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Cabarrus County

**October 4-5**  
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Chatham County Chapter

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**October 25**  
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Bike Show

**October 25**  
Chatham County Chapter  
Ride to the Foothills  
Art/Music Festival

**November 2**  
Randolph County Chapter  
The Showdown Bike  
Competition

## Letter from the Editor...

*It is hard to believe but by the time you read this, summer will basically be over. I don't know where the time goes. I hope to see you at the Labor Day Event at Busco Beach. It will be a Battle of the Bands and promises to be great fun. If you haven't checked out the new party site... ride on out!*

*Now is the time to be thinking about our goals and objectives for 2004. We will be dealing with a short session but if next year is anything like this year, hang on for a ride through Raleigh. This year was something else again. A heartfelt thanks for the members who faithfully attended sessions in Raleigh... often times at a moment's notice.*

*I know there are lots of you that cannot make it to Raleigh but don't think your phone calls and letters to the legislators go unnoticed. Those actions are perhaps even more important than actually showing up for session. During one call to action, we actually shut down the phone/email system and raised conversation in the halls the next day for many wondering what they had done to "rile us up."*

*We had a real victory at the federal level when Congressman McIntyre agreed to sign on to the Shimkus-Strickland letter. This was due, and I was told specifically, to the phone calls, letters and emails he received from concerned bikers. Again, way to go!*

*Let's spend the next year building up our membership so we can be a visible force to be reckoned with in the legislature. Numbers do count. If you are not registered to vote and you can register to vote... please do so. Your voice does count. Keep the rubber side down and enjoy the cooling weather. Be careful out there my lovelies. They are out to get you.*

*In the Wind,  
Crazy Deb*



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## Legislative Update 2003 Session Is Now Over

Since the legislature ended this session yesterday, it seems that for once, I can write an update and not have to worry about it changing the next day. It's been a wild ride, but two of our bills are still alive. Here is where we stand:

### HB-54/SB-32 Motorcycle Awareness Month

I'm sorry to report that this one is a dead soldier. What was supposed to be a "no brainer" ended up falling through the cracks. I'll take part of the blame for that. I didn't push the bill hard enough, because our sponsors said it wasn't necessary. Obviously they were wrong, and that won't happen again. We will introduce this one in 2005 as a joint resolution.

### HB-670 Helmet Bill

As I have reported earlier, our primary sponsors agreed to let this bill wait until the short session. I think they made a mistake, but there was really nothing we could do about it. They claim to

be working with Jim Black to try to get the bill passed. We have trusted them and taken them at their word, but we will not wait any longer. I am preparing some literature now, to get into the hands of all reps. during the long session break. Believe me, when the session starts next May, they will know we are coming! I intend to blitzkrieg Sutton right out of the gate. I want to see our bill on J-III's calendar the first week of session. In the mean time, I will also be contacting Pennsylvania's lobbyist to see what arguments they used in changing their law. Lots to do during the break.

### HB-965 Right-of-way Bill

Even though I have not been sending out a lot of information on this, there has been a lot of activity. We now have a new player on the field. Sen. Walter Dalton, co-chair of the Appropriations Committee, wants to use our bill to tack on an amendment he tried to get through on an earlier bill. While that type of thing really pisses me off, it

couldn't be better news for us! Here is our way to steamroll Tony Rand! I have not mentioned this to you earlier because it has been evolving, and I did not want to get everyone's hopes up again for nothing. At one point, Hartsell told me it might even happen this session, but that's out now. Bottom line is: I am more confident now than I have been at any point that this bill is going to pass. Hartsell will put it on the calendar when the session convenes in May. I have learned that once a bill makes it as far as this one has, they try to make every effort to salvage it. Hang in there.

As I said, it's been a wild ride. But it has been one I have enjoyed and learned from. They have no idea what's coming at 'em next May. Tony Rand has no idea what's coming at him next election either. More on Mr. Rand later. We have a little side project to get us through the break. Still watchin' them...

Sam Nobles

## Internal Affairs

We now have a place to hold committee meetings! Union County Chapter had to give up their lodge. It is centrally located in Monroe. We will be holding Board meetings, Committee meetings and Special Event planning in this location. It is rented for a small fee each month plus electricity. For more details, you can speak to Cotton or Debi.

The Constitution states that two members from each chapter MUST attend the State meeting. Cotton said he will agree to one from each chapter but each chapter must be represented. Decisions are made that affect each member. Let your voice be heard at the State meeting. Information for state meetings is on the website and chapter presidents are notified by the hosting chapter. Want to host a State meeting for 2004? Speak up!

## Not My Problem!

A mouse looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package; what food might it contain?

He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap!

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning, "There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house." The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mouse trap in the house."

"I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, "Like wow, Mr. Mouse, a mouse trap; am I in grave danger, Duh?"

