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God Bless Our Troops

Though they are far from home
they are close to our hearts



Bills on the floor... See Legislative Update

MAY/JUNE 2003

Coming Events May / June

May 16-18
Outer Bank's Poker Run
Carteret Craven

May 24-25
Rolling Thunder
See Carteret Craven
to hook up

May 31
"Just For Fun" Run
Buncombe Chapter

June 1
Monthly Breakfast Ride
Randolph County

June 7
Bikini Bike Wash & BBQ
Carteret Craven

June 21
Olivia's 2nd Annual
Poker Run
Carteret Craven

June 26
Blood Drive Challenge
Randolph County

June 28-29
Hot Springs
Buncombe Chapter

Letter from the Editor...

First, I would like to apologize to the chapters that have contacted me with listing errors. Somewhere along the line, the new file got switched for the old file, hence the errors. Please check the chapter listing carefully this time around so it can be right... finally.

Secondly, the legislative season is shaping up to be a busy one. Sam Nobles is working hard to give you as much notice as possible and to avoid calling you unless it is really necessary. Please be ready to answer the call so we can pack the committee meetings full. With the introduction of our proclamation, our helmet bill and the right of way violation bill (which will be a hotly debated one I have heard), we need to be ready to spring into action. We have experienced more cooperation this year than usual, however and we will accept that as a gift from Raleigh. Ready...set... go!

There is lots to be done. It is the biker busy season and the really good riding weather is here so you all be careful out there!!!!

*In the Wind,
Crazy Deb*



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Legislative Update

Things Are Heating Up in Raleigh

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 4/06/03

It's been a very busy few months in Raleigh this session because we've got a lot on our plates this year. Because of this, I have had to focus primarily on issues that we are addressing at the state level. While there are many other issues on the national level, and they need to be pursued, I will leave those to our MRF and NCOM reps. to fill you in on. In this report, I will try to bring you up to date on the three bills we are working on in our organization.

HB-54/SB-32

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

The week after opening day, I was in Raleigh to begin meeting with the legislators to inform them on the issues that we were concerned with. I stopped by Sen. Stan Bingham's office because he was supportive of our helmet bill last session, and to my knowledge, is the only one on the senate side who rides. I was trying to find a supporter to introduce companion bills in the senate. I mentioned to him that my Representative, Dewey Hill, was going to introduce a joint resolution to make May Motorcycle Awareness month every year, and that we wanted to use that as a building block for a public awareness media campaign. Evidently, he liked the idea so much that he ignored the part about it already being in the works. He decided, on his own, to introduce a bill doing just that in the senate. Unfortunately, by doing so he shot us in the foot. Not only did that bill circumvent the joint resolution, the wording in his bill was atrocious. There was a line in the wording (Whereas, due to the hazards created by motorcycling...) that made it appear that we are the problem, not the other drivers.

I immediately went to Rep. Hill to let him know that we were not trying to go around him, or to speed up the process, but that Sen. Bingham had jumped the gun and done this on his own. He said that it was not a problem, he would introduce a companion bill with better wording, and the only thing it would do is slow down the process. I then went to Bingham to ask him about the wording problem. He agreed that the wording was a problem. He had used the wording from another state's proclamation, and had not picked up on that line. He is going to amend the wording in committee to match the wording in HB-54, so if you want to view the bill text on the General Assembly's website pull up HB-54. That is what the finished product will look like.

Both bills were assigned to Rules and Operations in their respective bodies. Rep. Culpepper is chair of that committee in the House, and Sen. Rand in the Senate. I am working with both now to get the bills on the committee calendars. While the situation with Bingham complicated things, please do not gripe at him as he was only trying to help, and we will definitely need him later. I only brought this up to explain why what should have been a simple matter is taking so long. This bill should be a no-brainer and sail right through, but it wouldn't hurt to contact the members of the committees to let them know we are involved and we all want this.

HB-670 Motorcycle Safety Act

Our helmet bill went in this session with 4 primary sponsors and 21 co-sponsors. This means we are already coming out of the gate with support from

20% of the house. It was assigned to Judiciary-III and then Finance. As you all know, this is going to be a tough one and will require a lot of work on our parts. I am very optimistic about this year though. I don't know why, but there seems to be a very different atmosphere in the legislature this year. We are being received very differently, and taken more seriously. It may be that there are 39 new legislators. It may be that we are pursuing much more than just the helmet bill. We also have at least three Harley ridin' reps. in the House, who are drawing a lot of attention. We also hit the ground running very hard, very early in the session. I imagine it's a combination of all of these things, and some we'll never know about.

Reps. John Sauls, Keith Williams, and Arthur Williams were three of the primary sponsors of our bill. (Dewey Hill was the fourth) Sauls and Keith Williams were both determined to pass this bill from the day they got there. Arthur Williams is a different story. Several years ago, he was on the Kyle Petty Charity Run and was involved in an accident. He swears that a helmet saved his life, and will be happy to tell you the story over and over again. Kyle Petty even flew with him in the Med-Evac helicopter to the hospital. When I first spoke to him, he told me there was no way he could ever see his way clear to support our bill. However, after hearing from many of us and some pressure from Sauls and the other Williams, he has gone from being dead set against us to being a primary sponsor. I consider this to be a major coup for our side. If we can win this guy over, we have a chance with any of them. He said he was forced to weigh his own convictions against the wishes of his constituents, and apparently he made the right choice. That is how it is supposed to work in the legislature, but it is rare that it actually goes that way. You have to respect him for that.

I am working with Keith Williams to get the bill on J-3's calendar as quickly as possible. We hope to get it heard there as soon as we can to give the opposition less time to gear up against us. Rep. Sutton is chair of J-3. The members of this committee are where we really need to focus our lobbying efforts right now. Then it's on to Finance. It wouldn't hurt to start in on the members of that one as well. You can find out who is on these committees through the General Assembly's website.

