CBA/ABATE NC of GASTON COUNTY
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To our Members & Friends of Gaston CBA





Newsletter – November 2017



LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE! WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES





CBA / ABATE of NC, GASTON COUNTY

November 2017 2016 NC Legislative Chapter of Year NC Chapter of the Year: 2007, 2010, 2012 & 2013

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President's Message—

OUR MEETING DAY & TIME IS THE 2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 7PM. Our November meeting will be held on the 14th at a <u>NEW</u> location. Hillbilly's, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia NC 28054 will be our new home for officers & general meetings. Please mark this on your calendar.

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about Hurricane Harvey and the devastation that it caused in Texas and Louisiana. Little did we know that Harvey was only the beginning of a month that was so terrible with Irma in Florida and the Caribbean Islands, Puerto Rico with a direct hit from Maria, Nate with his flooding and damage on the gulf coast (although we got some much needed rain) and last but not least—Las Vegas and one of the most terrible acts of violence imaginable. Nature we can understand because we have no control over it but the terrible loss in Las Vegas is something out of a horror book. Are you shocked as to how a man can take that many innocent lives? I know I am. It's so unbelievable that it happened and we will probably never learn the reason this man did what he did. For those dear people that lived in the path of those hurricanes and in the horror of a man that had to be mentally unstable because surely a sane man couldn't do such as horrible act, we remember them in our hearts.

During October, CBA/ABATE of NC loss one of it's most dedicated warriors in a motorcycle wreck — Thomas "Doc Ski" Wasileski. Doc Ski taught us how to stay positive in the world of the General Assembly in NC. He also taught us the love of the Constitution and how it benefits us. "He was a stalwart protector of freedom. He did so many things for others; I doubt any one person knows the extent." (Cynthia Hodges) He fought for his Country as a Green Beret for 17 years so that right there earns him our respect but he also fought for bikers across this country and nothing (not even cancer) could stop him. All that knew him grieve for "our" loss. Yes I said "our" loss because it is a terrible loss of a friend and a warrior who fought a great battle on behalf of all of us. He was a true "Champion of Freedom." Our Sympathy goes out to his family and his many, many friends in NC and across this Country.

There is an article in this issue about the Waco motorcycle tragedy in May 2015. I'm not going to recap all of what happened here in this column but do go online and read about it. And be sure to read it from both sides of the aisle. One thing that really bothers me is it's been nearly 2 1/2 years since this happened and they are just now (September) starting the trails. This is not just about any one motorcycle club and what happens with the prosecution but it's far reaching impacts on the entire culture of all motorcycle clubs and organizations and our 1st Amendment issues of expression and association. The first trails could also have far reaching impact on the future trails. If the prosecution succeeds, then this can and probably will impact motorcyclist across the US. There is also another problem with Texas that is an assault on fundamental 1st and 2nd Amendment rights. A Travel Advisory has been issued to all members and associates of motorcycle clubs traveling in or to the state of Texas that there is a legitimate risk of being arrested for Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon in the State of Texas solely because of membership or association. Here is another problem that can stick it's ugly head into our state if we are not careful. Now I hear you saying: "Well this doesn't concern me at all because I'm not a member of a motorcycle club or associate with any." Where do you think this will end? If they try to destroy the clubs, what makes you think they won't come after all motorcyclist on the 1st, 2nd & 8th Amendment here? How do we stop this injustice from happening here in NC & SC? We join CBA/ABATE of NC or ABATE of SC (both is preferred). We also join the MRF (Motorcycle Rights Organization). I know this might seem like a lot of organizations I'm asking you to join, but if you really want to protect your freedom—you will join! It won't cost you any more than a night on the town (maybe less). Your membership will give our Legislative Directors more leverage in Raleigh, Columbia and Washington DC. Numbers count. If you don't get "online" or you don't have a computer, just give me a call and I will send you Gaston's and/or any other motorcycle rights organization application that you desire to join. Plus all of these organizations provide accidental death insurance FREE of charge to members.

November is a time that most of us come together with our families and give thanks for what we have and our freedom. This community of bikers is and always has been a family. Some of us are closer to our "biker" family then we are our own. We are concerned when one of us is hurt or sick, we grieve when one of us dies and we celebrate when one of us achieves good or finds love. Please don't ever let that disappear from our community.

Ride safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving. - Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / October 10, 2017

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

<u>President (Jill Stillwell)</u> – Jill welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Jill thanked Remedies for providing us the space for our meeting.

<u>Legislation</u> - Please go the MRF's (<u>www.mrf.org</u>) website and send letters to your US Senators and US Representative regarding the following:

Stop Motorcycle Profiling!

