### APRIL 2017

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Amanda Mason  
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Phillip & Stacy Middleton  
Andrew Johnson  
Frank & Jessica Hardesty  
Marvin & Mary Smith

Austin Moore  
James Yates  
Seth Moose  
Scott NoBlett  
Mike Osborne  
Greg Long

### MAY 2017

Gary Morgan  
Jeff McCall  
Lisa Stivala  
C Scott Stacy Jr  
Tonya Lee Stacy

### June 2017

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Brandy Harris  
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Larry Smith  
Timothy Cudd  
Rick & Brandy Allen Jr.  
Ronnie Brown  
Kelly McGinnis  
William & Rocia Lewis

### June 2017

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**Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report**  
**April 2017**

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Income:

\$ 150.00 Newsletter sponsor  
\$ 490.00 New & Renewals  
\$ 340.00 Freedom Ride  
\$ 15.00 Products

**Total Income: \$ 995.00**

Expenses:

\$ 8.00 Bank Fee  
\$ 50.00 Internet  
\$ 89.35 Trash  
\$ 30.00 Membership Expense  
\$ 66.25 Easter Egg Hunt Supplies

**Total Expenses: \$ 243.60**

**Ending Balance (4/30/2017) - \$1,278.79**

Respectfully submitted by: Pete McGinnis,  
Treasurer for CBA & Homestead—If you have any  
questions at all about the CBA or Homestead report,

**Homestead Treasurer's Report**  
**April 2017**

**Beginning Balance:** (\$1,104.69)

Income:

\$ 81.95 Concession stand donations  
\$ 655.00 Donations  
\$ 90.00 Homestead Pledges  
\$ 100.00 Power

**Total Income: \$ 995.00**

Expenses:

\$ 291.65 Concession Stand Supplies  
\$ 660.00 Rent  
\$ 2.94 Fees & Charges  
\$ 235.00 Power Bill

**Total Expenses: \$ 1,189.59**

**Ending Balance – (4/30/2017) (1,367.33)**

If you have any questions concerning the Home-  
stead Account, please contact Pete McGinnis.  
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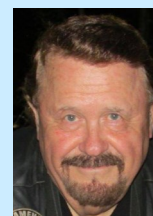
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All of our officers are involved in the Legislative part of our Chapter but we  
really need a Chairperson. Are you interested? If so. Please contact Jill.