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FREEDOM FIGHTERS NEWS

**LEGISLATIVE
CALL TO ACTION:
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT**

**DON'T LET HB-1289
SUFFER FROM A
POTENTIAL TERMINAL
DISEASE... APATHY**

Coming Events

Hot Springs Weekend
Buncombe Chapter
June 24-26

Blue's Run
Brunswick County Chapter
July 30

July State Meeting
Hosted by Carteret
Craven
July 16

Labor Day Event
BUSCO BEACH
Goldsboro, NC

October State Meeting
Hosted by Cabarrus-
Rowan Chapter
October 15

**Brunswick County
Bike Show**
Brunswick County Chapter
October 29th

Charlotte Swap Meet
Metrolina Expo
November 12 & 13

Letter from the Editor...

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer riding season. If you find yourself in need of a good ride on the last weekend of June...may I recommend Hot Springs? The Buncombe County chapter does an amazing job of putting on this rally and you will not find a better time with friendlier people. Plus, for those of us that live in the heat of the city or the scorching sun of the coast...it is a welcome respite from the heat.

I cannot say enough how pleased we are all over the MSAP program. Many of the chapters are actively teaching this program in county high schools and it is well received. If your chapter is not participating...why not? The life you save might be your own! Contact Jim Burns at 910-443-0946 to sign up...do it now.

I know the newsletter is late but it was important to get out this Call to Action. Legislatively, we are having a disappointing year. We rested on our laurels. We did not do our job. Two of our bills are already history. The helmet bill languishes in committee. Now is the time to get off our collective butts and contact our representatives or we will sit by and watch that bill die too. We came out of the Select Committee favorably and then hit a stone wall. It takes all of us hitting that wall with a sledge hammer to get what we want. On an equally disturbing note, the Senate budget reflects an increase in motorcycle registration fees. This line item circumvents our helmet bill. Want to know more? The text of the line item is in the newsletter. Better contact your rep and find out what the HE DOUBLE L is going on!

Now, I have heard a lot of grumbling about our participation on the national level. For those of us who are paying attention at the national level, you better be glad someone is! Don't think our business at home is not affected by what is going on at the national level. While you are sleeping safely in your beds and riding happily down North Carolina state roads, the feds are examining all sorts of ways to prevent you from riding on ANY roads, let alone your own. Don't believe it? Better wise up.

You can do two things my friends...choose to do nothing and suffer the consequences or do all that you can and reap the benefits of your involvement. A few people CAN make a difference.

Keep the rubber side down...

Crazy Deb



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Legislative Call to Action

FROM: Cotton Tedder

TO: All Motorcyclists

DATE: Thursday, June 02, 2005 9:22 PM

Please distribute this to all freedom fighters!

I have had communication with NC House Representative John Sauls who is the sponsor of HB 1289 - Amend Motorcycle Helmet Law - in which today, Rep. Sauls suggests we contact the Chairs of the House Finance Committee and express our support for a hearing of this bill.

This bill was introduced April 18 and assigned to the House Finance Committee on April 19 where it has sat. The committee has been focusing on bills that have no money associated with them, as after Crossover, which is today, they are dead. All bills that have money or funding associated with them can be kept alive and viable after Crossover, and if need be, on into our short session next year. You will recall that our bill offers an additional 5 dollars on our yearly registration fee that would go towards the protected fund for rider education in our state, which is administered through the community college system in conjunction with the NC Rider Education Training Program.

What we ask is for you to email each of these legislators and urge them to allow this bill to be heard in committee. Time grows short, the bill was late being entered, and we would like to move this thing along. Below are the names, districts, and e-mail addresses for the committee chairs, vice-chairs, and members. There are a total of 31 members.

You certainly can bundle all the addresses into one "TO" column and send it once to all of them, but my advice is to formulate your note and copy and paste it into an individual e-mail for each committee member. Spam programs lately are catching the bundled mails... you might remember when we barraged the state house with emails about that bill that would have kept us from riding our children on the backs of our bikes... many folks reported having their emails bounce and this is the suspected reason.

It takes a little time... but isnt it worth it? This is important folks. We worked hard last year to get this bill this far... further than any helmet bill has ever gone in our state!

What is also important is to keep in mind that these legislators need to hear from us in a respectful tone. Yes, they work for us but saying so only puts them on the defense... let's be polite and non-confrontational and show them that we are paying attention and this is important to us.

House Finance Committee meets at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This tells us they have been incredibly busy, so bear with them. We have reason to believe the committee will look favorably towards our request.

