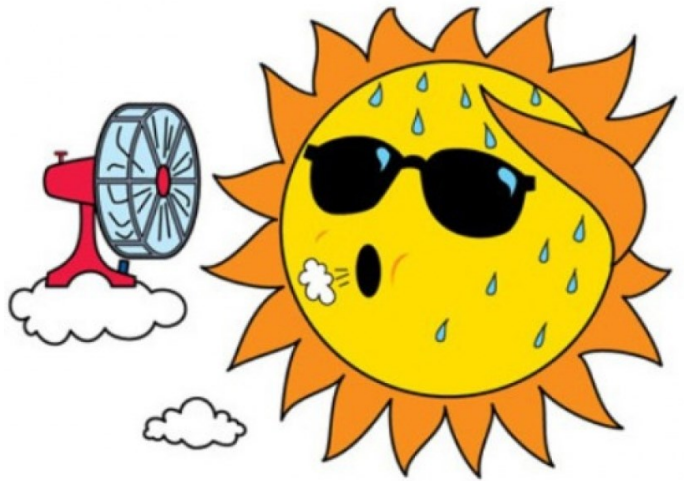


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To our Members & Friends of Gaston CBA



Newsletter – August 2017

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President's Message—

OUR MEETING DAY & TIME HAS CHANGED BACK TO THE 2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7PM. Our August meeting will be held at the Remedies Restaurant Bar & Lounge, 1225 Union Rd, Gastonia NC. Remedies on the right hand side going south on Union Rd after you cross Garrison. Please mark this on your calendar..

When one door closes—another door opens. That's what we have right now with Gaston CBA. A place to meet is only a place. It's like a church. The people are the "church" - not the building. That's what our Gaston CBA Chapter Organization is. We are Gaston CBA, a chapter of the CBA/ABATE of NC. No matter where we meet, we will do our job as a organization that protects your rights as a biker. Sometimes I wonder if the bikers in this state understand what we do and why we do it. I love the freedom I have (right now) to ride my bike where I want to ride and wear what I want to wear on my bike. But that could be taken away from me (& you). The reason ABATE was started in the first place was because politicians wanted to take away some of those rights. A little known fact with some of our bikers that it was the MC's that started ABATE to stop what those politicians wanted to do. So we really owe them a debt of gratitude for all the hard work they did in the beginning therefore we all need to continue that hard work. Even if you are "just a member" and never lift your hand in protest—your voice is heard. But it's a lot louder voice when you do lift your hand to call or email your legislators when asked to. Also where are you going to get \$3500.00 worth of accident insurance for the sum of \$20 (\$30 couple) a year for just joining the CBA/ABATE of NC—Gaston Chapter? If each one of us goes out and recruits one (1) member, our membership would double. And then if we can get those members who have let their membership lapse, our membership would grow even more which would mean an even louder voice in the NC General Assembly. There is also another organization that you need to join. The MRF is our voice in the US Congress. Go to their website (www.mrf.org) and check them out. They also offer accident insurance FREE for joining their organization. We spend a lot of money on entertainment connected to our hobby, but responsibility to that hobby is also important. The NRA is a very strong voice where guns and our freedom of guns are concerned. Why shouldn't we bikers have just as strong a voice as the NRA. That can happen IF we just put forth the effort and the small fee to join CBA/ABATE of NC and MRF.

I personally want to thank Donna, Pete, Angela, Griz & Anne plus the Southern Gentlemen & Dixie Drifters for helping us close up the Homestead. It was amazing at the amount of "stuff" we had collected over the years. All important items of the Gaston CBA are stored in a storage unit in Lowell. Each officer has a key, so if t-shirts or other items are needed, any officer can get the item. A lot of the Homestead items were sold to area clubs or organizations with some of the items being sold to individuals. That money will be deposited into the CBA checking account to repay monies spent on Homestead expenses. I know most of us hated to see the Homestead close but like I said at the beginning of this column "When one door closes—another door opens" and we are really looking forward to this new door. I think our treasurer (Pete McGinnis) is really looking forward to our new door because he worked tirelessly over the last couple of years trying to manage the funds to keep the Homestead open. Also a big thanks to Donna & Angela for they worked their "butts" off over the last year cleaning and trying to come up with ways to help the Homestead survive. I don't think our members will ever really know how much these special people worked on their behalf.

