

The Gaston CBA News & Report—April 2021





SUNDAY

**APRIL
18th**

2021 SPRING FLING

**Raffle Prizes
50/50**

Starts @: Cycle Gear
3916 E Franklin Blvd., Gastonia

Ends @ Mountaineer Tavern
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President's Message -

Our next general meeting will be on April 6, 2021 at 7pm. Our meetings are held at one of our sponsors - Jackson's Cafeteria, 1453 E. Franklin Blvd, Gastonia. You are not required to eat to attend our meetings, but Jackson's has really good country cooked food, so come early and join us.

First of all, I owe each of you an apology for this very late newsletter. Sometimes things happen (health wise) beyond your control and the last month has been one for the books in the Stillwell household. I just about lost my beloved husband of 59 years because of congestive heart failure, but this man (who I believe is the "cat" with 33 lives) made it through and is still with us. We sincerely appreciate all the prayers, texts and phone calls during his 10 day stay in the hospital. Hopefully things will begin to get back to "normal" if there is such a thing anymore.

The Gaston CBA and our biker community lost a beloved member on March 28th. Steven "Dawg" Knox had an accident on his bike and didn't survive. "Dawg" was very active in all things biker and was a true friend to everyone. Not many in this area didn't know or love him. He will surely be missed.

I don't know if you know it or not, but motorcycling is in trouble. After 15 years of record growth in new unit sales, the industry has fallen off in the last five years or so. I suspect most of you "older" bikers remember the 90's when there were people who put down money to be on a waiting list just to buy a motorcycle. As the demand for motorcycles decrease, our freedom of the road is probably going to decrease as well and we probably won't have as much say in the future with our legislators if we are not proactive now. To get what we want, we have to keep our "face" before our legislators. Anytime you get a chance to talk motorcycling to your legislator, please do it. Look at our 2021 Legislative Agenda in this newsletter and ask them for their support.

We are still looking for help with any and all of our Gaston CBA events. It takes a community to put on any event, but lately we've only had a small number doing all the work which is not fair to those officers who also are doing double duty for you (the membership). Get in touch with Gabby if you can/will help. We sure could use your help on the 18th with our Spring Fling Run. This is our first time trying a Sunday afternoon ride so we hope you will join us. Check the flyer out in this issue.

Now that the riding season is in full swing, I beg you to ride sober. We sure don't want you to get pulled over and get a DUI which would mean you wouldn't be able to ride (legally) for a year or you would have a wreck and get hurt or worse. We've lost too many of our brothers and sisters in the past several years. Some from natural causes but some from wrecks. I'm not saying drinking and riding caused any of those wrecks but it probably didn't help some of them. So be careful of the cage drivers but more important be careful of what you drink before you ride. I'm aware that it's "fun" to go to a local bar and drink with the guys and gals but please know your limit. That limit is sometimes a lot less than you think it is so be careful. I don't mean to "preach" but I don't want to lose you because you drank too much and had a wreck. Most of you men have your lady on the back, so I'm sure you wouldn't want her to get hurt or worse either.

May 1st is International Female Ride Day. We are going to do a ride but I don't have a flyer for this issue. We will be leaving from the Indian Dealership to point unknown at this time. Watch our FB page for any updates on this ride. We sure hope to have a good turnout this year of women who love to ride their own bike.

I know it's early in the year, but September will be here before you know it. We need new officers "blood" in our chapter. Some of our officers have served over five years and need a break. Why don't you come to our meetings and see if being an officer is something you would like to do. The CBA needs you! Our CBA needs you! It doesn't take that much time out of your day, week or month but the rewards are truly awesome when you look at the overall picture of what we are all about. Protecting the rights of bikers is an important job that we are obligated to do for all bikers even if they are not members. If we don't, I see a time in the near future when legislators start rolling back our rights.

As always—ride safe.....Jill

Gaston County CBA / Meeting Minutes / March 2, 2021

Meeting was held at Jackson's Cafeteria with the meeting being called to order by Jill Stillwell. Pete led us in prayer and Jill led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President (Jill Stillwell) – Jill welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Thanks to Jackson's Cafeteria. Please remember to silence or turn off your phones.