Support the effort to END motorcycle profiling and sponsor H.Res.318 and S.Res.154!

The Bureaucrats at the EPA Don't Want You to Modify Your Motorcycle

Contact your legislator and tell them that the RPM Act must get floor time THIS CONGRESS. It is a bipartisan bill which protects Americans' right to modify street cars and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles and industry's right to sell those parts. It also ensures that the EPA can't get their nose in and start regulating motorcycles at the racetrack!

Get Out of My Gas Tank!

Ten years ago, Congress expanded the Renewable Fuel Standard or RFS. The RFS has resulted in gasoline with higher blends of ethanol (E15, E85) being integrated into our nation's fuel supply. The result? Our motorcycle engines are suffering. Tell your elected officials that WE NEED CHANGES to the RFS. This affects other small gasoline powered engines as well (lawn mowers, boats, jet skis, etc.).

CBA and Other Area Events -

October 14 - CAPA ride

October 14 - Driven by Grace in Lincolnton Bike Show, Car Show & Auction

October 14 – Gargoyles Libby Martin Benefit Dice Run

October 14 - Mooresville (Benefit ride for Joe - fighting cancer)

October 14 - CT Butt sale - contact a CT member to preorder the butts (\$35 each), individual plates will be available for purchase

October 15 – Dixie Drifters 1st Annual Cancer Awareness Benefit

October 21-22 - CBA State Meeting in Greensboro

October 21- Bikers With Boxes (Samaritans Shoe Boxes – Billy Graham Library)

October 21 - EBF Sisters Hogs and Dogs (Cox HD Rock Hill) 12pm-3pm

October 22 - Travelin' Light Sermon on the Mount KSU @ 8 am from Catawba Heights Baptist Church

October 28 - Ride for Chris Duncan - start at Dixie Drifters, end at SG

October 28 - SG Halloween Party

November 4 - Split Tail Cycles Swap Meet 9 am - 3 pm

November 4 – Hot dog sale for the Gaston County Toy Run @ Sapphire Car Wash in Dallas from 10 am – 2 pm (see flyer)

November 7 – CBA Events Committee & Officers Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison

November 11-12 – Charlotte CBA Fall Swap Meet @ Rowan County Fairgrounds

November 14 – CBA General Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison

November 18 – Murphy's Toy Run

November 18 – State CBA Seminars and Awards Banquet (watch for more info)

November 26 – Erwin Center Toy Run

<u>Bike Nights:</u> Cycle Gear 2nd Thursday of each month, Winner's Circle Wednesdays, Route 55 Thursdays, Sonic of Lincolnton (every other Wednesday – sponsored by Driven by Grace Ministry)

<u>Newsletter</u> – 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 **20**th each month (jillstillwell@bellsouth.net).

<u>Vice President (Angela)</u> – Angela briefly discussed her November newsletter article which will focus on people creating drama and surrounding yourself with people who will help you succeed not those trying to bring you down.

<u>Secretary (Donna Barnett)</u> – We have 371 members (325 renewals, 46 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) (<u>deb2334@yahoo.com</u>) 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 as well as members being notified through the US Postal Service and emails. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30. Motions made and accepted to accept the September minutes as printed in the October newsletter.

<u>Treasurer (Pete McGinnis)</u> – 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) – Not present.

Western District Coordinator/Sponsors (Gabby) – Not present

<u>MSAP</u> – Please see Jeff Reif if you are interested in becoming the new coordinator. The current Driver's Ed Coordinator currently will not let MSAP instructors in the schools to teach the Motorcycle Safety Component of Driver's Ed. It was suggested that members attend school board meetings.

<u>Products</u> – Shirts are \$10 each. 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 and yard signs for \$5.00 each. (continued next page)

New Business -

2018 Officers: President – Jill Stillwell, Vice-President – Angela Helms, Secretary – Donna Barnett, Treasurer – Pete McGinnis, Master Sgt. at Arms - Gene "Geno" Pennington, Sgt. at Arms - Jason Beck and Jim "Griz" Tench, Legislative - Jill Stillwell and Donna Barnett, MSAP - still available

We voted on the location for CBA Christmas Party (The Christmas Party will be December 9th at the Southern Gentlemen's Clubhouse

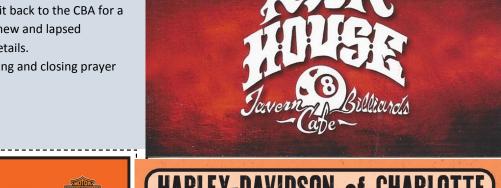
Donna's trip to the MRF's Meeting of the Minds – Thanked the CBA for sending her and is very excited about everything that she learned. Look for an article in the newsletter.