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mouse trap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house, like the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well, in fact, she died, and so many people came for her funeral the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

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# Proposed Constitutional Amendments

## READ AT THE JULY STATE MEETING

Article I, Section 1) Add a sentence: The Membership Committee will determine membership policies.

Article I, Section 5) Change "2 consecutive years" to "5 consecutive years".

Article II, Section 9) Change the last two sentences to read: Any vacancy shall be filled temporarily by resolution of the Board of Directors, until a general election can be held. This general election must be held within 90 days, except as noted below in Section 10.

Article II, Section 10) If a Board of Director position is vacated during the 2nd calendar year of the term of office, the State Executive Council will, by resolution, fill the office for the remainder of the term.

Article III, Section 9) Add Subsection H) He/she will determine whether a member is classified as new or renewal. An appeal of this decision may be made in writing to the Board of Directors.

Article III, Section 9) Add Subsection I) He/she shall perform all duties incident to the office and such

other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the State Executive Council.

Article V, Section 4) Change the first sentence to read: No part of the CBA State Treasury may be used or personal reasons by any State Officer or any other individual.

Article V, Section 8) Remove the words "non-charitable".

Article V, Section 8) After the word "event" add "or product sales".

Article VII, Section 4) Add subsection D) If a chapter office is vacated, an election will be held for that office no sooner than the next regular meeting, but within 45 days.

Article VII, Section 12) Remove the words "formed after July 21, 2001".

Article VII, Section 12) Add sentence to read " 100% of Lifetime Membership monies will be remitted to the State Treasury.

Article VIII, Section 1), Subsection H) After the words "State Treasurers" add "and other volunteers".

### By-Laws

Section 1, Subsection 2) Change subsection A) to read: Lifetime memberships will cost \$200 after 5 consecutive years of membership.

(This amount was what the committee felt was a fair amount. Two proposals that were submitted gave an amount of \$500. This figure can be changed during the reading at the State Meeting.)

Section 1, Subsection 2) Delete current subsection B)

Section 1, Subsection 2) Add new subsection B) to read: Lifetime members shall supply a current address validation to Membership Services in January of each year to continue to receive mailings.

Section 1, Subsection 4) Delete entire subsection. If passed, subsection 5) will become subsection 4).

## Patron Saint of Bikers?

Well... we do need one!

From the Old Country comes proof that if the almighty himself does not don the leathers and climb aboard his scooter, one of his representatives on Earth certainly does!

Step forward the "biking bishop", as he is affectionately known in England, in the shape of Bishop John Oliver. This man of the cloth and leathers is a keen Harley fan and rides Milwaukee

iron as well as a cross-section of other bikes whenever he gets the opportunity.

In fact, so serious is he about his biking that the biking bishop has secured permission from none other than the Pope to have one St. Columbanus to be officially named as the patron saint of bikers.

Robert Daines writes, in his European Harley News report for Thunder Press, that the inauguration took place in the Italian town of Bobbio, the final resting place for the man who will be looking after bikers from now on. Fittingly, the service was attended by Bishop Oliver and hundreds of his fellow bikers.

St. Columbanus was originally from Ireland and as a young man was somewhat of a "lady's man." To avoid the temptations of the flesh, he turned to religion and traveled the world doing numerous good deeds until his death in Italy in 1651.

As for all is good deeds on behalf of bikers around the world, the bishop was modesty itself. "Bikers need all the protection they can get," he told the British press, "so this is undoubtedly a good thing."

So the next time you take a tumble and find yourself dusting down your bike and feeling great to be alive, you will know who to thank.

## In Memory Of...

Johnny "Blue" Wilson	January 21, 1996
Dennis Jackson	August 24, 1999
Bruce Vogle (Klean)	April 29, 1999
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
Sheila Boone	August 1, 2003

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## Chapter Meeting Places

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Meets at Home Folks Diner, 1459 Merrimon Ave., Asheville on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

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Meets at CBA Lodge on Jefferson St. in Whiteville on every other Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

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Meets at Western Steer in Lexington on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM.

### Granville Chapter

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Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.

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Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Tim Austin for more information.

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### 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 scooter to serving you.  
Thank you LORD for my salvation!  
Thank you, for I am now  
"In HIS Wind"  
Amen.

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## Chapter Letters

### Brunswick

Hello from Brunswick County. Our chapter has done it again. Our annual Blue's Run in which we use funds to promote riders safety and education was a great success. The overcast skies didn't hold the bikers back. The run was a wonderful 116 miles through our county escorted by the Sheriff's Department. Once we were back at the lodge, we were greeted by a great band and great food.

The buzz at the lodge among members for the upcoming months would be the Labor Day

### In His Wind

Bro's and Bro-ette's,

Would you...

If you see me broke down on the side of the road...would you stop and help me?

