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To—Our Gaston CBA Members & Friends



Newsletter – February 2018



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President's Message—

Our general meeting will be held on February 13th at Hillbilly's, 930 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia.

Well it was certainly cold for our Polar Bear Run but we had some brave souls who came out and had a great time. Our thanks to all who braved the cold but sunny day to support our run. Several people called wanting us to postpone it but that IS why we call it the Polar Bear Run. We do it no matter how cold or rainy but we did cancel last year because of snow. That was the first year it had been cancelled and we hope that doesn't happen again. On a sad note, our member Mickey Seigler wrecked that afternoon going home and we lost a good friend and member. We all mourn his loss but rejoice in having him in our lives for as long as we did. Tomorrow is not a guarantee for any of us, so we should cherish our family and friends today.

While on my way to the Toyota dealership in Matthews early this morning, I heard Garth Brooks singing "Standing Outside the Fire" on the radio. Now I know the song has a different meaning, but it made me think of all the bikers just in Gaston County who do not belong to a motorcycle rights organization such as CBA/ABATE or NC or the MRF (Motorcycle Rights Foundation) but are "standing outside the fire" and letting these groups fight for them in the NC General Assembly and Washington. Are you one those members or non-member who is "standing outside the fire" criticizing the organization but won't lift a finger to solve the problems you are being critical about? "And no one dare disturbed the sounds of silence. "Fools" said I "you do not know, silence, like a cancer grows." Powerful words from an old song but very meaningful in our world today. We can sit back and not take a stand and just hope that the powers that be don't take away our right to wear the biker attire we like to ride in and making it a law we have to wear certain attire, putting limits on how we customize our bikes, make it against the law to wear our patches or colors and continue to profile us. Even though our membership numbers really matter when we go to Raleigh and Washington, it's very important that when we ask you to contact your representatives, you do it. It's also very important that our members be active in this organization and with the MRF.

So far we've had a good response on the survey we are doing, but it's still on so if you haven't gone online and participated—please do. It's also in the newsletter again this month. Just fill it out and mail it back. You do not have to sign your name but there is a \$200 cash prize (donated by two members) to participate and you do have to sign your name to win. The winning name will be drawn at our March general meeting. This survey is for everybody not just our members. We really do want your opinions. We've had several on the survey to give a "no" on questions but they don't give us a suggestion on how to solve the problem. We've also had several to say we need new officers but if our members don't step up and are willing to serve, how can we elect new officers? You have to be part of the solution to any concerns or problems we have. So when you answer a question, please try and give us a solution instead of just saying yes or no. To participate online—go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/gastoncba>. If you have already participated—we want to thank you for taking the time to help us with your concerns.

We are going to go in a NEW direction for Gaston CBA. Donna says it's us "thinking outside the box" so I do hope you will participate and help us put this event on. We are going to put on a golf tournament! Now I know some of you think that won't fly but there are a lot of golfers out there and we want them (and you if you play) to support it. We need sponsors so if the company you work for does this type of advertising, please let us know so we can hit them up. Also if you belong to another club or organization and would like to set up an information table, we would love to have you. The only thing we ask is that you have a couple members help us out that day.

I wish each one of you could have been at our State Meeting in January to hear Megan Ekstrom. MRF VP of Public Relations speak. She did an outstanding job of informing us how things "work" in Washington and how she and her staff are keeping an eye on bills that concern bikers. We are in good hands with Megan. If you are not a member of the MRF, please consider joining. It's only \$30 (single) \$50 (couple) and they also have sustaining memberships for clubs and organizations. The MRF looks after our concerns in Washington and if Washington makes a law, it overrides anything the states do. So it's important that we have representation up there. MRF (www.mrf.org) works the same way the CBA/ABATE does—on memberships and contributions. Plus they also give you an accidental insurance policy.

Please ride safe..... Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / January 9, 2018

Meeting was held at Hillbilly's BBQ on Garrison Blvd with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Pete McGinnis led us with the opening prayer followed by Jill leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence and special prayer request was held for the family of Mickey Seigler who had passed away earlier in the day.

President (Jill Stillwell) – Jill welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Jill welcomed our newest newsletter sponsors (The Little Bar in Dallas, Youngun's Sports Bar in Kings Mtn. and Winner's Circle in Gastonia). Jill thanked Hillbilly's for providing us the space for our meeting. Jill also thanked everyone who participated, volunteered and the stops for the Polar Bear Run that was January 6th.