You may mention that this bill got a favorable pass during the break in Select Committee. Of note, what seemed to move our bill along further and with less resistance was emphasizing the tourism dollars rather than arguing the device and Freedom. If you are from out of state, please mention the dollars you spend at Myrtle Beach for the rally and how you would gladly spend some of those dollars along the nearby North Carolina coast, if freedom-of-choice was legal in the state. For more information on helmet laws, check <http://www.ncrider.com/Helmet-Page.htm> Please, when you get responses to the legislators, forward them to Cindy Hodges at freweeln@nc.rr.com. She and Vinny Neumann will be compiling the responses for our future use.

Thank you for your action and support.

Respectfully

Cotton Tedder
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This action alert
requires
your immediate attention.
PLEASE....
be a part of the solution.

A Thanks That Is Long Overdue

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This group are the unsung heroes of every event. It is time we said thank you properly!*

How many years has it been since the Christian Motorcyclists Association started providing first aid service for some of the CBA events? How many of our kids have been hurt on four wheelers, or cut their feet in the river? Do you remember the first STOP THE PAIN at the Charlotte lodge? What about the fire ants at Watha? We've all needed something for that morning headache from time to time. The mud wrestlers at Hot Springs were a change of pace for us but we took care of business. Business really picked up when we started the blood pressure and blood sugar checks several years ago.

We have three things in common. Having a good time with our motorcycles and staying alive. We also want to do what we can to keep our friends off the "In Memory Of..." list of this newsletter.

We will be at the following events each and every year:

- Eastern District Swap Meet and Bike Show
Wilson, NC (Feb.)
- Charlotte Swap Meet and Bike Show
(March and November)
- Columbus County Swap Meet and Bike Show,
Whiteville, NC (April)
- NC FREEDOM RALLY, Goldsboro, NC (April)
- JUNE JAM and OCTOBER JAM, Salisbury, NC
- Buncombe County HOT SPRINGS
Motorcycle Weekend (Sept.)
- LABOR DAY PARTY, Goldsboro, NC, (Sept.)

Drop by to see us even if you don't need us. We are like the Maytag repairman. Sometimes our job is is the loneliest job in town.

From the AT LARGE first aid guy, BANDAID BILL

Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. - - *Harold Whitman*

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Meets at Brunswick County CBA Lodge. Located on Hwy. 179 behind Shallotte Muffler shop. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

Buncombe Chapter

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

Burke Chapter

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Meets at Prime Sirloin in Morganton (next to Kmart) on 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.

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Meets at the Golden Corral in Concord on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

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Meets at 10411 Beagle Club Rd. on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

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

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Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at Madison Restaurant at 7:00 PM.

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Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Contact Cliff Cyhers for more information.

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Meets at Kefi's once a month on 3rd Thursday of the months at 7:00 PM.

Raleigh Chapter

PO Box 28082 • Raleigh, NC 27611

Bill Johnson: (919)649-3611

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Meets at Griffins Restaurant, 1604 N. Market Drive on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM.

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Meets 1716 Wallace Drive, Wilson NC on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

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Chapter Letters

First...I would like to issue a formal apology to any chapter whose letter has been omitted or may have been omitted in the past. I know of one and my personal apologies to you.

Frankly, I get one or two at the most usually. With all the issues I deal with, those one paragraph notes get lost from time to time. I am not perfect (despite what I may think) and I make mistakes. If you pass it to me at the State meeting, it sometimes get misplaced, as was the case for the one I dropped from the last newsletter. The chapter letter submission has been less than satisfactory the entire time I have been the newsletter editor. I find myself wondering if you want to do this at all.

I would like to remind you all however that it is part of your secretarial duties to submit one for the newsletter. I will not baby sit you my darlings. If everyone is too busy to submit a letter once a quarter, then let's submit a constitutional change and get the requirement overturned. Again, either way...your call.

That being said, here is the one letter I received..

Burke County

Hello from Burke County!

As with other Chapters during this time of year, we've been busy! We held a Yard Sale April 2nd. Our local newspaper published a very favorable article which "introduced" us to the public by explaining a brief history of NC CBA/ABATE, who we are, and our goals as Concerned Bikers.

Despite illness, work schedules, family obligations, a future CBA member due to be born --- a large (per-ratio) number of our Burke Chapter members were able to attend the State meeting April 11th. The Hickory Chapter did a great job (as usual) as sponsors of this meeting. We appreciate all that the Hickory Chapter did to make this successful. Buncombe County and Burke County also contributed.