If you know I'm sick or injured, and I'm in the hospital...would you visit me?

If I caused you agony and pain... would you still love me?

If you see me wounded and hurt... would you care for me?

If you know I'm locked up in prison... would you come to visit me?

If I committed a crime deserving a death sentence... would you pay it for me?

If you see me hungry with nothing to eat... would you give me food?

What do you say? Would you take my place? Would you? Would you forgive me?

If you see me thirsty with nothing to drink... would you give me a drink?

If I told people that I'm not your friend... would you still want to be my friend?

Would you accept me?

Would you love me?

If I'm a stranger who doesn't know anybody... would you welcome me?

If I struck you with a closed fist... would you still desire to be with me?

If you see me cold and in need of clothing...would you give me something to wear?

If I ran and hid when you were in trouble... would you still call me yours?

Jesus says "yes."

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

event and the Cherokee rally in September. For those who have not attended these two, it's a blast. For the Cherokee rally, we camp out and have daily rides through the mountains.

We are very involved in educating our bikers. We have been doing our own practicing through cones and have recently reserved two classes, a basic and advanced, through our local college. These classes are very important to helping educate our members on safety.

Till next time, get educated and ride safe.

Kaye, Brunswick Chapter

### Buncombe

Hey everybody! Thanks to all of you that came out to the Buncombe County CBA Hot Springs Motorcycle Weekend. Those of you that couldn't make it missed a great time. We hope to see you next year. Once again our party was a huge success thanks to all the hard working people in our chapter, the town of Hot Springs and about 1900 bikers from all over. Plans are already underway for making next year even better!

In August we'll be having our annual Veterans Appreciation Run. This run is set up to raise money for homeless vets and we spend the afternoon with the residents of the VA nursing home. The residents look forward to the event all year, as they enjoy seeing the motorcycles, meeting the bikers and especially watching the bike games. Invitations have been sent to all our local, state and federal government officials. Many attended last year, boosting the reputation of the CBA by letting everyone know how many local voting bikers there are, and how much we help out the community with this and other charity events.

We have already begun collecting tree ornaments for our Hospice Christmas Tree we will be sponsoring. The tree will be auctioned off at the annual Hospice Celebrity Luncheon, where some of our members will be helping to raise money for Mountain Area Hospice and, once again improve the image of the CBA and get our name out there.

The Buncombe County CBA has recently presented an award to Tammy Blankenship for her talents and hard work putting together our newsletter. She always does an excellent job and spends many hours making the newsletter informative and impressive. We also presented a plaque thanking Cora and Eldon Moore for hosting our Hot Springs Planning Committee meetings. They open their home to us and Cora's cooking keeps the committee members full and happy.

Hope everyone is having a fun, safe riding season. We'll see ya soon!

Crystal Maney  
Buncombe County CBA Secretary

### Chatham

*Chatham has the following events planned for the fall:*

Chatham will be riding to the All Harley Drag Races in Rockingham on Sunday, October 5th 2003, leaving the Pitt Stop Cafe at 10:00 AM. We will also have a ride to the Foothills Art and Music

Festival in Wilkesboro, NC. leaving The Pitt Stop Cafe on October 25th at 10:30 AM. Chatham CBA, along with the Chatham County Law Enforcement Association are holding our annual Children's Christmas Charity Ride on Saturday, November 15th. Please see our new web site for Chatham event info: [www.ChathamCBA.com](http://www.ChathamCBA.com)

### Meeting Updates:

Chatham would like to invite all current Chatham members who can't attend our Thursday meetings to drop by and see us during weekend rides and Bike Nights.

### Important News:

During the summer, the chapter membership awarded Mike and Cathy Mohan with a dinner gift certificate to Leonardo's Italian Restaurant in Apex and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mike and Cathy have been instrumental in the success of the Chatham Chapter for many years and given countless hours of their time to the fight for bikers' rights.

### Davidson

Hello All From Davidson County,  
Just a quick note to say Hi and sorry we missed you all at the State meeting. We hate that we missed the July meeting but hey... that's the first one we've missed in our four years of being a chapter. Not a bad record huh? We just had our 4th Year Anniversary on the 26th of July and celebrated it with a poker run and party. We raised a little cash for the chapter and had a whole lot of fun!! Hope to see you all soon.

Cindy Hutton  
Davidson County Secretary

### Granville

Since the last report we have been a busy group! On Memorial Day weekend we had a good ride to the Bash at The Ranch. Seventeen bikes rode out and everyone had a great time.

On June 7th, we participated in the Butner Chicken Pickin Day. It rained almost all day, but we passed out a few applications, voter registration forms, and other literature. We met new people and got two new members from our efforts.

On June 14th, we had eighteen bikes ride to Chase City, VA for the South Central Bike Fair. This is the third year in a row we went and as usual it was a great time.

