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HB-965: It isn't over until they turn out the lights!

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JULY/AUGUST 2003

Coming Events July / August

July 19
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August 29 – 31
Busco Beach Bash
State Event and
Battle of the Bands

**IS YOUR EVENT
MISSING?**

Letter from the Editor...

Happy Summer Brothers and Sisters—

We have made some noise in Raleigh this year. At the time of this writing, we have experienced a setback with our Right of Way Violation bill. We are not ready to throw in the towel yet!!! At a grassroots level, we have just been given a lesson in Civics 101 and everyone who participated in any fashion is to be congratulated. Thanks goes out to many but this old broad would particularly like to recognize Sam Nobles, Jim and Peg Burns, Vinny Neumann and Wayne and Becky Mooney. They showed up quite consistently at committee meetings and the gallery. Special, special thanks to Sam and Peg. They have been busting their you know whats up there. We all appreciate the sacrifice. It is quite a trek from Columbus and Brunswick Counties.

On a different note, for those of you that worked so hard at Freedom Rally 2003, a huge thank you. This event will gain momentum folks. The location is stellar and the possibilities for this event to make our organization some money for our important legislative work has no boundaries. If you couldn't be there, better make plans for next year. A good time was had by all and especially... ahem... by yours truly. For those that witnessed that spectacle I won't apologize for having fun but I can tell you, the band hasn't called me to go on tour so I guess I will have to stick with my current employment. Tee Hee!!!!

On a serious note folks... the rate of loss for our brothers and sisters has been unacceptable this season... more than I can ever remember. I personally have lost someone in my life weekly since Easter Sunday including the tragic death of the MRF President Buck Kittredge. Our organization must gear up and get motorcyclists involved in safety, education and awareness programs. More on that later. Please, please be careful.

*In the Wind,
Crazy Deb*



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Legislative Update

These Are The Times That Try Mens Souls

Legislative Update as of June 5, 2003

HB-54 Awareness Month Proclamation. Believe it or not, it may not be dead yet. I've been trying to decide whether to even mention this because it is a slim chance. Rep. Hill is going to see if he can maneuver a House Joint Resolution around the existing bills in the House and Senate. Earlier in the session, bills like this one didn't do very well because the legislators got off to a slow start. I pointed out that they are still hearing resolutions in the House. He's going to talk to Chairman Culpepper (Rules Committee) and see if there is a way to pull it off. If not, he said he would be happy to introduce it again next session as a joint resolution. Maybe this time we can do it without our trigger-happy friend in the Senate.

HB-670 Helmet Bill. Our primary sponsors have seen that we are not going to sit back and watch. They are trying to get the bill hear but it looks like it still may get pushed into the short session. At this point that may be for the best. With the legislature pushing to end session before the 4th of July, next week is probably the last week that the committees will be hearing bills. Rep. Hill told me that they will be "blowing those bills through there". Any of you that have attended a J-III meeting know that when the want to "blow one through", the bill involved usually gets the stinky end of the stick. Besides that, we just put a burr under Sutton's saddle and he's probably still a little cranky. He is a fair man though... I have seen that. He will not be a deliberate obstacle to us. There is even talk about a study committee. While that can be a place for bills to go to die, Rex Baker pointed out to me that there has been a House Select Committee on Motorcycle Safety set up since last session, but has never been called to meet. Who knows? We are just going to have to ride this one out. To push any hard-

er at this point will just end up hurting us. I will keep you posted.

HB-965 Right of Way Bill. This one I've got better news on!! To bring you up to date, we passed in the House 106-1. We were voted favorable in committee with no amendments in the Senate. Now we go to the Senate floor for a vote. My own senator R.C. Soles will be speaking for the bill. He is the senior senator in Raleigh this session. Please call your own senator and ask for his vote. The bill should be on the calendar by Tuesday or Wednesday. I know I just said that last week but we hit a glitch. This bill has been a MAG-NET for glitches. Every movement it's made has been eleventh hour and got in just under the wire. This time, the committee passed it but didn't send it to be put on the calendar because they were waiting on a fiscal note. They then find out a fiscal note is not required for this bill and release it. As of today, it is straightened out and has been released. That's the reason that if you look on the General Assembly website, it may show the bill being passed today instead of last Thursday. I sure would love to see you when it goes to the floor. From the feedback I'm getting, I think we are actually going to win one. This has been a booger - let's party!!!