New CBA tri-folds and postcards – New tri-folds have been created to leave at various businesses as a way to explain what the CBA is and what the CBA does. The tri-folds also have an application on them along with Officer contact information. Postcards will now be used as a reminder from the state (about 30 days before your membership is due) and from our chapter (about 10 days before your membership is due).

There is a lot of talk about different groups not supporting establishments that do not allow patches or colors.

Our Annual Polar Bear Run is scheduled for January 6, 2018 An email as well as a request on our Facebook page regarding the Old Round Gaston County CBA patches. We are asking anyone who has one to consider donating it back to the CBA for a special project regarding the recruiting of new and lapsed members. See the newsletter for all the details. Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting and closing prayer with Jill Stillwell leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, **Donna Barnett, Secretary**





Concerned Bikers Association of Gaston County

REFERRAL CARD



*Can Not be combined with any other referral program.

Must be presented at time of purchase. One referral card per Unit.

Can be use on either New or Pre-owned bike sale. For more information please contact sales at 704-847-4647.

Gaston County CBA is proud to announce that Harley Davidson of Charlotte is offering to donate \$75.00 to anyone (CBA member or not) who purchases a new or used motorcycle. Cut out the referral card (above) and take it with you when you go look and if you buy, present the card and the donation will be made to us. Harley Davidson of Charlotte has been a long time sponsor of Gaston CBA and we appreciate their interest in our organization and the rights of bikers. We will put the referral card on our website and it will be in the newsletter every month. You can always open the website on your phone and show it the salesman. Thanks in advance!



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Harley Davidson of Charlotte NC

FROM YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler riding weather. I want to touch base on a matter that has been going on between a lot of us for the last couple of months. I am unsure as to why people are trying to create drama when there shouldn't be any. Bikers are a tight-knit group but they can also be very vindictive when things don't go their way or their friends start hanging around other people, organizations or clubs. Remember- we are supposed to be a family and care for each other.

No matter what you do in life, there's always going to be someone that wants to tear you down. They want to find every fault that you have and exploit it to make you feel bad about yourself. They want to destroy your confidence, and make sure that you never feel like you can succeed at anything. It's frustrating and hurts your feelings and makes you feel like you are a piece of dirt. So why does this happen? Why do people feel like they must tear you down and make you feel like garbage? Believe it or not there are a lot of reasons behind this. In the last couple of weeks, I have seen numerous people either spread rumors about people knowing it wasn't true or takes someone's mistake and turn it into a social media frenzy.

The reality of the situation is that the main reason most people tear others down is because they are unhappy with themselves. I know this sounds strange, but it's true. The reason that they tear others down is because they are not happy with how their life is going. Maybe they're not as successful as they wanted to be. Maybe they're not living up to their own expectations. They don't want to see you surpass them. So, in turn, they try to tear you down so that you feel like you're lesser than they are. The psychology behind this is if you don't have the confidence in yourself to succeed, then you most likely won't. They find your faults, then try to embarrass you and tear down your credibility.

One thing that you must remember is that if you don't believe in yourself no one else will. You must realize that you are in control of your own success. You can't let others' opinions of you affect how your life ends up.

When someone tries to tear you down, just remember that they have faults of their own. There's not a single person on planet earth that is perfect. While I would not recommend stooping to their level, make a mental note of their faults, and list them in your head. This will remind you that they're not perfect either. Look at their life and their success, and you'll understand why they're trying to tear you down. But you've got to know when to remove them from your life even if it's hard but may be a necessity.

If you dig deep enough you understand that they are most likely not as successful as they should be. Maybe they have a drinking problem. Maybe their marriage is falling apart. Maybe they've been in the same position at their office for the last 15 years

without a promotion. The truth of the matter is, they are most likely just bitter and angry. They're frustrated with their own life because they are in a dead-end job and their life is going nowhere. Notice that most bosses and people in upper management don't try to tear you down. It is people that you work with on your level that try to do this. They've probably been there for a while and they see that you are younger, faster, and better than them at almost everything, so they try to make you feel like you're less of a person to stop your momentum. Don't let them do this to you. Ignore them, and don't stoop to their level. When it comes down to it, the best revenge is success.