On the weekend of July 11th about a dozen or so went to Wilson for the Easyrider Rodeo. We all had a blast in spite of the rain Friday. What a party!

Granville County chapter turned three years old July 15th. We had a great party at our lodge on Friday the 18th with a great D.J. and a free steak supper for all members. About 80 people turned out for a great night of fellowship! Thanks for everyone's hard work!

Our chapter meetings are the first Sunday of every month at our lodge located at 1639 Highway 50 \_ mile south of

*Cont. from Page 6* Creedmoor. We eat @ 1:00 and have the meeting around 2:00. Here is a list of some upcoming events:

Lake Lure Ride Weekend of August 9th. Leave our lodge at 9:00 am Friday

Poker Run August 23rd to benefit Dakota Edwards who has a kidney disease. Leave lodge at 9:00 a.m.

Busco Beach Ride Labor Day Weekend. Leave lodge at 9:00 a.m. Friday

Poker Run September 13 to benefit C.B. Roberts, our VP who has cancer. Leave lodge @ 9:00 a.m.

Ride to Fall Rally @ Myrtle Beach. Leave lodge at 9:00 a.m. Friday October 10th.

That's all for now. Anyone in the neighborhood please stop by or call @ 919-529-1325!

Ride Free  
Bobby

### Raleigh

Hello from the Capital City!

The Raleigh chapter has been working with other biker organizations to plan a Memorial Run for Raleigh motorcycle officer Charles Paul who died in the line of duty last year while on his bike. His death has brought attention the dangers that are on the road for bikers. He went down after hitting road debris that had accumulated on the Beltline in Raleigh. The benefit is scheduled for September 13th. Call any Raleigh Chapter officer for details.

Our Chapter usually meets twice a month, but we have decided to have a chapter ride on the 3rd Tuesday of each month until further notice. Now that the legislature has ended the session, we have more time to do what bikers do – ride!

We are proud of our own David Gore who received a certificate of appreciation at the last State meeting in Havelock from our President, Cotton Tedder for his legislative work. Way to go Ditch!

## More Chapter Letters

Hope we see a lot of you at Busco Beach! Till next time,  
Gail Rumler/Secretary

### Randolph

Hello fellow CBA members!

#### Upcoming Events:

Sept. 20 – Bear Allred Memorial Down Riders Fundraiser, Poker Run, Music, Auction

Nov. 2 – “The Showdown” See the hottest creations from area custom bike shops in a winner-take-all competition. Music, HOT charity fashion show/auction, contests, vendors, food, giveaways, HOT bikes, entertainment all day. You don't want to miss this one!!

#### Important News:

Our chapter has recently undertaken a new community project that we're really excited about. Working with a program that works with court-involved youth, our folks have gotten the opportunity to have a positive influence on these kids. From just talking with the kids, to taking them fishing or on short motorcycle rides, the experience has been great for both the kids and our members.

Congrats to members Charles and Sandra Prince, who tied the knot on June 21st.

#### Comments:

Thanks for Sam and all the other folks who worked so hard this Legislative session. We appreciate the hard work they do for all of us!

For more information on these and other chapter events, call our officers or check out our web site at [www.randolphcocba1@tripod.com](mailto:www.randolphcocba1@tripod.com).

### Tar River Basin

We are Tar River Basin have had a busy time. We managed to have three members at parts of the state meeting in spite of many conflicts. We are asking our members of their preference of meeting places and meeting times. We hope if we can find a more convenient place and time that we can have

more of our members attend the regular meetings.

We are putting out the Busco Beach event posters in every bar and cycle shop we can find. We hope this will help with attendance. It is difficult to compete with the holiday weekend events and maybe if we advertise enough we can draw a great crowd.

See you at Busco.

### Union County

Hi All,

It has been a great summer! Our chapter has not done much for ourselves this summer... too many events and meetings to go to. We are getting ready for our 14th Toys for Joy run on December 14, 2003. It will start at Iron Horse Motorcycles in Monroe at 1:00 pm. Happy 35th anniversary Cotton and Jan. Happy Birthdays in October John Boy and Adam Tedder.

Hope to see everyone at October's State Meeting. It will be held at Cabarrus County on October 4th, 2003. Thanks for the good time in Carteret/Craven's State Meeting. It was good to see members I had not seen for awhile. Great party too!!!

Till next time  
Ride Free!

### Chapters Not Reporting

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## Freedom Rally 2004



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## Our Sister State Has BIG Troubles

### Governor Vetoes South Carolina Rider Education Budget

One of Governor Mark Sanford's vetoes threatens a motorcycle safety course that saves lives in the state with the highest rate of motorcycle deaths in the country, the program's founder says.

Sanford's decision to eliminate \$118,675 in state funding "is a real shame," said Wayne Wilkes of Columbia Powersports, who has overseen the program since its inception in 1990.

