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Newsletter – December 2017

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### President's Message—

There will be **NO GENERAL MEETING** of Gaston CBA in December. However we will have a Christmas Party on the 9th at the Southern Gentlemen Clubhouse. We hope all our members will come, eat and have a good time. Our meetings will start up again on January 9th at Hillbilly's, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. And don't forget our Polar Bear Run will be on January 6 starting at Route 55, Clover.

Well, it's that time of the year when there is something going on every week-end. Of course it seems like there is something going on in our community every week-end of the year! But this time of the year brings us to help the children of our community with toys, toys and more toys. Seriously this is a time where we bring joy into their lives where children might not get anything for Christmas. These toy runs are also "good will" for bikers because a lot of people see us in a not so good light. We know we are good people but when ordinary citizens see us in leather, tattoos, colors or patches on our backs, they are not sure about us and seem not to want to trust us. We've got all the local toy runs in this newsletter (that were sent to us) so pick a couple and attend. Heck if you can—go to all of them. One run by Cleveland County CBA is not a toy run but to collect items for the Men's and Women's Shelter of Cleveland County. These shelters always need our help so please go and/or help if you can.

I've borrowed a couple of paragraphs from the ABATE of Arizona newsletter because I think it fits the CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter. Also it reminds me of a good friend & CBA member (Kevin Novinc) who makes the most beautiful knives I have seen. Of course I'm not a knife connoisseur and no this is not an advertisement for Kevin's knives but he does do excellent work.

The phrase "iron sharpens iron" is found in Proverbs 27:17: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." There is mutual benefit in the rubbing of two iron blades together; the edges become sharper, making the knives more efficient in their task to cut and slice. If a knife is blunt, it still continues to be a knife, although it is less effective, less useful in service. We should be encouraged to spend more time together, encouraging, challenging and debating with one another so that we become sharper, more effective in our places within CBA/ABATE. Too often what passes as "iron sharpening" is centered on food and fun, not on sharpening one another. In far too many instances, the only knives being sharpened are the ones used at potlucks.

Finally, a knife that has been sharpened will also shine more because all the dullness has been rubbed off its surface. We are the best weapon against those who are set on limiting our freedoms. A shiny sharp knife is always desired over a dull, blunt one. Let's do some knife sharpening...Freedom is a team sport.

As most of you know, the NC General Assembly will have a short session in 2018. Not much gets done during that time but we do want to keep in touch with our Representatives about issues we are concerned about so that when those issues come up again in the full session, we already have our foot in the door. Charlie Boone, our State Legislation Director, is planning a Lobby Day in Raleigh to do just that. We are not sure of the date yet but it will probably be in the spring. When they announce the date, we hope some of you will go with us to Raleigh to meet and talk to your Representatives. For those that live in SC, their Lobby Day is January 9th, so please go if you can. I will post the flier on our FB page and have Donna to send it out in an email. I encourage our SC members to join ABATE of SC also. You need to know what is going on in your state too. I also encourage all of our members to join the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). We need this organization in Washington because they look out for our us with our US Congress. I know I keep preaching this but one day I hope it will finally sink in that you need to join to protect your way of life as a biker. Plus each organization gives you accidental insurance for FREE!

Our chapter is growing! And that my friends is a very good thing. Now if we could get you lapsed members back into the fold, we would be on Cloud 9. I wish you could hear or see the texts of your officers when we get a new member onboard or a lapsed member back as we are genuinely happy about it. And I can honestly say that you have a great group of officers that really care about you and your chapter. We go to the state meetings on your behalf, Donna attended the Meeting of the Minds on your behalf and we go to Lobby Day every year on your behalf. Remember that when you get your renewal postcard in the mail. Ride safe and have a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah - Jill

## Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / November 14, 2017

Meeting was held at Hillbilly's BBQ on Garrison Blvd with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Ronnie Jenkins 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. Jill welcomed our newest newsletter sponsors (Hillbilly's, Ole Dallas Brewery, Parker's Body Shop, Joe's Pawn Shop, and Clark's Tree Express). Jill thanked Hillbilly's for providing us the space for our meeting.

**Legislation** - Please go to the MRF's ([www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)) website & 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.).

**LET RIDERS SPEAK!** In 2015, Congress re-established the Motorcyclist Advisory Council in the Highway Bill to advise the Federal Highway Administration on "issues of concern to motorcyclists." This important group would serve as the ONLY official forum on a national scale for motorcyclists to have an open dialogue with the Government. And yet, all but one individual selected was there to represent the technical aspects of the Council, including engineering, construction and traffic safety systems as well as roadway data. Only one seat out of ten was designated for a national motorcycle riders' association to alone speak to the riding experiences and concerns of more than 8.5 million motorcyclists in the U.S. This is unacceptable; we must petition the government to add motorcyclists to the Council!

