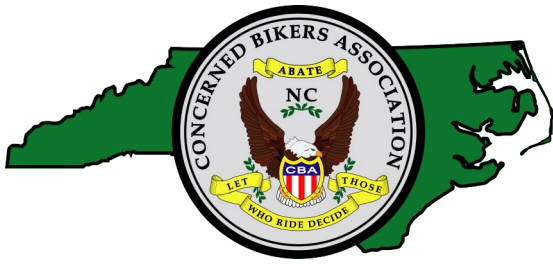


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To The Members of Gaston CBA
& Friends of Gaston CBA



Newsletter – October 2017



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President's Message—

OUR MEETING DAY & TIME HAS CHANGED BACK TO THE 2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7PM. Our October meeting will be held on the 10th 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.

Well our summer has come and gone but riding weather is still with us. The cool breezes at night and the cooler weather during the day make for a great time to ride. Peewee (hubby) said the other night that this was his favorite time of the year. But in my opinion he can't take the heat like he once could. He use to sit on that Cat loader all day in the heat and it wouldn't bother him but since the heart surgery, the heat is his enemy.

Donna recently sent out a Facebook message about belonging to an MRO that says it all if you ride. "Some motorcyclist food for thought. How much do you enjoy what you do? What are you doing to protect it? How bad do you want it? If protecting what you enjoy doing is important to you then you need to join/rejoin/renew membership in a Motorcycle Rights Organization such as the Concerned Bikers Association to have your voice heard in Raleigh (our state capital). Stop and think about the big picture for bikers. We have to join together to protect our rights as bikers. So what's stopping you?" We get excuse after excuse. "Well I don't want to belong to a biker club or organization." "I don't have time to belong." OK—I get what you are saying BUT the CBA needs you in many ways but the main reason we need you to join/rejoin/renew is because every member we have gives us more leverage in Raleigh. If you never attend a meeting or help with an event, your membership is important. Of course we would like for you to attend the meetings and help with events but it isn't a requirement. Please go online now on our website (see address above) to join/rejoin/renew your membership or fill out the application in this newsletter and help us protect your rights. If you are a member, give the application to a friend. We are constantly working on issues such as anti-discrimination, anti-profiling, access for motorcycles to public facilities and freedom of choice (helmet). On the last issue of my list, SC ABATE is having a Helmet Law Support Ride on October 1st. It seems they have some legislators down there that want a helmet law. If you are able to go—please do so. I've included their flyer in this issue. Most of us enjoy riding in SC without a helmet, so if you want to continue doing it—give them your support. Plus it's not that far and would be a good ride for the day.

Angela touches on a subject that all or most of us have difficulty with. To support or not to support club and organization rides/events. We have bikers that won't belong to CBA because they feel like they "have to" support all the rides in our area. Well I'm here to tell you—you don't! Peewee & I can't afford to attend all the rides and events plus Todd (our son) comes home every other weekend and that doesn't allow many weekends to go anyway. Most of the organizations & Clubs in our area support one non-profit charity, so if that's all you can do—then so be it. Don't beat yourself up because you can't support every run that goes on in this area.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation also needs your help. Remember I have told you in the past that they do on the Federal level what CBA does on the state level. We encourage you to join that organization. Besides helping the work on the Federal level, they also give you \$4,000 of accidental insurance FREE! Go to www.mrf.org and sign up. It cost money to send our CBA & MRF officers & representatives to Raleigh & Washington to fight for your rights and it cost money to print and send out information to you. The CBA/ABATE of NC and MRF prints a quarterly newsletter letting you know what is happening in the General Assembly and Congress. Be an informed biker and join/rejoin/renew. Sometimes I feel like I'm preaching to an empty "church" but more often lately you are getting the message that the CBA & MRF is important in the lives of bikers. If you want to read the history of the CBA in North Carolina (and it's very interesting and too long to put in this newsletter), go to our state website www.cba-abatenc.org and click on "more."

We want to thank the Southern Gentlemen for an outstanding Creekside Rally. In my opinion, this one was the best ever! No rain and it wasn't cold. Lol. Plus the guys give Gaston CBA a prime location for our setup to sign up new and renew members. They support us more than most bikers know.

Please ride safe and watch out for those "cage" drivers that are not paying attention.

Respectfully - Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / September 12, 2017

Meeting was held at Remedies Bar & Grill in Gastonia with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Jason Beck led us with the opening prayer followed by Jill leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

President (Jill Stillwell) – Jill welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting as well as recognizing new members and visitors. Jill thanked Remedies for providing us the space for our meeting.