Things to Remember:

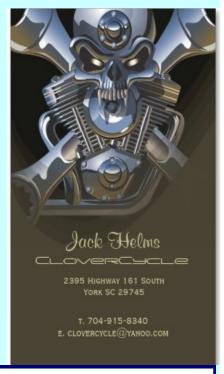
- * Acknowledging their malicious comments gives them power.
- * They are where they are for a reason.
- * Don't ever settle for being where you are
- * Only listen to people that are successful and have what you have.

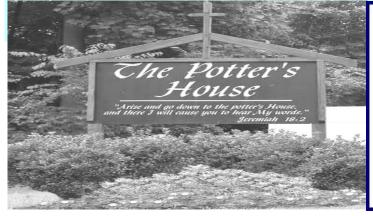
Listen to people who have the things you want in life. Don't take advice from losers. You'll end up with what they have.

Always strive to better yourself. If you are always trying to improve, your situation will follow.

Understanding why others tear you down will help you be more understanding, and will help you to rise above that nonsense. Don't get mixed up with malicious people, and focus only on your own success.

Angela D. Helms





NICHOLS FOOD STORES

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I was talking to a motorcyclist at a gas station recently and handed him my ABATE lobbyist business card. He read the "Dedicated to freedom of the road" and asked what that meant. So I posed the question back to him, "What does freedom mean to you?" We had a good conversation and it got me thinking about our freedoms and how ABATE is involved in trying to protect them. We have all heard Janis Joplin sing the words, "Freedoms just another word for nothing left to lose." Is it really that? What does freedom mean to you?

Freedom, according to The American Heritage College Dictionary, is a noun meaning "liberty of the person from slavery, detention, or oppression." When our Founding Fathers wanted a free country, this is what I think they were trying to achieve. They fought for their own freedom from oppres-



sion from King George. While it may have taken many years for all Americans to be free from slavery, it happened. Our nation's military has time and time again fought and shed blood for the freedom of people all over the world. Is that the freedom of the road that we, as an organization, are dedicated to?

You may get a variety of answers when you ask the question, but I want to share what freedom means to me. Freedom is about choice. How I choose to live my life without someone dictating on what I can be or can't be. Freedom is the ability to choose your own destiny. No matter where that road may lead. Freedom is our Constitutional rights. I know this is a sticky point for a lot of people and I will talk about that in a moment. Our Constitution outlines out just a fraction of the freedoms we have as Americans. Read it sometime. You'll be amazed at what is actually in the words that Jefferson wrote.

There are so many ways that people try to limit our freedom. Freedom is a noun, remember? So it is something that can be limited and taken away if you allow it to be.

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW......

I cringe every time I hear those words. I want to grab the person by the collar and shake them and yell into their face "Not only No but Hell NO!" Do you realize that once a law is on the books, it never goes away? That's right. The only way to get rid of it is to pass another law. Job security for politicians.

Saul Alinsky wrote in his book Rules for Radicals that "the greatest enemy to individual freedom is the individual himself." That is one of the most profound descriptions of oppression I have ever read in my life. So many times, we as a people, tend to be our own worse enemy in the cause to advance freedom. Self-oppression.

I'M OFFENDED.....

"OK Snowflake. Time to go to you safe space now." Yes, I have said that. I know it may sound cold and harsh but let's be real people. Freedom of speech is the ability to speak your mind even if another person doesn't agree with you. The world has become to

politically correct in so many ways and that offends me! I have said it before and I will say it until my last breath, I will defend another individuals right to speak their opinion no matter what that opinion is. Because if we limit the free speech of those we disagree with, then what is stopping someone to do that to us? Freedom means having the choice. Liberty means using it to do what is right.

And remember that "Freedom is a team sport."

Be good to one another!

Mike Infanzon, ABATE of AZ Designated Lobbyist





LEGISLATION:

HELMET LAW:

We still have a bill in the legislature, that is HB91 You can find the text at House Bill 91. This bill now resides in the House Rules committee. We are looking for an avenue to bring this bill back out in the 2018 session. If all the motor-cyclists that want to ride free would join the Concerned Bikers Assoc., we would have that freedom. As long as they sit back and wait for others to do it, we will have a difficult time getting this passed into law.

NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DRIVER INSTRUCTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STOPS:

Similar to a measure recently adopted in Louisiana to teach new licensees how to interact with police during traffic stops. House Bill 21 "Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops" has been approved unanimously by the North Carolina legislature and signed into law by Governor Roy Cooper on July 12, 2017.

HB 21 provides that "The Division, in consultation with the State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, and the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police, shall include in the driver license handbook a description of law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions that a motorist should take during a traffic stop, including appropriate interactions with law enforcement officers.