Again, I can't thank you enough for coming through week. I am watchin' them.

Sam Nobles

LATE BREAKING NEWS from the Editor!!!

In what can only be described as disappointing and really heartbreaking, our bill was referred back to committee after a firestorm of questions from Senator Tony Rand. I was on hand to witness the apparent defeat of a bill that was almost home. We are pushing a serious deadline but it ain't over till it's over. Sam leaped into action and came



Supporters of HB-965 assemble.

up with a plan. There is now a slim chance we can still push this over the top. You will be notified when and if this bill moves along. They might as well realize that we aren't going anywhere however. Historically, this was a powerful show of force and one of our bills got farther than ever. Are we satisfied? Hell no!!!!!! We will keep pushing this year, next year and years into the future until we get our elected officials to listen.

Did You Know?

Information From Your A.I.M. Attorney

DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF MOTORCYCLE ATTIRE IS ILLEGAL

Article L, Section I of the North Carolina Constitution provides that "all persons are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness". Article L Section 19 of the North Carolina Constitution provides that "no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws..." In *Cohen v. California*, 403 U.S. 15 (1971), the United States Supreme Court ruled that American citizens have the first amendment right to wear clothing that displays writings or designs. Additionally, the right of freedom of association has long been recognized and protected by the United States Supreme Court. Accordingly, in North Carolina an individual's right to wear motorcycle attire is constitutionally protected, and individuals or establishments who discriminate on the basis of motorcycle attire are subject to lawsuit.

Businesses: Don't subject yourself to civil and criminal penalties and to expensive and time-consuming lawsuits. Don't discriminate against people wearing colors or motorcycle attire.

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Why Are We Here?

On May 2nd, the first annual Freedom "Rally" was held at Busco Beach in Goldsboro, NC. If you were there, you already know how cool Busco Beach is for holding a bike rally. The camping sites all feature shade trees and a lake or river view. The facilities include beach access, a game room with pool tables and video games, new showers, a new large bandstand, and a peaceful, relaxed setting. Busco is a perfect place for a large rally. The Board of Directors worked hard to find a central location for our annual rally and they are right on target with Busco Beach.

If you were not there, you have to ask yourself... why? With more than 1600 CBA members in NC, there should have been more than 20% (350) in attendance at the biggest, most important event of the year. We all know that on any given weekend approximately 25% of us are subject to business travel, family birthdays, anniversaries, and sicknesses. Those commitments are unavoidable. That still leaves approximately half of all members who just didn't want to attend and also didn't want to donate the price of a ticket to help bring this organization to the next level. We all knew about this rally 6 -12 months ago so scheduling shouldn't have been an issue. The first weekend in May is always Freedom Run (Rally) weekend in NC.

The role of the member is to be part of the support system. We should attend important rallies, meetings, and fundraisers. If we are not doing that, why are we here? Why did we join the CBA? And why do we complain about discrimination against bikers, when half of us are not willing to support the efforts to combat that discrimination?

Several comments were made that warrant discussion:

"Why was it so expensive?" If you camp at any state park in NC at a non-electric campsite, you will pay \$12 per night plus \$4 admission into the park. If you went to see the Southern Rock All Stars at a concert, you would pay \$25+. The cost of this

weekend was fair and just. In this case, you received more than you paid for.

"Why do I have to pay admission just to go and work?" CBA is a volunteer organization. We are a grass roots rights organization. That means we all chip in and work for free, for the betterment of the cause. Board Members, Chapter Presidents and Officers work much more than the average member works. Ask Deb Knox how she found the time to mail out 20,000 Freedom Rally flyers to over 4000 businesses, clubs, and organizations. Ask Beaver, Russ, Cotton, Cindy, Mike H, Mike M, Randy, Jan, Allen, Sam, Aaron, Bobby, Kyle, Eldon, Jocelyn and others how they found the time to organize this large event! If you don't know these people by their first name, you are missing out. This weekend was all about getting to know other members that share common interests. Definitely not what I call "work".