Legislation - Updates are in the newsletter and on the website. Please continue to contact our U.S. Senators and Representatives about not using Chip seal on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The MRF is constantly striving to make sure that the interest of motorcyclists are taken into account when various committees are formed in Washington DC and that motorcyclists are on the committees as well.

CBA and Other Area Events –

September 15-17 – State CBA Party @ Rider's Roost

September 16 – Toy Run Breakfast

September 16 – Catawba Valley Guardian Ad Litem ride @ BR HD

September 16 – Knights MC Anniversary Party

September 21-25 – Motorcycle Riders Foundation "Meeting of the Minds" in Williamsburg VA (Donna to attend)

September 22-24 – Creekside Bike Rally

September 30 – Confederate Youth Day

September 30 – Roses Ribbon Run

October 3 – CBA Events Committee and Officer's Meeting 7 pm @ Remedies Bar & Grill

October 7 – Shriners Ride (see online edition for information)

October 9 – Area Officers Club Meeting 7 pm @ Dixie Drifters Club House

October 10 – CBA General Meeting and Chapter Elections 7 pm @ Remedies Bar & Grill

October 14 – GOC CAPA ride

October 14 – CT Butt sale – (see flyer in this newsletter)

October 15 – Dixie Drifters cancer benefit

October 21-22 – CBA State Meeting in Greensboro

Bike Nights: This is just a few of the area bike nights: Cycle Gear 2nd Thursday of each month, Winner's Circle Wednesdays, Route 55 Thursdays, McCoys Fridays, Sonic of Lincolnton (every other Wednesday – sponsored by Driven by Grace Ministry

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) – We discussed all of the fundraisers being done by the motorcycle community for specific individuals and the possible burnout of the motorcyclists. Angela will have an article in the newsletter about this.

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 322 members (278 renewals, 44 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. Motions made and accepted to accept both the June and July minutes as posted in the August newsletter.

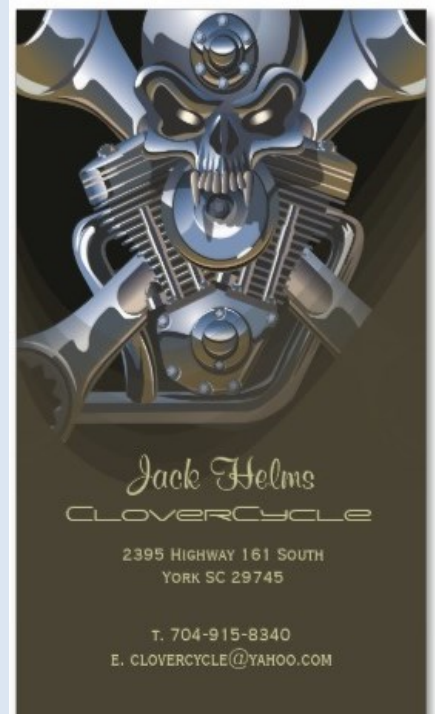
Treasurer (Pete McGinnis) – Jill read the treasurer's report in Pete's absence. Motion made and accepted to accept the reports as read. Copies are always available from Pete if anyone has any questions, concerns, etc. and it is printed in the newsletter.

Master Sergeant at Arms (Jason Beck) – Nothing new at this time.

Western District Coordinator/Sponsors (Gabby) – Not present

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

Products – Shirts are \$10 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 decals are also available for \$1.00 each. Look Twice Save a Life Signs—\$5.00. We also have CBA patches for your vest in different sizes.



September Minutes (continued) -

Old Business –

- ◆ State CBA Board of Directors Elections are currently underway (see Donna to vote – there are no absentee ballots for state elections).
- ◆ We are currently looking into purchasing a storage building for CBA items instead of renting space.
- ◆ Donna was selected at the July state CBA meeting to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation “Meeting of the Minds” in Williamsburg VA in September. Congratulations Donna.
- ◆ Yard signs have been ordered and should arrive in the next week or so. They will be \$5 each.
- ◆ From Griz Tench – CT will be selling Butt’s on October 14th for \$35 each (these will have to be pre-ordered) and BBQ plates will be available that day for \$7.00 each starting at noon. Please watch for more information.

New Business – Nominations for 2018 Chapter Officers

Master Sgt. of Arms – Jason Beck declined but agreed to be a regular Sgt of arms, Geno Pennington – accepted.

Treasurer – Pete McGinnis accepted the nomination

Secretary – Donna Barnett accepted the nomination

Vice President – Angela Helms accepted the nomination

President – Jill Stillwell accepted the nomination

Legislative – Donna & Jill will co-chair until someone steps up and takes this position.