The \$118,675 that Sanford vetoed pays for three motorcycle safety classes at technical colleges around the state, Wilkes told Knight Rider writer Aaron Gould Sheinin. Motorcycle dealers also donate \$120,000 a year in equipment, Wilkes said.

Created in 1990, the program originally was paid for by a grant through the Department of Transportation. The statewide program is overseen by Midlands Technical College with

money from the S.C. Motorcycle Dealers Association and the state.

EDITOR'S NOTE: What's next? Complete ban of motorcycles altogether? Get involved and protect your right to ride. Think it can't happen to us? Think again.



### Who Said This?

*"Good intentions will always be pleaded for every assumption of authority. It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters."*

Answer: Noah Webster

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## Kudos To You All!!!

At the July state meeting, Cotton recognized the following people for contributions to the organization with a Certification of Appreciation: Sam Nobles, Ditch Gore, Deb Knox, Darlene Kimsey, Tammy Blankenship, Jocelyn Stumblingbear, Peggy Burns, Jim Burns, Vinny Neumann and Cindy Hodges.

Special awards were given for Joy Barbour, Allen Hutton, Beaver and Cindy Hodges.

Cotton was surprised with a Certificate for Exemplary Leadership. On the other hand, he was also given a giant turd from Eldon Moore, Western District Coordinator to remind him about all the sh\*t he has put up with so far. We all owe Cotton a big thank you. You just don't know what he goes through for this organization.

## Your Papers Please

Freedom Action of the Week

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Have you ever been peacefully driving down the road, minding your own business, perhaps on your way to work, to school, to the grocery store or just driving along, enjoying a beautiful summer day and breathing in the sweet air of freedom ... when suddenly you round a curve and ... uh-oh ... a roadblock? A line of cars with drivers patiently waiting for their papers to be checked. Some unfortunate souls pulled over on the shoulder, some even more unfortunate souls opening their trunks for an "on the spot" search.

If you're like most of us, you quickly check to make sure your seatbelt's fastened, your gun is in the "right place" for your state, resignedly dig into your glove box for your registration and license and join the queue of cars, hoping "they" won't find anything out of order or not like your looks and make you join the other unfortunates on the shoulder. But doesn't the thought of having to hand over your papers to be able to proceed down a highway in a free country stick in your craw? Not to mention being searched on a public roadway?

The state has turned our law enforcement agencies into "road Nazis" and our roads into Gestapo checkpoints. Maybe folks are willing to be rounded up like sheep and criminals. Maybe they feel safer that way. Maybe the cute names the government attaches to their statist roadblocks such as, "Click It or Ticket," "Booze It and Lose It" pacify the ignorant mind.

But don't we have a right to freedom of movement and freedom from government harassment, and freedom from illegal searches and seizures? Roadblocks Registry, a project of the National Motorists Association, says "Roadblocks, as used in the U.S., are designed and intended to use fear, intimidation, and inconvenience to expedite a government edict or a political agenda."

Their goal is to eliminate roadblocks through education, publicity, and litigation. They offer a variety of free publicity tools, a "stealth editorial" section on various motorist rights issues for you to use as letters to the editor, and a database of attorneys specializing in traffic issues.

The National Motorists Association suggests "that you engage the roadblock process from the standpoint that the current courts find them legal and a legitimate law enforcement tactic. Therefore, there is little to gain by launching into a tirade over the constitutionality of roadblocks, at least while you are stopped at one. However, this is

not to say that all your rights are null and void once you enter a roadblock." For invaluable tips on your rights at a roadblock, see Roadblock Registry's "What to do" page.

But what if you'd like to avoid roadblocks, or, go a step further and help inform other freedom lovers of roadblock locations? Roadblocks Registry is compiling a registry of known and announced roadblocks, by state and county, as well as info on state legislation regarding roadblocks and publicity campaigns to eliminate roadblocks. Use and help build this valuable resource by going to their site and clicking on the appropriate links.

A new organization, Flex Your Rights, is also working to train individuals to protect their civil liberties during police encounters and to assert their constitutional rights in order to avoid the hassle and humiliation of police misconduct and illegal searches. Flex Your Rights has information on what to do at roadblocks, as well as a downloadable flyer (Adobe Acrobat required) for you to print, copy, and hand out to educate others.

For more information on your rights, R.J. Tavel's Freedom Law site has links to pro se materi-

als on traffic stops, tickets, and right to travel, and, of course, there's the famous ACLU "bust card"... no purse, wallet or glove box should be without it.

This week, let's take action in several ways: go to the Roadblocks Registry, see what roadblocks are in your "neck of the woods", and add any you know about. Print out the list of roadblocks in your county, and, print out some copies of the Flex Your Rights flyer, or the ACLU "bust card" and seed your community. Good places to leave flyers are at restaurants, bars and the restroom at your local DMV office.