At the state meeting, the Membership Committee voted that the Membership Services Director will start sending out renewal cards instead of mailing an application. It is so easy for our members to renew online using PayPal or to download a membership application from the website. But if you don't have a printer and need an application, Donna or I will be glad to mail you one. This will begin as soon as this Membership Services Director (me) gets the new card designed. You can always pay your membership at the general meetings or whenever you see one of the officers out and about.

The General Assembly is in recess so not much is going on in Raleigh but we have several bills that we hope to push through when they get back. Also local elections are coming our way soon. We encourage you to take an active part if you are in one of those areas where an election will occur. Remember representatives & senators usually start out at the local level so be diligent in learning about the candidates and their platform/agenda. When I hear someone say "I don't care about politics" I wonder what planet or other country they are from because an American cares about what is going on and what we can do to be better citizens by putting responsible people into office that care about the direction our County, State and Country is going. Don't fold your arms and not care because it will eventually come back to bite you on the a\$\$.

I encourage you to read Donna's article about Slider's presentation on Accident Scene Management. I know I learned a lot from Slider but hope I never have to use what I learned. I've enclosed a map of fatalities in 2015 to show you just how many there were in the State of NC. And when I conclude with "ride safe," I sincerely mean "ride safe." -Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / June 25, 2017

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

President (Jill Stillwell) – Thank you Potter's House for the food today.

Legislation - No new updates at this time.

CBA, Homestead and Other Area Events –

July 1 – Todd Farkas Memorial Ride and Service – ends at the Homestead

July 3 – Homestead, CBA Events, CBA Officer's Meetings @ Homestead 6:30 pm

July 4 – Helmet Protest Ride – starts at Rose's 10am, ends at the Homestead with a cookout

July 11 – CBA General Meeting @ Homestead 7 pm (food available about 6:15 \$5 person)

July 15 – July 16 – State CBA meetings in Greensboro

July 22 – Dixie Drifters – Ride to benefit Autistic/Disabled Kids

Bike Nights: Cycle Gear 2nd Thursday of each month, Little L's Bar Thursdays, Remedies Bar Thursdays, Winner's Circle every other Wednesday – check their facebook page, Route 55 Thursdays, Rudi's Bar Thursdays – check their Facebook page

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 (Angela) – Not present

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 290 members (248 renewals, 42 Life, and 21 juniors). Please remember to contact Donna 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 weekly emails, the monthly newsletter and are posted at the homestead. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30. There were no minutes from May due to lack of attendance at the May meeting.

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 or would like to see them.

Master Sergeant at Arms (Jason Beck) – Not present. We would like to welcome Gene "Geno" Pennington as our new Sgt. at Arms.

Western District Coordinator/Sponsors (Gabby) – Cleveland County has younger officers and is starting to see an increase in their memberships. Please remember that anyone can get sponsors and remember to give a hard copy of the contracts to Gabby.

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

Products – Shirts are \$15 each or 2 for \$25 (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 decals are also available for \$1.00 each.

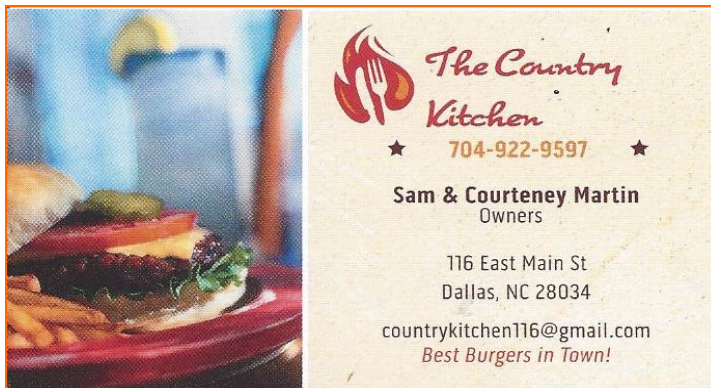
Old Business –

New Business – Information regarding state elections will be picked up at the state meeting in July. Slider Gilmore will be at the state meeting in July doing a presentation on "Accident Scene Management" specifically as it relates to motorcyclists. A motion was made and passed to close the homestead effective July 15th. Thank you to everyone who has helped and volunteered there. A motion was also made and passed to rent a storage facility for CBA items. After much discussion a motion was made and passed to move general meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Please watch for information as to the new location for the meetings.

Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting and closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Barnett, Secretary



Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes /July 11, 2017

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

President (Jill Stillwell) – Thank CBA for the food this evening.

Legislation - We will learn about any updates at the state meeting this month.

CBA and Other Area Events –

July 11 – 7 pm – 10 pm Indian Motorcycle Coast 2 Coast Riders Sarah Secret Moreau and Porsche Taylor will be there as part of their cross-country ride

July 15 – July 16 – State CBA meetings in Greensboro – Guest speaker Slider Gilmore will be giving a presentation on Accident Scene Management as it relates to Motorcyclists

July 22 – Dixie Drifters – Ride to benefit Autistic/Disabled Kids

July 22 – Windjammers night time poker run

July 29 – Carolina Thunder “I remember Click” poker run to benefit Webb Street School

July 29 – SOH will be doing a benefit for a woman who had to have a leg amputated

August 1 – CBA Events and CBA Officer’s Meeting @ 6:30 pm

August 8 – CBA General Meeting @ 7 pm at Remedies Bar (they have food available for purchase)

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Vice President (Angela) –

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 331 members (287 renewals, 44 Life, and 21 juniors). The huge increase is from the Hot Springs Rally at the end of June and the Todd Farkas Memorial Ride that was July 1st. Please remember to contact Donna 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 weekly emails, the monthly newsletter and are posted at the homestead. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30. There were no June minutes in the July newsletter because the meeting was after the newsletter deadline.

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 or would like to see them.

Master Sergeant at Arms (Jason Beck) – Not present.

Western District Coordinator/Sponsors (Gabby) – We have a unique proposal from Charlotte HD. They will be paying \$900 a year for sponsorship advertising. Their ad will now contain a referral “Give Back” program. For each new and qualifying used motorcycle purchases Charlotte HD will give \$75 to the Gaston County CBA. A motion was made and passed at the Officers meeting to approve this new ad and proposal from Charlotte HD.

A lot of the chapters in the Western District greatly benefited from new and renewed memberships from the Hot Springs Rally. Thank you Buncombe County CBA.

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New Business –

Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting and closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Barnett, Secretary



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Accident Scene Management presented by Slider Gilmore
Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the CBA State Meeting in Greensboro
Submitted by Donna Barnett

If you help – you can be sued. Good Samaritan Laws can help you if you happen to get sued for assisting.

PSYCHOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT AT THE ACCIDENT SCENE

REMAIN CALM

TAKE AUTHORITY (this includes enlisting help from others and determining who needs to help where)

THINK

SAFETY IS YOUR FIRST PRIORITY.

SAFETY FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Traffic

Hazardous materials spills

Power lines, gas lines

Fire

Create safety circle around accident victims to protect them

The first ten minutes in the field (accident site) are critical and are part of the Golden Hour. Treatment during the first hour after an accident is critical in surviving sustained injuries.

Arrive at the scene (IDENTIFY YOURSELF – MAY HAVE TO DO THIS SEVERAL TIMES)

Rapid primary survey of the accident

Call 911

Someone may need to direct/divert traffic (go far enough from the accident so that people have adequate time to slow down and adjust their travel path) as well as direct the emergency personnel to the accident scene.

Begin any necessary lifesaving interventions (including stabilization/immobilization of those involved in the accident)

Transportation by emergency personnel

Upon calling 911 – you will need the number of injured and extent of visible injuries, location of the accident, and the caller hangs up last.