Legislation – The Motorcycle Profiling Project has a website and it is free to sign-up to receive information from them. They are currently sending information regarding profiling in Daytona and that police are targeting motorcyclists with patches. Our state CBA legislative coordinator has developed a profiling form that will be presented at the state meeting January 27 & 28. Watch for more information on this. This form will give us a way to monitor and track incidents of profiling. (Form is in this issue of the newsletter).

Please go to the MRF's (www.mrf.org) website and go to the legislative section to monitor developments in Washington as well as "Calls to Action".

CBA and Other Area Events –

January 20 – Easyriders Bike Show in Charlotte

January 27 & 28 – CBA state meeting in Greensboro (American Legion Greensboro Post 53, 729 Creek Ridge Rd., Greensboro, Hotel—Baymount Inn, 2001 Veasley Street, Greensboro, NC 27407, Reservations: 844-254-1876) The meetings are free and open to anyone.

February 6 – Events Committee and Officer's Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison. Planning for our golf tournament. We need workers!

February 13 – General Meeting 7pm @ Hillbilly's on Garrison

April 7 – CBA Golf Tournament @ Green Meadows Golf Course in Mt. Holly (tee time is 1:30 pm)

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

Vice President (Angela) – Also thanked everyone for attending the Polar Bear Run

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 374 members (328 renewals, 46 Life). Please let Donna know if you have changes to your contact information (address, phone, or email 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. There were no minutes to approve because we didn't have a general meeting in December. Donna's new secretary email is:

secretary.gaston.cba@gmail.com

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 (Geno) – Nothing to report at this time.

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.

Products – Shirts are \$5 now each and that's a big bargain. Please see an officer if you are interested in helping with products. "Watch for Motorcycles" yard signs for \$5.00 each.

Old Business – We discussed and approved getting pins for members and others to purchase for their vests. Jill is working on this.

New Business –

We are currently conducting a survey for current CBA members, lapsed members, and non-members on how we can better serve and meet the needs of the motorcycle community in and around Gaston County. Please take the time to complete the survey and give us your honest feedback. Anyone who leaves their contact info will be entered into a drawing for \$200 that was donated by two current CBA member.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GastonCBA>

Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting and closing prayer with Pete McGinnis leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Barnett, Secretary

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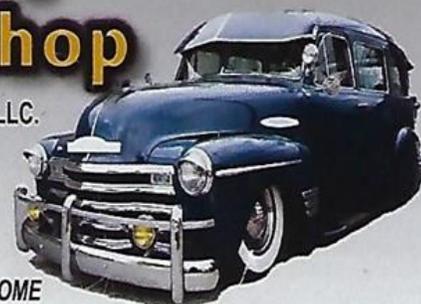
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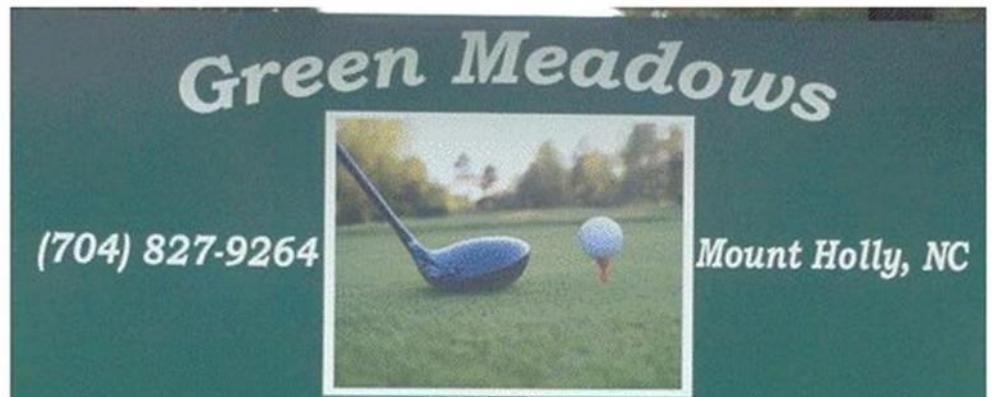




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Vice—President: As cold weather starts to roll in this season and the last red leaves fall off the trees, its time to start think about what you're going to do with your motorcycle this winter. For some, winter means buying fuel stabilizer, dusting off the trickle charger and gently snuggling their motorcycle into a warm corner of the garage. Winter for some means no change to our motorcycle riding habits except the addition of quite a bit of extra clothing. Riding a motorcycle in cold weather comes down to one simple concept: insulation. Since most people aren't very active on a motorcycle, their body isn't doing much to produce heat on its own to counteract the cold. That means we must do everything we can to insulate the body to keep what precious heat that we do produce in our bodies. Layers are critical for riding a motorcycle in the cold weather of winter. The number of layers you'll need to wear is based both on personal preference, some people maybe naturally hot which may not want all the different layers. A good practice to get into is when you have finished adding layers and wind proofing, stand outside and ensure that you are warm. This will help to ensure you will stay warm.