Together, let's spread the word: [#LetRidersSpeak](https://www.letridersspeak.com) Sign the Petition NOW by clicking on this link:

<http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/sign-petition...> Megan Ekstrom VP of Government Affairs & Public Relations MRF

**December 1—BBQ Fundraiser for Jeff Clark**

**December 2 – Gaston County Toy Run**

**December 3 – Charlotte Toys for Tots Run**

**December 5 – CBA Events Committee & Officers Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd**

**December 9 – CBA Christmas Party at the Southern Gentlemen Clubhouse (please bring a side dish to share)**

**December 10 – Cleveland County CBA Men/Women's Shelter Ride 2pm from VFW**

**December 16 - Windjammers Toy Run**

**December 16 – Hellfighters Toy Run**

**December 21 to 23 – Carolina Thunder Butt sale (\$35 each). Deadline to order is 12/21 and pickup is 12/23**

**January 2 – CBA Events Committee and Officer's Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd**

**January 6 – CBA Annual Polar Bear Run**

**January 9 – CBA General Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison Blvd**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> each month ([jillstillwell@bellsouth.net](mailto:jillstillwell@bellsouth.net)).

**Vice President (Angela)** – We need raffle prizes for the Polar Bear Run on 1/6/2018 and volunteers to work stops and be road guards. Please let an officer know if you have prizes or are interested in volunteering.

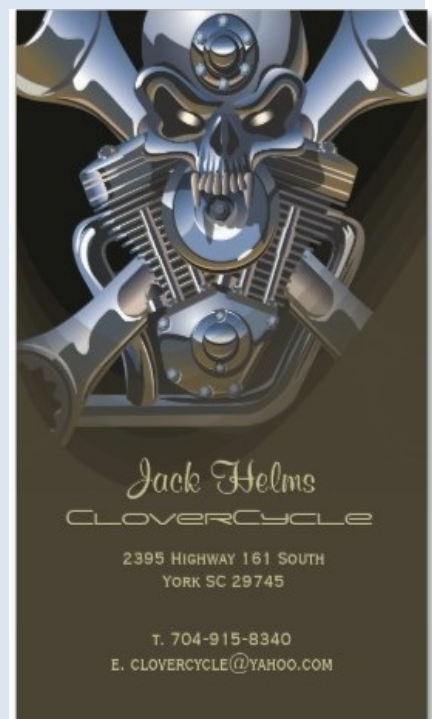
**Secretary (Donna Barnett)** – We have 380 members (334 renewals, 46 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) ([deb2334@yahoo.com](mailto:deb2334@yahoo.com)) or if you need a new membership packet. You can save the chapter up to \$25/year by receiving the newsletter online. Renewals are included in the weekly emails, the monthly newsletter 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 October minutes as printed in the November newsletter.

**Treasurer (Pete McGinnis)** – Pete read the financial reports. 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 (Gabby)** – Not present

**MSAP** – 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.





**Products** – Shirts are \$10 each. Please see an officer if you are interested in helping with products. “Watch for Motorcycles” yard signs for \$5.00 each.

**Old Business** –

**New Business** –

- ◆ We discussed getting pins for members and others to purchase for their vests. A sample design was presented, voted on and purchase of was approved.
- ◆ Our new tri-folds are being placed at various businesses/sponsors. Please let an officer know if you would like some to drop off at a location.
- ◆ The state and our chapter have started using postcards for renewals instead of letters. This is cheaper and is already showing signs of being more effective than the letters.

**Other:**

Biker Down Lifted Up Carolina Piedmont West meets the first Tuesday of each month. The December meeting will be at Thunder House Biker Church and the January meeting will be at Catawba Heights Baptist Church. Please let them know anytime a biker in our region goes down so that they can visit with them. There is a card in this issue of the newsletter with their information.

- ◆ Someone asked about us purchasing a building or trailer. We are currently looking for a trailer in which to store our supplies that can be hauled to various events.
- ◆ There will be a BBQ fundraiser for retired Sgt. Jeff Clark on December 1<sup>st</sup> who has cancer. Tickets can be purchased in the Records Bureau of the Police Department.

Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting and closing prayer with Ronnie Jenkins leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Barnett, Secretary



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## VICE-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Toy Runs will be coming soon as well and 2017 is almost gone. A lot of changes have happened this year including the closing of the homestead. This past weekend we had the State CBA banquet, we received a trophy for 2017 Membership Chapter of the Year 1st runner up. Before the banquet we went thru the process of how a bill becomes a law. Charlie Boone took us thru the process which I never knew there were so many steps before a bill could become a law.

A bill is written, introduced and assigned a bill number in one chamber (either the House or the Senate). Each bill must have at least a "sponsor," which is a legislator who wants to try to push the bill through the process. Most bills also have several co-sponsors, which are other legislators who also want to see the legislation given a chance in the system. The bill is assigned to several committees in the chamber (usually two to three committees).

The bill is "heard" in each committee, sometimes with "expert witnesses" testifying for and against the bill. The public is encouraged to give their opinions at this stage by attending hearings and speaking about the bill. After hearing public testimony, legislators will discuss the bill in the committee, and then vote to give it a "Do Pass", "Do Not Pass", "No Recommendation" or "Table" recommendation. A bill can only proceed to the next committee to which it was assigned if it is given a "Do Pass" or "No Recommendation." If it is given a "Do Not Pass" in its first committee, it is "dead".