Sergeant at Arms—Jim Tench & Jason Beck

MSAP—Still available

These ladies and gentlemen will be your 2018 Gaston CBA Officers since there is not more than one person running for each position. Please contact a current officer if you are interested in becoming the Legislative Coordinator or the MSAP Coordinator.

Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting and closing prayer with Jason Beck leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Barnett, Secretary



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VP COLUMN—

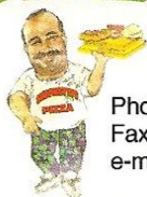
Well, here we are in October & so many changes have happened. I would like to say a special thank you to Jill and Donna for their support and help.

Let's talk about all different benefit rides that are going on. I have received complaints from people stating there are just too many benefit rides on the weekends and they feel bad they cannot attend all of them. Some people state they simply cannot afford to go on every ride. If we could consolidate some of the rides we would have more people to attend each ride and the possibility of more money being raised. This will eliminate so many rides on Saturdays. We hold an Area Event Meeting to go over all the events coming up for each group which I encourage each group to participate so we are not overlapping each other's events. I know the biker community has a big heart, I am making these suggestions so we aren't burning people out (which I think we are). Please do not take any offense to the suggestions. If you would like to have some brought via newsletter or meeting please contact either Jill, Donna or myself.

Respectfully,
Angela (VP)

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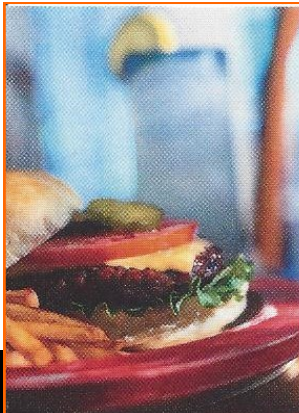
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GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

October 1—SC ABATE Helmet Support Rally Ride—Columbia SC (see flyer)

October 3—7pm: Events & Officers Meeting (all members are welcome)

October 7—Shiners Ride (see flyer in the online version)

October 9—7pm: Area Officers Meeting @ Dixie Drifters Clubhouse (Food @ 6pm)

October 10—CBA Meeting at the Remedies, 1225 Union Rd., Gastonia NC—Come early and eat supper at Remedies. The food is really good!

October 14—Carolina Thunder Butt Sale & Meal (see flyer)

October 14—Guardians of the Children CAPA Ride (see flyer)

October 15—Dixie Drifters Cancer Benefit (see flyer)

October 21 & 22—State CBA Meeting in Greensboro (all members encouraged to attend).

October 28—Halloween Party at the Spender Mountain Country Club (SG's). All invited

Bike Nights are held at several locations around the area: Cycle Gear 2nd Thursday of each month. Route 55—Thursday, Remedies—Thursday, Little L's—Thursday, Tavern 24—Every other Thursday. Winner's Circle—Every other Wednesdays but check their Facebook page. Sonic Lincolnton—Every other Wednesday.

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 send us their event flyers and also become members of Gaston Concerned Bikers Association.

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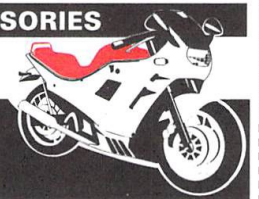
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Austin Moore
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Andrew Johnson
Seth Moose
Frank & Jessica Hardesty
Scott NoBlett
Marvin & Mary Smith
Mike Osborne
Greg Long

May 2017

Gary Morgan
C. Scott Stacy Jr.
Tonya Lee Stacy

June 2017

Dale Sloop
Billy & Angie Starnes
Brandy Harris
Timothy Cudd

July 2017

Zack Wilson
Tosha McKenney
John "Dan" & Melissa Kennedy

August 2017

William "Willie" Grier
Chris & Bambe Ealey
Shane Burris
Julie Head
Walter Kimble
Jerry "Bo" Walker
Jacquelyn "Jackie" Matthews
Jerry McCoig
Robert & Kathleen Krantz
Scott & Megan Kermode
Crystal Parker

September 2017

Zachrey Conner
Danielle Sutton
Steven Mahaffey
Teva Grier
Charles Swain
Josephine Sweeney
Todd & Tanya Worley
Bart Helms
Scott Carpenter
Eric E. "Hoghead" Costner
David Goodman
Adriana Reyes

September (continued)

Jeff Pressley
Aaron & Sabrina Flowe
Jeremy Perrone
Chrissy Brooks
Jack N. Weisberger
John E & Coyet J Toler Jr.

