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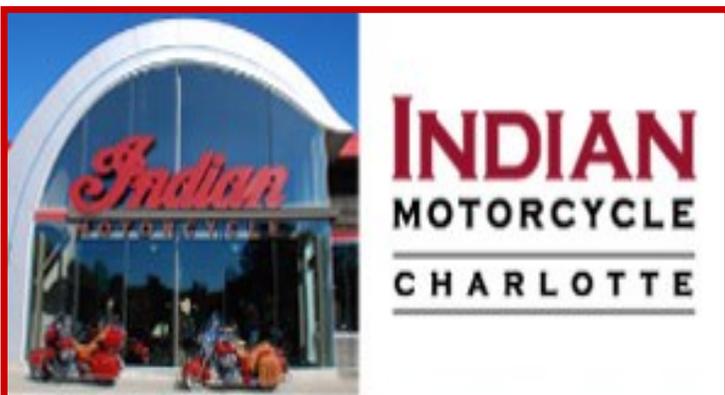


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### President's Message—

**Our general meeting will be held on January 9th at Hillbilly's, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. And please don't forget our Polar Bear Run will be on January 6 starting at Route 55, Clover.**

How time flies when you are having fun! That's a quote I've heard since I was a teenager. But I think it flies really fast the older you get. It seems just like yesterday that we were planning the 2017 Polar Bear Run and it up and snowed on us. Please say a little prayer that we have good weather and it doesn't snow this year. We all know that prayer works so be generous with yours. The Polar Bear Run helps Gaston CBA to continue to work on your behalf. Among the many things that the Polar Bear Run supports is that it pays for members to attend the annual Lobby Day in Raleigh. It allows our officers to attend the quarterly state meetings, provides literature to new and prospective members, allows us to give to charitable causes in our community that have a 501c3 tax exempt status and other important things that are important to Gaston CBA members. Now that we don't have the Homestead to worry about, we are really working hard on the things that the CBA/ABATE should be working on such as legislative issues with our local NC Representatives.

As we enter 2018, all of our US House of Representatives, State Representatives and Senators are up for election this year. Please find out if your representatives are "motorcycle friendly" to the things we are trying to get passed in the NC General Assembly and then go out and work for that person or persons. I can say that the Gaston Representatives that are in the office right now have been very helpful to us with our agenda. But we are NOT telling you who you should support or how to vote. That decision will be yours in the election later this year. We just want you to be aware that there will be an election this year and for you to be aware of the people that are running. We will provide you with a list later in the year but there is already "talk" of new candidates in the running for some of our local positions.

In this issue and online, we are asking our members, lapsed members and those that have never joined CBA/ABATE of NC to participate in a survey. This information will help the officers with our short and long term goals and will also hopefully help us to recruit new and/or lapsed members. It won't take you but a few minutes to do the survey. A member has donated \$100 to the winner of the survey contest. All you have to do is put your name and phone number at the bottom of the survey. That information will be cut off and placed in a box for the contest before we review the survey you submit. Go to [CBA/ABATE of Gaston County Survey](#) to take the survey online. Those bikers that we have emails for will be receiving an email with a link to take the survey online. Please participate in this survey. The officers are working hard on your behalf and this will help us to be more understanding and knowledgeable about concerns or problems we are now not aware of.

A special thanks to all our members who participated in the area toy runs and events during the Christmas Season. This is a good way to show the public that think we are like the "Sons of Anarchy" characters that we really are just ordinary (but generous) people that like to ride motorcycles. I honestly think the biker community does more for kids at Christmas than any other group in the USA! Just give a biker a reason to help a kid and he/she will go out of their way to do so.

There have been several deaths in our biker community over the holidays. I'm not going to try and name all of them (because I would surely leave someone out) but those members and friends that have lost love ones, we sincerely send out condolences. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

In this issue are several articles on the rights of bikers. It seems that the law enforcement officers are writing their own rules where bikers are concerned. I know this is not in our state (right now) but don't ever think it couldn't happen here. I've also included an article about bikers doing stupid electronic things on bikes and endangering us. The Ghost Rider has some "words of wisdom" for all of us who use electronic devices while we are riding. We raise hell about the cage drivers doing it and some of us are just as bad as they are. And last (but the best) is about our Country being a Republic and not a Democracy. It's a good article written by the ABATE Lobbyist from Arizona.

