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President's Message -

Our next general meeting will be on January 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm. We hold our meetings at Jackson's Cafeteria, Gastonia and because Jackson's have changed their winter hours, we are meeting a half an hour earlier.

Have you ever sat in front of a computer screen or a paper tablet on a desk and tried to think of something to write that might be interesting to others? Well that is how it was going with me this month. Sometimes I don't have a problem but this month has been very depressing and I can't seem to get my brain into gear. Then all of a sudden your mind goes back in time and you remember how you (and Peewee) became involved with a wonderful organization back in 2006.

We had been invited to attend an event at Hot Rod's Cycles, West Franklin Ave, Gastonia. Hot Rod's is now closed but during that time—it was a hopping place. The event was to recruit new members for the new chapter of the CBA/ABATE of NC of which we knew nothing about. I can remember there were a lot of bikers in attendance. Of course we knew the President at that time because Andy "Sugarfoot" Jenkins and Peewee go way back and we knew some of the other officers but some we had never met. At the time the meetings were held at the old Hillbilly's on Garrison but as we grew we had to move to the newer Hillbilly's location in Lowell because we always had a crowd at our meetings. Some of those that worked so hard to form the chapter are now gone on to other things BUT they worked very hard to get us on our feet.

As we learned more and more what the CBA was all about, my interest peaked and I became more and more involved and as always Peewee supported that interest and involvement. I had never been involved in politics other than voting but as we learned how we could influence our representatives with our voice and vote, it became apparent to me that this was a really good organization to belong to. Legislation was a word that took on a new meaning and one of the organizers of our chapter was to blame. Dale Carroll was a person you could never forget. He came from Tennessee and thought Gaston needed a chapter and he was very persistent about it. Some of you "new" folks would have probably have liked to knocked him on his butt because a lot of us "old timers" nearly did (me included). Dale was sometimes difficult and was very argumentative at times to the point that I hung up the phone on him numerous times. He was a force to reckon with BUT he knew and kept up with all things CBA. Dale has since moved back to Tennessee but he will always be remembered as one of the driving forces behind our chapter. Others to mention (and I know I'm leaving out some of the earlier members because they are too numerous to name them all here) were: Martha Larimer, Andee Jenkins, Charles "Bouncer" Thompson, Mike "Hollymatic" Holland, Kip Roseman, Bob Sizemore, Jim Workman, Terri Beard, Calvin & Kathy Stewart, Glenn Rafko, Buddy Sexton, Ralph Riley and President at that time—Andy "Sugarfoot Jenkins." These were just a few of the really active members that were the original organizers. Others came along in 2007 and later but I want to salute these special folks that had a vision and acted on it.

We had so much fun at the beginning because we would set up our membership table everywhere there was a biker event or any other type of crowd gathered—even grocery store parking lots. At that time the Hog Chapter was the only other game in town besides the Southern Gentlemen. We took all bikers – not just the ones that rode Harleys so that was a plus for us. Plus we encouraged people that "liked" bikers to join. You didn't have to own a bike but if you had friends or family that rode, we wanted you as a member. And when we set up—we always had a large group of members that loved to come and sit around the table to enjoy each other's company. I truly miss that time because everything has seemed to have gotten so complicated in the last several years. I long for those days because there are so many biker groups now in Gaston County that have a purpose but seemed to have forgotten that without groups like CBA, MRF or ABATE across the country—they probably would have been labeled "gangs" in today's world. I was watching an old western the other day and thought about how we are the modern day "cowboys/cowgirls" on steel instead of horses and how we have changed the face of bikers to the better because of organizations like the CBA.

We received our Charter on January 14, 2007 so HAPPY BIRTHDAY CBA/ABATE of NC—Gaston County Chapter! We're still young but hopefully we will grow old with your help. Happy New Year! - Jill

Vice-President's Corner—

Hello Everrbody!

How many are with me on kissing 2020 GOODBYE?? (It truly has been one hell of a year)! I'm welcoming 2021 in hopes of getting back to some sort of a normal! But it's doubtful that will happen because it will never be the same as it was....