Legislation – Please take the time to go to the MRF's legislative section to keep up with what is happening in Washington and to contact your representatives regarding several Federal issues. Your input is very important and only takes a few minutes. Dave Terwilliger is the new State Legislative Director. Lobby Day 2021 in Raleigh is March 24th. Please make plans to attend.

CBA and Other Area Events (Gabby) – Gabby read the list. See the Events section of the newsletter for the list.

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 **15th** each month (jillstillwell@bellsouth.net).

Vice President (Gabby) – Jodie @ Double Barrel Saloon offered to let us have meetings there. We voted to graciously decline due to limited space for a separate room and that alcohol is not permitted during our meetings.

Secretary (Donna Barnett) – We have 303 members (240 renewals, 64 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 CBA emails, the monthly newsletter and members being notified through the US Postal Service and emails. Memberships: single - \$20, couple - \$30. Motion made and approved to accept the February minutes as they were published in the March newsletter.

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

Master Sergeant at Arms (Ronnie) – nothing at this time

MSAP (Dodge) – Please contact Dodge if you are interested in teaching MSAP in the High School Driver's Ed classes. Absent from meeting.

Products – "Watch for Motorcycles" yard signs are \$5 each. Patches are also available for purchase. New shirts are \$15 each and old shirts are \$5 each. Polar Bear Run shirts are \$15 each and the proceeds from these shirts is being donated to St. Jude's (Mickey's family chose the charity) so please buy a shirt.

Old Business –

2021 Ride Dates (Spring Fling Ride – Sunday April 18, IFRD – May 1, Independence Day Ride – Sunday July 4, Freedom Ride – September 11)

Ride rates: different rates for CBA members vs. non-members. Non-member rate includes a 1 yr membership (members \$15/one, \$25/two; non-members \$20/one, \$30/two)

Motorcycle Profiling link on the state CBA page (it is under the "More" tab on the top right hand side of the page and is the last item under the tab). <https://www.cba-abatenc.org/report-profilingdiscrimination.html>. There is also a link (report discrimination) on our website www.gastoncountycba.com.

We will be looking at doing some Sunday rides once the weather stays warm. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for a destination.

New Business –

Spring Fling Ride on Sunday April 18th will start at Cycle Gear and end at Mountaineer Tavern.

Motion was made and passed to renew Quicken Books which Pete uses for our financial records. It will be approximately \$107.00

Other Business – Non

Close Meeting – Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting with Pete leading us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Barnett, Secretary

2021 State CBA Legislative Agenda

Our main focus for the 2021 long session will be -

Anti-Profiling

Equal Access to parking facilities built with taxpayer funds – we will reintroduce this bill

Grass clippings on the roadways

We will monitor legislation for anything that may come up regarding motorcyclists and we will be supportive of the groups pursuing “Hands free NC” legislation. We will monitor lane filtering/splitting in the states where legislation has been passed.

MRF High Priority 2021 Legislative Agenda

Profiling: Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.

Renewable Fuels: Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

Emission Regulations: Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.

Definition of a Motorcycle: Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.

Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws: Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards.

Black Box: Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to opt-out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill): Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021.

PLACES THAT DO NOT ALLOW COLORS OR PATCHES

B & J's BBQ, Gastonia
Whiskey Mill, Bessemer City & Gastonia locations
Hooters, Gastonia
Cherokee Grill, Kings Mtn.
Iconz Bar & Grill, Gastonia
Rockhouse Tavern, Gastonia
Friends Bar & Grill, Belmont
Tony's Bar, Charlotte
Quillies, Lincolnton



The places we have listed above that **DO NOT** support the wearing of patches or colors in their establishment. We believe this should not be a factor when we are only there to support their business.

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER -

Hello everrrbody, Hope all are enjoying this beautiful weather we are having. I know I am..