If a bill proceeds through all its assigned committees, it goes to the full floor (all the members) of the chamber, to be heard and discussed among all the members of that chamber. Public testimony is not allowed at this point, although experts will sometimes be invited to be guests on the floor to answer questions on complicated bills. If the bill is voted down on the floor, it can go no further. If it is approved by a majority vote on the full floor, it proceeds onto the next chamber.

Once at the next chamber, it goes through the same process: consideration by several committees and a final floor vote.

If the bill makes it through all the committees and the floor votes of both chambers, it goes to the Governor for signature. The Governor may veto or sign the bill. If the Governor signs the bill, it becomes state law.

CBA continues to pursue that time-honored tradition... "Don't make laws about us, without seeking our involvement." To that end, we remain actively involved in our government. An important part of being involved is having an established message, and organized activities to help share that message with our lawmakers. Individual CBA chapters have organized Constituent Teams that conduct lobbying trips to Raleigh. These teams speak with their local elected officials and share our concerns and desires. Much of CBA's success can be attributed to the activities of these teams, and to the efforts of individual members maintaining awareness of the issues and contacting their legislators.

We hope that when the next Lobby Day comes along that you will make an effort to go with your officers to meet and talk with your Legislators. You will come away with a new sense of how hard it is to get a bill to become law through the General Assembly.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Gaston CBA for their continued support in working toward our goals. At the State Banquet, we took home the 1st Runner Up to Membership Chapter of the Year. That is a great accomplishment because the winner was Buncombe County and they did an excellent job of recruiting members at Hot Springs.

Merry Christmas!

Angela Helms, VP




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## Targeted For Existing: Where Pop Culture Ends and Real Life Begins for America's Bikers

by Megan Ekstrom (Reprinted with permission from MRF.org email to members)

When I first spoke with "Professor Blade" I noticed a subtle accent; "Former British Army" he informed me, though he now resides in the San Diego area. In addition to his accent, I noticed he has remarkably polite and articulate, which isn't surprising given his career as a middle school teacher and college professor. What IS surprising however, is the fact that this man was recently arrested, charged with a felony and held on a \$125k bail. So why was this man, former military and college educator without any criminal record arrested? He says he was profiled by California State Police, simply because he was riding a motorcycle.

Though entertaining, bikers openly mock the hit TV show, "Sons of Anarchy" which portrays a fictional outlaw motorcycle club as murderers, rapists and drug addicts who all use excessive violence to get what they want. Unfortunately, for the 8 million Americans who ride, perception can be reality. Professor Blade and members of his motorcycle club "The Chosen Few" know this all too well. He says he and his fellow club members have been targeted by local law enforcement for years. "There's a bar we all go to pretty regularly," Professor Blade tells me. "The night I was arrested I was there for a party for a friend who is in the marines. When we arrived, I could see police staked out across the street from the bar, just watching and waiting." Upon leaving the party he was pulled over the second he turned out of the parking lot on his motorcycle. The impetus for the stop? Loud pipes—a reason Professor Blade finds suspect given they were in close proximity to the Miramar Air Station. "It was so loud we couldn't even hear the sound from the police dash camera. There is no way he heard my pipes which are in full compliance with California state law." Ultimately, Professor Blade wasn't cited for his pipes, but he was questioned about the leadership of his motorcycle club and then arrested for possession of brass knuckles and a deadly weapon. One of the "brass knuckles" that prompted his arrest? His wedding ring. The deadly weapon? A 24-inch decorative whip that was zip-tied to his handlebar on the throttle side. Police arrested him, confiscated his bike and a judge set his bail at \$125,000.

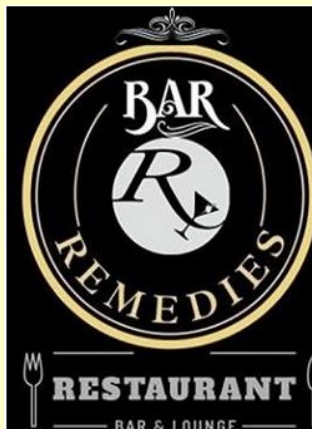
It would be unfair to pin the perception of equating bikers to criminals solely on the show, Sons of Anarchy. There are legends and lore about bikers from movies to music and throughout American pop culture. The "bad boy" biker narrative has grown over time and though entertaining, it's resulted in some real (and not so entertaining) consequences.

The Motorcycle Profiling Project (MPP) has been collecting research for two years capturing data and information from motorcyclists who feel they have been profiled by law enforcement for riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related attire. According to the Motorcycle Profiling Project, 28% of respondents felt they had been profiled. Though the data from 2016 is still being reviewed, early indications show that this number will grow exponentially. The state with the highest reported incidents of profiling? California—which is where Professor Blade was arrested.

