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To our Members & Friends -

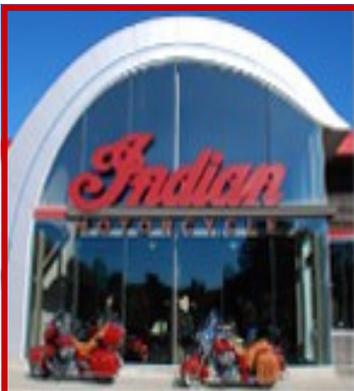


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President's Message—

Our general meeting will be held on July 10th at 7pm at Hillbilly's, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. If you would like to attend the events & officers meeting, it will be held at 7pm on the 3rd at Jackson's Cafeteria, Gastonia.

One of the rights we have as citizens of this great country is the right of protest. I know sometimes we don't agree with some protest, but we have to respect it. We sure wouldn't want that right taken away from us so we have to respect what others protest. That being said, it doesn't matter if you would wear a helmet or not, we should have the right to choose in NC. The stats don't show an increase in fatal deaths in states that have adopted the right of choice, so there's no reason that we shouldn't be given that right here. I know our small protest might not produce that change, but it is a start and if every biker that wants to see that change would also protest around the state, it would be a start in getting what we want. So I'm asking you to contact your biker friends about joining us or having a "Our Right to Choose" ride in their area. Since the 4th of July is on a weekday, I do hope you will take a couple hours out of the day and join us on our ride this year. We will meet at the Roses Parking lot in Belmont and leave from there to ride to our local towns ending up at the court house in Gastonia. We ask that you obey the current laws of this state on our ride, as we don't want anyone to get a ticket. The local law enforcement officers are usually sympathetic to our protest, but we don't want to push them to write tickets. There is a flyer in this issue with the ride information.

During the 4th weekend of June, our brothers and sisters from Buncombe CBA plus a lot of volunteers from across NC and long distance CBA members Bill & Gail Ruby from Texas, came together to put on one of the best bike rallies in the Southeast. I've said this before but I'm going to say it again, if you can make this rally next year — please go! The beautiful village of Hot Springs and the campground located on the banks of the French Broad River is a beautiful place to spend the weekend. The staff and volunteers that put this rally on are top notch. You can tent camp, take an RV, camper or rent a room in one of the local motels or bed and breakfast inns. But I'm telling you now, if you want to rent a room, please do it as early as they start taking reservations because every room was taken this year. How do I know this? Our RV had motor issues, so I tried to rent a room but there wasn't a vacancy to be found. We ended up renting an RV to stay in which ended up being a good thing to do. Fair warning, if you plan on taking an RV or camper, there is a waiting list for full hookups, so you need to request to be put on that list. But there is an overflow lot that you can use a generator for power. I love the laid back atmosphere of this rally, the great music, getting to see old friends and meeting new biker friends. The Village of Hot Springs is very small but has some great places to eat and shop. One of my favorite is the small local hardware store that seems to have everything you need or want. This is a great area to ride those back mountain roads and you should check out the "Rattler" if you like riding the Dragon. I swear I believe the "Rattler" is as difficult ride as the "Dragon" at Deals Gap. I could be wrong but having rode both it is in my book. Check out 209 The Rattler on your browser.

We want to encourage you to solicit your friends and family to become members in the CBA/ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter. If each one of you recruits one (1) new member this month, we would double our membership. And the benefits are belonging to the only NC motorcycle rights organization plus getting \$3500 of accidental life & dismemberment insurance FREE! The cost is only \$20 for a single, \$30 for a couple. And for the person or couple that don't need birthday or anniversary gifts—why not sign them up for a year? This would be a good birthday gift for a young person 16-29 because the first year is FREE! You could sign them up and get two years for the price of only \$20. Seriously the insurance is worth the cost of membership, The last couple of years while serving as state membership services director, I've seen this insurance help families that didn't think they would ever need to use it. You never know what life brings or has in store for you or a family member until it happens.

