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**The Life of a  
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*"These are the times  
that try men's souls..."*

**Session Opens January 29th BE THERE!**

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2003

## Coming Events Jan./Feb.

January 18  
State Meeting  
Hosted by Charlotte  
Rick Nail  
Lifetime Achievement  
Awards Banquet

February 8  
Pre-Daytona Poker Run  
Rowan Chapter

## Future Events

April 12  
State Meeting  
Hosted by Brunswick

May 3  
Freedom Rally  
State Event  
Busco Beach

Sept. (1st weekend)  
Labor Day Party  
Busco Beach

## Letter from the Editor...

*Happy New Year everyone! 2003 arrives with fresh new hope for the upcoming long session in Raleigh. We must be ready to visit our legislators and do the work of our Organization.*

*As bikers, we are faced with more problems to our riding freedom and lifestyle than ever before. For the 2003 long session, we intend to introduce some legislation that will make our North Carolina roads safer, limit the right to confiscate our rides and punish right of way violators more severely. We also want to push the agenda in public schools so that our little darlings coming out of driver's ed will be more prepared to share the roads with us. We must also continue to monitor and react to all situations on the federal level. It will be a busy year but I am sure our membership will rise to the occasion. If you don't know what situations I am referring to... ask your friendly chapter legislative coordinator.*

*We will continue to pursue our helmet bill but it will not be the only thing we work on. If you can't get behind the helmet bill, perhaps safer roads and your right to ride will spark your interest.*

*Remember, we are here to help each other and all motorcyclists in North Carolina. If you have questions, ask. If you have complaints, tell. Be a part of the solution instead a part of the problem.*

*In the Wind!  
Crazy Deb*



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## Your Voice in Raleigh and Washington!!

### Proposed 2003 Legislative Agenda

#### State Agenda

- Introduce and pass a bill to enhance penalties for right-of-way violations which injure or kill motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians
- Increase number of voter registrations in the motorcycling community.
- Introduce and pass a bill that mandates uniform pursuit policies throughout the State of North Carolina. G.S. 20-141.5 lets law enforcement agencies write their own!!
- Introduce and pass a bill to mandate that motorcycle awareness be included in the driver's education program in our schools...
- Introduce and pass a bill that makes highway barriers more motorcyclist friendly...
- Introduce and pass a bill that prohibits discrimination against motorcyclists in all establishments in North Carolina....
- and last but not least, introduce and pass a bill giving over 21 motorcyclists the freedom to choose whether to wear a helmet or not.

#### Federal Agenda

Motorcycle Riders Foundation... our voice in Washington

Break the chokehold on motorcyclists' rights and safety posed by the Environmental Protection Agency. At present, the EPA is poised to impose

unacceptable emissions control standards on street motorcycles. These new standards are extreme and unnecessary for the following reasons:

- Every new make and model of street motorcycle is cleaner than ever before – twice as clean as the old 1975 standard requires.
- Street bikes are not even a relevant part of the vehicular pollution problem. If all street vehicle pollution emissions were equal to the length of a football field, the contribution by street bikes would amount to a quarter of an inch on that field.
- Tougher standards will wipe out custom shops, the aftermarket parts industry, and small-volume bike makers, eliminating tens of thousands of jobs across America.
- Tougher standards will reduce motorcycling in America. Riders will "vote with their feet," meaning that they will find constricted bikes unsafe and unacceptable. The result will be sales declines and unemployment. And, as riders turn to passenger cars, the result will be more gas consumption, more road wear, more traffic gridlock, hence more pollution.

Rescue health care benefits for riders in case of accidents. The federal government regulates all employer- and union-provided health care plans (with some important exceptions involving state regulatory authority). Unfortunately, a Clinton administration regulation, spurred by a provision in

the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which prohibits the mandate of benefits, has resulted in discrimination against motorcyclists. In short, insurers can now extend health care benefits to employees who have accidents while driving cars, while denying accident benefits to employees who ride motorcycles. It is unfair, it is discriminatory, and we are fighting it with innovations at the state and federal levels and in concert with the AMA.

Promote safety on American roads for ALL road users. The MRF is opposing a plan by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that both de-emphasizes and provides no substantial funding for safety for riders and motorcycle awareness training for other road users. Instead, the NHTSA plan promotes "safer crashing" by emphasizing and devoting funds to the promotion of personal protective gear. The MRF does not believe the federal government has any legitimate role in promoting or requiring that citizens wear certain attire to access American roads.

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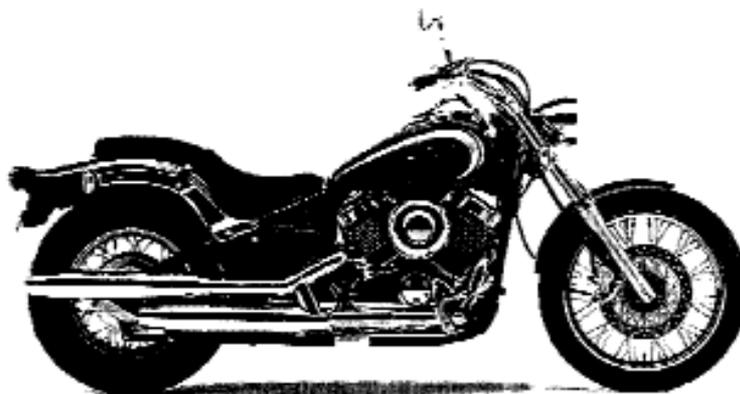
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We hold these truths to be self-evident; that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim that they require a Bill of No Rights."