We completed our final certification training for MSAP April 24th. Jim and Peggy Burns are to be admired for their dedication to this program. Our Burke County

Sheriff's Department, the Superintendent of Schools, and Driver's Education Instructors are very excited and supportive of MSAP and will help in any way they can. Burke County Driver's Ed. Instructors who attended the conference in Cherokee were very complimentary of the demonstration that was presented. Thanks to Deb Knox and everyone who implemented this for all of our Chapters. We plan to have at least 20-25 MSAP classes taught by the end of the Summer. Yep, we're excited about this and we're on our way!

We want to commend Tammy Blankenship for keeping us so well informed with up-dates about what's going on. We know that is very time-consuming and we certainly appreciate her and Larry's efforts. We also want to congratulate our Western District Coordinator James Buckner, and Crystal on their marriage. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness!

Legalize Freedom,
Glorria Wellbeloved
Burke County Secretary

CBA Member Survey

CBA Member,

The CBA would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes and fill in the survey below about the CBA's annual Freedom Rally. The purpose is to make the Freedom Rally better each year and to not only attract more CBA members to attend, but also to attract independent riders as well.

- 1) How many of the past three Freedom Rallies at Busco Beach have you attended?
- 2) If less than two, can you let us know why you are not interested in attending?
- 3) If you have attended at least two of the last Freedom Rallies, do you have any feedback to help the CBA plan a more attractive Freedom Rally for 2006?

- 4) If you have attended, what positive feedback can you provide?
- 5) Busco Beach was selected as the site because it is close to the middle of the state and it has all the facilities that we needed. (Band shell, showers, shaded camp sites, four-wheeler areas, swimming, etc) Does the location suit your needs?
- 6) If you attended, did you have a work assignment?
- 7) If you had a work assignment, did you enjoy the work?
- 8) If you have had a work assignment, did you have enough time to socialize with your buddies and enjoy the Rally?
- 9) What other feedback can you provide?

We all know that approximately 25% of CBA members can't go to the Freedom Rally because of personal commitments (Children's birthdays, anniversaries, single parent child sitting requirements, emergency work assignments, sickness, business travel, etc...) There are still ways to support the organization if you cannot attend.

Submitting a freedom fighter donation is one way to make up for not being able to attend the Freedom Rally. That donation will help cover the costs of the Freedom Rally. If you don't want to

go, or can't attend the annual Freedom Rally, but would still like to support the organization, please see the CBA's products page for instructions on submitting an online Freedom Fighter donation. <http://www.cba-abatenc.org/products.htm>

Since the CBA organization exists to promote the future of motorcycling, please provide your honest feedback on the annual Freedom Rally.

I am a state events committee member and your responses will be gathered by me and a summary of the feedback will be sent to the state events committee. Your names will not be included in the chapter response to the state events committee, just your feedback. I will NOT report on who said what, just on what was said. If you have positive feedback and would like your name mentioned, please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Send responses to:

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Cary, NC 27519

You can simply hand these to me at the State Meeting on July 19th or mail them to me at:

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**A FULL REPORT ABOUT
NCOM 2005
WILL BE GIVEN AT THE
JULY 16TH
STATE MEETING IN
CARTERET-CRAVEN.**

April State Meeting Minutes

State Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2005
Hosted by Hickory Chapter

Cotton called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

Cotton opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember all our brothers and sister that are no longer walking this earth with but are riding free up above.

Opening Prayer: Given by Vince Mahaffey.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Sam Nobles

Chapter Roll Call: All Chapters were represented with the exception of New Hanover. At-Large was also represented.

Introductions: Voted to waive at this meeting due to the large agenda we have today.

Announcements: Cotton opened with explaining that this organization is growing at a rapid pace. Many projects are off and running faster than had been expected.

Secretary's Report: Peggy Burns. The minutes of the last meeting had been printed in the State Newsletter. A motion to accept them as printed was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Hodges. Mike passed out copies of the report. A motion was made to accept the report as printed and passed.

Committee Reports:

Legislative Committee: Sam Nobles. Sam reported on what is happening in Raleigh. We still have our helmet bill active. Please read his report in this newsletter.

MRF: Cindy Hodges. Cindy covered how important it is to attend Conferences like MRF and NCOM. North Carolina has gained National recognition for all our efforts that helped get bills passed. Please read the rest of her report in this newsletter.