If you are interested in serving on the Legislative Committee for Gaston, Please contact Donna or Jill. Legislation is the backbone of our organization and it can be an exciting and frustrating at the same time.

The 2018 session is what they call the "short session" so not much will happen this coming year. Unless a bill has "money" connected with it, it will not be heard.

There will be a training session on how a bill gets through the General Assembly in Winston-Salem on 11/18/17.

The public is invited. There is information on this event in this newsletter. We do hope you will come, learn and help celebrate the Chapters in the CBA/ABATE of NC.

Gaston CBA Welcomes a new sponsor this month.
Hillbilly's BBQ & Steaks. Besides being a new sponsor, they have kindly allowed us to start having our meetings at the Garrison Blvd., Gastonia location on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except December). Charter members will remember that we started out here back in 2006. We are looking forward to going back to meeting there and especially their great food!

If you are interested in becoming a Gaston CBA Sponsor—please contact Gabby Mintz @ 704 868-4688 or by email at: ncharleygurl@yahoo.com
Or contact one of the officers on the last page





The MRF does in Washington what our CBA/ABATE of NC does here. We need both organizations to succeed if we are to have a voice or say in the laws that pertain to bikers. Plus MRF also offers (to their members) a free \$4,000 accidental life insurance policy. Please consider joining today!

A Voice for Street Riders in Washington D.C.



GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

October 28- Halloween Party at the Southern Gentlemen (everyone invited)

November 4—Hot Dog Sale & Car Wash to Benefit the Gaston Toy Run for Kids (see flyer)

November 4—Split Tail Swap Meet & Bike Show (see below)

November 7—7pm: Gaston CBA Events & Officers Meeting @ Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd., Gastonia.

November 11—10AM-3PM Charlotte CBA Veterans Event at Indian Motorcycle, Lowell (see flyer online)

November 14—Gaston CBA Meeting at the Hillbilly's BBQ & Steaks, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia Come early and eat with other CBA members. The food is really good!

November 18—State Training & Awards Banquet (see information in this issue)

November 18– Murphy's Toy Run (see flyer online—rain date 11/19)

November 23—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 26– Toys for Tots Run for Kids—Erwin Center (see flyer online)

December 2—Gaston Toy Run for Kids (see flyer in the Nov 4th Hot Dog Sale & Car Wash event & online)

December 3– Charlotte CBA Toys for Tots Run—Starts at Bojangles Coliseum (see flyer online)



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 and also we would like to know how we can 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 CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter.



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NOVEMBER 4TH

HOT DOG PLATE \$5.00 Enter code 4287 to give 20% of purchase to Toy Run

22nd Annual Gaston County Saturday, win December 2nd, 2017 A Classic 1979 Rain or Shine! Harley Davidson Shovelhead Raffle Tickets Are All Bikers Welcome! Kick Stands Up At 11:30 AM Ω each or 25 for Ω From Ranlo Church of God (1800 Spencer Mountain Road) **Bring A New Unwrapped Toy** See The Happiness In A Child's Face Check Out Our Facebook Page Food Provided Police Escorted All Proceeds Benefit Contact Numbers Gaston County Children Foot - (704) 913-3392 Bud - (704) 860-8412 (704) 349-3195 Mike - (704) 363-8030 (im - (704) 460-4573 In God We Trust A SPECIAL THANKS to all participants who have kept this run going thru the years. See you on the

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Bill of Rights in Simple Language

AMENDMENT 1

Congress can't make any law that:

- **I-** Favors one religion over another religion, or no religion at all, or opposes any religion;
- I- Stops you from practicing your religion as you see
- I- Keeps you from saying whatever you want, even if you are criticizing the President of the United States;
- I- Prevents newspapers, magazines, books, movies, radio, television or the internet from presenting any news, ideas, and opinions that they choose;
- **I-** Stops you from meeting peacefully for a demonstration or protest to ask the government to change something.

AMENDMENT 2

Congress can't stop people from having and carrying weapons.

AMENDMENT 3

You don't have to let soldiers live in your house, except if there is a war, and even then Congress needs to pass a law and set the rules.

AMENDMENT 4

Nobody can search your body, or your house, or your papers and things, unless they can prove to a judge that they have a good reason for the search.

AMENDMENT 5

Except during times of war or if you are in the military:

- I—You can't be tried for any serious crime without a Grand Jury meeting first to decide whether there's enough evidence against you for a trial;
- I— If at the end of a trial, the jury decides you are innocent, the government can't try you again for the same crime with another jury;
- I—You cannot be forced to admit you are guilty of a crime and if you choose not to, you don't have to say anything at your trial at all;
- I—You can't be killed, or put in jail, or fined, unless you were convicted of a crime by a jury and all of the proper legal steps during your arrest and trial were followed; and
- I—The government can't take your house or your farm or anything that is yours, unless the government pays for it at a fair price.