The Freedom "Run" was changed to the Freedom "Rally" to take the CBA/ABATE organization to the next level; to take us to a place where we have money to open an office in Raleigh to serve as our legislative base of operations. The goal is to have enough money to pay people to stay in Raleigh and keep the pressure on the legislators. Joy Barbour, Sam Nobles, Peggy Burns, Cindy and Mike Hodges, Ditch, and others have done an EXCELLENT job sacrificing their schedules to be in Raleigh. We need more help. The same 20 people can't keep representing the other 1580+ members. Dedicated people eventually burn out. What they need is motivation. Motivation comes from seeing others in the organization join in and become active. I was motivated on March 26, 2003 when I saw members of the Randolph chapter in the gallery when our sponsors introduced the helmet bill. They drove 4 hours round-trip on a work day just to sit there and support the organization. I was also motivated on April 12, 2003 when I walked into the state meeting in Brunswick County and saw how hard Jocelyn was working with our products, and how far people like

Eldon Moore (Asheville) and Aaron Tedder (Union County) had to drive just to get to the meeting.

If you can't go down to the legislature on a regular basis, and if you can't be an officer who adds real value to the organization, then PLEASE at least attend the Freedom Rally and contribute a few dollars so this organization can move forward and get things done. It takes time, talent and money. If you can't contribute your time or talent, please contribute the price of a Freedom Rally ticket.

The average motorcyclists in North Carolina doesn't care enough about their rights to join an MRO. Per the AMA, there are 160,000 street riders in NC. That means only one percent (1600) of all NC street riders belong to an MRO. We as CBA members set the agenda. We set the tone. And we carry the load. Just joining the CBA isn't enough. Supporting the organization is the fun and rewarding part. Many people can do many things. Everyone has something they do well. CBA needs everyone's skills, intellect and fortitude. Putting a CBA patch on your vest and then letting 350 members do the work of 1600+ members, just doesn't cut it. We certainly can't convince non-members to attend the Freedom Rally next year unless we are setting an example and also attending.

The thirty to fifty members who did all the work to facilitate the Freedom Rally get de-motivated by the lack of CBA member attendance. Whether you can go for 2 days, 2 hours, or 2 minutes, the cost of a Freedom Rally ticket should be looked upon as a donation to the state to increase, expand, and solidify our legislative efforts in Raleigh. Many other state ABATE organizations hold similar rallies. Those states have built up their rallies to fund their annual legislative goals. Our goal is also to fund all annual legislative efforts with this one large event. If we just support the state on this event, the rest will be easy. We all have to sacrifice just a little to move us forward. You've all heard the quotes ... "Freedom is not free" "The world is run by people who show up". We as bikers throw them around all the time. We are judged by what we do for our organization and by whether we show up when they really need us.

This year's Freedom Rally was a first class event. From the huge bike show trophies and top notch entertainment, to the Vietnam Vets ceremony and tranquil venue. This rally had it all.

If you were not there this year, we hope you will take an active role in supporting your organization next year by attending Freedom Rally '04; first weekend in May 2004.

For those of you who could not attend, but would still like to contribute to the Freedom Rally 2003 Legislative Fund, please forward donations to our state treasurer. Make checks payable to:

CBA/ABATE of NC
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Hope to see you all at Freedom Rally 2004.

Vinny Neumann.
Chatham County Chapter
<http://www.ChathamCBA.com>

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Mike Daniels	March 23, 2000
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JESUS,
who died for me.
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repent and turn to you.
JESUS, I ask you now to
come in my heart that we might ride
together daily. I dedicate myself and
my scooter to serving you.
Thank you LORD for my salvation!
Thank you, for I am now
"In HIS Wind"
Amen.