ARTICLE I: You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II: You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone – not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of idiots, and probably always will be.

ARTICLE III: You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful, do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives

independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV: You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V: You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI: You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim, or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you fry in the electric chair.

ARTICLE VII: You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens, don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen color TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE VIII: You don't have the right to demand that our children risk their lives in foreign wars to soothe your aching conscience. We hate oppressive governments and won't lift a finger to

stop you from going to fight if you'd like. However, we do not enjoy parenting the entire world and do not want to spend so much of our time battling each and every little tyrant with a military uniform and a funny hat.

ARTICLE XI: You don't have the right to a job. All of us sure want you to have a job, and will gladly help you along in hard times, but we expect you to take advantage of the opportunities of education and vocational training laid before you to make yourself useful.

ARTICLE X: You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to PURSUE happiness – which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an overabundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE XI: This is an English speaking country. We don't care where you are from. English is our language. Learn it or go back, for good, to the hole you came from.

If you agree, share this with a friend. No, you don't have to, and nothing tragic will befall you if you don't. I just think is about time common sense is allowed to flourish – call if the age of reason revisited.

SUBMITTED BY MYRA NAIL

## Judgment Day "A book and its cover"

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly into the Harvard University president's outer office and asked for an appointment.

The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

"We want to see the President," the man said softly. "He'll be busy all day," the secretary

snapped. "We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the President, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

"Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave," she said to him. He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, but he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office. The President, stern-faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, "we had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was

accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him somewhere on campus."

The President wasn't touched... he was shocked. "Madam," he said, gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly "we don't want to erect a statue. We though we would like to give a building to Harvard."

The President rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard."

For a moment the lady was silent. The President was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "If that is all it costs to start a University, why don't we just start our own?" Her husband nodded. The President's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the University that bears their name, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them or to them.

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## In Memory Of...

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Joann Stroud (JoJo)	January 4, 2000
Mike Daniels	March 23, 2000
Bear Allred	May 23, 2000
Ken Barentine	May 20, 2001
Edward Lawson Whitton (Easy)	Dec. 25, 2001
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## The Life of a Freedom Fighter

In January of 1737, Thomas Paine was born among the poor in Thetford, England. Unsuccessful at everything he tried, in a country where real liberty was unknown, he happened to meet Benjamin Franklin in London. At the age of 37, in the year 1774 he left England for America with a letter of introduction by the illustrious Franklin.

The people of America were endeavoring to become free men, but trying to do so by the attempt to soften the heart of their master, Great Britain. They did not dream of true independence. In Philadelphia, the year 1776, Thomas Paine struck the first blow for a free republic with his pamphlet "COMMON SENSE." It said that Thomas Paine did more to cause the Declaration of Independence than any other man. He continued to keep the spirit of independence alive when the situation became desperate with the "CRISIS (1776-83)." He called out to the people, "THESE ARE THE TIMES THAT TRY MEN'S SOULS. THE SUMMER SOLDIER, AND THE SUNSHINE PATRIOT, WILL, IN THIS CRISIS, SHRINK FROM THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY; BUT HE THAT STANDS IT NOW DESRVES THE LOVE AND THANKS OF MAN AND WOMAN."

To rally the people to the fact that it was in the colonies best interest to be free, he stated, "TO KNOW WHETHER IT BE THE INTEREST OF THE CONTINENT TO BE INDEPENDENT, WE NEED ASK ONLY THIS SIMPLE, EASY QUESTION: "IS IT

THE INTEREST OF A MAN TO BE A BOY ALL HIS LIFE?" Paine gave himself to the Great Cause until there was "A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE."

After American obtained its independence, Thomas Paine went to England and wrote what is considered his greatest political work, "THE RIGHTS OF MAN" in response to criticism of the French Revolution. In England he was labeled an outlaw for his anti-monarchist views and would have been arrested, had he not fled to France to join the National Convention. In 1792, Paine was elected by the department of Calais as their representative in the National Assembly. He was appointed as one of a committee to draft a constitution for France. Again he was working towards the destruction of tyranny.

The French people had been so robbed by the government, so degraded by the church, that they were not fit material with which to construct a republic. Paine wished to destroy the monarchy—not the monarch. So in 1793, he was imprisoned in France for not endorsing the execution of Louis XVI. In 1794 narrowly escaping execution Paine was freed thanks to the efforts of James Monroe, then U.S. minister to France. Had he been executed he probably would have been known today as one of, if not the greatest freedom fighters of all time, but while imprisoned he began working on "THE AGE OF REASON (1794-96)."