Knowing and asserting what rights we do still have and educating others to do the same will, hopefully, prevent or slow down further erosion of those rights.

If you'd like to go a step further and warn others in your community about roadblocks when they are occurring, you can make up some poster board signs (Warning -- Roadblock Ahead) on tomato stakes and carry them in your back seat. Then, if you happen upon a roadblock, keep going about a half mile on the other side and plant your signs.

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## NCOM... Milwaukee, Wisconsin Ridin' in Rick's Wind

NCOM...been there, done that, many, many times, but I always manage to meet someone new and learn something new. I really think that it is good to see so many folks who either have been or are experiencing some of the same problems that we, here in North Carolina, are facing. I always come away newly electrified in our purpose.

I attended a seminar on our Nation's Bill of Rights. It was given by Jesse McDugald. If you have ever had the opportunity to hear Jesse, then you

I sat through a mock hearing where items were debated and questions asked and answered. Once again, there was Jesse, pointing out things that went well, and things that could possibly create more problems. I guess I should never talk...I offer too much information and open more questions. It is always wise to sit in on these mock sessions and watch and learn. I have had the privilege of going to our State Capitol and to Washington, D.C. to accompany Rick and visit with legislators and do

some lobbying. It can be a bit tricky; especially if you don't have your facts straight and you let the other side catch you off guard. If any of you have the opportunity to go to Raleigh or Washington, please go. These people with NCOM are willing to help you all the way with what you should and shouldn't say or do while there. All you have to do is ask any of them.....starting with your own Regional Board member and State President, Cotton.

In our Regional meeting, North Carolina was recognized for always having a large group in attendance. It made me proud, not only for the years of support given to Rick as a past NCOM Board member, but also for Cotton, our current NCOM Board member. The Regional meeting is a MUST. It is the place where you can meet the people from your neighboring states and find out exactly what it going on there. It is a place to begin to work together for the good of us all. And speaking of Cotton, he had a high seat at the banquet. He made an introduction for the Silver Spoke Award, so he had to sit at the main table facing all

us.....looked pretty darn good up there, too!

I think, that for me personally, I appreciate the renewal of old friendships year after year. I also enjoy having folks from our CBA Chapter go along



Charlotte CBA attends NCOM

know how knowledgeable and thoroughly entertaining he can be. I, personally, never liked history until I became history, I am old you know, but Jesse makes every topic he discusses spring to life. He is always there with a smile and an answer for you if you will only ask. It became amazing to me as to how much these fundamental bills, written years ago, still apply and protect us today. What intelligent men, our forefathers were. On a somewhat sad note, this spring, when school closes, Jesse will no longer be teaching school. What a tremendous loss for those children!

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Charlotte CBA visits Wisconsin  
Harley Davidson

who have never been to anything like this. It is fun to introduce them to some of our finest Motorcycle Rights people in the Nation and then sit back and watch them get excited as they begin their journey. It is always an awesome sight with so many different clubs working side by side towards a common goal.....FREEDOM!!! Just like our forefathers planned!

Thanks to my chapter, who allowed me the privilege of attending another NCOM Convention.....wish you all could have come along.....myra

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## Pennsylvania Helmet Freedom

Congratulations to ABATE of Pennsylvania and Keystone State motorcyclists, who scored a monumental victory over the Independence Day Weekend when Governor Edward G. Rendell signed a helmet law repeal on July 6, 2003, making Pennsylvania the 31st state to allow adult freedom of choice.

Effective September 4, 2003, riders 21 and

older who have had a motorcycle license endorsement for at least two years, or have a completed a motorcycle safety course, will have the freedom to decide when and where to wear a helmet. Passengers must wear a helmet if the operator is required to wear one.

"This was a classic example of grass roots activism," said an exuberant Charles Umbenhauer,

ABATE's lobbyist. "We've been working at this for more than two decades, and it proves that patience and persistence pays off."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Maybe there is hope. Freedom is not a spectator sport. Get involved so other state's can be writing about us!!

## Regain Your Right to Vote in North Carolina

The right to vote is an important civil right in a democracy as well as a civic responsibility, and yet many persons who have been convicted of a crime do not know whether they are eligible to vote. For both federal and state elections, the right to vote is controlled by the law of the state in which you live. Some states restrict the right to vote for persons who have been convicted of a crime. This pamphlet is intended to help you determine whether you are eligible to vote in the state in which you live, and if so, what steps you must take to be permitted to vote.

### What law governs whether my felony conviction limits my right to vote?

The impact of a criminal conviction on the right to vote varies widely from state to state. Whether you can vote after being convicted of a crime is determined by the state in which you live, not the state in which you were convicted.

### Can I vote while I'm incarcerated in North Carolina?

If you are a resident of North Carolina, you cannot vote while you are incarcerated for the conviction of a felony.