When determining extent of injuries, what are the possible needs: helicopter, fire department, jaws of life, and/or utility companies. This information is necessary when calling 911.

Request a trauma center for any motorcyclists versus a regular hospital due to the nature of possible severity of the injuries.

FIELD JUDGEMENT MAY BE NECESSARY WHEN DETERMINING WHO GETS WHAT ASSISTANCE FIRST, ETC. DO NOT MOVE THE INJURED unless absolutely necessary. NEVER REMOVE FOREIGN OBJECTS FROM THE INJURED.

CHECK U-ABCC

Unresponsive?

Airway (may need to thrust jaw)

Breathing

Compressions

Cervical (neck injury) – immobilize to prevent possible further injury

WRITE EVERYTHING DOWN

Time of the accident/incident

Keep patient talking

Note any changes in the patient, they may be going into shock

Vital signs

Pulse

Respirations (breathing)

ABOUT EVERY 5 MINUTES ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (write down what they say)

Who are they

Where are they

Time and date

What happened

AMPLE (write this information down as well)

Allergies

Medications

Past Medical History

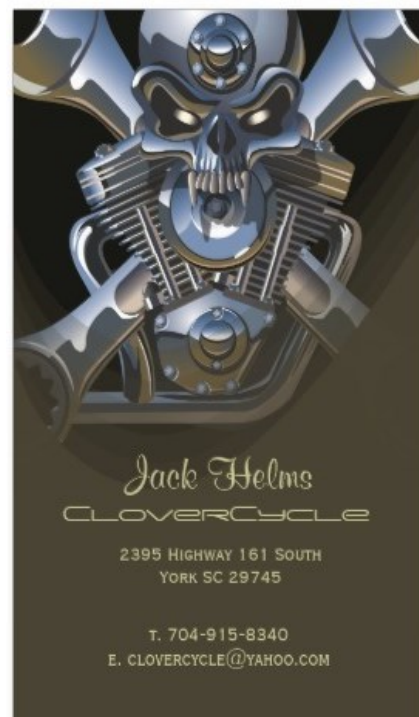
Last Meal (when and what)

Events that led up to the accident

Do **NOT** move any items at the accident scene – TAKE PICTURES OF WHERE EVERYTHING IS.

52% OF FATALITIES INVOLVE ALCOHOL

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Accident Scene Management presented by Slider Gilmore (continued)

Most Crash Impact Points are near the front of the motorcycle (77.1% of total hazards come from the 11:00, 12:00, and 1:00 o'clock clock positions. 43.4% of those total hazards are the result of another vehicle turning left in front of the motorcycle). This data is from the Iowa ABATE.

Lastly, everyone should learn Basic Life Support and should have first aid items (including something for a tourniquet) on their bikes. Have personal information where it can be easily found especially any medical alerts and make sure you have ICE on your cell phones. And make a copy of these instructions and put them in your car and bike.