Our Message Is Louder Than Our Pipes

In His Wind

Bro's and Bro-ette's,

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain. Teaching as doctrines the rules of men." Matthew 15:8,9

These words were quoted by Jesus almost 2000 years ago. The words were actually written about 700 years before that. Isaiah 29:13 The Lord was talking about hypocrites. Jesus had dealt with hypocrites when he walked on the earth, so don't be surprised they're still around today. I myself have been run over by hypocrites before. I've heard stories (for example) of people being asked to leave a church if they don't have the right kind of clothes. I wore a Harley doo-rag to a church one time and one person took a very rude attitude with me. On an occasion or two I nearly walked away from God because of that. For some weird reason, in any crowd the few troublemakers make things difficult for everyone. If one or two bikers make headlines by robbing a bank, killing a little ole' lady, running over a dog with their bike, or even the unthinkable... ripping one of those tags off a mattress, then people see all bikers as a threat. People who follow Christ sometimes experience the same thing. I know there are hypocrites that call themselves Christian, but that's no reason to reject Jesus Christ. I've seen fake people, but I've also seen real people too. In fact I've seen more real than fake. To be real does not mean to be perfect, because if you look for the wrong in someone, you'll find it. But if someone is real, you'll be able to tell. "I don't have nothin' to do with God because of all the hypocrites." Man, if I had a dollar for every time I've heard that I could buy that \$30,000 chopper that I like and not owe any payments after that. If you've ever said that before, no I'm not coming down on you. In fact, I'm sorry for whatever you may have experienced, but if you're rejecting Jesus because of it, you're playing with fire. "So then each of us shall give account of him/herself to God." Romans 14:12.

The hypocrites you won't have to answer for but you will have to answer for you and whether you're real or whether you're fake is up to you. I wanna challenge you to be different. I wanna challenge you to be real. I wanna challenge you to make a difference. Takes a real man or woman to serve God. Any wuss can serve Satan. If you want to, pray the Biker's Prayer. Ride with Jesus and you will kick Satan's asphalt.

Biker's Prayer

God, I know you are real. Thank you for being in the wind with me even before I ask. Thank you for your son Jesus, who died for me. Forgive me of my sins for I truly repent and turn to you. Jesus, I ask you now to come into my heart that we might ride together daily. I dedicate myself and my scoot to serving you. Thank you Lord for my salvation! Thank you for I am now "in his wind." Amen.

CBA State Chaplain
Preacher Vince
His Laboring Few
Biker Ministry of Jesus Christ

Chapter Letters

FOLKS...WE GOTTA DO BETTER THAN THIS. THANKS TO THE CHAPTERS WHO SENT LETTERS!!!!

Chatham County

Hello from Chatham County,

Chatham County has a new web address. Please take a look at our upgraded web site that contains many new documents, upgraded old documents, new links and new pictures. There are even Freedom Rally 2003 pictures on our new site. <http://www.ChathamCBA.com>

Members from Chatham who went to the Freedom Rally had a great time and would to thank the many people who volunteered to help with this incredible event. The weather was perfect, the venue was perfect, the attendees had a great time, and we are all looking forward to next year. Where do I buy my VIP tickets for Freedom Rally 2004?

Chatham held a successful yard sale at the NC Fairgrounds on April 27th and has the following events planned. Please see our new web site for more info on these events:

- Asheboro Museum Run – Saturday, May 24, 2003
- Chatham Children's Run – Saturday May 31, 2003
- Pilot Mountain Run – Saturday June 7, 2003
- Battleship Run to Wilmington – Sat. June 21, 2003
- Goldston Breakfast Run – Saturday June 28, 2003
- Fisher River Bike Festival Run – Sat. July 12, 2003
- Chatham CBA Blood Drive – Sat. August 23, 2003
- Ride to the All Harley Drags – Rockingham – Sunday, October 5, 2003
- Wine, Art and Music Festival Run – Saturday, October 25, 2003
- Chatham Children's Christmas Charity Run – Saturday, November 15, 2003

Support YOUR state CBA!
Attend Freedom Rally 2004!