AMENDMENT 6

If you are arrested and charged with a crime:

- I-You have a right to have your trial soon and in public, so everyone knows what is happening;
- I- The case has to be decided by a jury of ordinary people from where you are, if you wish;

AMENDMENT 6 (continued)

I-You have the right to know what you are accused of doing wrong and to see and hear and cross-examine the people who are witnesses against you;

I-I You have the right to a lawyer to help you. If you cannot afford to pay the lawyer, the government will.

AMENDMENT 7

You also have the right to a jury when it is a civil case (a law case between two people rather than between you and the government).

AMENDMENT 8

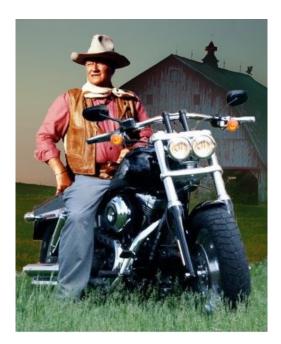
The government can't make you pay more than is reasonable in bail or in fines, and the government can't inflict cruel or unusual punishments (like torture) even if you are convicted of a crime.

AMENDMENT 9

Just because these rights are listed in the Constitution doesn't mean that you don't have other rights too.

AMENDMENT 10

Anything that the Constitution doesn't say that Congress can do, is left up to the states and to the people.





Murphey's 23rd Annual Toy Run

TO BENEFIT SHRINER'S BURN CENTER
& OXFORD ORPHANAGE
MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN
& KINGS MOUNTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
SHOP WITH A COP

Saturday, November 18th

Rain Date Sunday, November 19th

Meet at 11:00 . Leave Scooter Shed at 12:00

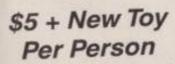
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THE RIDE!

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DIRECTIONS FROM SHELBY

74 East - Turn right on Bethlehem Road. Go about 5 miles. You will pass the Fire Department on left. Turn left on Phifer Road. First road to the left is Camelot Court. This is where Murphey's is.

DIRECTIONS FROM GASTONIA

I-85 to Exit 5. Take Right. Go to 2nd Stop Lights.

Take Left on Phifer Road. Murphey's will be on the Right.





"Come Ride for Those Who Can't" THE 31ST ANNUAL

Bikers of Gaston County and Surrounding Areas
The Original
Toys for Tots Motorcycle Ride

Date:
Time:

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017

1:00 p.m. Sharp

Rain or Shine

Dance:

Nov. 25, 2017

Night before run

Location: Will be announced if applies

Place: Starting Point

Erwin Community Center

913 N. Pryor Street

Gastonia, NC 28052

Ending Point

Eastridge Mall

Parking Lot

<u>Purpose</u>: To Donate Christmas Toys for the Needy Kids in the Gaston County and Surrounding Areas. Only One (New Unwrapped) Toy per Biker is Needed to Ride.

"OLDEST RUN SOUTH OF THE CATAWBA RIVER"

"POLICE ESCORTED"

AFTER RUN REFRESHMENTS \$5.00 DONATION Your Participation Will Be Greatly Appreciated!

NO WEAPONS

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NO ANIMALS

NO BURN OUTS

For Further Information Contact:

(Charter Member) Jasper Porter 704-864-7656

(Member) Jack (Spanky) Phillips...... 704-218-1626

(Coordinator) Gerald L. Tate 704-867-0029

Ernest T. Orr - Secretary

This run is always held the last Sunday in November

(Gas Them Up Early)

MAP ON BACK

Some thoughts about CBA membership from the State Meeting in Greensboro on October 21st & 22nd. Why don't you talk to your friends that are not CBA members about these items.

- If you are not a member—we can't get anything done in Raleigh. Say for instant you want to ride without a helmet—we need to get the membership numbers up or that law will not pass. At least give your brothers & sisters the right to choose.
- If there are some other items that you are concerned with or would like to see passed in the General Assembly—we need to get the membership numbers up to get it done.
- If you look at our numbers right now (& they are low), the General Assembly can do anything to us they desire such as make laws that are not beneficial for us because there are not enough members to fight it.
- You are NOT required to do a thing for the CBA/ABATE of NC—only be a member. Your membership is what we need but we would love for you to get involved.
- We currently have enough bikers in NC to elect a governor but we don't have enough in the CBA/ABATE of NC to get bills passed in the General Assembly. What is wrong with that picture?
- Why are you not renewing your membership if you have lapsed? We want to know.
- Where else can you get a \$3500 of accidental life/ dismemberment insurance policy and also help to make the State of NC a better place for bikers for only \$20 a year?
- Why are you procrastinating about joining CBA/ABATE of NC and what can we do to convince you to join?
- We know that some of you don't want to be involved in the politics, but it is a "necessary evil" to get what we want.