Peewee, Todd & I want to wish you a very Happy New Year 2018. If you had a bad 2017, we hope 2018 will be a lot better. If you had a great 2017, our hope is that 2018 will continue to be an outstanding year also.

Ride safe and hope to see you on the Polar Bear Run on January 6th!

- Jill



# GASTON CBA Polar Bear Run

January 6, 2018 (Sat)



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For twenty two years, we have helped children in our community during these difficult times for many families.

For the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids, along with the many donated items, many businesses in our area once again made it possible for us to buy more toys, coats, gloves, toboggans and shoes to give to the children. For this we are forever grateful. These items give children a Christmas that they might not otherwise have had.

So many folks have volunteered their time, and have donated every year to help support The Gaston County Toy Run For Kids. Check out the back of the shirt you have purchased for the list of these folks. Visit these businesses and tell them THANKS for their continued support of this organization. And if you know someone who took their time to ride on this run, tell them THANKS also. All these folks and the children help make the Gaston County Toy Run For Kids a huge success.

Get ready for the 23rd run folks. It is coming!!!!

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For more information about The Gaston County Toy Run For Kids, please contact Andrew Jenkins at 704-913-3392 or via email at [sugarfoot\\_sgmc@bellsouth.net](mailto:sugarfoot_sgmc@bellsouth.net)

Thank you again!

*Andrew Jenkins*

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Well Hello everrbody. Long time huh.... Where has 2017 gone??

Yep Gabby is above ground! Had a lot of health issues this past year, kept me from participating in a lot of CBA events, etc. My goal is to be back 2018. May not be as wide azz open as I've always been. I've missed all of you very much. It was so good to see most of you at the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids and Hell fighters Toy Run. Bikers are the most loving, caring folks in spite of the bad wrap we get. YES we wear leather, black t shirts, some wear MC colors, patches, we ride and love our motorcycles. I bet we give more to charity than the average person does, yet we're constantly discriminated against. Whether it's not allowing us to enter Parking Decks, and Tanglewood Park, "we pay taxes on these public places." There's some Bars and Restaurants that have signs up - " No Color's Allowed ", which also means No patches. I hope all will join us in the fight to stop discrimination. IT'S YOUR hard earned money and your right to spend it where you want to. We are updating our list as information comes in. Recently Scooterz Bar in Shelby was taken off the banned list. The new owner Kevin is a biker himself, Probate for the Windjammer's MC and decided to change his policies. We all love it when this happens, it's progress, step towards eliminating discrimination on all of us.

I'd like to say thank you for all your support. 3 years served as Western District Coordinator for the State. It's been a very rewarding experience, but has come to a end.. Enjoyed working with all the Board members, I know y'all gonna miss me and my over bearing opinions LOL. I've learned a lot. Appreciate the hard work and dedication from the following Chapters ~Gaston, Cleveland, Hickory, Buncombe and Smoky Mtn.

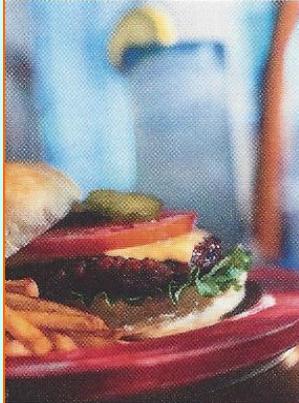
My successor is " Smitty" Tim Smith from Cleveland Co. Chapter. He will serve you well. He's been active with CBA in a number of positions and supports our cause and mission, "To fight for ALL bikers rights". Please feel free to contact him anytime.

Without CBA I'd probably would have never met any of you. Some great friendships were formed thru our love of motorcycles.

Looking forward to a brand new year and in hopes all of you will be part of it. Please continue to pray for me and my health- to get better.... cause I miss being the ONE and ONLY Gabby. I told Foot recently that I needed to come up with a new biker name, cause I felt I wasn't living up to my name . His reply was "Your always gonna be Gabby". So with that said, Motor mouth, and Chatty Cathy are totally out of the question. Lol.

Y'all ride safe. For those that ride year round. I salute you. But me, I'm waiting on it to thaw out. Come on spring!!