Though incidents of profiling certainly are not limited to California. Every state has reported instances of motorcycle profiling according to the MPP. And while California is the biggest offender, Texas, Florida, Arizona and Pennsylvania rank in the top five. The state at the bottom of the list with the lowest incidents of reporting? That would be Washington state which passed a law in 2009 requiring law enforcement trainees to undergo training specific to addressing motorcycle profiling and best practices when stopping a motorcyclist. According to the MPP which spearheaded the Washington law, it's working. In fact, reported incidents of profiling have been reduced over 90%. Maryland passed a similar law in 2016 and several state legislatures will be considering similar bills in their next sessions. Even our federal lawmakers have shown an interest in the issue with the House and Senate each introducing legislation (S.Res.154, H.Res.318) addressing motorcycle profiling in May of this year pushed by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. No one should make the argument that criminal elements don't exist in the motorcycle world. A quick google search turns up many reports of bikers arrested on drug charges and domestic violence among others. A 2015 report from the FBI on gangs identifies outlaw motorcycle gangs (OMG) as a concern stating that motorcyclists have evolved from "bar room brawlers" to "sophisticated criminals." However, according to the report, when looking at gangs and gang members as a whole, 88% are attributed to street gangs, 9.5% to prison gangs and only 2.5% are attributed to motorcycle gangs. And yet, according to Vox Media, a recent survey showed that 14% of law enforcement officials identified motorcycle gangs first among the most problematic gangs in their jurisdictions; a figure that doesn't add up when reviewing where motorcycle gangs actually fall on the spectrum.

Professor Blade, whose real name is Flavius A B Akerele III, ultimately plead to a misdemeanor for possession of the decorative whip that hung from his handlebar. But the consequences didn't stop there. As a result of his misdemeanor, he has lost his right to own a gun for three years—a hefty price to pay for an enthusiast and someone professionally trained in firearms. And despite the felony charge being dropped, the pending charge affected his background check when he was exploring a new position with a community college. And just recently, he was pulled over yet again upon leaving the local Harley-Davidson dealership where he says that once again, police were set up watching who entered and exited on motorcycles.

So while the "bad boy biker" persona is iconic and the popular image of bikers as degenerates and hooligans makes for good TV, there are practical effects for your average motorcycle rider. When I ask Professor Blade what he wants others to know about his lifestyle and his story he tells me, "This is the kind of harassment I see on a daily basis. Bikers aren't criminals. They are our country's nurses, firefighters and teachers. We are being targeted for simply existing."



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Spring-like day and went for a ride? Make sure to watch out for weathered roads.

### Tips to Winterize Your Bike

Prepping your motorcycle for winter can be easy and relatively cheap. Just keep these pointers in mind:

- **Keep it Dry** – Store your motorcycle in a dry area that isn't in direct sunlight. If there's room, keep it indoors.
- **Keep it Covered** – Buy a high quality cover that's breathable. Make sure it's waterproof if you're storing your bike outside.
- **Keep it Clean** – Wash and wax your motorcycle before it's stored. This will remove all the grime, dirt, sand, salt, and other corrosive elements that could hurt your bike.
- **Keep it Up** – Prevent your bike's tires from resting on a cold garage floor all winter. We recommend parking it on wooden boards or putting it on stands.

### Additional Points to Consider When Storing Your Bike

- Fill the tank and add fuel stabilizer. Make sure you use fresh fuel and fresh stabilizer.
- Change the oil filter, because the byproducts of used oil are very corrosive.
- Drain your carburetor by turning off the main gas valve from the tank, opening the petcock, and then closing the valve when it stops flowing.
- Keep mice out by filling a few sandwich bags with steel wool and placing them into the air intake and tail pipes. Mark these spots with red tape so you'll remember to remove them before you ride again.
- Lubricate the chain and pivot points to prevent rusting over the winter.
- Remove your battery or install a maintainer to keep your battery fresh for the spring.
- Check your antifreeze and coolant before you store the bike. Make sure the levels are correct.
- Spray your bike with WD-40 to help prevent corrosion. Hose the bike off when winter ends to remove the leftover WD-40.

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## GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

### NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH—INSTEAD WE HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

December 1—BBQ Fundraiser for retired Police Sgt. Jeff Clark who has cancer (*see online edition*)

December 2—Gaston Toy Run for Kids (*see flyer for information*)

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

December 5—Events & Officers Meeting (planning for the Polar Bear Run)

December 9—Lincoln County Toy Run 4 Kids—Starts at Ingle's (*online edition for information*)

**December 9—Gaston CBA Christmas Party @ Southern Gentlemen's, 833 Dallas-Spencer Mt Rd., Dallas**

December 10—Cleveland CBA Ride to the Shelter (*see flyer for information*)

December 16—Hellfighter's Toy Run (*see flyer for information*)

December 16—Windjammer's Toy Run (*see online edition for information*)

**December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**January 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**January 6—Gaston CBA Polar Bear Run (*see 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 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 organizations and clubs to send us their event flyers and also become members of CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter.