This work would be the beginning of the end for Thomas Paine. For his belief that the Priests were as corrupt as the Kings that skulked behind the altar, he would be called an atheist and for the rest of his days be regarded as moral plague. He was denounced as the most despicable of men. He believed in one God, and no more. After this life he hoped for happiness. He believed that true religion consisted in doing justice, loving mercy, in endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy, and in offering to God the fruit of the heart. He doesn't sound like a moral plague to me.

In 1802 Thomas Paine would return to America on an invitation from Thomas Jefferson. In America he discovered that his contributions to the American Revolution were overshadowed by his religious views. Abandoned by the public and his friends, he died in 1809 in New York City, 73 years old, a drunk and a pauper in the land he helped to free. Thomas Paine was a man with moral courage to speak and write his real thoughts, and to stand by his convictions, even to the very death, a Freedom Fighter.

ARE YOU?

Submitted by Gary Nash

*Again he was working towards the destruction of tyranny.*

### One Member Speaks Out

Are you a member of CBA, the Concerned Bikers Association, a MRO, or are you a member of the Charity Ball Affiliation? When it comes to charity fundraisers, I see a lot of support from the CBA membership and I greatly appreciate everyone's involvement. Nevertheless, when it came to the Turkey Shoot CBA has, where was the support of the membership?

Oh yeah, it was raining; it also rained at the softball game. Yeah it was cold; I nearly froze my backside off at last year's bike show (and a lot of backside it is). Don't even tell me you did not know about the Turkey Shoot, the Brunswick County CBA membership knew. I called everyone listed in the membership directory. Check the membership list to see if your telephone number is listed correctly.

When referring to legislation and passing bills concerning motorcycles Mr. & Mrs. John G. Public says "They won't let that happen." The "they" Mr. & Mrs. Public speak of is the true CBA... a Motorcycle Rights Organization. Did you register to be a member of the "they" club. I did.

Support the organization you are a member of; Brunswick County CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION or just help the charities.

Fighten 4 ya!

Becky Mooney  
Brunswick County Chapter

### In His Wind

Bro's and Bro-ette's,

First of all Happy New Year and all that kind of stuff. Now that we have gotten new calendars, and have to get used to writing '03 instead of '02, now that we have begun the new year do you feel any different? I don't.

I still look the same as I did when I looked in the mirror in December of 2002. I'm not sure if that's a good thing or not, I think I saw a few more gray hairs (and I'm only 30). I guess as years go by things change a bit. Sometimes a man's hair starts leaving his scalp and begins to show up in his ears. Sometimes it moves to his nose. Sometimes it goes to both. How come with some men their eyebrows start getting real thick? Looks like they've got two squirrel tails above their eyes. Ladies don't laugh too much because sometimes y'all start losing your eyebrows and have to color them on. The funny thing is that after y'all color them on, it looks like you've seen a ghost.

But anyway I guess change is just a fact of life. Things like seasons, people, times, Madonna's hair, these things change. Something I know that does not change and that is the Lord God Almighty. He says "For

I am the Lord, I change not." (Malachi 3:6) The Bible does not change. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

I've seen on the news how these roody-poo jabronis are ruling that the Ten Commandments are to be removed from anywhere they can be publicly seen. You can censor the Bible, but it still stands true. You can remove replicas of the Commandments, but they still apply. Another thing that ain't gonna change is that I stand for Jesus Christ. I'm thankful for the opportunity to be CBA Chaplain. I didn't join CBA just so that I could be a Chaplain, I was a CBA member before the Chaplain thing came about. Now I'm getting to do what I'm really called to do. Thank you Jesus, and thank you CBA.

By the way, are you "winterizing" your bike. Not me. I think the best way to "winterize" my bikes is to ride 'em. I rode to work on a cold day and someone said to me "You're riding? Man, you must be crazy." I said "I've never been normal to begin with."

CBA State Chaplain  
Vince Mehaffey  
His Laboring Few Biker Ministry

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## Chapter Letters

### Brunswick Chapter

Hello from Brunswick County chapter! Our chapter had a great bike show in October despite the morning weather, the sun did decide to come out and more riders came rolling in. Check out the 2003 calendar, our ad is there, make plans ahead to come and enjoy yourself. We thank all bikers who entered their bikes or who came by to show your support.

We also had a turkey shoot where fun was had by all. The targets told the final story about who was the best shot, but hey, it didn't matter in the end.

Not to toot our own horn, BUT, our chapter donated \$500.00 to MRF. This is a very good organization, please support it as a chapter or as an individual.

We are planning our lodge Christmas party for December 21. This is where we come together as a group to reward ourselves for all the good work we have done over the past year. This work is not only the legislative but the charity work. I think both are very important when you look at our Constitution and read the six items under the preamble.

We plan to have members at the January state meeting. I understand a lot will be discussed. Til next time, ride safe.

Kaye Mattingly  
 Chapter Secretary

### Carteret/Craven Chapter

Happy Holidays from Carteret / Craven Chapter!