The biggest issue that you will have when riding a motorcycle in the winter is keeping the wind out. Wind, specifically wind chill, is your worst enemy on a motorcycle in cold weather. Doing everything you can to stop this enemy is going to go a long way to helping you ride your motorcycle comfortably in the cold. Wind-proofing also takes the most trial and error to perfect. The main thing to do for wind-proofing is to make sure your outer layer is some type of wind-proof material. Leather is by far the most popular choice for this. Ideally, you should look for something that is both wind-proof and water-proof.

When the temperature really drops, people have the most problems with hands and feet. The reason is that as you get cold your body focuses circulation on your internal organs to keep them warm, while your feet and hands get the shaft. The only way that I've found to keep my hands and feet comfortable in really cold weather is to 1) add additional heat sources, and 2) invest in quality boots and gloves. Lastly, if you are going to be riding for long periods of time in cold weather or ride in REALLY cold weather, then you need to invest in heated clothing. In these situations, the body needs an alternative source of heat to keep itself warm - and heated clothing is the only way to go. Just remember stay warm and be safe. Spring time will be here before you know it. Thank you. Angela Helms VP

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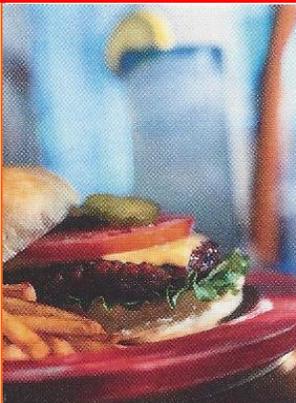


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CONSIDER YOURSELF WARNED by Kirk "Hardtail" Willard—MRF President

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As I sit here in an International airport about to board a flight back to the United States, I am fuming because I was just profiled twice while trying to leave the country I was in. Out of the 200 people trying to get through customs to board the plane, only two people were singled out for additional security screenings, and I was screened not once but twice. My stuff was searched, they asked me dozens of questions, made me submit to have my hands, clothes, hat, backpack swabbed and finally, I had to power on my phone and computer. The only thing about me that stands out from all the other passengers about to board the plane is that I could be accused of looking like a biker or maybe not like the average passenger. Whatever triggered it, I am no more accepting of being profiled where I was any more than I am in the United States.

Sadly, I can't do much about it in a country where its citizens yielded far too many of their personal rights long ago. It does serve as strong reminder that it is critical we continue to do something about it in our country where we can still work to retain what personal freedoms we not enjoy. Whether you think you are profiled and treated discriminately as a motorcyclist now, although most of you know my stance that if you are a motorcyclist that you are certainly profiled, look around the world where citizens no longer have the rights we do and think about how they lost them. I was in a first world country, not a third world country where they were lost through an oppressive regime, war, or the like. It was a place where over time some people thought they were better or at least knew better than someone else what the rules should be. Those who were being subjected to those progressive restrictions either didn't care, didn't notice or were duped into thinking it was for their own good. Does that sound slightly familiar? Be warned to never let that happen to those of us who realize how important our freedoms are and how easily they can be taken away if we allow it.

So whether it be discriminatory profiling, mandatory apparel to be worn, limits on customization, restricted access, etc., I suggest we not let these things continue to get a hold in our society. Stay educated, educate others, understand how we lose rights and know how we retain them and most importantly be constantly vigilant in the preservation of your rights as a motorcyclist.



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Seasonal Thoughts from Experts (Submitted by Jeff Reif—M.S.A.P. Director)

When motorcycle owners think of riding their bikes, they might imagine an enjoyable ride through their favorite scenic area during pleasant weather. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. Unpredictable weather means changing riding conditions, and riders must adapt to situations that may affect the road or impact their ability to safely operate a motorcycle. Spring, summer, fall and winter each provide unique challenges for motorcycle riders. Here are some tips for each season that may help you handle the road:

Spring—Coming out of the cold of winter, spring weather is often welcomed with open arms. But, despite warmer temperatures, spring often comes with its fair share of rainy days. That means riders must know how to properly navigate slippery roads and dress for a soggy ride.