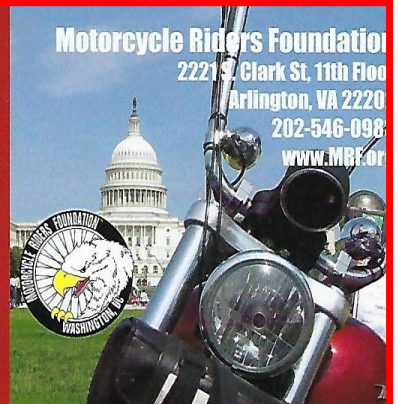
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have kept this run going thru the years.

**See you on the ride!**





# December 3, 2017

## THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



# CHARLOTTE C.B.A. & U.S.M.C.

## TOYS 4 TOTS RUN!

**BRING  
1 NEW  
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**Staging  
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**Bojangle's Coliseum**

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**Breadfast & Hot  
Beverages will be  
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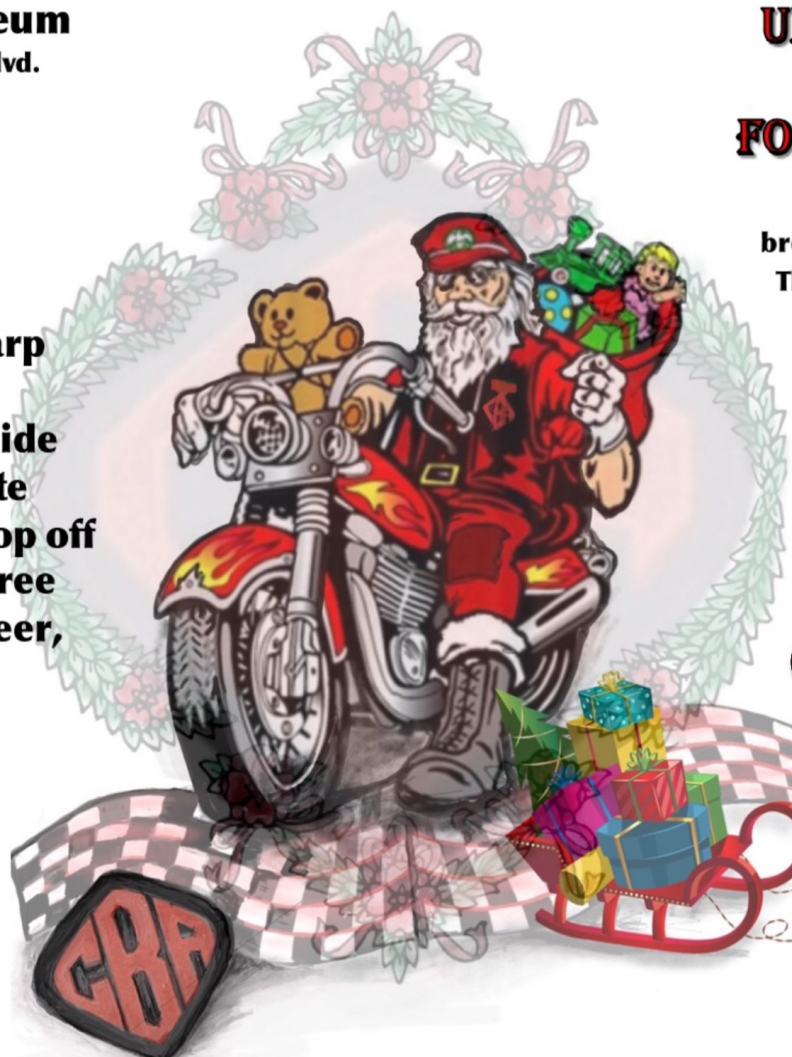
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# December 3, 2017

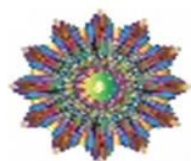
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You're invited To A  
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Gaston CBA  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARTY**  
DECEMBER 9TH 6PM



Southern Gentlemen Clubhouse  
833 Dallas-Spencer Mtn Rd., Dallas NC

**Please bring a covered dish**





**We have 5 new Gaston CBA Sponsors this month.**

The 1st is a new place in the County for you to go and have a good time plus to "Rethink what you drink." Check out the Ole Dallas , Dallas the next time weekend you want a night out.

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## December 9, 2017

Starts at: Ingles Market in Lincolnton  
2130 E Main St. Near the Fuel Area

**KSU: 11am**

Come early for fuel  
and other incidentals.

Registration: Bring at  
least one new toy,  
at least \$10 value or more.



Contact Info:  
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[chappykpitts@gmail.com](mailto:chappykpitts@gmail.com)  
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[rco.ministries@yahoo.com](mailto:rco.ministries@yahoo.com)

All Donations go to benefit the Marines Toys For Tots program in Lincoln County



Friendly local sports bar & grill with something going on nearly every night. Checkout their Facebook page.



Sun: 3PM-11PM

Mon-Thurs: 10:30AM-11PM

Fri & Sat: 10:30AM-2AM

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704 215-0550

Last new sponsor is the "Little" Bar. It is a fun and social private club for good people to gather and relax. Memberships are available for \$10 (yearly) & 21 years old.