Upcoming Events: For Thanksgiving Day we will be helping His Laboring Few cook at The Hope Mission in Morehead City. On December 8th we will be going to The Howell Center, a home for challenged children, and taking them clothing items and such. They will be putting on a Christmas program for us. On December 14th we will be having our Toys For Tots run.

Two of our members, Chico & Toni were hit while riding to an event on October 26th. A lady that cut thru a parking lot ran right into them. They are both doing better now but need our thoughts and prayers. We are in the process of planning a fundraiser for them.

Now that it has turned a little cooler it is a good time to make sure our bikes are safe and everything is in proper working condition. If all you have been doing is riding all summer and no maintenance has been done then you need to get it done, not just for your safety, but the safety of others as well.

We participated in an event called "Bike For Mike" on November 2nd in Morehead City. This has turned out to be a huge event; we were escorted by two Police Harley's and had approximately 200 bikes following. We were also requested by retired Col. Hank Goddard to ride in the Morehead City Veterans Day Parade.

That's about it for Carteret/Craven. Stay Safe and watch out for everyone else this Holiday Season.

### Chatham Chapter

Hello from Chatham County,

Chatham County had a great autumn this year. We held a Children's Charity ride on November 2nd and raised \$500 (food and poker hands) to help disadvantaged children in Chatham County. The ride touched all four corners of Chatham County and the weather was perfect. The ride was organized in conjunction with a great bunch of guys from the Chatham County Law Enforcement Association. We'd like to thank everyone who came out and supported us.

We would like to congratulate and thank Joy for her campaign efforts. While the outcome of the election was disappointing, Joy's willingness to get out and fight is admired by all. From what I saw

when working a precinct in Bladen County on Election Day, Joy had the cards stacked against her from the beginning. She fought an HONEST and FAIR fight and we are all very proud of her for that. Her integrity and willingness to fight to change the system should be an example for us all.

The 2003 General Assembly begins on Wednesday, January 29th at Noon. Several members of the Chatham County Chapter will be in the gallery at that time. Please join us to show the legislators that we have not gone away and will be there to fight during this new legislative session.

If anyone would like to copy Chatham's Legislative Tutorial Handout, it can be viewed at the below internet address: [http://www.neumannfamily.com/Chatham\\_CBA\\_Legislative\\_Handout-for-web.htm](http://www.neumannfamily.com/Chatham_CBA_Legislative_Handout-for-web.htm)

Chatham County would like send our blessings to the family of Carl Johnson. Carl rode with us recently on our Nov 2nd charity run and as always, was friendly and smiling. We will miss you brother!!! Ride Safe,  
 Vinny Neumann

### Columbus Chapter

It has been an exciting couple of months for Columbus County. We have had a couple of events and are focusing of getting membership and meeting attendance up.

Our chapter held its First Annual Memorial Run in Honor of Downed Riders On Saturday October 12th. The weather was beautiful and we were pleased with the success of the run and the number of folks attending. We placed ads in the local paper trying to call attention to safety issues and the response was good.

In November, we began planning for our 4th Annual Toy Run. All the toys collected go to the local hospice to benefit children in need. Member Doug Klier kindly agreed to dress as Santa and children were coming up to say hello. He was very convincing.

The toy run was held on December 7th, a cold, blustery day. While it wasn't quite as successful as last year, times are hard for many and what we did collect will make many children very happy. Around 30 bikes and fifty people participated.

For both these events we wrote articles for the local paper and included pictures for publishing. We have been building a good relationship with the folks at the paper and are pleased with

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## Coming Soon

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## Chapter Letters (cont.)

*Cont. from Page 8* the results. Several times, they have taken it upon themselves to publish additional announcements for us unasked. We are also working to build relationships with prominent local businesses from whom we can expect support in our endeavors.

At the chapter Christmas party in late December, chapter members presented President, Randy Norris with a Plaque expressing their appreciation for his leadership and dedication to the group. He has been a guiding force in the chapter since its inception and members thought he deserved some recognition.

On the Legislative front, chapter coordinator Sam Nobles is working hard to involve local politicians in our legislative issues. Sam is also a member of the AMA and Chairman of the local AMA Community Council. He has increased interest and membership in that organization as well as our own. He recently received help from Cindy Hodges in developing a Legislative group on yahoo and has posted a number of items that would be beneficial to all chapter coordinators.

The next event is already in the planning stages. It will be our Spring Fling and will be held on April 19th. We have yet to definitively determine the location. Notices will be posted on the state web page when we are certain. Anyone wishing further information or vendor applications may contact the Chapter Secretary at: shannonj@noblescorp.com

We are hoping this event will be more successful than last year. We hope that all CBA members that are able will attend.

We expect January and February will be a little slower for us, giving us time to plan and coordinate the spring event. It's a little colder now, and there are fewer rides. Our minds are in the future, when it will again be warm enough to enjoy the road.