First....I'd like to wish all a very Happy Easter.. And don't put all your eggs in the same basket. Lol

The first day of [spring](#) was March 20th . Riding season has started for many riders.

It's time to have your bike's annual check up. There are local certified Independent Motorcycle Shops and authorized Dealer's that will be glad to assist your needs...Taking the time to make sure that your bike is ready to hit the road can save you costly repairs.

Creekside Bike Rally is April 9th, 10th, & 11th. If you've never been, you don't know what your missing!! Where else can you go for \$20.00? Yep, that's all it cost (a person) to set up your camp site for all weekend. Put a vendor table out and sell your goods. Play biker games, wet t-shirt contest, eat some great food, and listen to some awesome music Fri. & Sat. SkynDeep band and Sat. 4-7pm Killing Time. Make some new friends and see some old.. Sounds like the place to be!!

Gaston County CBA will be set up beside the Bar as always. Stop by and pick you up a t-shirt (lots of sizes available).. We have a new design of Yard signs for only \$5.00. Also we will be running a special on membership. \$15 for a single / \$25 for a couple (lapsed or new members).

Help promote Biker Safety & Awareness.. May is coming up and it's Motorcycle Awareness Month.. (Which in my opinion, EVERYDAY should be Motorcycle Awareness!

If you'd like to work the CBA table to give us a break at Creekside Bike Rally, please give me a call.. (704)868-4688 or Jill (704)913-7284

April 18th (Sunday ride) is our annual Spring Fling Run. Starts at Cycle Gear and ends at our new Sponsor Mountaineer Tavern, Kings Mtn. So hope you'll join us.

Stay tuned for more Events, Benefits and Rides.

Did I say "I love this weather" ! ! ! !

Ride Safe,

Gabby, Vice President

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June 2020

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Robert & Sharon Harris
Paula Ramsey
Chip Jackson
Kim Smeltzer
Ronnie Brown
Robbie Ray & Renee Smith
Thomas & Lisa Sellers

July 2020

Coye Terry II & Amanda Willis
Cody & Emma Long
Tommy J Spencer JR
Jessie Strickland
Robbie Light
Jason & Corrine Beck
Jamie & Aundria Grigg
Mike & Terra Mobley

September 2020

Kole Pennington
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
Rodney Boheler

November 2020

Scott Carrigan
Randy Brooks
Jackson Ray
Mike Campellone

December 2021

Christopher Atchley
Paul Brock
Roger Carpenter
Jamie Carter
Travis Greene
Robert Martin
Douglas Morris
Shawn Smith
Brandon Stevens
Red & Janis Justice
David & Cindy Childress
Galvin Clinton Bolen
Michael Brown
Kenneth Engelhardt
Jason Bentley

January 2021

Jody & Ann Eudy
Hugh Teague
Tommy & Megan Pardo
Brad Chester
Wesley South
Angela South

February 2021

Ricky Cope
Billy & Angie Starnes
Mark & Crystal Ward
March 2021
Brandon Phillips
Tina Cook
James Wilkie
Justin Burgess
Mike & Wendy Dixon
Reggie Graham
Melissa Lovingood

April 2021

Bill "Cuzz" Smith
Jeff & Miranda Willard
Timothy & Lisa Lancaster
Ronald "Ronnie" Jenkins
Kent & Sandra Bishop
Timothy Wix
Bob Bynum
Richard "Ricky" & Stacie Wilkie
Randy & Joann Baker

April 2021 (continued)

Darrell "Shane" Burris
Mike Gregg
Charles "Bouncer" & Amy Thompson
Scott NoBlett
Kelly Hastings
Kristina Wyatt
Thomas & Jo Ann Townsend

May 2021

Bill & Gail Ruby
David Lutz
Dale Haskins
Cathy Farrar
Jeff McCall
Lisa Stivala

Welcome New Members:

Grady Head
Brian Bradford
Butch Whitlocke
Bobby Tessener

Welcome Back:

Ricky Cope



Is your name on this page? Or did you lapse before May 2020? If so we need you to renew today! It doesn't matter if you belong to another organization or club, every biker needs to belong to the CBA. We are the only organization in NC that represents approximately 200,000 bikers in the General Assembly. If you know someone on this page, please encourage them to renew. Also if you have any ideas on how to retain our members, please let us know.