HB965 / Right-of-Way Violations Bill

This one has been a tough one folks. When I originally approached Dewey Hill about this issue, he told me that he would be happy to introduce the bill, and did not see who would be opposed to it. It did not take long to find out. As soon as he started talking it around to drum up support, the lawyers started squealing. The purpose of this bill is to increase the penalties and close the trapdoor a lot of the lawyers use. Failure to yield carries a \$25.00 fine and is basically a slap on the wrist. Unfortunately, even when a motorist is charged with a more serious offense, the lawyers plea-bargain it down to failure to yield. That is exactly what we are trying to stop and they don't like it. It makes it hard for them to look like saviors to their clients. I even had a District Court Judge on opening day tell me that we needed to drop the bill and pursue the issue through the Association of District Attorneys. Yeah right. The judges and District

Attorneys are the ones accepting the plea bargains in the first place! Let the foxes guard the henhouse? Uh-uh.

The lawyers didn't bother Rep. Hill that much. (He feels pretty much the same way I do about them) As he continued putting out feelers though, he started getting feedback from a faction in Raleigh that equate fines and penalties with "new taxes". There are also those who hold driving privileges sacred, and this bill would come with a mandatory revocation of license for 30-90 days upon conviction.

Several times to date he has had second thoughts about the bill and I have had to blitzkrieg him with statistics, copies of bills that other states are introducing, and I've even had to bring potential co-sponsors to his door. What finally clinched it for him though, is when I brought him two freshman Democrats, one of whom is a lawyer, willing to sign on. He told me last Wednesday, that he was finally sending something to drafting. Good thing too, since that was the deadline in the House. As of this writing, I don't know what wording he submitted. He told me he was trying to craft a bill that stood a chance of passing, but still had teeth in it. When I get a copy of the draft, I will get the information out to you. In the mean time I urge all of you to contact your own representatives to let them know how we feel about this issue as well as the two bills we have in. The more of us they hear from, the more power we have!

I want to say thank you to Mike Hodges and Peggy Burns for being in Raleigh at times that I was unable to get there. I have not put out a hue and cry for the membership to go, because I realize that you all work and your time is limited. Your few available days off would probably be better spent on days that we have something specific going on. If you do have time to get there though, by all means visit your reps. and ask for their support. If they don't hear from you, they can't possibly know what you want. Thanks also to Vinny Neuman for his well timed updates. I have a hard time doing what needs to be done and keeping everyone informed at the same time. And thanks to each and every one of you who has taken time to go to Raleigh, write, or email your reps. And as you may have noticed, my own representative, Dewey Hill, is or will be a primary sponsor on every piece of legislature we have in this year. I think that deserves a very special thank you from each and every one of us.

Sam Nobles

Asst. State Legislative Director
CBA/ABATE of NC

Late Breaking News!

The ROW Bill was introduced
as HB965 and has been
assigned to the J-III committee.

Vinny's Report from Raleigh

Below is an excellent report and information from Vinny Neumann of Chatham Co. CBA/ABATE of NC. Please read; and I would like to add a couple comments.

You will note that the changes to the existing law are underlined. Thanks goes to Tim Duncan of SCRC for pointing out to me today the weird verbage under Section 3., (12). It appears that your registration bill would go up with luggage racks, trailer hitches, saddle bags, etc. We questioned Mike Hodges about this as he has a bit of knowledge about the existing law and it turns out that this is the same as the law already is,... the only change is that we have allowed an additional 3 bucks per bike to beef up the rider training program in our state. (If I have this wrong, Sam please correct me).

Today there were four members of the Randolph Co. Chapter in attendance, two from Raleigh Chapter, one from Charlotte Chapter, one from Chatham Chapter, one from Brunswick Chapter, one from High Point Chapter, and one member of the Greater Raleigh Chapter of Southern Cruisers Riding Club. Sitting with us was Mike Causey, professional lobbyist - friend to bikers - past candidate for public office.



CBA members seated in the gallery waiting for HB670's introduction.

The tide has changed this year, I'm still not exactly sure why but I'll take it! I had the opportunity to talk with Rex Baker after House session and he is optimistic about our chances this year. While it is sort of odd not having him as a bill sponsor, he is confident we will do well. He has been appointed a chairmanship of a very busy committee this year and will not have the time to shop a bill like ours this go-round and it is time to let the freshmen get their feet wet. Be that as it may, there are some strong, well entrenched co sponsors of this bill. In fact, with 25 sponsors (including the primary sponsors) it puts us at introduction with a little over 20% of the House.

It would be a good thing to write Sauls, A. Williams, K. Williams, and Dewey Hill and thank them for entering this bill! Not only that, but Speaker Richard Morgan assigned it to Judiciary III committee, if favorable, Finance. Blust is a sponsor and is on the Judiciary III committee, Connie Wilson is on the J III committee and supported our bill in the past.

I will check to see if any of the other committee members supported us in the past.

Regards,
Cindy Hodges
(CBA and MRF)

Our helmet bill was introduced on the house floor today and referred to the J III committee. We're not sure when it will get on the J III agenda. However, when we find out, we will need as many people as possible to

flood room 1425 in the LOB (Legislative Office Building).

Please be prepared!!! I prepare myself by thinking up excuses why I have to be away from work for a couple of hours.

Below is the list of J III committee members that will decide our fate. If you have time, please email/call/write these people and ask for their support of our bill. For your convenience, I have attached their contact information.

I'm sure Sam or Joy will tell us which of these reps need the most attention. Sending them all an email shouldn't be too hard. There are only 10 people on the committee. (5 Republicans, 5 Democrats)

Please follow the NC CBA's guidelines for writing to our reps. The guidelines are located at: www.cba-abatenc.org/contact_your_legislators.htm

URL to our helmet law Bill (House # 670): <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/html2003/bills/allversions/hoose/h670v1.html>

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Thanks,
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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 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

Letter from a Fellow Motorist

This is a letter of awareness that was written by a motorcyclist to all other motorists. The author has given permission to copy and use it to increase awareness of us. He tried to get it published in his local area paper but was unsuccessful. Feel free to do the same. I thought it was appropriate to put it here to make it available for use and to grant his wish to get it "published".