Wishing everrbody a very Happy New Year.  
Gabby, Gaston CBA member



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# Upgrading Motorcycle Visibility

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program—Jeff Reif

## See and Be Seen – Stay Safe by Upgrading Your Bike's Visibility

When you're out riding your motorcycle, it's important to ensure your ability to see and be seen. If your headlights aren't getting the job done or your mirrors leave too many blind spots, you should consider upgrading your motorcycle. Find the right parts that make you comfortable when you're out riding. The better you feel, the safer you'll ride.

### Upgrade Your Headlights

A reliable headlight is essential for any safe motorcycle. If you need to replace your headlight, there are many different types from which to choose. Most motorcycles have regular halogen lights, but HID and LED lamps are offering more benefits and being more common.

- **High Intensity Discharge (HID)** – 3 times brighter than standard halogen lights, HID's last 10 times longer, shine brightly enough to keep the road illuminated, and are impossible to miss.
- **Light Emitting Diode (LED)** – With a 50,000 hour lifespan, these burn bright and last especially long. LED lights make you more visible, and you can use them for all the bulbs on your bike.

Both LEDs and HID's are exceptionally efficient, bright, and can illuminate far beyond regular halogen bulbs. They may cost you slightly more up front, but pay for themselves over time. They can make things easier to see, as well as keeping you highly visible to other drivers.

### Upgrade Your Mirrors

Most bikers don't realize how much they use their mirrors during any given ride. Whether you're merging on the highway, changing lanes, or monitoring traffic behind you, your mirrors should be clear.

Over time, mirrors can bend and become damaged. If you notice any loss of visibility in your mirrors, it's important to replace them. Try the array of different shapes and styles, and you may find that your road visibility will drastically improve. New mirrors can help you spot dangers before they enter your blind spots and keep you safer while riding.

#### Here are a few things to consider when purchasing new mirrors:

- **Custom Mirrors** – While they may look great, custom mirrors might not improve your field of vision beyond the stock mirrors.
- **Flat Glass** – This mirror type will give you're a realistic idea of the distance of objects behind you, but may not be as large as other mirrors.
- **Convex Glass** – With a larger field of vision, you'll be able to see more behind you. However, the shape of the glass will make objects appear farther away than they are.
- **Helmet Mirrors** – These additional mirrors attach directly to your helmet. They can be a great option for extra visibility.

There are many options for mirrors, so it's important to find the one that's right for you. When you're most comfortable, you'll ride better and feel safer.



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### January 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2—7pm: Events & Officers Meeting @ Hillbilly's on Garrison

January 2—7pm: Biker Down—Lifted Up Meeting @ Catawba Heights Baptist Church, Belmont

### January 6—Gaston CBA Polar Bear Run (see flyer)

January 9—7pm: Gaston CBA/ABATE General Meeting @ Hillbilly's on Garrison.

(Come early and eat with your brothers & sisters).

January 20—10am-7pm: Easyrider Bike Show, Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte

January 27&28—CBA/ABATE of NC Committee & State Meeting, Greensboro (all members are invited and encouraged to attend). **American Legion Greensboro Post 53, 729 Creek Ridge Rd., Greensboro, Hotel—Baymount Inn, 2001 Veasley Street, Greensboro, NC 27407, Reservations: 844-254-1876**

April 7—Gaston CBA/ABATE Golf Tournament (details later)

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.

RETHINK WHAT YOU DRINK.....

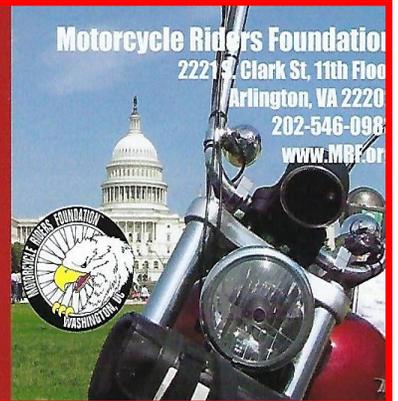


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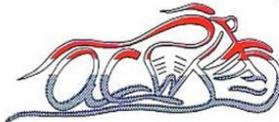
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| Rockhouse Tavern, Gastonia  | Friends Bar & Grill, Belmont |
| Tony's Bar, Charlotte       |                              |

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 will list any place in our area, so 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.

