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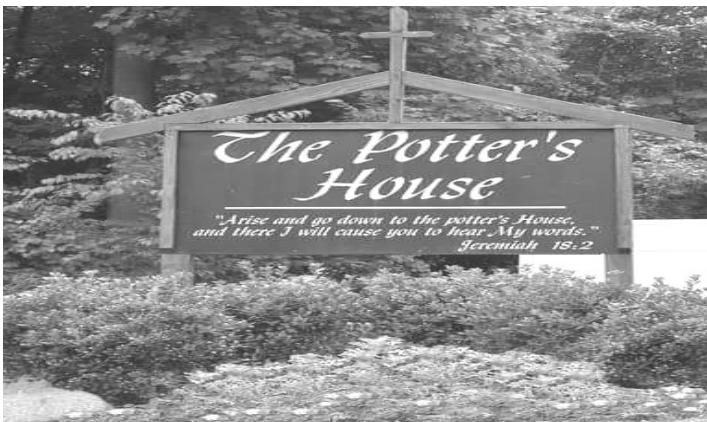
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Newsletter – July 2017

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President's Message—

OUR MEETING DAY & TIME HAS CHANGED BACK TO THE 2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7PM. Our July meeting will be held at the Homestead (our last) on the 11th!

This is one of the hardest columns I've ever had to write as your President. I do hope you will read it and try to understand what is happening and why it is happening.

We are once 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 will end at the Homestead with free food courtesy of Mike. And this will probably be our last event at the Homestead.

As most of you know, we lost a really good guy, friend and CBA member to a wreck that was senseless. The woman was on Todd Farkas side of the road and hit him head on. We've all had a friend or relative that has died or seriously injured from a neglectful driver, but we continue to ride because that is what we love to do. Todd didn't have any insurance life except the FREE accident policy that CBA/ABATE of NC provides its members. Also he didn't specify a beneficiary. We encourage you to name a beneficiary for your insurance with us. Also this company has a number of good additional policies that you might be interested in. If you want to talk to them about additional insurance, contact them at www.aillife.com. You can also name your beneficiary by going on their website. This insurance is just one of many good reasons for you to belong to the CBA.

This past weekend—Buncombe County CBA had their annual Hot Springs Rally. If you have never been—you need to put it on your calendar for next June. They really do a “bang-up” job. Peewee & I enjoy this bike rally better than any other that we have attended. It's where “true” bikers come together as friends and just have a relaxing good time. I hope Creekside will continue to grow and become such a rally right in our own backyard. It can with your support.

As I stated in my first paragraph, this is the most difficult column and decisions that our Homestead Committee and CBA Officers has had to make. As of July 15th, the CBA will no longer meet at the Gaston County Homestead because it will no longer be in our hands. We just simply can't continue to borrow money from the CBA to pay the expenses for the Homestead. We have tried to get your support back, but it hasn't happened. Therefore we are left with the only decision we can make—close the Homestead. It has been our home for a number of years and we've had some really good times there, but it seems the “biker” community has changed in the last couple of years. A lot of bars now cater to bikers and a lot of “man caves” have popped up taking support from us. We had a good run and all bikers were welcome with minimal drama. Usually the drama was from non CBA members. We never wanted drama but sometimes it comes with the territory. All good things come to an end. It has been very hard for us to keep it going with only a few people helping the officers out. Our expenses were only approximately \$1000-\$1100 a month and we were just not bringing that in. We have some equipment & supplies that we are going to try and sell to repay the CBA some of what we have borrowed over the last year. Also we have some things that we need to find space for. Probably a storage unit centrally located for the officers to have access to it. We don't want to store our stuff at anyone's house because you can't tell what the future will hold for any individual. July 15th will be our last day for us at the Homestead.

I remember the day we first saw the Homestead. It was so dirty but you could see the potential. The place was stacked ceiling high with lumber. We worked our butts off and it all came together. The Gaston CBA worked hard and were proud to have someplace to call home. And now I really don't understand where that enthusiasm went. I want to thank all the members and friends who supported the Homestead through the years and to those that paid their pledges to help us keep it open as long as we have. If everyone would have paid that made a pledge, we might have made it—but it is what it is. It's sad that there will be no more CBA meetings, parties or benefits at the Homestead. I know this is awful of me to say, but I hope the bikers in this community that quit supporting the Homestead will come to regret not supporting this great place. Bars are out for profit. We only wanted to survive by paying the bills but it didn't happen. It's sad.

Ride safe and be careful out there - Jill


Vice-President's Column -

Hope you are enjoying this summer weather, although we have had our fair share of rain lately. I want to say thanks to all who came out and participated in all the events that happened the first part of April. There was a lot of support shown for Jessie's ride & the GOC KAPA ride. We must support each other in order to grow and prosper I urge everyone to come and participate in any one's events that you possibly can. Most of the events are in the CBA newsletter or the website. If you can, I invite everyone to please attend our general meetings, a lot of good information is there for everyone, we also welcome your thoughts and ideas to help each other grow and prosper.