ABATE of Michigan Region 19.

Author Unknown

Dear Fellow Motorist,

I wonder if you realize how close you came to injuring or killing me today. You seemed completely unaware that you began to move into my lane when only half of your car had passed me. If I had glanced at my mirror at that second, I probably wouldn't have been able to brake fast enough to keep you from hitting my front tire and throwing me off my motorcycle. I apologize for slapping your window and lecturing you. It probably seemed to you that some crazy biker was

trying to terrorize you. I'm sure you're a nice lady and wouldn't want to hurt anybody, but your inattention nearly caused a collision that would have been a mere fender bender for your Mercedes Benz, but could have caused me to be killed, and that made me angry.

Perhaps you are not completely to blame. As cars get smoother, more comfortable and easier to drive, as they get quieter inside and come equipped with high-power, nine-speaker, surround sound stereo's, as more distractions like cell phones and laptop computers become available for you to use while driving, it's easy to forget that you are hurling two tons of steel and plastic down the road. Inside that nice new car of yours, you have air bags, seat belts and anti-lock brakes to keep you safe and since obviously have at least the minimum required insurance, a collision with a 600 pound motorcycle just isn't very threatening to you, but it's life and death for me.

I ride a motorcycle nearly every day, year round, because I love the feeling of being in the open air, feeling the temperature changes and the bugs splatter on me, and of course the sunshine and wind on my face. I love the feel of leaning to steer and accelerating out of a curve. I love it so much that I not only ride to work everyday, I ride for fun on the weekends. My idea

of a fun vacation is riding my motorcycle to a rally in Arizona or Florida or even Texas. I'm very aware of the dangers and I have decided that, to me, the risk is an acceptable trade off.

And you must understand that regardless of how you feel about motorcycles, they are legal vehicles and are permitted to use the roadways. Regardless of your feelings about "bikers", I am a human being and deserve the same consideration that you wish to receive from others. And if you accidentally kill me because you weren't paying attention or didn't see me, you will have to live with the fact that you caused another human being to die. I can't believe you would want that to happen, so let me try to help you understand what I must do to minimize the danger of riding and how you can help me stay out from under your wheels and not come crashing through your windshield to die in your front seat.

First, you have to understand that the natural at-rest position of a motorcycle is on its side. In order to keep it upright, I have to balance it. When I get it up to 35mph or so, natural forces help me to keep it upright, that is as long as the surface I'm riding on remains pretty consistent. But on those patched roadways, or worse yet those under

Cont. on Page 7

In His Wind

Bro's & Bro-ette's,

One day not long ago I was out on my bike just taking a cruise. A good ride can often get your mind off everyday things. I must have just needed a good laugh because the Lord showed me something I thought was hilarious. As I stopped at an intersection I looked over at a church sign and this is what it said: "Bertha Belch, an African missionary will be our guest speaker this Sunday. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa." Man, I thought I could belch pretty good but I can't do it that good. Another sign I've seen before had lost the letter "O" in the word Hello, and the sign actually said: "Hell, come on in." Now that's a southern church if there ever was one. Here's one more: "Last Sunday's sermon: Jesus walks on water. This Sunday's sermon: Searching for Jesus." I'm glad the God I serve has a sense of humor. Another thing that kinda makes me laugh is when I hear someone say "God doesn't give a ___ about me." This is why I laugh, not at the person saying it, but at the very thing they are saying, because a statement like that is nothing more than 10 pounds of monkey crap in a 5 pound bag. God loves you more than the human brain is capable of understanding. It's called agape love, agape means unconditional. Jesus Christ His son hung on a cross beaten, bruised, and cut open so bad you couldn't even recognize Him, with your sin placed upon Him, God turned His back on His own son. Jesus cried out "My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46) You know why Jesus said that? So you wouldn't have to. Let me tell you this, bikers, had you been the only one that had needed it, He would have still done it. When God says "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) He didn't stutter. Even Forest Gump was intelligent enough to grasp this fact.

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 in 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

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Letter from a Fellow Motorist (cont.)

Cont. from Page 6 construction, there are lots of hazards that can upset that natural balance. Raised surfaces, such as the edge of a patch that your car bumps over easily can drop a motorcycle in a second if not crossed over properly. Loose surface gravel and curves that are sloped in the wrong direction all pose potential hazards if I don't ride carefully and give myself enough space to react. I swear sometimes it seems like the highway department is trying to do me in. But I hope that they, like you, just don't understand that the dynamics of a motorcycle is different than that of a four-wheeled vehicle. With practice and concentration, I've learned how to keep the shiny side of the motorcycle facing up, as long as you grant me a few courtesies.

If I leave slightly more than a car length between me and the vehicle I'm following, it's so I have enough time to react to the piece of truck tire that's lying in the roadway. It's not an invitation for you to slip into the space while you're trying to leapfrog through heavy traffic. That forces me to drop back and open another gap that someone else will leapfrog into. And since I don't tailgate you, extend the same courtesy to me. If you need to look down to change the tempera-

ture on your climate control, you need to have enough time to avoid hitting me if the traffic suddenly slows. When you see a small gap in the middle of a group of motorcycles, don't maneuver quickly into the gap. It's common for motorcycles to travel in groups... its part of the fun. Needlessly splitting up the group is rude and dangerous.

These are common courtesies and safe driving practices for all vehicles and are particularly important to me as a motorcyclist. But in order for you to extend me these courtesies you have to be aware of my presence. I know that a motorcycle can easily hide in a blind spot so when I ride behind you in an adjacent lane, I always try to ride so I can see you in your rear view mirror. That means that you can see me if you scan your mirrors regularly as they teach you in any safe-driving class. I always ride with my headlamp on to make more visible. My last line of defense is a rather loud exhaust system. You may find that annoying, but if it makes you notice that I'm traveling in a blind spot beside you, I consider it a safety device. I try not to annoy my neighbors with the noise, but I use it on the highway.