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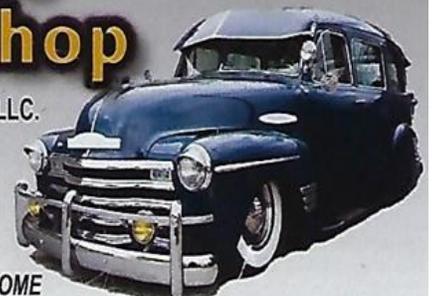
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Hello everyone and Happy New Year. Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to prosperous 2018. I am looking forward to starting a new chapter in my life this coming year. As your Vice President, I look forward to supporting first, our membership and sponsors that help us grow and become stronger and stronger; then, my fellow officers that our membership so kindly elected to lead us to be the best chapter in CBA. We have a lot planned for the coming year and with everyone's presence it will be a very fun year. We look forward to working with other organizations in our area and our local M/C together to support more rides and charities through the year.

Angela Helms

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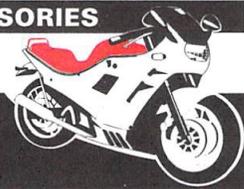
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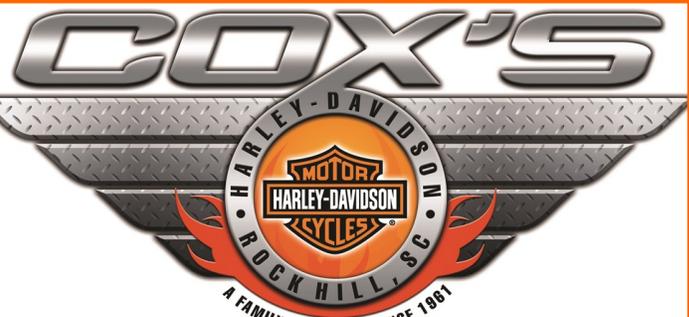
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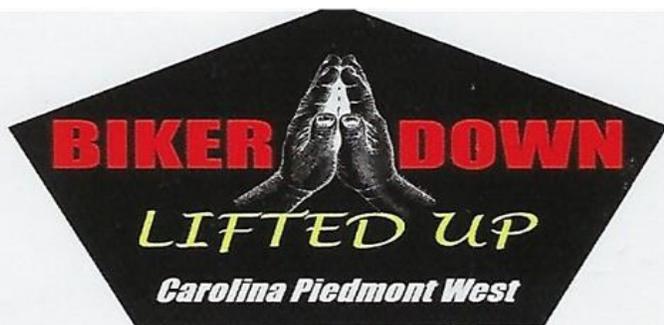
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Gaston County has started a new chapter of BIKER DOWN—LIFTED UP. If you would like to be part of this Ministry, they are going to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month and will rotate between Thunder House Church, Kings Mountain & Catawba Heights Baptist Church, Belmont. For information on the Gaston Chapter, Call Rob Robinson @ 704 724-7981 or Ronnie Jenkins @ 704 426-0746.



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## VIEW PAST THE HANDLEBARS *(Reprinted with permission from The MRF Reports Vol 22, No.6)*

In general, I consider myself a rather forgiving person. Sure, I have my moments when I'd rather disembowel someone than turn the other cheek. But on average the kinder emotions usually win the day. I am, however, being sorely put to the test.

Back in August, I had the chance to take a weeklong motorcycle trip. Seeing as I was in desperate need of some relaxation and wind therapy, I jumped at the chance and, as Mark Twain would have said, I lit out into the territories. My relaxation, however, proved to be harder to find than I had anticipated. Why? Because of idiots on the road who had more of a mind to play with technology than pay attention to what was in front and around them.

Talking on cell phones. Playing with GPS navigation systems. Fiddling with cameras, shooting video while they're heading down the road. Even screwing around with taking selfies. Every form of bad road behavior that we all fight against and complain about was all around me, damaging my calm. The problem was, it wasn't car drivers who were doing it—it was motorcyclists!

This road trip I mentioned was to the Black Hills Rally in Sturgis, South Dakota, and rarely have I been more worried about my safety while riding than I was out there. Seems everyone these days has some form of video recording device attached to his or her handlebars, and it seems that for too many of these "riders" have no qualms about trying to capture the perfect piece of footage, fiddling with tiny camera buttons and looking at digital view screens, instead of holding onto the handlebars.

Time after time I saw riders pull smartphones from their vest pockets to snap a picture while in motion. I saw more than a few actually make cell phone calls while riding. And I saw more than I can count who were incapable of holding a lane position because they were too busy playing around with what they hoped would be the perfect footage for their next Facebook post.