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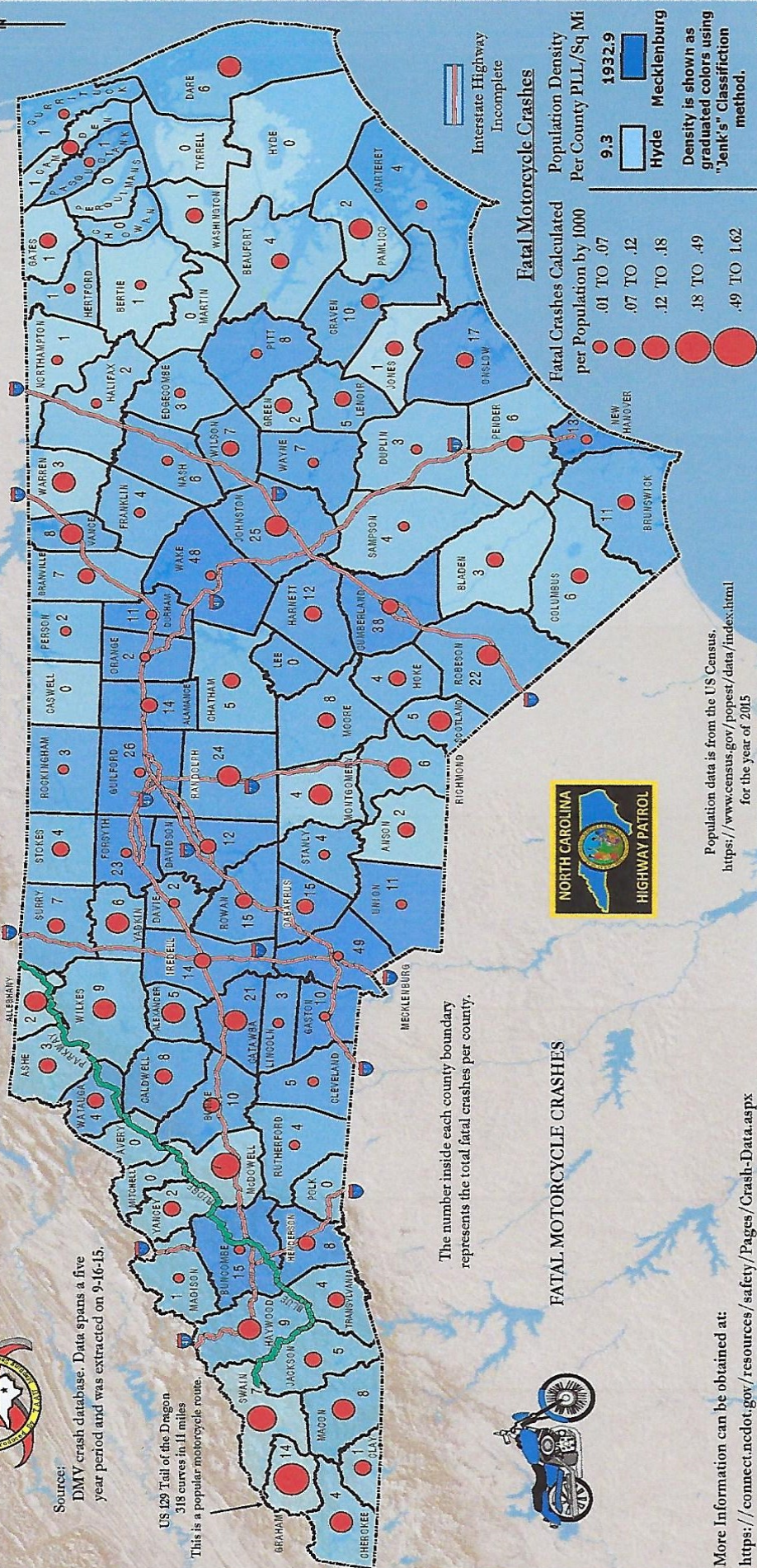
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NORTH CAROLINA CRASH MAP

FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASHES with Population Data

752 Fatal Crashes



This is a motorcycle fatality count in the state of North Carolina for 2015.

9TH ANNUAL



JACE MAN RUN

~IN LOVING MEMORY OF WENDY PANTHER~

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY AUGUST 25th-26th

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Friday Night, August 25th -- \$10.00 admission

Saturday, August 26th -- Poker Run

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Monica's
medical costs.

July 29th, 2017

Events start at
11:00am

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Sentinels of Hope-Gastonia is hosting a cookout and fundraiser at Rudi's Bar in Belmont to raise money for Monica K.'s medical expenses. She recently had her leg amputated and needs assistance with her medical bills. There will be BBQ plates for \$7.00, raffles, 50/50s, and other events. Come support this great local lady!