Possibly the most slippery time during a rainstorm is in the first few minutes, according to the [Motorcycle Safety Association \(MSF\)](#). Rain water begins to fill in the dimples of the asphalt and oil residue can float to the top, making for a very slick surface. The MSF suggests simply pulling over and waiting for the rain to pass.

If you need to ride through the rain, reduce your speed, as stopping distances can increase, says [Rider Magazine](#). Try to avoid leaning significantly on turns and bends, which often goes along with a reduction in speed. Finally, be careful around standing pools and puddles of water, because hydroplaning can occur which results in a loss of traction.

When it comes to your riding attire, opt for breathable, waterproof or water-resistant clothing, says [CycleWorld.com](#). If you don't already have rain gear, consider getting some before the next downpour. Rider Magazine recommends that your rain gear fits properly, gives you the option of adding layers for warmth and sheds water.

Summer—When the [hot temperatures](#) finally hit, you can typically put away the layers and enjoy the warm weather. But that doesn't mean you can neglect environmental conditions when the mercury rises past 70 degrees. Summer has its own set of conditions that require a certain amount of attention.

Warm, even hot weather can result in your motorcycle's tires having better grip than during more temperate times. Rubber gets softer and more elastic as it heats up, providing better road contact, according to [AutoEvolution.com](#). You will likely be able to notice the improved traction of the bike's tires when riding on asphalt, which may allow you to lean more confidently into turns, compared to colder seasons.

Despite the rising temperatures, it doesn't necessarily mean wearing as little as possible while on your motorcycle is a good idea. During a long, hot ride (especially in sunny, dry climates), you should take precautions against sunburn and dehydration. The more skin that's exposed to the hot, dry, air rushing by while you ride, the more moisture you're likely to lose, according to [MotorcycleCruiser.com](#). Consider wearing breathable layers and in the most extreme conditions, you may try a wet layer of lightweight clothes with a breathable, protection layer on top of that. The wet clothes will be cooled by the wind flowing through the breathable outer layer that can also slow down evaporation.

Fall—Crisper air and falling leaves are the telltale signs that summer is over and fall is here. Before you have to worry about snow and ice, you may need to prepare for wet roads and slippery leaves littering your favorite stretch of road. Ride your motorcycle enough and you'll probably get caught in the rain now and then. Consider keeping waterproof (or water-resistant) rain gear with you in a backpack or in your bike's storage compartments or saddlebags, says the [Illinois State Police](#). And since visibility is so important and it can be compromised by rain, pack an extra pair of glasses or goggles, just in case.

Rain is not the only thing falling from the sky in autumn. As leaves turn from green to yellow, orange, red and brown, they often fall to the ground, sometimes obscuring the surface of the road from the eyes of motorcycle riders. Be careful when riding over and through leaves, as they may be covering potholes or imperfections in the road that could affect your control of your bike. In addition, says the Illinois State Police, wet leaves could be slick and affect your wheels' traction or make it more difficult to stop quickly.

Consider reducing your speed and maintain a constant state of awareness to maximize your safety on the road.

Winter—Even the most fervent motorcycle riders will consider putting their bike away during the coldest months. Wind, snow, ice and frigid temperatures generally don't make for great motorcycle riding conditions. Before you hit the frozen road, check your tires. First, check the tread on your tires by doing the same "[penny test](#)" you might do on your car's tires. Take an Abraham Lincoln penny, hold it between your thumb and forefinger so that the head is showing. Place the top of Lincoln's head into one of the grooves of the tire's tread. If any part of Lincoln's head is obscured by the tread, you have a safe amount of tread. If you can see above Lincoln's head, then you need a new tire. If your tires are older than six years, consider replacing them, says [RideApart.com](#). To check the age of your tires, look for the four-digit code near the Department of Transportation (DOT) markings. The first two numbers represent the week they were manufactured, while the last two digits represent the year. Also, check your tire pressure, because for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit that the temperature drops, tires can lose 1-2 pounds per square inch of pressure, according to [RideApart.com](#). Keeping your body warm and protected can require some serious gear, so plan ahead. Depending on the temperature, consider thermal underwear, glove liners, balaclavas and other [base layers](#), says [MotorBikeWriter.com](#). Hypothermia due to severe wind chill can be a concern, especially riding a motorcycle. When the temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit, traveling at 60 miles per hour can result in a wind chill of approximately 0 degrees Fahrenheit. To help warm your extremities, which are generally most susceptible to cold temperatures, consider using chemical heat packs on gloves and boots, or even outfit your bike with grip, seat and foot warmers.