Ride Safe, Ride Free
Vinny Neumann

Davidson Chapter

Hey everyone! It's been awhile since we have submitted an article but we have been busy in Davidson County. Here's a recap of what's been going on here. We started off our year with a great "Spaghetti Dinner Benefit" to help our chapter and a local Volunteer Fire Department. It was a fun time to have the Bikers and the Firemen working side by side to raise money.

Next thing was helping the Central District raise funds for its treasury by helping with the park-

ing lot at the Charlotte Swap Meet. After all that we geared up and got ready for the FREEDOM RALLY. Needless to say we had a great time. Saw a lot of old friends and met a bunch of new ones at the same time. All of our members that went said they CAN'T WAIT for the Labor Day Event!! We are a small chapter but had 50% of our membership there! The only upcoming thing that we will have is July 25th. It will be a poker run to raise money for our chapter. Flyers will be sent out soon. See ya'll on the road.

Cindy Hutton
Davidson County Secretary

Randolph Chapter

Happy 4th of July from Randolph County!!

Upcoming Events:

- July 20 – MDA Ride
- Sept. 28 – Bear Memorial Ride
- Nov. 2 – "The Showdown". See area custom bike shops compete for winner-take-all honors at our fall bike show and swap meet. Music – Contests – Vendors – Food – Giveaways. You don't want to miss this one!!

Important News: Our chapter supported this year's Relay for Life campaign with Angela's Ride on April 6 where we raised over \$6700.00 and by walking in the Asheboro Relay for Life Walk on May 16. Next, congrats to members Tim and Mindi Hess who got hitched May 10 and then threw a great party that afternoon.

Comments: Way to go CBA! We had some 30 members at the Freedom Rally and everyone said it was great! Most can't wait until the next one! Our thanks to everyone who made this event possible!

For more information on these and other chapter events, call our officers or check out our website at www.randolphcocba1@tripod.com.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003
HOUSE BILL 670

Short Title: Motorcycle Safety Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Williams, Sauls, Hill, A. Williams; Baker, Blackwood, Blust, Daughtridge, Eddins, Ellis, Frye, Gorman, Hilton, L. Johnson, Justice, Lewis, McGee, McHenry, Munford, Preston, Setzer, Sexton, Stiller, Walker, and West.

Referred to: Judiciary III, if favorable, Finance.

March 26, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF HELMETS BY OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS ON MOTORCYCLES AND TO ADJUST THE FEE ON PRIVATE MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-140.4(a) reads as rewritten:

HB670 - Helmet Bill

"(a)No person shall operate a motorcycle or moped upon a highway or public vehicular area:

- (1) When the number of persons upon such on a motorcycle or moped, including the operator, shall exceed exceeds the number of persons which that it was designed to carry.
- (2) Unless the operator and all passengers there on wear safety helmets of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.Vehicles, except that:
 - a. If the operator is 21 years of age or older and has had a motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement for more than 12 months, then the operator may operate the motorcycle without a helm et.
 - b. If the operator is allowed to operate a motorcycle without a helmet, pursuant to sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision and the passenger is 21 years of age or older, then

the passenger may ride without a helmet."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-87(6) is repealed.

SECTION 3. G.S. 20-87 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.

These shall be paid to the Division annually, as of the first day of January, for the registration and licensing of passenger vehicles, fees according to the following classifications and schedules:

- (12) Private Motorcycles. - The fee on private passenger motorcycles shall be fourteen dollars (\$14.00). When a motorcycle is equipped with an additional form of device designed to transport persons or property, the fee shall be twenty-one dollars (\$21.00). Five dollars (\$5.00) of the fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be used, in addition to any other funds appropriated for this purpose, to fund the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program established pursuant to G.S. 115D-72."

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective October 1, 2003.

HB54/SB32 - May Motorcycle Awareness Month

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003
HOUSE BILL 54

Short Title: Motorcycle Awareness Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hill, Stiller (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Carney, Church, Cunningham, Hilton, Justice, LaRoque, Lucas, Luebke, Munford, Pate, Sauls, Setzer, Sherrill, Starnes, Walenda, A. Williams, K. Williams and Wright.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 20, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING MAY OF EACH YEAR AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH.

Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation and transportation for thousands of people across the State and nation; and

Whereas, the safety of motorcycle riders should be of great concern to all motor vehicle operators; and

Whereas, it is especially important that the citizens of our State be aware of motorcycles on the streets and highways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

Whereas, all motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, and highway safety officials should join in actively promoting safe operations, increased rider training, improved licensing efforts, and motorist awareness; and

Whereas, during May, all highway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways throughout the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read: "103-11. Motorcycle Awareness Month.

The month of May of each year is designated as Motorcycle Awareness Month in North Carolina."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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HB965: Right-of-Way Violation Bill

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003
HOUSE BILL 965

Short Title: Failure to Yield Causing Death or Injuries. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hill; Church and Pate.
Referred to: Judiciary III. April 9, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO CAUSE BODILY INJURY OR DEATH WHEN FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-160.1. Failure to yield causing injury or death; penalties.

(a) Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, a person who commits the offense of failure to yield while approaching or entering an intersection, turning at a stop sign or yield sign, entering a roadway, upon the approach of an emergency vehicle, or at highway construction or maintenance shall be punished in the following manner:

(1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, when there is bodily injury resulting from the violation, the violator shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(2) When there is serious bodily injury but no death resulting from the violation, the violator shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for 90 days.

(3) When a death results from the violation, the violator shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and the violator's drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for six months.

(b) As used in this section, "bodily injury" means a cut, abrasion, bruise, burn, disfigurement, physical pain, illness, any impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty, or any other injury to the body, no matter how temporary. "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that involves a substantial risk of death, extreme physical pain, protracted and obvious disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ or mental faculty.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.



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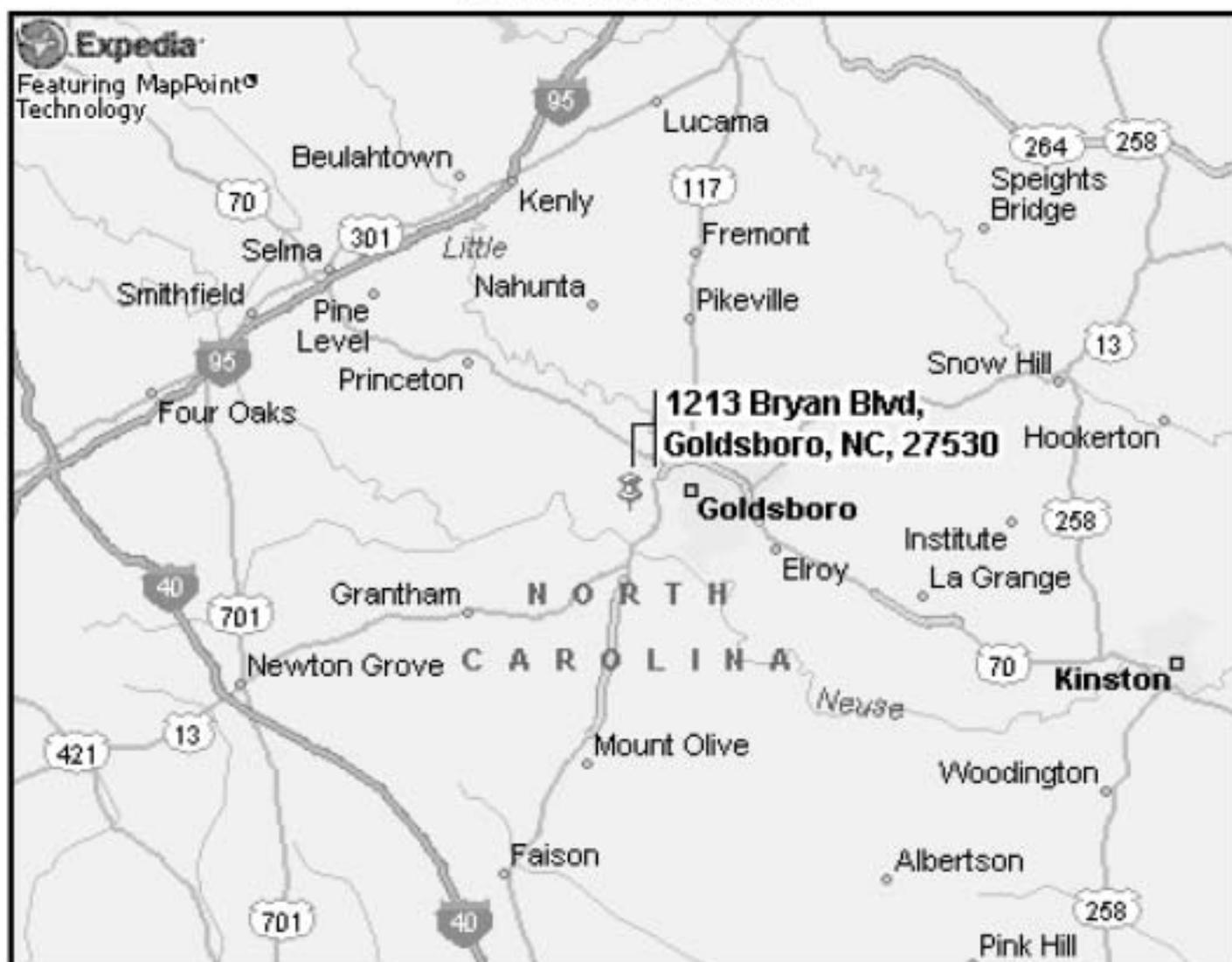
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From Route 70