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.



On March 28th, we lost one of the most beloved members of our Gaston CBA & biker community. Steven "Dawg" Knox was a friend to everyone and anyone. He always had a big smile on that handsome face and he was always there to support his friends and any and every event that was held in Gaston County. We mourn his loss and wonder why a friend like "Dawg" was taken away from us.

Our sincere condolences to his wife Tina, his family and his biker family & friends.

A memorial service was held on Friday, April 2nd.



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Last bike in at 4pm

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1st Bike out at 11am
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\$5 -per extra hand

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(Best and Worst
Hand)

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(Raffle Prizes)

(Food Provided)



Need not be present to win
Drawing held April 24th at end of ride



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GASTON CBA & AREA EVENTS

April 6 @ 7pm – CBA General Meeting @ Jackson's Cafeteria

April 9, 10 & 11—Creekside (see flyer)

April 10th—Carolina Thunder Butt Sale (see flyer)

April 12th—Area Officers Meeting (Southern Gentlemen Clubhouse—Gaston CBA host)

April 17th—CBA/ABATE of NC State Meeting

April 24th—Gaston County Toy Run for Kids Hotdog Sale (see flyer)

April 24th—GOC CAPA Ride (see Flyer)

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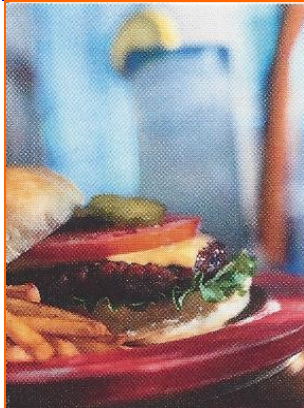
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We have Look Twice Save A Life signs available for \$5. You can purchase one or more at our runs or at our general meetings. Just let us know where you want to pick one up so we will have it for you. We've had members & friends to be hurt in wrecks so buy a sign to put in your yard.



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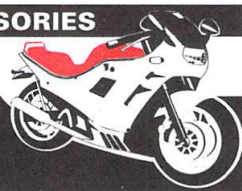
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February 2021**

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Total Income: \$ - 0 -

Expenses:

\$ 440.00 State Membership 4th Qtr 2020
\$ 158.36 Newsletter
\$ 82.50 Newsletter Postage

Total Expenses: \$ 680.76

PayPal Balance: 2,862.88

Ending Bank Balance \$ 2,348.74
Pay Pal Balance \$ 2,892.88
Outstanding Checks (low hand) \$ (50.00)

Overall Total \$ 5,291.62

Respectfully submitted by Pete McGinnis, Treasurer
If you have any questions concerning this report or you
would like a printed copy of this report, please contact
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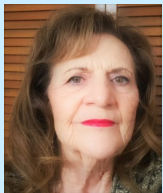
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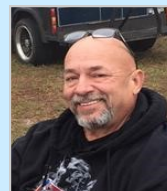
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cba.abateofncmemberships@ gmail.com



GASTON CHAPTER

DATE: _____

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FIRST/LAST NAME _____

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REGISTERED VOTER ____ YES or ____ NO

REGISTERED VOTER ____ YES or ____ NO

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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

I understand by signing my name to this application that I am a member in a grassroots political organization formed to protect motorcyclists' 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*
____ Junior (under the age of 16, free) ____ Young adult (16-29, free for first year of membership)

***Lifetime is available after 5 consecutive years of membership**

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

NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKET GIVEN BY: _____ DATE: _____

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES ONLY:

Revised: January 30, 2020

Postmarked: _____ Received: _____ by Email - Fax - Mail Sent to State - Chapter: _____

Pymt. Method: _____ Amt: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Renewal Card Mailed: _____ Inv: _____