Some motorcyclists ride aggressively and

faster than the flow of traffic. Passing other vehicles can be safer than being passed by them in some situations. Maybe the biker that roars past you is just a sociopathic punk, or maybe he's trying to observe how you're driving and control the time that you are actually close enough to hit him. In either case, what can you gain by getting mad and returning the aggression? Notice me, but please don't stare at me as you drive beside me. Remember that you tend to steer in the direction that you are looking. Let me have my lane.

You and I can share the road safely as long as you give your driving the attention it deserves and give me the same considerations that you would want from others. In return, I'll try not to vent my anger at you when another less considerate driver does something that endangers me. And when we get to where we're going I can take a smaller parking spot designated for motorcycles and leave the big space for your luxury automobile.

Sincerely,
A Motorcyclist,
A Voter,
A Veteran,
A Human Being

Why We Ride Enjoy Every Minute of the Ride

There is cold, and there is cold on a motorcycle. Cold on a motorcycle is like being beaten with cold hammers while being kicked with cold boots, a bone bruising cold. The wind's big hands squeeze the heat out of my body and whisk it away; caught in a cold October rain, the drops don't even feel like water. They feel like shards of bone fallen from the skies of Hell to pock my face. I expect to arrive with my cheeks and forehead streaked with blood, but that's just an illusion, just the misery of nerves not designed for highway speeds.

Despite this, it's hard to give up my motorcycle in the fall and I rush to get it on the road again in the spring; lapses of sanity like this are common among motorcyclists. When you let a motorcycle into your life you're changed forever. The letters "MC" are stamped on your driver's license right next to your sex and height as if "motorcycle" was just another of your physical characteristics, or maybe a mental condition. But when warm weather finally does come around all those cold snaps and rainstorms are paid in full because a motorcycle summer is worth any price.

A motorcycle is not just a two-wheeled car; the difference between driving a car and climbing onto a motorcycle is the difference between watching TV and actually living your life. We spend all our time sealed in boxes and cars are just the rolling boxes that shuffle us languidly from home-box to work-box to store-box and back, the whole time entombed in stale air, temperature regulated, sound insulated, and smelling of carpets.

On a motorcycle I know I'm alive. When I ride, even the familiar seems strange and glorious. The air has weight and substance as I push through it and its touch is as intimate as water to a swimmer. I feel the cool wells of air that pool under trees and the warm spokes of sunlight that fall through them. I can see everything in a sweeping 360 degrees, up, down and around, wider than PanaVision and higher than IMAX and unrestricted by ceiling or dashboard. Sometimes I

even hear music. It's like hearing phantom telephones in the shower or false doorbells when vacuuming; the pattern-loving brain, seeking signals in the noise, raises acoustic ghosts out of the wind's roar. But on a motorcycle I hear whole songs: rock 'n roll, dark orchestras, women's voices, all hidden in the air and released by speed.

At 30 miles an hour and up, smells become uncannily vivid. All the individual tree-smells and flower-smells and grass-smells flit by like chemical notes in a great plant symphony. Sometimes the smells evoke memories so strongly that it's as though the past hangs invisible in the air around me, wanting only the most casual of rumbling time machines to unlock it. A ride on a summer afternoon can border on the rapturous. The sheer volume and variety of stimuli is like a bath for my nervous system, an electrical massage for my brain, a systems check for my soul. It tears smiles out of me: a minute ago I was dour, depressed, apathetic, numb, but now, on two wheels, big, ragged, windy smiles flap against the side of my face, billowing out of me like air from a decompressing plane.

Transportation is only a secondary function. A motorcycle is a joy machine. It's a machine of wonders, a metal bird, a motorized prosthetic. It's light and dark and shiny and dirty and warm and cold lapping over each other; it's a conduit of grace, it's a catalyst for bonding the gritty and the holy. I still think of myself as a motorcycle amateur, but by now I've had a handful of bikes over a half dozen years and slept under my share of bridges. I wouldn't trade one second of either the good times or the misery. Learning to ride was one of the best things I've done.

Cars lie to us and tell us we're safe, powerful, and in control. The air-conditioning fans murmur empty assurances and whisper, "Sleep, sleep." Motorcycles tell us a more useful truth: we are small and exposed, and probably moving too fast for our own good, but that's no reason not to enjoy every minute of the ride.

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Chapter Letters

BRUNSWICK

Well, our chapter has been very active and busy. For those whose missed the 3rd Annual Lodge Party on March 15, a great time was had by all. Yes, it did rain and dampen our spirits a little, but a break in the weather let us have some fun with the biker games. Let me just say, it's not a pretty sight to see two grown men (Cleve and Corby) try to gather road kill with a fish net from a moving motorcycle. You had to be there to understand, so next year try to attend and we'll ask for a replay.

Our road captain, Sterling, and his trusty side kicks have been keeping us riding on the weekends. They recently planned a run to the NC Battleship for the Liberty Run where we rode in with the flags waving. We were also very lucky to have Sterling get our chapter involved with the Freedom Rally of the Carolinas on March 29. Our chapter along with the Rolling Thunder chapter from Wilmington attended with American and POW/MIA flags waving. When we road around the track, people in the stands stood to their feet and applauded. It was a very moving experience for everyone. Sterling is very active, check out his web site:

<http://community.webtv.net/SEPage/Sterlingswebpage>

At the time of this writing, we are planning the April 12 state meeting. I have all confidence in the committee and know everything will go great. We are hoping for a great crowd who will attend the after meeting party at the lodge.

The month of May will be filled with the May Freedom Rally, Myrtle Beach Rally and lots of weekend rides. In June, we will be getting down to the final planning stages for the July Blue's Run. Look for up coming flyers.