Don't forget that our CBA and other motorcyclists in our area are sponsoring the Allure Bike Night on Main St, Gastonia every Wednesday night. This is a great place with a great staff that caters to all bikers. I like Allure because they don't discriminate bikers with what they wear on their back be it colors or patches. To me that is a "good thing."

Wishing you a great summer and please ride safe. Wrecks usually go up this time of the year. - Jill

Gaston County / CBA Meeting Minutes / June 12, 2018

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.

Legislation—MRF: The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) was introduced by Congress to shift Americans away from fossil fuels and towards renewable green alternatives. This has resulted in a system that requires growth in ethanol blended fuels, like E15 and E85 being options at your local gas station. The problem? These are prohibited by federal law in your motorcycle. But the only way you can learn this is through searching the Environmental Protection Agency's website! Almost no effort has been put forth to inform America's 8.5 million motorcycle riders that by using these higher ethanol blends; they are breaking the law and voiding their warranty. That is unless HR5855 is passed. This bill would expand consumer awareness on how to safely use fuel containing more than 10% ethanol including improved labeling, fuel pump safeguards, and education outreach. Tell your Representatives to sign on as a co-sponsor to The Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018 by using the following link: <https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>. The bill can be reviewed by using this link <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr5855>.

Raleigh: We have been told that 2 of the 4 bills we are watching will move forward in the state Senate and that 2 will die in the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations. The 2 bills that are supposedly moving forward are HB28 (this is the bill that addresses equal access to all public parking structures) and HB223 (this is the bill that would allow the DMV to issue disable veteran plates for motorcycles). The 2 bills that are supposedly not moving forward are HB214 (this is the bill that would exempt all autocycles from wearing helmets) and HB207 (this is the bill that would exempt the owners of certain antique scooters from having to obtain a motorcycle endorsement for said antique scooters).

CBA and Other Area Events – See the special section in the newsletter for events.

Bike Nights – Cycle Gear 2nd Tuesday of each month 5pm – 8pm, Rt. 55 in Clover every Thursday, Zippers in Lincolnton Wednesday nights 6pm with music at 8pm, Kickback Jack's in (Mooresville every Thursday, Hickory every Wednesday), Cleveland County CBA 1st & 3rd Tuesday at the Shelby VFW Post 466, Allure in downtown Gastonia every Wednesday

Newsletter – Anyone can submit articles of motorcycle interest for the newsletter. Just remember to site your source and include a link if possible. Items for the newsletter are due to Jill Stillwell by the 20th each month (jillstillwell@bellsouth.net).

Vice President (Geno Pennington) – Recovering from back surgery. Absent from the meeting.

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 403 members (353 renewals, 50 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email) (deb2334@yahoo.com) or if you need a new membership packet. You can save the chapter up to \$25/year by receiving the newsletter online. Renewals are included in the weekly emails, the monthly newsletter as well as members being notified through the US Postal Service and emails. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30. Motion made and passed to approve the May minutes as printed in the June newsletter.

Treasurer (Pete McGinnis) – Pete read the report. Motion made and approved to accept the report. Please contact Pete if you would more information about the details about or copies of the reports.

Master Sergeant at Arms (Michael Cline) – Michael nominated Randy Baker "Stringbean" to become a new sergeant at arms. It was voted on and approved. Welcome Randy.

MSAP – Please see Jeff Reif if you are interested in becoming the new coordinator.

Products – Shirts are \$5 each, "Watch for Motorcycles" yard signs are \$5.00 each. Patches and koozies are also available for purchase.