Private Club

Memberships Available

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Wed-Sat  
4PM-2AM

104 E. Main St.  
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\$8.00 per plate

The plate you purchase in support of Sgt. Clark will include: bbq, bun, slaw, baked beans, and dessert.

### Tickets!

Tickets available in the Records Bureau,  
704-866-6702.

Retired Sgt. Jeff Clark  
*Needs our help!*

Friday, December 1, 2017

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Gastonia Police Department  
Community Room  
200 E Long Avenue  
Gastonia, NC 28052



### CONGRATULATIONS!

To our Secretary Donna Barnett who received the President's Award for Member of the Year at the State Banquet. Donna works very hard for Gaston CBA and CBA/ABATE of NC. She is very deserving of this award and we are very proud of her.

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# WINDJAMMERS' M/C

29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOY RUN

**RIDE FOR THE CHILDREN**

OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

Saturday

**DECEMBER 16, 2017**

Line up at Cleveland Mall at 12:00 noon; pull out at 1:00 p.m.



**HELP US MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS HAPPIER**

**GIVE A TOY! GIVE A DONATION!**

Free Breakfast beginning at 7:00 a.m., and  
Free BBQ (while it lasts) and live music after the ride,  
at the new Club House - 735 Nalley Drive, Shelby NC

Moonpie 704-477-1254 Barn Yard 704-477-4959 Hang Man 704-418-4389 Axel 704-477-7653

**ANNUAL HELLFIGHTER TOY RUN**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
**LOCAL CHILDREN**

**STAGING LOCATION:**  
EASTRIDGE MALL,  
GASTONIA, NC  
(BEHIND  
FIRESTONE TIRE)

**RUN ENDS:**  
NEW LIFE BAPTIST  
CHURCH,  
OAK TRAIL DR.  
BELMONT, NC  
(MEAL AND  
FELLOWSHIP)

PLEASE BRING  
"NEW"  
UNWRAPPED  
TOY!  
BOY OR GIRL  
(AGES 1 - 16)

**SATURDAY  
DEC. 16, 2017**

KICK STANDS UP 10:30 AM

STOPS - ROLLINS CT. APT.,  
HOLLY HILLS APT.,  
FLOWERS CT.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**  
CATAWBA  
HEIGHTS  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH,  
GUARDIANS OF  
THE CHILDREN,  
EASTRIDGE  
MALL, GASTON  
COUNTY TOY  
RUN  
ORGANIZERS,  
NEW LIFE  
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Cherokee Grill, Kings Mtn.	238 Pizzeria, Kings Mtn.
Iconz Bar & Grill, Gastonia	Pho 98 Asian, Kings Mtn.
Rockhouse Tavern, Gastonia	Friends Bar & Grill, Belmont

The Biker Clubs and Organizations in this community are asking you to boycott the places we have listed above that **DO NOT** support the wearing of colors or patches in their establishment. We believe this should not be a factor when we are only there to support their business. If you know of another business establishment that **DOES NOT** allow colors or patches, we want to hear from you. Even if you don't wear colors or a patch — we sincerely hope you will support this discrimination of bikers. Business is business and if they don't want us with our attire on — then we should not be there. We are only going to list Gaston, Lincoln & Cleveland Counties at this time. If you know of a place that **DOES NOT** allow colors or patches, please send a text to Lucky Brooks @ 704 813-7146 or Jill C. Stillwell @ 704 913-7284. You can also post any place that **DOES NOT** allow on their Facebook page.

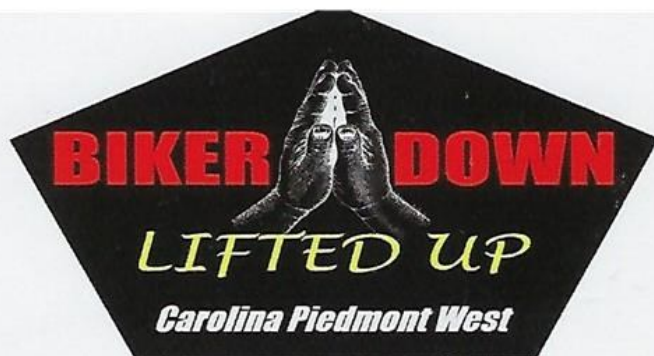
### **Waco Mistrial: Here's Why Bandido Jake Will Remain a Free Man**

The first trial of Christopher Jacob Carrizal has come to an end. As an expert consultant to his defense, the MPP refrained from releasing anything related to the trial in an attempt to avoid any negative impact or potential conflicts of interest. But the trial is now over and it's time to speak the truth.

Judge Matt Johnson declared a mistrial after two days of deliberations in which the jury was hopelessly deadlocked. The President of the Dallas chapter of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club was facing three separate charges relating to events that took place at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas on May 17, 2015. Carrizal was charged with directing a criminal street gang and engaging in organized criminal activity, or conspiring to engage in criminal activity, as a member of a criminal street gang, resulting in 9 murders and 18 instances of aggravated assault.