Till next time, get educated, ride safe,
Kaye, Brunswick Co

BUNCOMBE

Hello from Buncombe County. With what we hope to be our last snow melting away, we've got plenty planned for the upcoming riding season. We just had our Riding Season Kickoff Party - a chance for everyone to get together and socialize. Many of our members attended the Support Our Soldiers run put on by a group of people in Asheville to raise money and supplies to troops in the Middle East. We have a Just For Fun Run planned for May 31. This will be an opportunity for us to spend a weekend kicking back and camping without any kind of plans or agenda.

Preparations for our Hot Springs party are going smoothly. Make plans now to come up to the mountains for a good time. It will be held the last weekend of June.

Crystal Maney
Secretary

CARTERET CRAVEN

Greeting from Carteret Craven!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 16-18, 2003-In lieu of attending Myrtle Beach we have planned an Outer Bank's Poker Run. We will be riding the long way over to the Outer Banks first. This would allow those who can't leave on Friday to catch up. If you are interested in joining us for this ride we need a list of names, number of people on bike or vehicle, and tag numbers for the Sunday ferry reservations. You will be responsible for making your own motel or camping arrangements. Please contact Ratdady @

252-342-7288 or Peri @ 252-444-2581 for more information.

May 24-25, 2003-Quite a few of our members are planning to ride to Washington, DC to participate in the Rolling Thunder Ride.

June 7, 2003-We will be having a Bikini Bike Wash and BBQ @ Jean's Place in Havelock. Stop on your way to or from the beach and get your ride washed by some bikini-clad babe's.

June 21, 2003-Olivia's 2nd Annual Poker Run and BBQ to benefit the Ronald McDonald House will be held @ Olivia's in Havelock.

July 4, 2003- Our chapter will be setting up a CBA/ABATE information booth at River Bend in New Bern for the 4th of July celebration.

July 19, 2003-Our chapter is looking forward to hosting the State Meeting in Havelock.

MEETING UPDATES: Our meetings are being held the first Sunday of the month at Jean's Place in Havelock. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Come early for donuts, coffee and fellowship. The May meeting will be April 27th or May 11th due to the Freedom Rally the first weekend in May.

IMPORTANT NEWS: Our chapter will be raffling off a beautiful 1988 FXRS Harley Davidson Low Rider at the State Meeting we will be hosting in July. If you are interested in a ticket contact me @ 252-444-2581 or Ratdady @ 252-342-7288. The raffle tickets are \$10 each.

Remember to keep our deployed servicemen and women in your thoughts and prayers.

COMMENTS: We had 11 of our members who went shopping at the Charlotte Bike Show & Swap Meet. A good time was had by all.

We are looking forward to see you at the State Meeting on April 12, 2003 in Brunswick Co. We had such a great time the last time we were there.

Take care, Ride safe,
Peri Pratt

Carteret-Craven Secretary

CHATHAM

Hello from Chatham County,

Chatham County is planning a yard sale on April 26th to generate some funding for our efforts this year. Look for more details on our web page or call Cathy Mohan or Jill Lewis.

We have a ride planned from the Pitt Stop in Pittsboro to Michael's in Chapel Hill for breakfast on Sunday, April 6th at 9:00 AM. Please stop by if you're in the area.

On Saturday May 17th, we are helping the Chatham County Law Enforcement Association have a run to help them raise money for disadvantaged children. The ride will touch all four corners of Chatham County.

We hope to see you all at the Charlotte Swap meet the weekend of March 22nd.

Ride Safe,
Vinny Neumann

COLUMBUS

We were honored to host the State meeting and party in January and were glad to see how many attended. It was nice to see old friends and make new ones. While we all were saddened by the troubles of the Charlotte chapter, the overall feeling in Columbus is excitement for the new year.

We have indeed watched our meeting attendance go back up, due in part to the newsletter going back into circulation some say. We have gained a number of new members over the last couple of months that we believe will be a benefit to both chapter and state.

An Event Committee was formed recently to oversee the development and coordination of our Spring Swap Meet and Bike Show. Members are very excited and plans are underway to make this event our best ever. Anyone with a suggestion or advice is welcomed to contact me at shannonj@noblescorp.com. I am new to this and would appreciate the help from those more experienced. I would like to personally invite all chapters to attend this event. It will be Saturday, April 19th, gates open at 10:00 am. There should be space for some very rough camping out back for those who wish to stay over.

On the Legislative front, chapter coordinator Sam Nobles joined many of our brothers and sisters for Opening Day of the 2003 Legislative session. Many of our local representatives offered their support for the upcoming year. We'll see how that plays out, but we don't plan to let up on them one bit.

February is definitely a little slower for us, but there have been occasional days that were warm enough to encourage all riders.

RALEIGH

Hello from Raleigh!

We are all glad to see the winter weather leave us. This will allow us to get out and have some group rides. Our Chapter wants to take more time to do what we all love to do....ride! We get all involved in events and meetings that we sometimes forget what we are doing all those things for! Our attendance at our bi-monthly meetings has picked up. We hope to improve on our membership participation and enrollment. A main project for us this year is to get our name out to the biker community and let them know what we are about. As stated in previous letters, we will be less involved in charity work and more involved in BIKER WORK! One can ride around the Capitol and see hundreds of people on motorcycles who, most likely, don't have a clue as to what is going on in our government concerning them. Well, when we get through with them, at least they won't be able to say they weren't told! See ya at the Legislature!

RANDOLPH COUNTY

The Randolph County Chapter hopes everyone has dried out from the wet winter and is ready to ride into summer.

Upcoming Events:

June 1, July 6 – Monthly Breakfast Rides, 9 a.m., Asheboro Golden Corral.

June 26 – Blood Drive Challenge, Bikers vs Law Enforcement, 3-8:30 p.m., Goodyear Clubhouse, Asheboro

July 20 – MDA Ride

Meeting Updates: Meetings are every first and third Tuesday of each month at Golden Corral on Dixie Drive (Hwy. 64). Meetings start at 7:30PM. Come out and see us!