October 2017

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

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\$ 575.00 New & Renewals
\$ 10.00 Products
\$ 100.00 MRF Dues Collected

Total Income: \$ 965.00

Expenses:

\$ 133.87 Storage building
\$ 309.99 Products (signs)
\$ 18.32 Supplies
\$ 252.10 Newsletter
\$ 25.02 Bank Fees

Total Expenses: \$ 839.30

Ending Balance (8/31/2017) - \$ 1,895.90

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

Nominated Officers for 2018:

President—Jill Stillwell

Vice President—Angela Helms

Secretary—Donna Barnett

Treasurer—Pete McGinnis

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Sergeant at Arms—Jason Beck & Jim Tench

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**SERGEANT
AT ARMS**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is getting close to the time of year where we kick back and recognize the hard work everyone has done this year and get some training during the day. This year our training seminar will be on how a Bill becomes a Bill presented by our Legislative Director Charlie Boone and Rep. John Torbertt. Remember the Training Seminar is FREE and open to the public!

The Awards Banquet tickets will be \$20 which includes your meal (provided by Little Richard's BBQ, Winston Salem) and entertainment (provided by magician Caleb Morgan <https://www.calebmorganmagic.com/>)

Event Date: November 18, 2017

Event: Training Seminar & Awards Banquet

Event Time: Training Seminar - 10am / Awards Banquet - Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6:45, Entertainment 7:30

Event Location: Quality Inn, 2008 S. Hawthorne Road, Winston Salem, NC, 27103 www.choicehotels.com/north-carolina/winston-salem/quality-inn-hotels/nc546?source=gyxt Phone: (336) 765-6670 Room rate is \$64.99 plus tax,

Just ask for the CBA of NC rate.

Tickets can be purchased on line at www.cba-abatenc.org/events.html

Any questions just shoot me a message or call me at 336-880-0277


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Gaston County CBA encourages you to attend these events. You meet CBA members from across the state and have a good time doing it. Plus you will learn how a bill gets through the general assembly in the process.

MAIL APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO: CBA/ABATE of NC MEMBERSHIP SERVICES Jill C. Stillwell 341 Colt Thornburg Rd., Dallas NC 28034 704 922-5437 or 704 913-7284 cba.abateofncmemberships@ncmail.com			
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION		NEW _____ RENEWAL _____	
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION			
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OCCUPATION _____			
Other MOTORCYCLE AFFILIATIONS: _____			
DATE: _____	ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? Yes _____ No _____		
<i>Your continuing membership is valued. As a member of CBA, your ideas, suggestions and comments are important to our organization. Your comments will be used anonymously to implement and improve current and future programs within the organization.</i>			
How would you like to receive your copy of your local & State Newsletter _____ Electronic _____ US POSTAL? _____			
I UNDERSTAND BY SIGNING MY NAME TO THIS APPLICATION THAT I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP IN A GRASSROOTS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FORMED TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS.			
SIGNED: _____		DATE: _____	
Dues: Individual _____ 1 year \$20.00 _____ 3 year \$60.00 _____ 5 year \$100.00 _____ Lifetime \$100.00* Couple _____ 1 year \$30.00 _____ 3 year \$90.00 _____ 5 year \$150.00 _____ Lifetime \$150.00* _____ Junior (under the age of 16, free) _____ Young adult (16-29, free for first year of membership)			
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Shriners Hospitals for Children™

October 7th

Register 11:00 - 12:30 pm
At The River Rat



Last Bike in 5:00 pm

Sponsored by Shriners on Bikes

Stops: 1st - The Magnet
2nd - Back Porch
3rd - Handle Bar
4th - Pattio's
5th - T Bones

Dice Run



Contact:

Kristen Funderburk - 803 627 1977

Trent Oates - 704 412 0120

Steve Trites - 803 610 7876

Rob Finigan - 704 516 1607

Chip Rollins - 704 718 8514

After party @T Bones
Featuring D. B. Bryant

Door prizes + 50/50 Drawing + Raffles + Food

All net proceeds to benefit

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FALL Swap Meet & Bike Show

THE OLDEST & LARGEST SHOW ON THE EAST COAST

November 11 & 12

Winner of
2016 Fall Bike Show

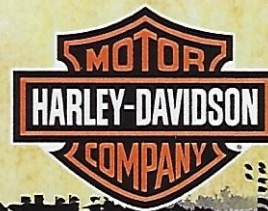


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WITH \$1000 IN
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WET T-SHIRT CONTEST
WITH \$500 IN
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10am – 6pm

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22nd Annual Gaston County

Toy Run for Kids Win

**Saturday,
December 2nd, 2017**

Rain or Shine!

All Bikers Welcome!

**Kick Stands Up At 11:30 AM
From Ranlo Church of God
(1800 Spencer Mountain Road)**

**Bring A New Unwrapped Toy
See The Happiness
In A Child's Face**

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A SPECIAL THANKS to all participants who
have kept this run going thru the years.

See you on the ride!