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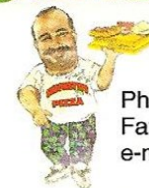
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GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

July 29—Carolina Thunder “I Remember Click” Run to benefit Webb Street School (flyer)

July 29—Sentinels of Hope Fundraiser for Monika K at Rudi's Belmont @ 11am (flyer)

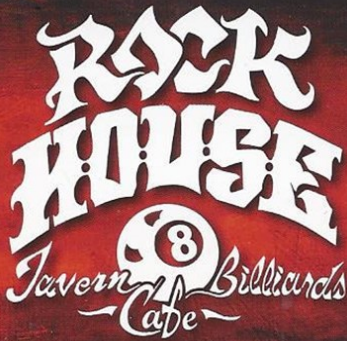
August 1—7:00: Events Committee; 7:30: Officers Meeting @ Remedies on Union Road

August 8—CBA Meeting at the Remedies, 1225 Union Rd., Gastonia NC—Come early and eat supper at Remedies. We've heard the food is really good!

August 12—Scootin for Bugg Memorial Run (flyer)

August 22—Jaceman Run by Cleveland CBA & CCIB (flyer)

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. 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. We encourage all clubs & organizations to sent us their event flyers and also become members of Gaston Concerned Bikers Association.



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Legislative Update from Charlie Boone, CBA/ABATE of NC Legislative Director

MOTORCYCLE BILLS IN THE NC LEGISLATURE *(Updated as of 7/15/17)*

TO FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THESE BILLS, GO TO 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 driver's 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 the 2018 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.

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.

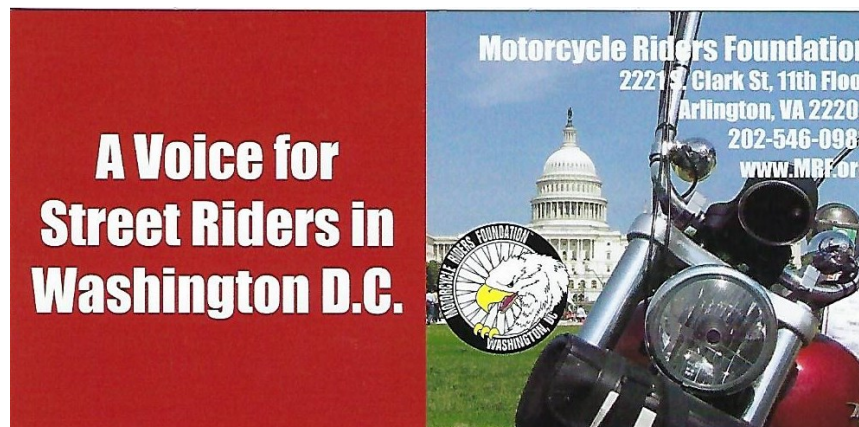
HB223 – This bill allows for the development and distribution of a disabled veteran license plate for motorcycles. The bill also would provide these plates free of charge for those qualified to receive them. It is currently in the Senate Rules committee. We have requested that that the Rules committee 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. This bill has a fiscal note attached and is probably eligible to be heard in the 2018 session.

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.

When the legislature reconvenes in this calendar year for two scheduled special sessions, I intend to speak with a few legislators about getting a provision placed into the budget next year that would give us grant monies to use towards motorcycle safety programs such as billboards and PSA production. Don't know if it will fly, but you never know until you try.





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The Ungray and Unity



Kirk "Hardtail" Willard
MRF President

Having been involved in State Motorcyclists Rights for 33 years and National/International Motorcyclists Rights for 20

years now I don't tend to get easily excited these days. In fact, I pride myself in not chasing around the pixies created by the keyboard riders. There are a couple of trends happening in the movement now though that does have my attention and are very encouraging signs. We have long spoken about the need to get younger motorcyclists involved in our movement. At a couple of events I was at recently, I have seen people without gray beards and gray hair, and not just at the parties but legislative and lobbying events. I duly noted it as a positive and noteworthy trend. I had never gotten overly stirred up about the lack of younger people in the movement because when I got involved in my very early 20's I was often the youngest person in the room, and it stayed that way for a while. All my friends were out wrenching, riding, and partying and they didn't have the time or patience for meetings and lobbying, much the same as today when I talk to younger riders, well that and our music is a little different, but that's cool with me. That said it is time to begin to grow the ranks of the "ungray," if this movement is to continue its hard-earned momentum and success.