Important News: February 15 was busy day for the chapter that started out with our ride to the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Three members jumped into the icy waters of Oak Hollow Lake, raising around \$440.00 for Special Olympics. That same

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Cont. on Page 8 evening, we held our Sweetheart Party. On March 29, the chapter worked with other local organizations to organize a Spring Kick-off Party at Riders In The County. During the celebration we honored Riders owner, George Rider, for his years of support of bikers. The next week members joined in the 100-mile Relay For Life Ride. On April 13, we were back at Riders for our 12th Annual Bike Show and Swap Meet. For more information on these and other chapter events, call our officers or check out our web site at www.randolphcocba1@tripod.com.

Take Care & Ride Safe,
Bill Dunlap
Randolph County CBA/ABATE

UNION COUNTY

Hello From Union County!

Spring is here once again. It's time to find sitters for the rugrats and go riding!!!

Steve and Debi Knox came down to see us at our last meeting. We enjoyed seeing them again.

April 16 is Aaron and Bree Tedder's 9th anniversary!!! Happy Birthday Jan Tedder May 3.

Ride Free,
Bree Tedder

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North Carolina State Constitution

Preamble: We, the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of the American Union and the existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of those blessings to us and our posterity, do, for the more certain security thereof and for the better government of this State, ordain and establish this Constitution.

A Message From "Aid to Injured Motorcyclists" (AIM)

Submitted by Jan Tedder

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I GO DOWN?

The most serious problem bikers have to deal with is the inevitable traffic accident. Approximately 70% of all multi-vehicle accidents involving a motorcycle are not the motorcyclist's fault.

The following will help you protect your rights and answer the question: What should I do if I go down?

INFORMATION TO GET IMMEDIATELY:

1. Witnesses: This is listed first for they will disappear the fastest (especially due to the public's fear of bikers). Try and get some sort of identification so they might be contacted later, i.e., name, address, phone number, license plate number, where they work, etc.

2. Other Driver: All traditional information is needed: Name, address, phone number (at home and work), driver's license, make/model/color and license of the vehicle. In addition, a very helpful piece of information is the insurance carrier of the driver of the car. If this is not obtained and if the other driver does not respond to letters sent by your attorney, you will find that most states require long waiting periods before supplying the necessary information to pursue your case - that means recovery for your injury could be delayed.

One final thing. Listen to and memorize statements made by the other driver. These statements (also known as admissions) may be used as evidence in many jurisdictions. An example of this would be the driver of the left turning car saying, "I didn't see you". His statement could be used to prove the accident was his fault. NOTE: Remember, this also works in reverse. Anything you say can also be used against you.

POLICE REPORT Although most of what is recorded in a police report cannot be used in court, it is a great negotiating tool. Keep in mind that most personal injury cases are settled rather than go to trial. A

favorable police report can be instrumental in bringing you a quick and generous recovery for your injuries. As we all know, cops can be a mixed bag. However, (in an accident situation) I have found most police to be fair in their assessment of fault. This is especially true of the motorcycle cop.

INJURIES This is not the time to show how macho you are. After the actual collision, take a few minutes to check yourself out. The initial shock may numb you as to how injured you really are. Remember, the human body is not made to be bounced off the ground. It is a good idea (and will aid in showing the validity of your case) to get checked out at the local emergency room (hospital) or by your own doctor. Be sure to explain all your pains to the doctor so he or she can make a complete evaluation and treat you appropriately for the injuries.

NO STATEMENTS When you are contacted by the insurance company, (which is usually immediately - even right at your hospital bed) tell the adjuster you don't wish to give a statement at that time. Even if your statement seems favorable to you, the insurance company would have lots of time to pick out the flaws. Keep in mind that the adjuster's job is to save the insurance company money and, therefore, any money offered as a "fair settlement" will usually only be fair to the insurance company.

CALL A PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY The first 24 hours after an accident are crucial for your case. An immediate investigation should be started including photographs showing your injuries, the accident scene and the involved vehicles.

Statements from witnesses and the other driver should be gotten as soon as possible. The police report should be requested and an inspection of the point of impact for skid marks and other material evidence should be made. You will notice that I advised you to call an attorney who specializes in personal injury. The law, as with medicine, is highly specialized,

and you are entitled to be represented by an attorney who is best qualified to obtain a maximum recovery for your damages. A quick call to the attorney entitles you to the following services:

- 1) Protection from insurance company employees - the magic words are: "I am represented by counsel and don't wish to make a statement.
- 2) A "house call" if you are unable to go to the office.
- 3) Immediate investigation of your claim.
- 4) The possibility that your bike will be fixed prior to the settlement of your injuries and a rented vehicle while you wait.
- 5) The evaluation and protection of your legal rights.

Important Phone Numbers

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HB670 - Helmet Bill

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:

"(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.



THIS ONE'S FOR YOU TRACY AND SHERRY!

Adam, the son of Sherry Hand is currently serving on the U.S.S. Constellation. He is writing a message from Tracy Beck and his mom Sherry to Saddam Hussein on one of the first bombs to fire into Iraq striking Saddam's palace. Our CBA family is very proud of Adam. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers everyday. He is one of our finest over there... kicking butt!

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- www.carolinamcevents.com Also mail or fax flyer to John Weakly, PO Box 19461, Asheville, NC 28815
- www.motorcyclecity.com
- www.motorcycle-runs.com
- www.festivals.com
- www.southfest.com

These are magazines that also have calendars of events on their websites:

- Full Throttle Calendar www.fullthrottle.com follow links to NC
- Dixie Rider Events Calendar www.dixierider.com
- Triad Biker www.triadbiker.com

Internal Affairs

Message from Membership Services and the State Information Director

Please verify your address with your chapter secretary. We have many returned newsletters as undeliverable. This will also create a problem when it is time to renew your membership. Be on the safe side!!