Thank you

Angela Helms

Gaston CBA Vice President



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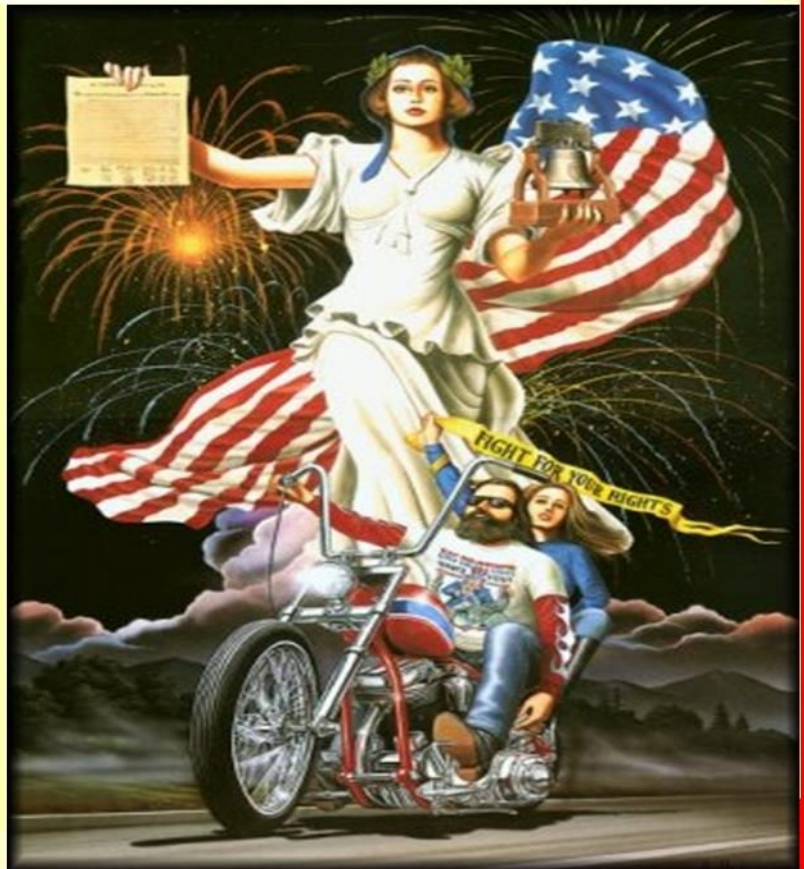
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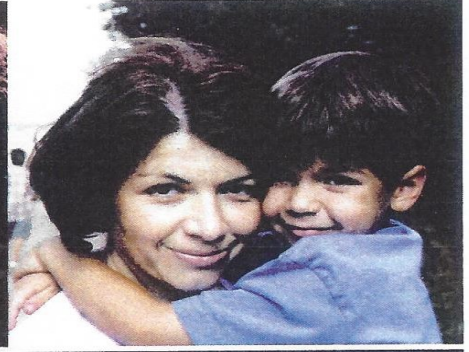
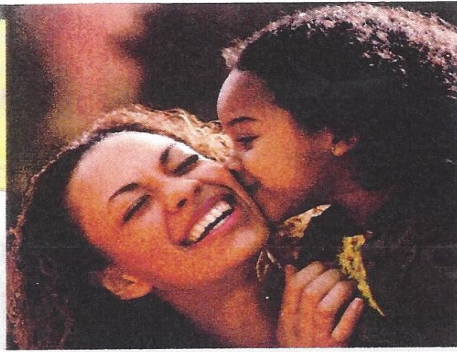
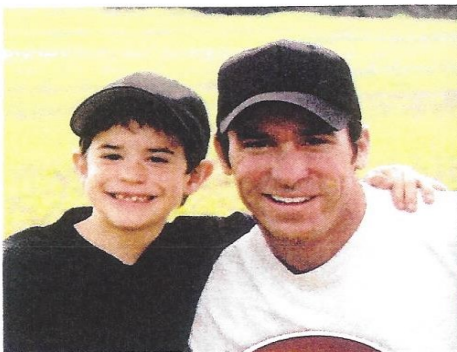
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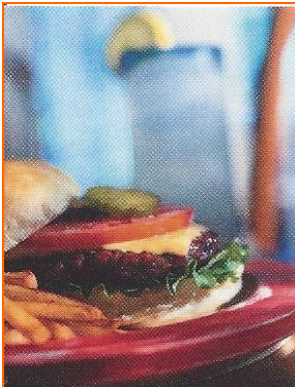
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GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

July 1—Todd Farkas Memorial Ride & Service—ends at the Homestead

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

July 4—Right to Choose—Helmet Protest Run (see flyer). Food at the end of ride.

July 11—7:00: Last Gaston CBA Meeting at the Homestead. Food at 6:30 for \$5 (while it last)

July 15-16: State CBA Meeting in Greensboro. Slider Gilmore will speak after lunch on Saturday about emergency scene management (bike related). Slider is an excellent speaker and everyone is invited.

July 22—Dixie Drifters—Ride to Benefit Autistic/Disabled Kids

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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March 2017

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APRIL 2017

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Scott NoBlett
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MAY 2017

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C Scott Stacy Jr
Tonya Lee Stacy

June 2017

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Brandy Harris
Timothy Cudd
Ronnie Brown
William & Rocia Lewis

July 2017

Zack Wilson
Tosha McKenney
John & Melissa Kennedy
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May 2017

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Income:

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Total Income: \$ -0-

Expenses:

\$ 8.00 Bank Fee

\$ 9.03 Supplies

\$ 50.57 Event FB Boost—Open House

\$ 100.00 Homestead rent

\$ 203.69 Newsletter

\$ 91.31 Community Event

Total Expenses: \$ 504.60

Ending Balance (5/31/2017) - \$ 774.19

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

Homestead Treasurer's Report
May 2017

Beginning Balance: (\$1,367.33)

Income:

\$ 270.35 Concession stand donations

\$ 100.00 Homestead Pledges

\$ 100.00 Power

Total Income: \$ 480.35

Expenses:

\$ 4.25 Concession Stand Supplies

\$ 660.00 Rent

\$ 2.11 Fees & Charges

\$ 212.00 Power Bill

Total Expenses: \$ 878.36

Ending Balance – (5/31/2017) (1,765.34)

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2017 GASTON CBA OFFICERS

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



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