If you are a resident of another state who is temporarily incarcerated in North Carolina, you may be

able to vote by absentee ballot in your home state. You need to consult the law of your home state regarding both criminal convictions and absentee ballots to see if this is a possibility.

### I have been released from incarceration. How do I restore my right to vote?

In North Carolina, you regain your right to vote once you have been unconditionally discharged from prison, probation or parole or discharged from a suspended sentence, or upon unconditional pardon, or the satisfaction of all conditions of a conditional pardon. For a North Carolina conviction, the agency having jurisdiction over you at the time you were unconditionally discharged is required to issue a certificate to the clerk of the General Court of Justice in the county where you were convicted, and that clerk shall then file the certificate with the original record at no fee. Once this is done, you can simply register and vote.

### What if my conviction was for a federal crime?

If you were convicted of a felony by a federal court, you can re-gain your right to vote in North Carolina once you have been unconditionally discharged from prison, probation or parole or discharged from a suspended sentence, or upon unconditional pardon, or the satisfaction of all conditions of a conditional pardon. In order to re-gain your voting rights, you should take proof of your unconditional discharge to the clerk of the county where you live, and that clerk will issue and file a certificate specifying that you have been restored to your right to vote.

### What if I was convicted in another state?

If you were convicted of a felony by the court of a state other than North Carolina, you cannot vote while you are under sentence if the crime for which you were convicted would also have been a felony if it had been committed in North Carolina. You can still re-gain your right to vote in North Carolina once you have been unconditionally discharged from prison, probation or parole or discharged from a suspended sentence, or upon unconditional pardon, or the satisfaction of all conditions of a conditional pardon. In order to re-gain your voting rights, you should take proof of your unconditional discharge to the clerk of the county where you live, and that clerk will issue and file a certificate specifying that you have been restored to your right to vote.

### What happens if I move to another state?

If you move to another state, your right to vote will be controlled by the laws of that state.

### What are North Carolina's other voter registration requirements?

To vote in North Carolina, you must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old by the date of the next general election. You must not be registered to vote or claim the right to vote in any other state or county.

### When do I need to register to vote?

Registration is available year round in North Carolina. However, in order to vote in an election, you must register at least 25 days before the election.

### Where do I go to register?

Registration is available at many places in North Carolina. You can register at your County Board of Elections, or you can pick up a mail-in registration form at most public libraries and high schools.

In addition, you can register to vote at the following state agencies when applying for services or transacting other business at that agency:

- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Services for the Blind
- Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities
- Employment Security Commission

If you believe you are eligible to vote and encounter difficulty registering, please contact the Elections Board of North Carolina:

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## Oh I Get It!

### The Meaning of Service

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Then I heard the terms:

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- Service Stations
- Customer Service
- City/County Public Service

I became confused about the word "service." This is not what I thought "service" meant. Then one day, I overheard two farmers talking and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull service a few of his cows.

WHAM! It all came into perspective! Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us.

Author Unknown

Received in an email from Don "DUCK" Smith  
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## Group Riding From MSF

### 17 Tips to Ensure Everybody Has a Great Day!

By Bill Andrews

The engine purrs beneath you as a string of motorcycles snakes through the hills in front of you. With a quick look in the mirror, you see your buddy following close behind with a smile on his face that matches yours. The camaraderie forms because, at just this moment, you're all on the same page.

That's what a group ride is all about. It's an opportunity to share the open road and wonderful scenery with other like-minded people.

But like most motorcycle experiences, this one is best enjoyed by following a few simple guidelines that keep everyone safe. And that's the idea behind a new videotape put out by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that focuses on group riding. You can get your own copy by visiting the MSF website at [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org), but here are a few tips from the country's foremost motorcycle safety experts.

1) The first thing you want to do is organize the ride. This can be as informal as standing around in a parking lot, or as complicated as a special meeting to hand out maps and cell phone numbers.

2) Remember that riding in a group does not mean you surrender any decision-making when it comes to your safety. Ride your own ride, and don't go any faster than you feel comfortable going.

3) When picking your route and the stops you'll make along it, consider the stamina of the group, the experience of all the riders, and the limits of the motorcycles in the group. Remember, these are your friends. If it's going to be a long ride, be sure to have a few break stops along the way.

4) You'll need to communicate while on the ride, so make sure everyone knows the signals you'll use.

5) When creating your formation, it's wise to have

your experienced riders at the lead and running sweep. Consider positioning the less experienced riders immediately behind the leader. This allows the front rider to adjust the pace if necessary.

6) Ideally, the sweep rider will have a cell phone to call for help if a motorcycle is disabled, or if there has been an accident.

7) If the goal of the ride is to keep the group together, the leader should only go at the pace of the least experienced rider.

8) While riding, don't fixate on the motorcycle in front of you. Instead, remember your basic training. Look well through the turn to where you want to go.