When using newsletters as promotional pieces, please don't write addresses and drop in the mail. They are returned and the postage must be paid by the State. Stick them in an envelop or cover the bulk mailing permit box in the upper right hand corner with a stamp. Thanks

Send your event information to the State Information Director. I am frequently asked for information and I want to help you promote your event.

Email PDF or JPEG files to stateinfo@atmc.net

Snail Mail: 1760 Ocean Haven Road, SW
Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

Home of the Brave



Is This Still The Land of The Free?

God help us!!!! I had a dream the other night didn't understand, A figure walking through the mist, with flintlock in his hand. His clothes were torn and dirty, as he stood there by my bed, He took off his three-cornered hat, and speaking low he said:

We fought a revolution to secure our liberty, We wrote the Constitution, as a shield from tyranny. For future generations, this legacy we gave, In this, the land of the free and home of the brave. The freedom we secured for you, we hoped you'd always keep, But tyrants labored endlessly while your parents were asleep. Your freedom gone - your courage lost - you're no more than a slave, In this, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

You buy permits to travel, and permits to own a gun, Permits to start a business, or to build a place for one. On land that you believe you own, you pay a yearly rent, Although you have no voice in choosing how the money's spent. Your children must attend a school that doesn't educate, Your moral values can't be taught, according to the state. You read about the current "news" in a very biased press, You pay a tax you do not owe, to please the IRS. Your money is no longer made of silver or of gold. You trade your wealth for paper, so life can be controlled.

You pay for crimes that make our Nation turn from God to shame, You've taken Satan's number, as you've traded in your name. You've given government control to those who do you harm, so they can padlock churches, and steal the family farm. And keep our country deep in debt, put men of God in jail, Harass your fellow countryman while corrupted courts prevail.

Your public servants don't uphold the solemn oath they're sworn, Your daughters visit doctors so children won't be born. Your leadership artillery and guns to foreign shores, And send your sons to slaughter, fight-

ing other people's wars. Can you regain your Freedom for which we fought and died? Or don't you have the courage, or the faith to stand with pride? Are there no more values for which you'll fight to save? Or do you wish your children live in fear and be a slave?

Sons of the Republic, arise and take a stand! Defend the Constitution, the Supreme Law of the Land! Preserve our Republic, and each God-given right! And pray to God to keep the torch of freedom burning bright!

As I awoke he vanished, in the mist from whence

he came, His words were true, we are not free, and we have ourselves to blame. For even now as tyrants trample each God-given right, We only watch and tremble -- too afraid to stand and fight. If he stood by your bedside in a dream while you're asleep, And wonder what remains of your right he fought to keep. What would be your answer if he called out from the grave? Is this still the land of the free and home of the brave?

Author Unknown

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(Motorcycle Riders Foundation)

- MRF is a national MRO working for the rights of all of America's motorcyclists.
- MRF is located in the trenches of Washington, DC.
- MRF is our voice in Washington.
- MRF works in conjunction with all State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations.
- MRF is challenging the EPA so the EPA can't strip our right to customize our motorcycles.
- Did you know that the MRF has been fighting for your rights since 1987?

The MRF is a Washington, DC based Motorcyclists' Rights Organization. We maintain a full-time office in Washington, DC and work nationwide with motorcyclists and Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations to ensure that when motorcycle-related legislation comes up in DC, your voice is heard.

The MRF is a Grassroots organization in every sense. The MRF was started in 1987 by motorcyclists, and to this day is run by motorcyclists. All financial support for the organization is generated from membership dues, donations from state motorcyclists' rights organizations, motorcyclists' rights seminars, and products sales. Join the MRF and help protect your rights in Washington, DC.

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Or you may call to join the MRF (202) 546-0983 • Fax (202) 546-0986
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Sample Public Service Announcement (PSA)

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North Carolina Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE
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For Immediate Release

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Motorcyclists Raise Funds to Benefit Area Accident Victims & Their Families

[Shallotte, North Carolina] Brunswick County CBA is pleased to announce it's 6th Annual Blue's Memorial Poker Run, Saturday, July 28, 2001. This annual event was started after one of the chapter's members passed away and as is typical biker fashion, CBA members "took care of their own." The event has grown and now CBA uses monies raised during this benefit to put aside in a Downed Riders Fund. Several motorcycle accident victims and their families throughout southeastern North Carolina have been assisted through this fund.

Area motorcycle enthusiasts will participate in poker game by purchasing a \$10.00 poker hand. The 100-mile poker run begins and ends at the Brunswick County CBA Lodge in Shallotte and will stop at 4 area businesses to draw cards for their hands. A total of 6 cards will be drawn, allowing the player one discard to try to build that winning hand. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best and worst hands.

The poker run is a group ride, departing from the CBA Lodge at 11:30 am. The Anchor Lounge, the chapter's former meeting place, will host the first stop. Riders in the Southport area can purchase a hand and join the ride at Heavy Metal Thunder Cycles in Oak Island. Cruising on over to Brad's Grill in Bolivia, the run travels southward to Calabash, landing at Tsunami's before returning to the lodge and a Carolina-style barbeque. Door prizes will be drawn all day and CBA member, Harley Geoff, will provide entertainment.

In an effort to make this year's run the most successful ever, CBA invited event sponsors to become a part of their family and show their support for those in need. Twenty-six local business and individuals donated cash, food, door prizes, and services to reduce the cost of holding such a large event.

Event sponsorships were offered at \$100.00 and \$50.00 increments. All donations will be commemorated on the event t-shirt available for purchase that day.

Founded in 1971, North Carolina Concerned Bikers Association/ABATE is a non-profit motorcyclists rights organization working to promote fair motorcycle legislation, ensure motorcyclists' freedom, eliminate prejudicial attitudes toward motorcyclists and to foster a sense of brotherhood, sisterhood and cooperation between all motorcyclists. The Brunswick County Chapter was formed in 1994 and has actively participated in many state and federal legislation issues and supported our community through service and charity fund raising. Chapter meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 8:00 p.m., 509 Bricklanding Road on Highway 179 behind Shallotte Muffler.