Southern Gentlemen & Gaston CBA member Steve "Lucky" Brook's son Aaron is now serving in Afghanistan. He will be there for approximately 8 more months. He needs to hear from home. Send him cards with personal messages. Write letters with news of our area, funny stories or your family. We all have news to tell him. His address is: Aaron Brooks

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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

<u>JULY 2017</u>

Zack Wilson Tosha McKenney

John & Melissa Kennedy

August 2017

Chris & Bambe Ealey

Shane Burris Julie Head

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Matthews

Jerry McCoig

Robert & Kathleen Krontz Scott & Megan Kermode

Crystal Parker

September 2017

Zachrey Conner Danielle Sutton Steven Mahaffey

Steven Manaπey Teva Grier

Charles Swain
Josephine Sweeney

Charles & Melissa Harvey

Amelia Lanning

September 2017(continued)

Todd & Tanya Worley

Bart Helms

Eric E. "Hoghead" Costner

David Goodman Adriana Reyes Jeff Pressley

Aaron & Sabrina Flowe

Jeremy Perrone Chrissy Brooks Jack N. Weisberger John E & Coyet J Toler Jr.

Cathy Stouffer

Eric & Melissa McGugan

Philip Hans

October 2017

Robert Reagan
Bill & Angel Thurber

Ronald Ball

Keith & Loretta McLean Sr.

Ray Wooten

Chris & Wanda Baucom James "Gene" Clark Wendy Clark Metro Wesley & Brandi Bryant James "Dale" Carroll Jeff & Libby Worley

Jacqueline Keller Deaton Mary Schneider Ted Vanderburg Terri Watson Roger Howard Brittany Dover Emily Dover

Jeremy & Courtney Lankford

November 2017

Kristy Halk

Devon Halk / Zakkery Simmons Aleshia & Bailey Stickland

William Beverly

Jimmy Nichols & Michelle Stenzel

Gabby Mintz Mickey Seigler

PLEASE check the list above to see if your name appears. Memberships can be renewed via PayPal using the

CBA's website: www.gastoncountycba.com;

by mailing it to Gaston County CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell, NC 28098; at the General Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm of each month at Hillbilly's, 930 E Garrison Blvd., Gastonia or at any event where the CBA is set up.

Motorcycle Profiling

The term "motorcycle profiling" means the practice of a law enforcement agent or agency using the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the United States Constitution.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists, The Motorcycle Profiling Project, The Council of Clubs, and The Motorcycle Riders Foundation are working together to promote awareness of motorcycle profiling by supporting House Resolution 318 and Senate Resolution 154. You can take a stand and join the fight by going to http://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/. Select "Stop Motorcycle Profiling", you will be able contact your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators in less than a minute. It's secure, free, easy, and you will be taking a stand.

The US Senators for NC are:

Senator Richard Burr (R-NC)

217 Russell Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510

(202) 224-3154

Contact: www.burr.senate.gov/contact/email

Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)

185 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-6342

Contact: www.tillis.senate.gov/public.cfm/email-me

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Washington DC 20510

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Washington DC 20510

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ELECTION MONTH— Remember November 2017 is an odd-numbered year, which means that municipal elections all across North Carolina will be held this month. Municipal elections occur between September and November, depending on what style of election the municipality uses. The state of North Carolina provides for four distinct election types, which are detailed more fully on our <u>election information page</u>.

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 for the banquet 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

Darlene Kimsey, State Treasurer CBA/ABATE of NC, 2225 Bevan Drive, Trinity, NC 27370; Cell - 336-880-0277 Gaston County CBA encourages you to attend these events. You meet CBA members from across the state and have a

WACO TRAGEDY

As a reminder about current (and past) events, it has been nearly two and one-half years since the Waco tragedy.

Shortly after noon on May 17, 2015, something happened involving several different motorcycle clubs, independent riders and law enforcement at a Twin Perks restaurant.

The restaurant was to be the location for a meeting of Texas Coalition of Clubs and Independents (TCOC&I) to help educate bikers about legislation and how they could work with their representatives in Austin.