Although a new trial setting has been scheduled for April 2018, there are many factors that could impact the decision for a retrial. Regardless, based on observing the trial firsthand, there is every reason to have hope that Jake Carrizal will remain a free man. Why? Because Jake chooses courage over cowardice. And that choice makes America a better place.

If you would like to read the case again the Jacob Carrizal—go to: [Motorcycle Profiling Project](#)



Gaston County has started a new chapter of **Biker Down—Lifted Up**. If you would like to be part of this Ministry, they are going to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month and will rotate between Thunder House Church, Kings Mtn. & Catawba Heights Baptist Church, Belmont. For more info on the Gaston Chapter, Call Rob Robinson @ 704 724-7981 or Ronnie Jenkins @ 704 426-0746. If you know of a Biker Down **PLEASE** call the 24hr Hotline at 828 283-0086 and leave a message.



**Cleveland County CBA/ABATE 9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Ride to the Men & Women's Shelter of Cleveland County  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Leaving from Shelby VFW Post 4066 at 2:00pm**

So many people need the shelters during the year for various reasons and this is one way we can help them out. Everyone is welcome to come (car or motorcycle). We would love to have a great turnout and appreciate anything that is donated!!

**Items in Need:**

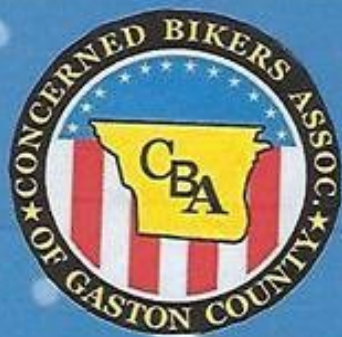
- ~ Tea, sugar, coffee, coffee filters, etc.
  - ~ Toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, lotion, shaving cream, razors, Band-Aids, peroxide, alcohol, etc.
  - ~ New Pillows
  - ~ Toys for kids (will know ages about a week before ride)
  - ~ Cleaning supplies for the shelters such as paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, washing powders, trash bags, etc.
  - ~ Toboggans and gloves
- \*All Items Need to be for Men, Women, & Children\***

**Drop Off Locations:**

**Keith's Body Shop:** 104 James Love School Road, Shelby Mon-Thurs.  
9am-5pm

**East Shelby Church of God:** 1921 E. Marion St. Shelby  
**Shelby Post 4066 VFW December 10<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm**





# GASTON CBA Polar Bear Run

January 6, 2018 (Sat)



**Starting Location:**

**Route 55 Country Store & Grill**

**1799 Hwy 55 W., Clover SC**

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

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

**All Bikes in by 3:30**

**Best & Worse Hand  
50-50 Draw  
Raffle Prizes**

**Visa/Mastercard Accepted**

**All proceeds Benefit Gaston CBA Legislative & Charitable work**

Growing up as an American, I always knew American was unique because it was free. But today I am watching the freedoms we have slip away little by little. For 241 years, our country has been built on freedom. As I look at where our country is headed today, I believe there are some in this country who have an agenda to take away our freedoms. This is about America. It's who we are. What we stand for. It's about freedom.

We have seen great strides in this country for equality. The premise that all people are created equal is a fact that I believe our Founding Fathers believed in wholeheartedly. There have been people and certain groups who have attempted to usurp that. The passing of certain laws to hinder the freedoms of people can be documented in every corner of this nation. One must also acknowledge that under it all, those laws crumbled when faced with the Constitution and freedom.

I have been doing an in-depth study of our Constitutional Amendments recently. I am not surprised that those in authority have done their best to whittle away at the very freedoms they have sworn an oath to support and defend. It seems to me that the only Amendment that has not been diminished by legislation is the third amendment. That's the one about quartering soldiers.

I've spoken to many of our younger generation about freedom and liberty. Some are concerned about the loss of freedom and others are resigned to the idea that there is nothing that can be done about it. It saddens me to think that we, as Americans, are losing the will to fight for freedom. In the news we see groups saying they are protesting against fascism. I want you to slip those ideas on its ear. By the very definition, protesting is to express an objection to what someone has said or done. I believe that we ought to stop reacting to things and that we must be proactive to the agenda to limit freedom. Don't be labeled as being against something, but be known for standing FOR freedom.

ABATE once stood for American Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. I have stated before that I like that acronym. While we may have evolved into A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education, we must not forget the beginnings of our fight for freedom. The fight against tyranny. The fight against those who want to limit our freedom. We must take the fight to them. We must stay AIMED.

You may ask yourself "how can I do that?" There are many ways. And I don't mean by physically fighting. We must be smarter than those we oppose. We must be more vigilant than them.

Sending an email to your Congressional Representative is an excellent way to be a part of the fight for freedom.

*First they came for the Socialist, and I did not speak out -*

*Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out -*

*Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out -*

*Because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*

Those words were penned by Martin Niemöller.

Where will you be when they come for your freedoms?

Ride free and be good to one another.