Things change... LIFE GOES ON!! You just gotta make the best out of it. When reflecting back on one of the highlights of 2020 for me was on Saturday December 5th, the 25th Anniversary of the Gaston County Toy Run for Kids. The weather looked bad for us the day before. But some how we always (well some times) manage to have a beautiful day (ONLY in the Carolinas, where you can have all 4 seasons in ONE WEEK!!). The weather was awesome!! Great turnout! Over 1000+ bikes roared into Ranlo bearing gifts for the kids in the community. Plenty of toys were given out at each stop. Want to give a shout out to the Southern Gentlemen MC and other road guards for safely blocking the roads and assuring our safety. We appreciate all of you!

When I got to the ending stop at Parkwood Baptist Church, I was snapping pictures (like I always do). I ran across one of the cutest little boys that caught my attention. His name was Daron Clay, the grandson of Suzie O'Connors. His nickname is "Superman" and he's a special needs child with autism, sensory processing disorder, ADHD, impulse disorder and speech development delay. He's been in therapy since he was 18 months old. Non verbal until he was 3. He just recently started kindergarten through virtual academy with special needs teachers. Even with all his struggles, he is super smart and the most loving lil 5 year old boy. He's always smiling. Loves Hot Wheels, Sonic, Spiderman and of course Santa Claus! So you can imagine how excited he was when he got to see and meet the "real" Santa in person.

After a very tiring day, Suzie sent me his picture, where he was sound asleep with one of the toys (train) he received. How precious this young boy was. He sure did leave a lasting impression on me. This is what it's all about providing toys for children in our community and seeing their smiling faces.

After Parkwood Baptist Church fed us, which we appreciated very much, the bike was raffled off and Dawn Walton was announce the winner. Congratulations Dawn!!

Can't wait til we do it all over again Saturday, December 2021!

Like to extend a huge Welcome to our family of Gaston CBA sponsors, Gaston Pharmacy, Gastonia and Mountaineer Tavern, Kings Mountain.

Gabby



Young Activists Scholarship Winners 2020

FREEDOM

At my last ABATE of Indiana, Region 6 meeting, I was asked, "What do motorcyclists' rights mean to you?"

I was surprised that without hesitation I had an answer: "Freedom. Not only for me, but for my brothers and sisters who tread the road on two wheels."

I chose the word freedom because its definition fits so perfectly for what organization such as ABATE and MRF fight for day in and day out. The Oxford Dictionary defines FREEDOM as... the right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hinderance or restraint.

Sadly, the motorcycling community is forced to constantly fight for their freedoms in order to appease those who are not members of the community itself. Rights such as, the choice to wear a helmet, what apparel is deemed acceptable, the number of bikes allowed to travel together, and even the simple ability to travel in the same lane as cars. These simple rights are put in jeopardy to make those who travel the roads unaware of their own surroundings more comfortable.

My rights are important to me because I refuse to let someone who has never experienced the feeling of pure freedom, as we have, to have taken a long curve in a deep lean to come out with a smile on your face, to feel the wind whip around my body only to then uplift my spirit, to come over a tall hill not knowing what to expect on the other side to see a breathtaking scene that has been crafted by a greater power. In all my life I have never felt as free as I have during these moments.

Freedom has always been such a dubious word acting as an umbrella for all the freedoms mankind has available. For motorcyclists we ask for simple freedoms that do not put a heavy strain on everyday people, yet we must fight to protect the rights that we have. As a young female rider, I am proud to use the influence I have to fight for the freedoms for motorcyclists and do my part to introduce a new kind of freedom to my generation. I hope that my generation feels the freedom I've experienced and choose to stand with me in our fight for motorcyclists' rights. For me, our rights are our freedom.

Hailey Farmer
ABATE of Indiana

MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS = FREEDOM

I've put extensive thought into what motorcyclists' rights means to me. I got my answer very easily. I have lived it for the last four years. I got involved with motorcyclists' rights before I had ever sat on a motorcycle. I was introduced to a world where you could be jailed for almost everything. It is not often when the world is out to get you, but in this case... It was.

Liberty made me take up the shield, plain and simple. If we are to be a free society then we must be free to choose and make our own fate. It became the mission of freedom. I believe that every motorcyclist should determine for themselves what safe practices are and what they are not.