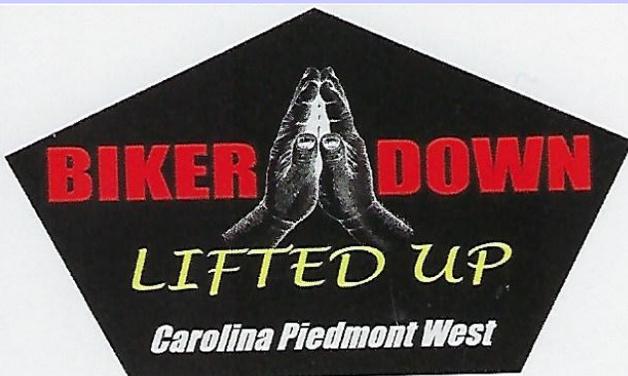
Old Business –

New Business – The new location for bike night will be Allure in downtown Gastonia every Wednesday. We would also like to welcome Allure as a new sponsor.

An email was sent out regarding the purchase of a trailer since we had the option of choosing from a new one and a used one. It was also posted on our Facebook page. After a brief discussion and questions being answered a motion was made and second to purchase the used trailer. We approved the purchase of the used trailer for \$1000 and the fees for getting a tag on it.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Barnett, Secretary



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.



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 Ike Williams

April 2018

Kenneth Clontz
 Tammie Long
 Nicholas Robinson
 Billy Correll
 Kim Carpenter
 Walt Abercrombie
 Kenneth Bledsoe
 Lee Lewis

May 2018

Jeff Fisher
 Rosa Roberts
 Brad Kendrick
 Patrick & Allison Fehrs
 Phillip Festa
 Chris & Rhonda Lay

June 2018 (con't)

Faith Beaty
 Tiger Miller
 Matt Moses
 Jason Payne
 Connie Stanberry
 Del Wallace
 Erin Watts
 Jon Watts
 George Johnson
 Wendy Creighton
 Jesse Helms
 Emily Sells
 Mollie Arndt
 Michael Arrowood
 Mike & Phyllis Chavis
 Tina Cook
 Cody Debortott
 John Graham
 Heather Jordan
 Alvin Harr

June 2018 (continued)

Larry Harr
 Suzanne Harris
 Mark Jones
 Amanda Davis
 David Keziah
 Eric & Wendy Leonard
 Robert Lewis
 Joyce Collins
 Shane Milburn
 Kelly & Elle Willis
 Vernice & Bob Webb
July 2018
 Earl Barnette
 Justin Bell
 Daniel Brafford
 Brittany Collins
 Mike & Aulisha Humphries
 Shaun Mingle
 Daniel & Tiffany Moffat-Guinn
 Austin Rushton
 Jonathan Thompson
 Karen Thrasher
 Mary Wilbanks
 Al Brower & Lisa Gibson
 Jason Chappell
 Jason & Corrine Beck
 William Grier

NEW MEMBERSHIPS DURING JUNE

Welcome to -
 Sheryl Stewart
 Kristi Shuping
 Angie Marlowe
 Michael Crook
 Claudia Crook
 Joshua Christman
 Renee Christman
 Robert Harris
 Sharon Harris



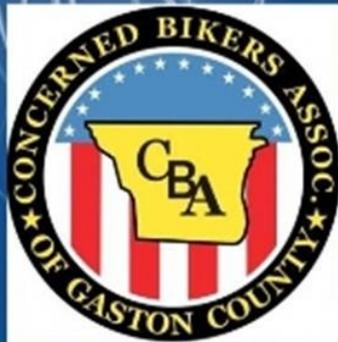
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4TH *Of July*

OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE RIDE

Roses Shopping Center, Belmont
Kickstands up @ 11:30 AM



Whether you would choose to ride with or without a helmet, don't you think we (as adults) should have that choice? Support us in our effort to have that choice. Come ride with us as a protest to a freedom we are not given. FYI in 2016 - fatality rate per 100,000 registered motorcycles in jurisdictions that had mandatory motorcycle helmet laws was 61.11. In the states that allow adults to choose whether to wear a helmet was 60.76.