Mike Infanzon

ABATE of AZ Designated Lobbyist

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## RENEWALS: May 2017—December 2017

### 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 & Melissa Kennedy

### August 2017

Chris Ealey  
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  
Teva Grier  
Charles Swain  
Josephine Sweeney  
Charles & Melissa Harvey  
Amelia Lanning  
Jack N. Weisberger  
John E & Coyet J Toler Jr.  
Cathy Stouffer  
Eric & Melissa McGugan  
Philip Hans  
Todd & Tanya Worley  
Bart Helms  
Jeff Pressley  
Aaron & Sabrina Flowe  
Jeremy Perrone  
Chrissy Brooks

### October 2017

Robert Reagan  
Bill & Angel Thurber  
Ronald Ball  
Keith & Loretta McLean Sr.  
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  
Brittany Dover  
Emily Dover  
Jeremy & Courtney Lankford

### November 2017

Kristy Halk  
Devon Halk  
Zakkery Simmons  
Aleshia & Bailey Stickland  
Jimmy Nichols & Michelle Stenzel

### December 2017

Michael Brown  
Thomas & Kelly Helms  
Kent & Sandra Bishop  
Phil & Brenda Barker  
Harry & Ginny Waller  
Ben Davis  
Sasha Parsons  
Christopher Edwards  
Don Price  
Tommy & Jackie Stephens  
Johnnie & Lisa Beegle  
Ecco Frady

We have "Look Twice Save A Life" signs available now for only \$5! We will have them at the General Meeting on the 14th. This sign would make a great addition to your lawn or at your business. Buy a sign and just maybe someone in a cage will get the message.

# Look Twice Save A Life

## Motorcycles Are Everywhere

[www.gastoncountycba.com](http://www.gastoncountycba.com)

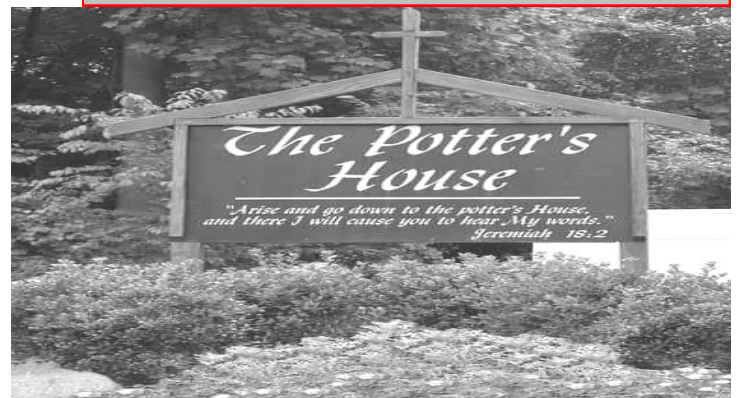
Southern Gentlemen & Gaston CBA member Steve "Lucky" Brook's son Aaron is now serving in Afghanistan. He will be there for approximately 8 more months. He needs to hear from home. Send him cards with personal messages. Write letters with news of our area, funny stories or your family. We all have news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

Aaron Brooks  
HHC, TF 1-501 IN (Airborne)  
OB Fenty  
APO AE 09497-9997

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PLEASE check the list above to see if your name appears. Memberships can be renewed via PayPal using the CBA's website: [CBA/ABATE of Gaston County](http://CBA/ABATE of Gaston County) by mailing it to Gaston County CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell, NC 28098; at the General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7pm of each month at Hillbilly's, 930 E Garrison Blvd., Gastonia or at any event where the CBA is set up.



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

**Beginning Balance :** **\$ 1,895.90**

Income:

\$ 300.00 Newsletter Sponsor  
\$ 225.00 New & Renewals Membership

**Total Income: \$ 525.00**

Expenses:

\$ 1,011.78 Membership Expense  
\$ 394.01 Newsletter  
\$ 100.00 Products (73 patches)  
\$ 264.93 State Meeting  
\$ 82.00 Storage Building

**Total Expenses: \$ 1,852.72**

**Ending Balance (10/31/2017) - \$ 1,852.72**

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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**GASTON CBA MEMBERS**—IF YOU SIGN UP 5 NEW OR LAPSED MEMBERS, YOU WILL RECEIVE A 1 YEAR FREE SINGLE MEMBERSHIP.

**GASTON CBA MEMBERS**—IF YOU SIGN UP 25 NEW OR LAPSED MEMBERS, YOU WILL RECEIVE A LIFETIME SINGLE MEMBERSHIP.  
(if you qualify or 5 years of single membership).

**GASTON LIFETIME MEMBERS**—IF YOU SIGN UP 5 NEW OR LAPSED MEMBERS, YOU WILL RECEIVE CBA PRODUCTS WORTH \$20.

**GASTON LIFETIME MEMBERS**—IF YOU SIGN UP 25 NEW OR LAPSED MEMBERS, YOU WILL RECEIVE A HOODIE WITH A CBA PATCH ON THE BACK.  
(Very nice & in your size).

**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)*

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



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