### Raleigh Chapter

Raleigh Chapter hopes each and every one of you had a safe and happy holiday season!! Our Chapter lost one of our dear and loyal members on November 16th. Carl Johnson died at the age of 52. He was a true 24/7 biker. His bike WAS his means of transportation. Frigid weather or downpours did not keep him off his bike. He was a true and loyal bikers rights supporter, and was a true and loyal friend to all of us. We will always feel his loss. He was unique and we will always miss him. Ride free- forever!

We are putting the final touches on our 3rd annual Christmas for Kids to be held in Smithfield. We will be helping over 50 children and their families to have a good holiday. By the time this newsletter comes out, we hope this event is a cherished memory for those who participated and for those families we were blessed enough to help.

Our Chapter wants to express our wishes for the continued growth of CBA, even stronger

unity and strength to accomplish our goals, and for 2003 to be an even greater year for us than 2002! We have the right people on the State level to take us where we need to go. Raleigh will do its best to help accomplish these goals.

### Rowan Chapter

Happy Holidays to everybody,

I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays and getting the time to get in the wind for a little sanity time. I had a blast at the last meeting and swap meet that followed. We had a good showing from our faithful and the weather was perfect for riding. The cold air is coming but there's plenty of good riding left to enjoy this year. We will be riding together for our Christmas dinner next Saturday, Dec 14th. We will be meeting at Blue Bay seafood restaurant in Salisbury at 6:00pm. We will hold our monthly meeting at Blue Bay and then have our raffle drawing to give away the rifle, quilt and \$200 gift certificate. After the drawing we will ride to the Liar's club in Kannapolis. Dress warm and ride on out. If you have to ride in a car, your still invited to join us. They will have a band playing and we will party there until closing. You are welcome to bring guests along. Let's all show up and have a great time together. No Attitudes! If you're feeling grumpy, then stop and fight before you arrive to get it out

Here are a few important dates to mark on your calendars for next year:

**January 18th-** State Meeting in Charlotte

**February 8th-** Our 4th annual Pre-Daytona Poker Run (flyer included)

**First weekend in May-** Freedom Rally at Busco Beach in Goldsboro.

Plan on riding your scooters and attending these CBA/ABATE events. We need your support to make this organization work. We are planning to set a date for our chapter camping trip at the Christmas meeting. Bring your ideas and let's get the planning started early.

This will be the last month for our current officers to serve in their positions. I want to thank all the current officers for their dedication and hard work this past year. We have encountered minor problems and major headaches this past year and our officers have stood strong in the face of adversity. Special Thanks goes to Bro Jeff Hatcher. Hatch has served our chapter faithfully and diligently this year. His leadership, sacrifice and example have been the biggest reasons for our chapter enduring the difficulties and gaining strength. It has been a pleasure serving under Hatch and I look forward to seeing Bro Roger Boger take the Presidents seat and leading us into 2003. Stand strong behind Bro Roger, I know he will continue to lead us in the right direction.

Preacher

### Tar River Basin Chapter

We are busy planning our event for December 14. We have picked up six new members. Some of these new ones are real workers and we really need that. The December event will be a poker run, BBQ, pool shooting, and gun raffle event. We have had great cooperation from the 4 Harley

Davidson shops in our area as well as Ron Ayres Motor Sports and Carolina Motor Sports. We found many willing sponsors. It seems to be going well. It has taken a lot of planning as well as time to properly plan an event.

We have had a great response with our post card to your Congressman Barcia Act promotion. Over 1000 post cards have been sent. We have reprinted the cards and plan to continue into the new Congress.

Hello to all and good luck.