9) If the group is riding faster than you are comfortable with, let the sweep rider know you're dropping out and ride at your own pace. So you may reach your destination a few seconds behind the others, but you will get there, and that's what's important. Keep in mind, it's all about fun.

10) All riders are also responsible for making sure their motorcycles are mechanically up to the task. Before you even meet up with the group, make sure you've got plenty of fuel in the tank, and you've taken care of all those maintenance issues. You really don't want to be the reason for stopping the group for something mechanical you could have prevented.

11) If it's going to be a large group, consider establishing a buddy system among the riders, or divide the group into smaller five- or seven-rider packs. That way, if something goes wrong, you don't have 25 motorcycles sitting on the side of a busy highway. Also, smaller groups can more easily navigate through city streets.

12) On the road, motorcyclists should have at least a 2-second cushion in front and behind them. If you

want to keep the group tight, consider a staggered formation. Leave enough room per lane so each rider can maneuver side-to-side if need be. Avoid side-by-side formations as they shrink your space cushion.

13) Trikes and sidecars should stay in the center of the lane, and should be given the same amount of cushion as if they were a car.

14) As turns get sharper, or as visibility decreases, move back to a single file formation. You'll also want to use single file when entering or exiting a highway, at toll booths, or when roads have a rough or questionable surface.

15) At intersections where you've come to a stop, tighten the formation to side-by-side to take up less space. As the light turns green, or when traffic opens up, the bike on the left proceeds through first.

16) Remember we share the road with many other vehicles, and it's against the law to block an intersection. (EDITOR'S NOTE: I humbly disagree with this one on an organized run... you need your blockers because cage drivers can be idiots when confronted with a long string of motorcycles)

17) When parking, try to get the group off the roadway as quickly as possible. If you can, arrange in advance to have pull-through parking at your destination, or at the very least, make sure there is ample parking for your size group.

Want more group-riding tips for your club or group? Order the MSF Guide to Group Riding video at [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org), cost is \$15.00 for a video and a handbook.

Not the gospel folks, just some free info from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

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## News From the Federal Level

### New Privacy Protection Legislation

**ISSUE:** Concerned about growing encroachments on our individual rights, cloaked in a shroud of "patriotic" governmental acts? Now there's something that you can do about it. Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH) has introduced legislation to implement stringent privacy protections for individuals. The legislation, the Defense of Privacy Act (H.R. 338), requires federal agencies to assess the privacy implications of proposed rules and regulations.

"In the past several years, privacy rights have, too often, been an afterthought in the regulatory process," said Chabot. "This proposal will force agencies to open their eyes to legitimate privacy concerns."

Chabot's Defense of Privacy Act would require federal agencies to take into account privacy concerns when developing and implementing regulations, to prepare a privacy impact analysis of regulations that have been introduced, and to ensure a periodic review of the impact on privacy by the regulations that have been instituted. (Read the full bill at [thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov))

Chabot has been a leader in the effort to

compel federal agencies to consider the privacy rights of individuals when issuing rules and regulations. In the 106th Congress, Chabot first introduced the Defense of Privacy Act. In the last Congress, Chabot and former-Rep. Bob Barr (R-GA), then-Chairman of the subcommittee of primary jurisdiction for the legislation, spearheaded the successful passage of the legislation in the House, but it failed to pass the Senate. Now, it's back on the agenda, and it's time to pass it all the way through.

**ACTION ITEM:** "The sphere of privacy, which Justice Brandeis eloquently described as the 'right to be let alone,' is not only rapidly diminishing, it is increasingly penetrable," said Barr. "Special care is necessary to ensure that personal information remains personal, absent a sound reason to treat it otherwise. This value is neither Republican or Democratic; liberal or conservative, it is an American value."

"This legislation takes the first -- necessary -- step toward protecting the privacy of information collected by the federal government. Unlike a private commercial gatherer of personal data, the government can put you in jail based on what it uncovers. For this reason, the government has an obliga-

tion to exercise greater responsibility when enacting policies that undermine privacy rights," said Barr.

A hearing on the bill was scheduled in August. Send your Congressman a message about how you feel about H.R. 338, the "Defense of Privacy Act."

### "Sneak and Peek" Search Warrants

Thank (or Spank) Your Representative for their Vote on a Key PATRIOT Act Provision. Congress began its revolt against the USA PATRIOT Act by passing an amendment that would limit the use of "sneak and peek" search warrants for your home. These search warrants, also called "black bag" searches, allow government agents to secretly search homes, confiscate certain types of property and essentially bug computers without notifying the subject of the search that it is happening.

By voting to block the use of these searches, the House has taken an important first step toward undoing the parts of the PATRIOT Act that invade our freedom. It is crucial that you give feedback to your Representative on his or her vote on this important amendment.

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