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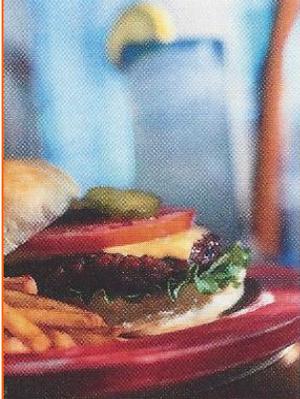
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From the Newsroom of the Gaston County VP: Well time is flying by this year as we have reached the halfway mark of 2018 and it seems to be or get hotter every summer so keep yourself hydrated. Our Right to Choose Ride is coming up so please be safe when you ride and be aware of others that's traveling during this busy vacation season.

Always remember your sponsors and thank them for their support because without that support, this newsletter would not be printed. And also thank you for your support the last couple of months during my recovery from surgery. Hopefully I can get someone to chauffeur me soon because I really miss all of you. If you would like to make any suggestions to the Gaston CBA or volunteer your time, please contact any of the officers. We need you! - Geno

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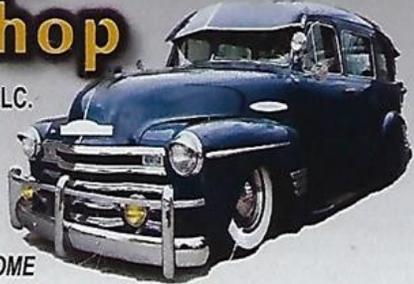
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What is the MRF and why is it important? First, the MRF has an office in Washington, D.C. with two full-time employees – one of them being a federal lobbyist looking out and arguing for your right to ride free and promoting motorcycle safety and awareness. If you sign up for the MRF mailing list online, you receive regular email reports about what your lobbyist is doing in our Capitol.

Next, the MRF conducts three seminars a year; BEAST of the East in the Eastern U.S., BEST of the West in the Western U.S. and the national conference, the Meeting of the Minds, usually located in the heartland - to educate motorcyclists on topics that are necessary for freedom fighters to conduct business in this new era.

And finally, the MRF is funded by members only. We represent you as a motorcycle rider in Washington, D.C.

The reason for this written commercial? Just like our volatile economy, the MRF is in a deficit. It's not that we're spending some outrageous amount of money on pizza or beer or anything – it's that our donations are down considerably, and a pattern is developing. Donations and pledges are what fund the MRF. It costs in the neighborhood of \$2000 per day to operate the MRF Office in D.C. and conduct business throughout the year.

What should this mean to you? The MRF needs members and we need them now. These are desperate times. We need to sign-up or renew expired members to the tune of 600 by January and another 600 by March to allow us to continue to publish our newsletter the "MRF Reports" every other month.

This publication is the lifeblood of the MRF – it informs members of our efforts in Washington, D.C., six times a year. Without it, we lose a major pipeline of information to the motorcycle community – about their very freedom.

The bottom line? Without the MRF there to represent your voice on a federal level, that leaves the road wide open for the states to be forced into legislation that they wouldn't have chosen for themselves – such as a federal helmet law or further deterioration of our current freedoms.

If you have ever been an MRF member, please renew and continue to show your true colors as an Arizona Freedom Fighter. If you have never been a member of the MRF, consider the benefits – your freedom represented on the Federal level.

If you have questions concerning MRF, call our CBA Representative and MRF Member Representative Cindy Hodges at 919 630-8886 or email her at cindy@mrf.org.

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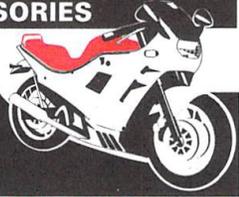
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July 3rd @ 6:45 pm: Events & Officers meeting @ Jackson's Cafeteria, Gastonia (new location)

July 4th—Gaston CBA Right to Choose Ride (see flyer)

July 9 @ 7pm— Area Officers Meeting & Dixie Drifters

July 10th @ 7pm: Gaston CBA General Meeting—Hillbilly's BBQ on Garrison Blvd., Gastonia

July 21—Carolina Thunder "Remember Click" Ride to benefit Webb Street School (see flyer)