Nine bikers were killed, twenty were wounded and 177 were arrested and held on \$1 million bond with a charge on engaging in organized criminal activity, including those not associated with any motorcycle club, but unfortunate enough to have just arrived in the parking lot after the melee and shooting. These bonds was a clear violation of the 8th Amendment.

After two year and one-half years, the trails are just now starting but the judge that was supposed to hear the first case has been recused and the second judge that was to take his place has also been challenged.

Survivors of the shootout have lost jobs, had vehicles seized, lost leases on residences, some were questioned about their ability to safely raise children and have lost custody of them. Those released with ankle monitoring devices have had to pay for the privilege. \$100 installation fee and \$255 a month for as long as they wear the devices. The only winners so far are the bail bondsmen and those installing ankle monitors.

Ballistics reports seen by The Associated Press show that four of the people killed were struck by bullets from Waco police rifles, and that two of them were struck only by bullets fired from police weapons.

A grand jury in September 2016 declined to recommend charges for the officers after they were cleared by an internal investigation.

"Remember Waco" patches are available on several patch websites. Waco is a long way from us, but the ramification of these trails could also hit home in the future.



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Saturday,

December 2nd, 2017

Rain or Shine!

All Bikers Welcome!

Kick Stands Up At 11:30 AM

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

See you on the ride!



December 3, 2017

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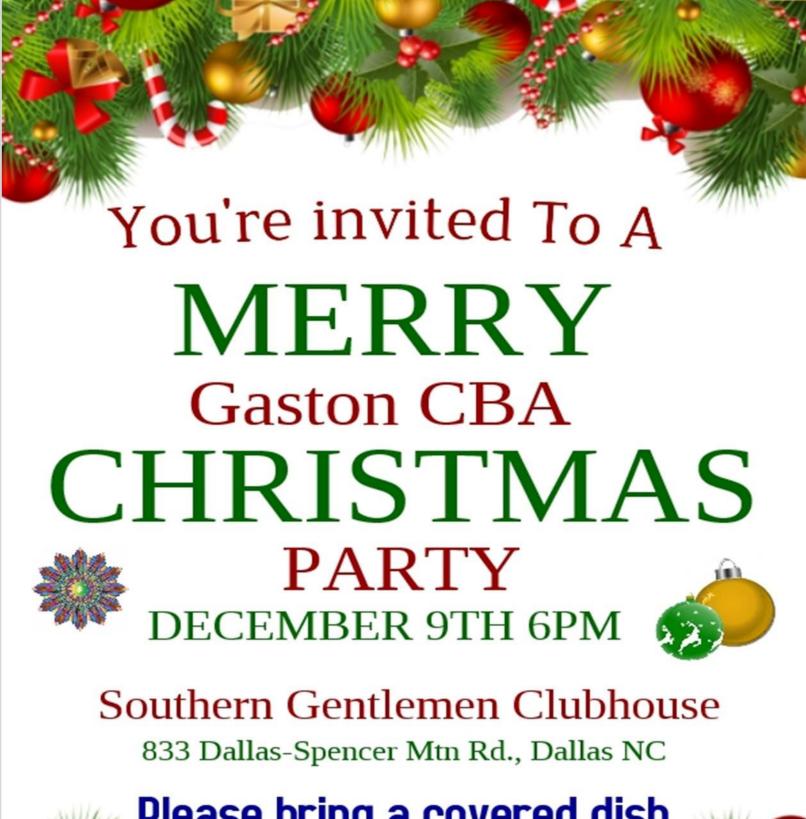




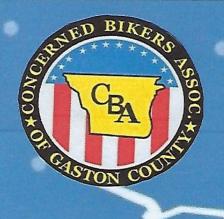
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Best & Worse Hand 50-50 Draw Raffle Prizes

1st Bike Out @ 11AM / Last Bike Out @ 12PM

\$15 - 1 Hand & 1 Meal / \$25 - 3 Hands & 2 Meals

All Bikes in by 3:30

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All proceeds Benefit Gaston CBA Legislative & Charitable work

Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report September 2017

\$ 1,895.90 Beginning Balance:

Income:

\$ 150.00 Newsletter Sponsor \$1,254.00 New & Renewals Membership

Total Income: \$ 1,404.00

Expenses:

53.24 MRF Meeting (Donna)

323.79 Newsletter

Total Expenses: \$ 377.04

Ending Balance (8/31/2017) -\$ 2,922.86

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.

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WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS AND HELP BUILD OUR CHAPTER. JUST RECRUIT BIKERS TO BELONG TO **CBA/ABATE OF NC GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER** (all sign up's must pay the full price of membership)

2017 GASTON CBA OFFICERS

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



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