### Chapters Not Reporting

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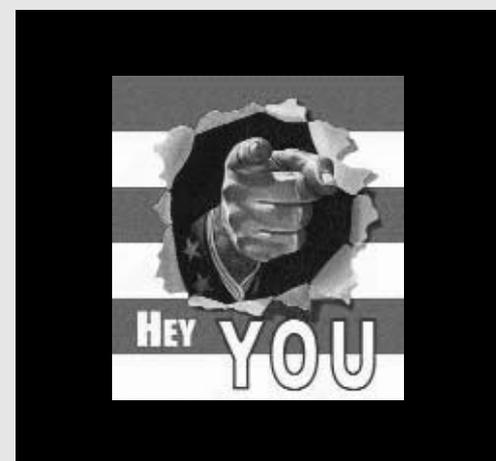
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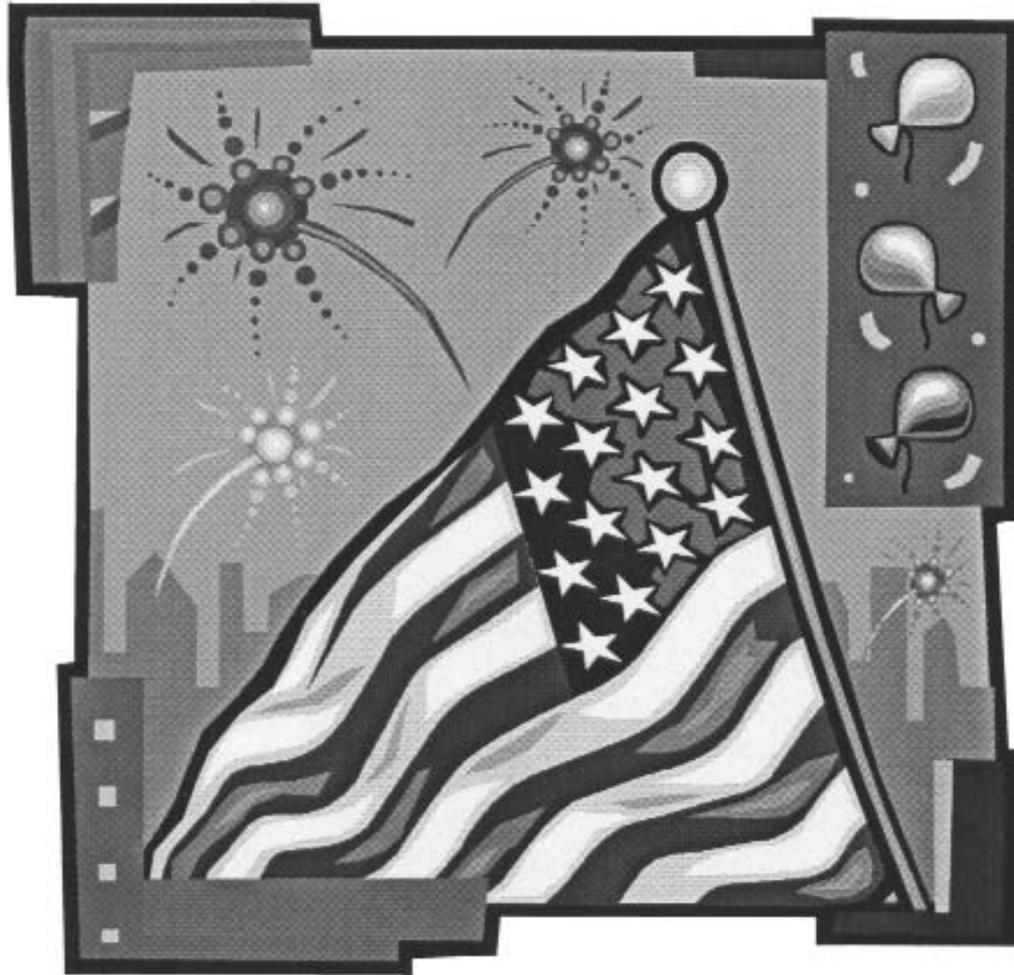
The best answer I have been able to give is "I'm trying".



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**Busco Beach  
Goldsboro NC**

## Advance Notice of Events

### January 18th

#### State Meeting Hosted by Charlotte Chapter

Please join us as we will be honoring Rick Nail with a Lifetime Achievement Award and banquet dinner following the State Meeting. Watch for details on our website [www.cba-abatenc.org](http://www.cba-abatenc.org). Complete details will be furnished in the January/February newsletter edition of FRONTLINE.

### 1st Weekend of May

#### Freedom Rally

First Weekend of May at Busco Beach located in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Featuring live music, MTV Rock the Vote, guest speakers, Ms. Freedom Rally beauty pageant and much, much more. Mark your calendars now for this State event. The facility is amazing with lakeside camping on nice flat ground. Details to follow.

### 1st Weekend of September

#### Labor Day Party

Again, we will take advantage of the great facility at Busco Beach. Details to follow. Mark your calendars and support your own State event.

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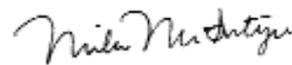
Ms. Debra M. Knox  
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Dear Ms. Knox:

I enjoyed seeing you in Calabash on November 4. After discussing our conversation with my staff and reviewing the documents you send to my office, I am pleased to inform you that I have written The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), requesting that the EPA conduct an independent economic impact study on the proposed rule changes for emissions standards. I have enclosed a copy of this correspondence.

I will notify you when I receive a response. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mike McIntyre  
Member of Congress

MM: kt

# Congressman McIntyre Requests an Economic Impact Study

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November 20, 2002

The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ariel Rios Building North, Room 3000  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
Washington, DC 20460-0001

Dear Administrator Whitman,

I am writing you on behalf of several of my constituents in North Carolina regarding their concerns about unreasonable emissions standards for motorcycles and street bikes.