Registration begins at 11:00 am. All vehicles are welcomed to participate. If you can't make the ride, dinner plates may be purchased for \$5.00 each and will be available after the run returns to the lodge at 5:00. All poker players eat free! Brunswick County CBA invites you to join them to enjoy a day of fun, food and brotherhood. For more information regarding the poker run, call Steve (910) 579-0620 or Tracy at (910) 842-8855. Visit <http://cba.xaranda.net> for further chapter and other event information.

Useful Media Links

All North Carolina TV Stations:
www.newsdirectory.com/tv/nc

All North Carolina Newspapers
with contact information:
<http://educatetheusa.com/northcarolina/news.html>

All North Carolina Radio Stations
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Johnny "Blue" Wilson	January 21, 1996
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Mark Fisher (Fish)	September 25, 1999
Jane Janosko	May 15, 1999
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
Tom Weaver	June 1, 2002
Tommy "DJ Crazyhorse" Clendenin	June 22, 2002
Joe "Ugly" Sidley	June 30, 2002
Alan Baker	August 4, 2002
John Cowdrick	August 6, 2002
James "Pickle" Deal	August 20, 2002
Clyde Starnes	September 7, 2002
Carl "Paul" Johnson	November 16, 2002
Gary Barba	January 7, 2003

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 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person convicted of failure to yield while approaching or entering an intersection, turning left at a stop 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, in addition to any other punishment:

(1) When there is no great bodily injury or death resulting from the violation, the violator shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and the violator's

drivers license or commercial drivers license shall be suspended for 30 days.

(2) When there is great 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."

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



Who Said This?

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**Some think bikers are mean
Some dressed in leathers and others in jeans
You don't like our patches or the clothes that we wear
You hate our bandannas and you hate our long hair
You don't like our scooters and our loud noisy pipes
You think we're not loyal to the Stars and the Stripes
You don't like our patches that are worn on our vests
You think we're oh different from all of the rest
But the truth is, Mister, we're kind of alike
You drive a car and I ride a bike
You have no tattoos painted on your arm
But we fought side by side over in Nam
So the next time your children are running around
Enjoying their freedom and the fun that they've found
Remember us bikers and all that we do
We feed our lost veterans, we're Red, White and Blue!
We bring toys for tots and toys for a smile
By riding our bikes for miles and miles
You see, us bikers have never forgot
Our homeless veterans and our homeless tots
We are loyal to our clubs and true to our bro's
We will always wear black from our heads to our toes
Society once said that long hair was for fags
But you'll never see a biker burning a flag
Now tattoos and leather you don't understand
Stands for free independence that us bikers demand
Our long hair and patches with loud pipes
Is a tribute to our freedom, the Stars and Stripes
So before you make up your mind on just what I might be
Take a look in the mirror and what do you see?
The man that you see that is staring right back
Is not too much different from the biker in black.
Ride Safe, Ride Free!!!
Author - Anonymous**

Fast Fred Comes to the State Meeting

North Carolina CBA/ABATE State Meeting

I attended CBA's state meeting Saturday and found it to be a great use of my time; what can I say it was a great meeting of great people with plenty of great food. There is no wonder why CBA State Meetings are so well attended. Sam and Joy updated everyone on CBA's legislative efforts; they have done a great job with the helmet and right-of-way bills. The State Tourism Bureau is squarely behind return adult freedom of choice to bikers in NC; do your part and write a nice letter of support today. Support NC bill 670. Many will attend the committee meeting in room 1425 Tuesday April 15 in support of freedom of choice. The right of way bill faces opposition from lawyers because of the fines and license suspensions.

MLOC made a presentation to the membership concerning lobbying for motorcycle rights; each member will have to decide whether and how much to support this new organization. It takes money to defend liberty these days like it or not.

Cotton spoke at length about motorcycle rights and convincing the average member of the public that we are not just another exten-

sion of the Salvation Army. I was quite moved by his speech and choice of words.

Hot Springs Motorcycle Rally will take place June 27, 28, & 29 this year in Hot Springs, NC. This is a chance for you to help support motorcycle rights in NC while having fun at the same time. I'll be there to do my small part to support the cause. If you have never attended this event you are really missing out; its more fun than any bike week I have ever attended including, Daytona, Laconia, and Myrtle Beach to name a few. Contact Larry and Tammy at blankenboat@ioa.com for more information.

Freedom Rally is scheduled the First week of May this year and every year to follow. This is another great chance to have a good time while helping to fund CBA's motorcycle rights efforts and legislation. There will be a 100 mile lidless Freedom Run from the Rally site to the State Capitol don't miss it! Learn More at the URL below:

http://www.cba-abatenc.org/cba_events.htm

Cindy spoke of plans to lobby in Washington and forming a regional meet of SMRO's in the Southeastern States. I think a regional conference is a great idea.

The High Point Chapter provided an

informative handout of how to duplicate their efforts which resulted in the posting of State DOT approved Motorcycle Awareness signs in their area. BTW they deserve some credit for the upcoming introduction of a SC Senate bill to do the same.

Cotton reminded folks that like it or not AMA is speaking for us and we need to influence them and let them know how we feel on the issues. I agree regulatory folks know SMRO's won't bend but they can often have their way with the blessing of AMA. More of us SMRO members need to join or at least contact the AMA and keep them aware of our concerns. To fail to act on this will just play into the hand of those who wish to legislate away our liberties.

Reusable Motorcycle Awareness Billboard poster were mentioned as a way to save money over the long haul.

The party afterwards hosted by the Brunswick Chapter of CBA at their lodge was very nice. The chicken and pork were great but the company was even better. I strongly suggest attending the next state meeting.

FastFred





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