Now words of advice to us "old guys"; when the ungray do show up, make sure they feel included and their input valued, don't act like old gray bearded tools and chase them away. We need them involved to carry on, now is not the time to risk or allow anything, especially attitudes, to compromise nearly 50 years of hard work protecting our lifestyle!

The other thing that has me fired up is the growing unity in our movement. I don't mean people that see motorcycling as a hobby, recreation, or sport. I mean the people that either had the motorcycling lifestyle choose them or they chose it. It isn't a trend we can just walk away from for those of us in the latter categories. In Indiana, back in 2006

during my first speech as President of the MRF, I said my work wouldn't be complete until the bikers in this movement were walking mostly the same direction at roughly the same speed, maybe not on the same side of the street and certainly not holding hands, but working together to protect our lifestyle. To that end, the Anti-Motorcyclist Profiling initiative has provided our movement a vehicle where we can do just that. This issue is something that affects all motorcyclists and should be an easy thing to get behind. As many of you know last fall, we formed a broad partnership in the movement to focus on the Anti-Profiling of Motorcyclists. Our first meeting in Las Vegas was very successful as was the follow-up meeting during the MRF's Meeting of the Minds Conference in Oklahoma. Recently I was invited by the Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, Doc Reichenbach, to attend their convention in Reno and present an update on our work in Washington D.C. related to Anti-Profiling. It was a welcome invite with them having just sent several representatives to our Meeting of the Minds. Of course, as I walked into the NCOM convention center in Reno I knew a significant number of the attendees, including a majority of their Board members. Not surprising since Rights and Freedom are not limited or constrained by labels or groups but by the work. The next event was the MRF's Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway National Motorcycle Lobby Day where we witnessed numerous State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations, MRF members, NCOM members, Motorcycle Clubs, Motorcycle Organizations, and Independents come together in the highest participation levels in the history of the event this past May. For those of us there, we witnessed the power of coming together had on us in the movement and those on Capitol Hill. I want to especially call out Boar, Russell, Spike, and Slider for investing so much time and energy into furthering our movements' unity. It is also noteworthy that Spike managed a film crew during our Board Meeting, BITB event briefing, and meetings with Legislators on the Hill to document the event and our joint efforts on Anti-Motorcycle Profiling.

After all these years, the Ungray and Unity have me excited.

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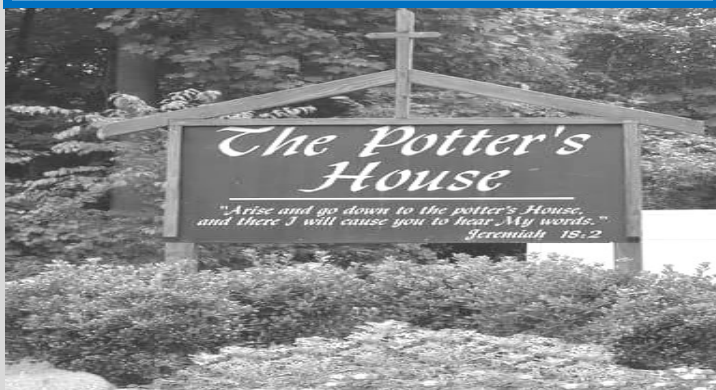
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June 2017

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Expenses:

\$ 8.00 Bank Fee
\$ 11.48 Supplies
\$ 50.00 Internet
\$ 100.00 Homestead rent
\$ 241.91 Newsletter
\$ 183.13 Trash
\$ 9.43 Advertising

Total Expenses: \$ 503.95

Ending Balance (6/30/2017) - \$ 1,370.24

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
June 2017

Beginning Balance: (\$1,765.34)

Income:

\$ 40.00 Concession stand donations
\$ 70.00 Donations / pledges
\$ 100.00 Power

Total Income: \$ 215.00

Expenses:

\$ 55.24 Concession Stand Supplies
\$ 660.00 Rent
\$ 1.75 Fees & Charges
\$ 252.00 Power Bill

Total Expenses: \$ 968.99

Ending Balance – (6/30/2017) (2,519.33)

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Homestead Account, please contact Pete McGinnis.

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