Regardless of the season, through proper preparation and the use of the right equipment and gear, you can safely enjoy your motorcycle year-round.

GASTON CBA & AREA EVENT

February 6– 7pm: Events & Officers Meeting @ Hillbilly’s on Garrison.

(Events will start working on our golf tournament).

February 6—7pm: Biker Down—Lifted Up Meeting @ Thunder Church, Kings Mountain

February 13—7pm: Gaston CBA/ABATE General Meeting @ Hillbilly’s on Garrison.

(Come early and eat with your brothers & sisters)

February 23—6pm: Cleveland County CBA Spaghetti Supper—All invited (see flyer)

March 24 & 25—Charlotte CBA Spring Swap Meet (flyer online)

April 7—Gaston CBA Golf Tournament (see flyer)

April 13,14 & 15—Creekside Rally

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. If you submit an article you have read and think it would be interesting, please don't forget to name your source and include a link if possible. 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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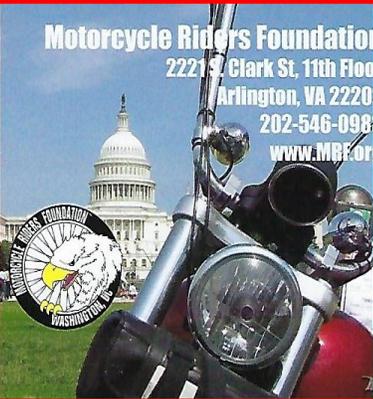


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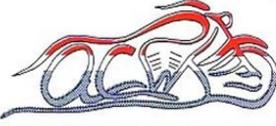
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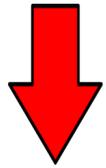
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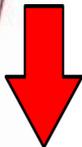

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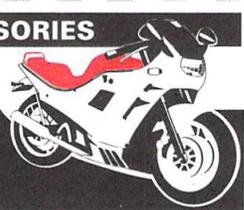


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If you look at the "shoe" you can see we have a lot of people putting bills on the table to take away our freedom. "US" should be on top to be considered first but we are not. The Federal Government, the State Governments and then our Local Government are really good at making laws that restrict and hurt us. Sign up today with the CBA/ ABATE of NC Gaston County Chapter and the MRF to help us. Websites: www.gastoncountycba.com www.mrf.org

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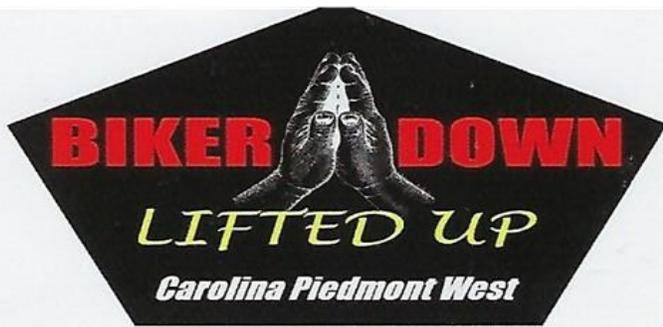
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Gaston County has started a new chapter of BIKER DOWN—LIFTED UP. If you would like to be part of this Ministry, they are going to meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month and will rotate between Thunder House Church, Kings Mountain & Catawba Heights Baptist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



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We want to welcome our new sponsors to our Gaston CBA Family. Metrolina Motorsports is located in Kings Mountain and are excited about coming onboard with us. Mark is ready for you to come by and visit the new and modern expanded shop.



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We want to welcome International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers—Local Union 379. If you are an electrician and you are interested in moving forward with your career, Local Union 379 wants to hear from you today! They are in need of electricians now.

Local Union 379



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Sun: 3PM-11PM

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Fri & Sat: 10:30AM-2AM

612 Stater St.

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704 215-0550

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Store Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Agency Hours:
Please call to schedule an appointment. Must be a resident of Stanley or Alexis.

We want to welcome back to our family—Winner's Circle. Paulette & her staff have always been good to the bikers in this community which is a "good thing" to all of us. So visit them soon!