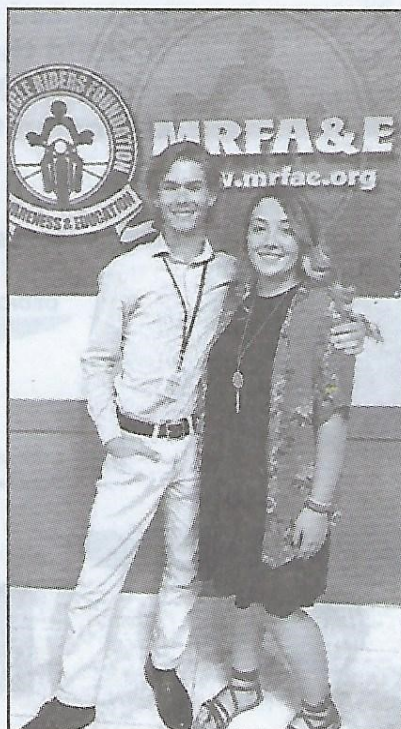
The U.S. Constitution allows us to self-govern. Unfortunately, that was suspended for many years if you chose a motorcycle as your mode of transportation. The freedom to ride without bureaucratic overreach is what allows us to set the example for current and future riders. Motorcyclists understand that there is always room for growth and improvement and are constantly looking for newer and safer ways to commute. Motorcyclists need to direct the flow of regulation, not any branch of government.

When liberties and your constitutional freedoms are protected, the proper example is set for the community. When we control the narrative and lead by example it makes it so much easier to spread awareness. Aside from protecting freedom of choice when it comes to helmet use, along with other freedoms, it is our primary goal to spread that awareness to educate riders and non-riders about the safety measures that we create to preserve life and liberty.

You combine all these things; the mission becomes clear and concise. Liberty leads to freedom, which leads to awareness, and awareness leads to overall safety for riders and non-riders. All anyone wants to do is ride without having to worry about losing their life or their right to prosperity if jailed.

There are so many other reasons, but this seems to sum it up as clearly: Motorcyclists' rights equals freedom.

Christopher Beals
ABATE of Arizona



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January 2nd—Gaston County CBA Mickey Seigler Memorial Polar Bear Run (see flyer)

January 5th @ 6:30pm —Gaston CBA General Meeting @ Jackson's Cafeteria, Gastonia

January 11th @ 7pm—Area Officer's Meeting @ Carolina Thunder, 116 Codylan Trail, Dallas
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Cody & Emma Long
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Jamie & Aundria Grigg
Mike & Terra Mobley

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Toni Pennington
Chris Duncan
Brandi Carver
Robert Cloninger
Donna Dowdle
Kate Marshall
Mike & Rose Mrotz
Raymond Mrotz
Stephen Breedlove
Charles & Crystal Crawford
Steve & Cindy Ellis
Kenny & Jaren Buchanan
Michael De'Sha
"Sissy" Justice

OCTOBER 2020

Ray Wooten
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NOVEMBER 2020

Mike Campellone
Randy Brooks
Jackson Ray
Scott Carrigan
Gabby Mintz

December 2020

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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 any event where the CBA is set up or in person at any of our meetings. If you use the state website, please remember it's a 2-step process on that website.



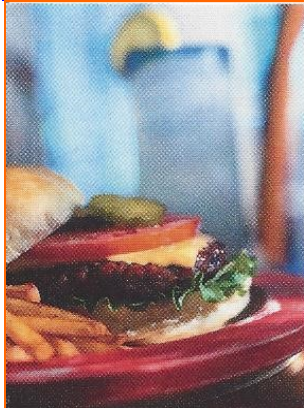
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November 2020**

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Total Income:	\$ 100.00
Expenses:	
\$ 10.00 Service Fee	
\$ 200.00 GC Toy Run for Kids Donation	
\$ 105.00 Newsletter Postage	
\$ 83.97 Event Supplies (Office Depot)	
\$ 100.00 Seed Money (Black Friday)	
\$ 100.00 Attendance Prize (Meetings)	
\$ 21.40 Business Cards (Gabby)	
Total Expenses:	\$ 620.37
PayPal Balance:	3,065.48
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 1,104.05
Pay Pal Balance	\$ 3,065.48
Overall Total	\$ 4,169.53

Respectfully submitted by Pete McGinnis, Treasurer
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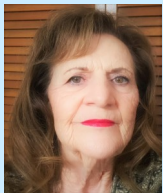
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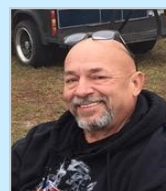
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