It has come to my attention that the Environmental Protection Agency will be requiring a reduction in emissions for these types of vehicles. While an economic impact study was conducted, this study was not conducted by the (EPA), but rather by an independent organization, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the EPA conduct an independent economic impact study on the effect that this proposal, if implemented, would have on small businesses in the United States.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
  
Mike McIntyre  
Member of Congress

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Rowan County Concerned Bikers Association

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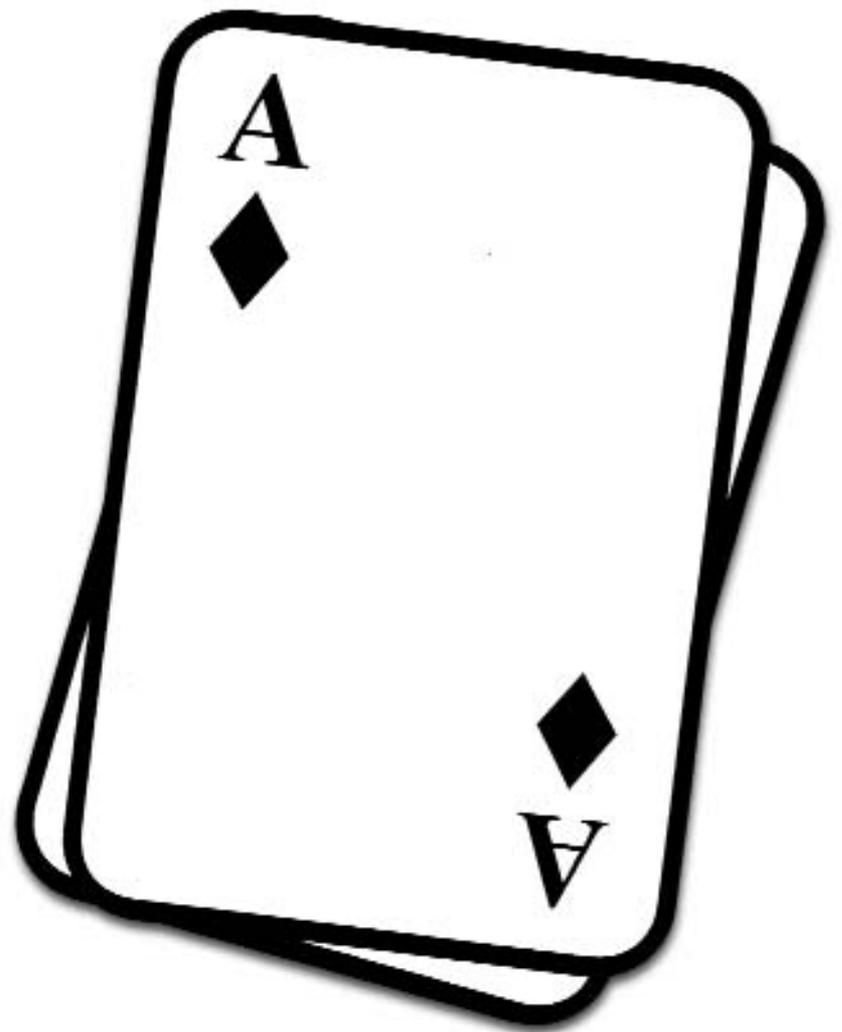
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# Are you a Freedom Rider or a Welfare Rider????

Now there is a question that will turn a lot of heads I'm sure. I'm sure there are many who will quickly jump up and say "I'm a 'Freedom Rider'"

"I got a brand new Harley that I ride on sunny afternoons."

"I ride my Gold Wing to Americade every year."

"I go to Daytona every year."

"I rode in that benefit run last summer."

"Of course I believe in Freedom, I ride a Harley."

"Well of course I'm a "Freedom Rider", I joined that ABATE thing last year at the swap meet, I just haven't had time to go to a meeting or read their newsletter."

"Of course I'm a HOG, Star Society, GWRRA member."

I'm sure there will be others who are asking, "What's a welfare Rider?"

"What do you mean a welfare rider my bike costs 40 grand."

"What do you mean welfare I'm a doctor, lawyer, accountant, whatever."

"What do you mean welfare I don't dress like one of 'them' bikers."

Well first I think we need to take a look at what a welfare rider might be. Is it that guy riding that beat up old import over there? Is it that rider that the media portrays as them 'bad' guys?

What is a rider? Webster's says: a rider is someone who rides, therefore a motorcycle rider is someone who rides a motorcycle.

To me a rider is anyone who chooses to ride a motorcycle. No matter what > they ride, no matter how they dress, no matter what their standing in life. If they ride, they are a rider.

What is Welfare?

We all know what welfare is, assistance from the Government. Something the Government gives you to live life. Most people out there know it's usually a great way of life to be dependent on them to live. Waiting for them to give you what they believe you need to live. So I guess the definition of a 'Welfare Rider' would be someone who his happy to be controlled by his government, when it comes to decisions about riding.

He is content to sit back and watch as more and more of his personal freedoms and liberties are taken away from him. He doesn't get involved with Motorcycle Rights Organizations because he doesn't mind being told he has to wear a helmet and isn't that all they care about?

It doesn't affect him when proposed EPA regulations will forever change the face of motorcycling. His bike just came off the showroom floor and he is very content to ride it just the way it was sold to him. He doesn't care about tamper proof parts; he wasn't going to change anything anyway.

It doesn't affect him when these regulations will

put many small businesses out of work, his job is secure.

He can not fathom the fact that there may come a day when he is told, by law, what to ride, where to ride, when to ride, whom he can ride with, and what to wear while he's riding.

Well I bet a lot of you are probably thinking I'm crazy. Well, you might be right.