Winner Circle Bar

A Private Club



COLDEST BEER IN TOWN

Paulette Hallman
Owner

980-888-0619

LITTLE L'S BAR & GRILL

414 Bessemer City Rd.
Gastonia, NC 28052
704-810-8525

Hours: Wednesday—Saturday 3 pm—2 am



Please be sure to fill out the survey we are doing. Hopefully it will help us (officers) to understand the needs of the bikers in this community. The survey is in this issue of the newsletter and also online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/gastoncba>.



CBA/ABATE of Cleveland County
would like to invite you to our...

All You Can Eat



\$8.00 per person includes
spaghetti, bread and salad.

Friday, February 23th 2018 at 6:00pm

Shelby VFW Post 4066 855 West Sumter St.

Shelby, NC 28150

If you would like to donate anything as far as food, drinks, etc. to
our event, please contact Haley Wilson. 704-692-1163

Come out and support the Cleveland County CBA/ABATE Chapter and the
ones that fight for your motorcycle rights and safety.

- * Deadwood Removal
- * Tree Removal
- * Complete Clean Up
- * Raise Up Limbs
- * Stump Grinding
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Private Club

Memberships Available

THE *Little* BAR

Wed—Sat
4PM-2AM

104 E. Main St.
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The Original 45th Annual

CBA *Spring* **Swap Meet & Bike Show**

THE OLDEST & LARGEST SHOW ON THE EAST COAST

March 24 & 25 2018

BIKE SHOW

10:00am - 6:00pm

**WITH \$1000 IN
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WET T-SHIRT CONTEST

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**“Best Buns”
Contest**

**WITH \$500
CASH PRIZE**



*Winner of 2017
Spring Bike Show*

CBA

**The Rowan County Fairgrounds
1560 Julian Road Salisbury, NC**

www.CharlotteCBA.org

For vendor information contact Rick Nail @ 704-455-6245

RENEWALS: May 2017—February 2018

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 Burriss
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
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
Jacqueline Keller Deaton

October 2017

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
Christopher Edwards
Don Price
Tommy & Jackie Stephens

January 2017

Chris Atchley
William Gerald Bryant
Bill "Cuzz" Smith
Ronnie Jenkins
Janet Whisnant

February 2018

Roy "Pete" & Jennifer McGinnis
Chuck & Pamela Dalton
Kurt & Sandra Brandt
Phillip Brock
Kenny & Jaren Buchanan
Robert Carroll
Ricky Cope
Matt Evans
Sidney Gillespie
Aaron & Sissy Sanders
Jason Shelton
Alexander Smith
Bryon & Christine Farris
Denise Johnson
Randy Randolph
Blake-Marie Farris Wyatt
Jason Edward Taylor
Kevin Novinc
Karl Fielding

PLEASE check the list above to see if your name appears.

Memberships can be renewed via PayPal using the CBA's website: www.gastoncountycba.com;

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

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.



Southern Gentlemen & Gaston CBA member Steve "Lucky" Brook's son Aaron is now serving in Afghanistan. He will be there for approximately 5-6 more months. He needs to hear from home. Send him cards with personal messages. Write letters with news of our area, funny stories of your family or friends. 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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**Gaston CBA Treasurer's Report
December 2017**

Beginning Balance : \$ 2,275.87
Income:

\$ 120.00 New & Renewals Membership

Total Income: \$ 120.00

Expenses:

\$ 357.06 Christmas Party
\$ 337.49 Newsletter
\$ 35.00 Membership Expense
(Survey Monkey)
\$ 125.00 Polar Bear 2018 Ad

Total Expenses: \$ 854.55

Ending Balance (12/31/2017) - \$ 1,541.32

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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**SERGEANTS
AT
ARMS**

LEGISLATION: Donna Barnett & Jill Stillwell

This Profiling Report is for you. We encourage you to keep a copy of this on you at all times when you ride.

PROFILING REPORT

Do you think that you have been profiled by law enforcement? Profiling would consist of being pulled over by the police just for the fact that you are riding a motorcycle or wearing a patch, any traffic stop conducted without a valid legal reason for that stop could constitute profiling. If you feel that you have been a victim of profiling, fill out the form below. We will compile these reports to convince our legislators that an anti-profiling statute is needed. Your personal information WILL NOT be released or distributed. Please send the report to Charlie Boone, 1509 Carroll Heights Rd., Zebulon, NC 27597 or to: fbird54@gmail.com.

Your Name & Phone Number: _____

Officers Names & Agencies: _____

Were you cited, arrested or released with no action? _____

Were you wearing a motorcycle related emblem? _____

Please give details of your encounter and the reasons that make you feel that you were profiled.

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: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/gastoncba>.