Take US 70 East. At US 13 US 70 exit, turn right onto US 13/117. Turn right at Burger King/Amoco onto SR1926 (Old Mount Olive) for about 1/10 mile. Go around concrete median and bear left onto SR1222 (Bryan Boulevard). Follow signs to Busco Beach and CBA Event. It is about 1.8 miles on this road to event site.

From Charlotte Area

I-85 to I-40. At I-40 Exit 306, turn off onto Ramp. Bear right onto US 70 E. At US 13 US 70 exit, turn right onto US 13/117. Turn right onto SR1926 (Old Mount Olive). There is an Burger King/Amoco at this corner and a light. Go around concrete median and bear left onto SR1222 (Bryan Boulevard). Follow signs to Busco Beach and CBA Event. It is about 1.8 miles on this road to event site.

From Route 74 Monroe area

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We recommend Expedia.com for directions from your location.

Event site address:

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Why Don't They Spend the Money on Safety Education

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced a proposed survey (U.S. Docket Number NHTSA-2003-14375) that the agency claims is committed to developing effective programs that can reduce the incidence of motorcycle crashes.

Recently, NHTSA sponsored an effort to assess future needs regarding motorcycle safety. Recommendations from the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS) indicated that additional research is needed to determine characteristics and factors leading to motorcycle crashes. NHTSA notes this proposed study supports the NAMS and future efforts to reduce motorcycle injuries and

deaths by providing updated information about rider operator characteristics, attitudes and behaviors. Of particular interest will be comparisons of the training, experience, attitudes and behaviors of those operators who have been involved in crashes versus those who have not.

The proposed survey will be administered using face-to-face interviews. Motorcycle operators, both licensed and non-licensed will be included, with a special emphasis on riders over 40 years of age. Participation by respondents will be strictly voluntary. The basic interview will vary from 8-10 minutes; whereas for crash involved operators, an additional 5 minutes of questions will be administered.

The average interview should last approximately 12 minutes.

The findings from this proposed survey would assist NHTSA in addressing the problem of motorcycle operator safety. NHTSA would use the findings to help focus current programs and activities to achieve the greatest benefit, to develop new programs, to decrease the likelihood of such crashes and to provide informational support to states, localities, law enforcement agencies and motorcyclists that will aid them in their efforts to reduce motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities.

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