Some of you are probably wondering what I think a Liberty rider is? Well to me liberty is the ability to live my life the way I choose, without being over governed. I believe that as an adult I have the right to make my own choices as long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others. I also



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## Chapter Letter Late Addition

### Charlotte Chapter

Charlotte has made it through our fall swap meet and bike show and our Toys for Tots 2002. They were both very successful. We did a Thanksgiving dinner for Lee's Living Center and we will take Santa to visit the residents before Christmas. That is always a lot of fun and the residents love it. Our chapter is looking forward to a very good year next year. On January 18th, we will host the state meeting again and look forward to the chance to redeem ourselves to all who stood out in the heat at the last meeting. Now you get to stand out in the cold. Just kidding!!! We do look forward to the awards banquet after the meeting. Let's remember to keep the meeting at the meeting and enjoy each others company at the party.

Congratulations to all the new officers who will take over in 2003 and thanks to the ones leaving office for all of their hard work. Let's make 2003 the most productive year yet. Charlotte will give it our best shot.



Charity cannot exist without freedom and liberty. The right to keep what I earn and give it as I see fit is exclusive to a free society.

*Wayne Balukas*

## Freedom Rider or Welfare Rider (cont.)

believe that I have the right to question and try to change my Government when they infringe upon my personal rights.

I believe that I should have the right to ride what I want, when I want, where I want, with whom I want, and dressed the way I choose. So has everyone answered the first question yet? What kind of rider are you? There is only one person that can answer that question and that is you.

Please remember that not all welfare riders are in that class because they want to be; Hell I'll bet many of them have never even looked at things this way. Many have never been informed that they are losing more and more liberties each day.

Some people have been liberty riders only to give it up due to outside reasons and decided it wasn't worth it. Some have allowed themselves to believe that there is nothing they can do to change it. How many have said "I'm not 'that' kind of rider so it doesn't matter to me."?

There's a poem I read years ago that sums that up for me, it's following this letter.

How many SMRO's have seen their memberships decline over personal conflicts?

How many more liberties are we going to allow them to take away before we get involved?

How many fellow bikers are we going to bury because the Government spends more money to pass laws to protect us from ourselves, than it does to educate other drivers, who are at fault about 85% of the time in Car/Motorcycle accidents.

When will they decide that our lives are just as valuable as those who choose to drive other vehicles?

How many small businesses will have to close due to Government over-regulation?

Well, I hope that I have a lot of you thinking now. I hope you are thinking that the time to get involved and be a 'liberty rider' is now. I hope that you are wondering what you can do to get involved in the fight for liberty.

One thing you can do is get involved with you local ABATE chapter. "Awwwwww man, you mean I've got to join something?" Well yes, I believe you do. How else are you going to stay informed of the things that affect you and motorcycling? "But, I'm already a member of HOG, Star Society, or GWRRA." And when was the last time they sent you information pertaining to your rights and liberties?

Riding groups are fine, but they were not created to fight for your rights. "But I ride in all of those benefit rides every year" When was the last time one of those organizations stood up for the rights of riders? They are there to raise funds for whatever cause it is, and some are very good ones, but they are not there to fight for your rights.

ABATE was created to give riders a place to go to

stand up for their rights. We send newsletters to our members to keep them informed. We have meetings to give them a place to have their voices heard. We work to make our members and the public more aware. We work to implement legislation that gives us the right to ride what we want, when we want, where we want, and with whom we want, without unnecessary restrictions. We work to make the public more aware of our presence on the roadways, therefore hoping to reduce the number of accidents and deaths. We work to introduce the lifestyle of riding to everyone who wishes to share it.

Whether you ride everyday or only when the sun is shining, whether you dress in a suit and tie, the colors of your club, or anything in-between, whether you ride a Harley or a Honda, a Beemer or a Bourget. All that matters is you ride, and if you don't get involved, someday you may not ride at all.

Well by now I hope you are better able to answer that first question. I personally don't think that there is one clear cut answer. I think most people can fall into both categories with varying degrees. There are many freedom riders out there. They are involved with ABATE and other MRO's. They believe that they need to stay involved and work to keep their liberties and freedoms. There are many who have joined an MRO and just haven't had the time to get involved. There are also those that give as much time as they can devote to this. And like all things this comes in varying degrees. Some people have the time to become officers and continue the fight. Some only have time to join and read their newsletter and maybe write a letter once in a while when needed. There are many that attend our events because they know that only together can we become strong enough to have liberty prevail.

I hope that by reading this you will be able to

answer to yourself the question that I asked. Here is a simple test that I use:

Are you a freedom fighter? Do you ride for liberty? Have you done your best for biker rights? If so take the "Mirror Test."

Mirror Test: Each morning when you first look into the mirror, look straight into your eyes and ask yourself "Have I done that which I can do to the best of my ability?" If the answer is no try to find something more to do that day. The best answer I have been able to give is "I'm trying."

Nasty' Noel Baker

ABATE of New York Inc.

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Russell Johnson  
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