Motorcycle after motorcycle drifted over the fog line, corrected, then faded the other way over the centerline. Eyes were down instead of forward. Hands were on anything else instead of on the grips. Attention was everywhere but the road. And we complain about the car drivers.

Two such idiots just about put me out of the writing business permanently. Somewhere south of Hill City on 385 two morons came bombing north and drifted across the center line straight at me as I was headed south. And by drifted I don't mean that they crept a half dozen inches over the double yellow. These two wannabe bikers came halfway into my lane like a bowling ball set on a strike. I don't know what they were fiddling with, and frankly, I don't care. I just figured my time was up and the next story I filed would be for the great publishing house in the sky.

All I can say is, thank God for advanced rider training. I executed a high-speed swerve to the right as they zoomed past so close that I swear the bootlaces of one of them hit my leg. They kept going, seemingly oblivious to our close call; I took a moment to set my kickstand down on the side of the road to recover my wits (and recover my seat from my butt thanks to pucker factor).

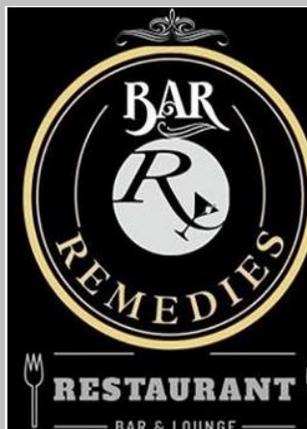
We've all had close calls; I'm sure many of you have had closer ones than mine. And I'm sure there will be many more to come. But our close calls should not be because of our own. It's bad enough when we have to dodge overtaxed soccer moms, enraged commuters, drowsy drivers, inattentive teens, and other four-wheeled forms of mayhem. I draw the line at this kind of stupidity on two wheels.

Many of us have fought long and hard battles for stiffer penalties against car drivers who can't pay attention to the road, and many of us are still fighting. How in the name of all that's holy do you think it makes us look when members of our community are behaving even more recklessly than the people we're trying to defend ourselves against? Damned foolish, that's how.

It is high time that we realize that part of the problem lies within our own motorcycling community, and it's time this stupidity ends. When you ride, put the technology away. Pay attention to the road and to the amazing experience that is had from a motorcycle. Facebook can wait until you've parked, and so can the photos and the phone calls. Nothing is more important than coming home to the people who love you.

Don't make our fight any harder than it already is.

- The Ghost rider.



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**RENEWALS: May 2017—January 2018**

**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 Kermod  
Crystal Parker

**September 2017**

Zachrey Conner  
Danielle Sutton  
Steven Mahaffey  
Teva Grier  
Todd & Tanya Worley  
Bart Helms  
Cathy Stouffer  
Eric & Melissa McGugan  
Philip Hans  
Charles & Melissa Harvey  
Amelia "Claudette" Lanning  
Jeff Pressley  
Jeremy Perrone  
Chrissy Brooks  
Jack N. Weisberger  
John E & Coyet J Toler Jr.

**October 2017**

Robert Reagan  
Bill & Angel Thurber  
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**

Thomas & Kelly Helms  
Kent & Sandra Bishop  
Phil & Brenda Barker  
Harry & Ginny Waller  
Ben Davis  
Sasha Parsons  
Christopher Edwards  
Don Price  
Tommy & Jackie Stephens

**January 2017**

Chris Atchley  
William Gerald Bryant  
Bill "Cuzz" Smith  
Ronnie Jenkins  
Janet Whisnant  
Jeff & Melinda Reif

We have "Look Twice Save A Life" signs available now for only \$5! We will have them at the General Meeting on the 9th . 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**

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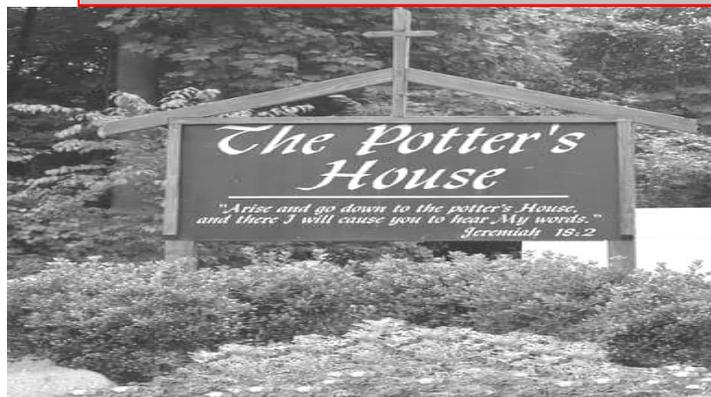
Southern Gentlemen & Gaston CBA member Steve "Lucky" Brook's son Aaron is now serving in Afghanistan. He will be there for approximately 7 more months. He needs to hear from home. Send him cards with personal messages. Write letters with news of our area, funny stories or your family. We all have news to tell him. His address is:

Aaron Brooks  
HHC, TF 1-501 IN (Airborne)  
OB Fenty  
[APO AE 09497-9997](mailto: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: [www.gastoncountycba.com](http://www.gastoncountycba.com); 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  
November 2017**

**Beginning Balance :** \$ 1,595.14

Income:

- \$ 900.00 Newsletter Sponsor
- \$ 510.00 New & Renewals Membership
- \$ 75.00 Donation

**Total Income: \$ 1,485.00**

Expenses:

- \$ 117.50 Polar Bear 2018
- \$ 349.49 Newsletter
- \$ 264.00 Storage Building (3 months)
- \$ 72.28 State Training

**Total Expenses: \$ 804.27**

**Ending Balance (11/30/2017) - \$ 2,275.87**

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)

**2018 GASTON CBA OFFICERS**

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



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## **CBA/ABATE of GASTON COUNTY SURVEY**

The officers of CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter would like to hear from you. We have several questions for our current members, lapsed members and for those that have NEVER been a member of CBA/ABATE of NC.

We want to know how we can better serve our area bikers and also try to understand why so many in our area don't belong to the CBA/ABATE.

To take the survey we ask all participants to answer the questions in your section. You can also answer any questions that you would like to give an opinion on even though it's not one of your questions.

We have also asked for your name & phone number because we are going to do a drawing for \$100 prize donated by a member. But don't worry anything you write will be kept confidential. If you don't want to enter the contest, just return the survey unsigned.

Results of the survey will be published in the Gaston CBA Newsletter. We want your honest opinions, so please don't sugar coat it.

### **QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS, LAPSED MEMBERS AND BIKERS THAT HAVE NEVER JOINED:**

1. Do you know what the CBA/ABATE is and what it does for bikers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you think the CBA/ABATE of NC does a good job of representing the interest of bikers in Raleigh? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you think ill feelings for another biker or member of the CBA/ABATE of Gaston County should stand in the way of membership? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What can we do (officers) to make our organization more "member" friendly? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF CBA/ABATE OF NC GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER:**

1. Are you satisfied with how Gaston CBA operates? If not, what changes would you make?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Does CBA/ABATE of NC meet your expectations as a motorcycle rights organization? If not, what would you like to see changed \_\_\_\_\_
3. There are a lot of things we need and want to do but we don't have the volunteers. Would you volunteer to help us by attending our general meetings, representing us by going to other area clubs and organizations as a "spokesperson" for Gaston CBA or work at one of our events?  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Attend General Meetings      \_\_\_\_\_ Be a spokesperson for Gaston CBA/ABATE  
\_\_\_\_\_ January 6 - Polar Bear Run      \_\_\_\_\_ July 4—Helmet Law Protest Ride (should be rider's choice)  
\_\_\_\_\_ April 7 - Golf Tournament      \_\_\_\_\_ September 8—Freedom Ride      \_\_\_\_\_ December—Christmas Party

### **QUESTIONS FOR LAPSED MEMBERS OF CBA/ABATE OF NC GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER:**

1. You were once a member of CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter. Why did you let your membership lapse?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Were you satisfied with the way the CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter operated when you were a member? If not – why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What would it take to get you to rejoin CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTIONS FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NEVER JOINED CBA/ABATE OF NC**

1. Why have you never joined CBA/ABATE of NC? \_\_\_\_\_
2. There are thousands of registered motorcycles in Gaston County but only a few of those owners belong to CBA/ABATE. How can we convince you and those owners that it's in their best interest to join CBA/ABATE?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail survey to: Gaston CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell NC 28098

YOU CAN ALSO TAKE THE SURVEY ONLINE AT: [CBA/ABATE of Gaston County Survey](#)