July 21—Dave's Run & Rally to benefit Biker Down-Lifted Up Carolina Piedmont West—Bears Den

July 21 & 22—State Committee & Executive Council Meetings—Village Inn Event Center, Clemmons NC

July 31—SOH Panera Bread Fundraising 4pm-8pm

Bike Nights: Allure—Every Wednesday (see flyer) Cycle Gear 2nd Tuesday of each month 5pm – 8pm, Rt. 55 in Clover every Thursday, Zippers in Lincolnton Wednesday nights 6pm with music at 8pm

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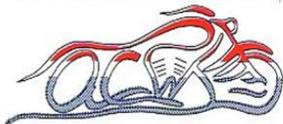
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**Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report
May 2018**

Beginning Balance : \$ 1,871.00
Income:
\$ 200.00 Membership
150.00 Newsletter sponsor
20.00 Donation (trailer)
90.00 Products
75.00 Seed Money Return
Total Income: \$ 535.00
Expenses:
\$ 131.48 Lobby Day Expense
Total Expenses: \$ 131.48

Ending Balance (5/31/2018) - \$ 2,274.52
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.

PLEASE check the renewal list to see if your name appears. Memberships can be renewed via PayPal using the Gaston CBA's website: www.gastoncountycba.com; or by mailing it to Gaston CBA, PO Box 22, Lowell, NC 28098; at the General Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday @ 7pm of each month at Hillbilly's,

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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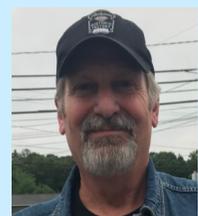
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MAIL APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:
CBA/ABATE of NC MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
 Jill C. Stillwell
 341 Colt Thornburg Rd., Dallas NC 28034
 704 922-5437 or 704 913-7284
cba.abateofncmembershipservic@gmail.com



MAIL APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:
GASTON COUNTY CHAPTER
 PO Box 22
 Lowell, NC 28098-0022
 RENEWAL DATE: _____

"AT LARGE MEMBER"

CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION/ABATE OF NC, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ___ NEW or ___ RENEWAL
 PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION

FIRST/LAST NAME _____	FIRST/LAST NAME _____
AGE _____ DOB _____	AGE _____ DOB _____
PHONE () _____	PHONE () _____
E-MAIL _____	E-MAIL _____
OCCUPATION _____	OCCUPATION _____
REGISTERED VOTER ___ YES or ___ NO	REGISTERED VOTER ___ YES or ___ NO
Other MOTORCYCLE AFFILIATIONS: _____	

ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ State _____ ZIP CODE+4 _____

Your membership in the CBA is important and valued. How would you like to share your involvement, knowledge, love of riding and protecting motorcyclists' rights?
 ___ Volunteer for events (road guards, food, raffle prizes, sell products, ride stops) ___ Attend meetings
 ___ Legislative Committee ___ Speak to other bike groups ___ Sponsor recruitment ___ Events Committee

Would you like to receive your copy of your local & State Newsletter ___ Electronic or ___ US Postal Service?
 I understand by signing my name to this application that I am a member in a grassroots political organization formed to protect motorcyclist's rights.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Dues: Individual ___ 1 year \$20.00 ___ 3 year \$60.00 ___ 5 year \$100.00 ___ Lifetime \$100.00*
 Couple ___ 1 year \$30.00 ___ 3 year \$90.00 ___ 5 year \$150.00 ___ Lifetime \$150.00*
 *Lifetime is available after 5 consecutive years of membership
 ___ Junior (under the age of 16, free) ___ Young adult (16-29, free for first year of membership)

How did you find out about the CBA? (social media, recruited by, etc): _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKET GIVEN BY: _____ DATE: _____

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES ONLY:			
Postmarked: _____	Received: _____	by Email - Fax - Mail	Sent to State - Chapter: _____
Pymt. Method: _____	Amt: _____	Expiration Date: _____	Renewal Card Mailed: _____