NCOM: Cotton Tedder. NCOM will be held in Nashville, Tenn. He would like to see as many of our members show up at this conference. This conference is the closest one to North Carolina so far. It is within driving distance. CBA members need to start attending National Conferences to learn what they are all about. There is a world of information shared at these conferences. Members would walk away with an unbelievable wealth of knowledge. So much is learned at the conferences it's well worth any members' time to attend.

N.C Confederation of Club: No report

Products Committee: No report

PR/Newsletter/Web Page: Deb Knox. Deb's report was read by Cindy Hodges. Deb was out of town on

business with her real job. First she would like every member to support our Freedom Rally. She has made flyers and they are available on the table in the back of the room. This is our last ditch effort to draw people to the event. Deb has also applied and received a grant for \$1,000.00 from the AMA to print an impaired rider poster she has designed. She will print 5,000 (11x 17) glossy poster. She has asked that we please remember BikePAC. They are able to contribute during session but they will need to be prepared to court legislative support as soon as they can. She has not held a PR meeting. Time does not allow her these days. Anyone that would like to step up to the plate and hold these meetings she would be very grateful. In closing if you need to contact Deb the best way is by e-mail.

Membership Committee: Jan Tedder. No meetings were held.

Smart Committee: Jim Burns. Jim went over the MSAP program. There are now 16 chapter involved. His target is set to have at least 100 trained instructors this year. He called Darlene Kimsey up to the front and awarded her MSAP instructor's patch. Jerry Miller spoke on a project that he is setting up will the company he works for (R&L Carriers) who will be doing a class on blind spots that affect motorcycle riders while riding around big rigs. Many riders are truly not aware of the danger they subject themselves to when riding next to trucks. This is a good program and we should try and attend. It may surprise you are the danger that you may have been in without realizing it. The program will be held at Speedway Harley-Davidson on May 7th. For questions or directions call Jerry at 704-647-9560. Buddy Grainger request to have R&L Carriers come to Randolph and do a session there. Jerry will work on one for that area. Jim asked Leanne Redwine of the Brunswick Chapter to talk a little about the Accident Scene Management Class that was held by their chapter on Feb. 26th and 27th in Calabash. Mark of the Charlotte Chapter stated that they learned more than they expected. Charlotte had planned on sending 2 members down and ended up sending 28 members. He thanked the Brunswick Chapter for accommodating them all. Leanne offered the help of the Brunswick Chapter to any chapter that is interested in putting on a class. Raleigh Chapter is planning on having one on Aug. 27th and 28th. Charlie Boone questioned the ratio of how many EMS attended to motorcycle riders. This was hard to tell due to the overwhelming amount of CBA members that came in from so far way. Jim then went over the North Carolinas Driver Education Conference that was being held in Cherokee this weekend. He was able to attend the first session held on Friday. Roger William, Steve, and Ken Adams of the Buncombe Chapter handled a short version about the course that we teach in High School Drivers Ed. The response to the presentation was overwhelming. Crystal Maney, her brother Dan and Roger are doing the presentation today. Jim explained that this is one of the greatest opportunities that we could ever have. We are reaching the teachers of Driver Education all over the State at one time. He thanked Deb and Steve Knox, and Peggy Burns for getting the information and putting

together 350 packets to hand out at the conference on such short notice.

State Events Committee: Randy Norris. Randy went over what will be needed for the Freedom Rally. The front gate will be open 24/7 this year and needs to be manned. Lane Wise needs District Coordinators to get help for security. Rick Nail announced that charity begins at home. We need to support ourselves. The charities are fine but we need funding too.

Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone. The committee met on March 5th at Charlie's home in Zebulon. There are some proposed changes to the Constitution that had their first reading at this meeting. Please read them in this newsletter. Changes affect everyone.

Comments: Cotton Tedder. Cotton asked everyone to listen because the budgets will be presented at this time.

State Events: Randy felt he will be able to do an event for \$6,500.00 per event. That comes to \$13,000.00 per year. This money will cover the expenses such as advertising, permits that may be needed etc. A motion was made to accept and passed.

PR Committee: Deb sent in her budget of \$8,540.00 per year. This will cover promotional products plus the newsletter that will now be mailed quarterly. Postage is also included in this budget. A motion was made to accept and passed.

Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone feels that \$800.00 for printing the Constitution is all that is needed. A motion was made to accept and passed.

Safety, Education and Awareness: Jim Burns presented his budget of \$5,610.00. This will cover attending educational seminars, administration expenses and special program expenses. It was questioned if that was enough money to maintain the programs and Jim said it would work for now. A motion was made to accept and passed.

Membership Services: Jan submitted a budget of \$16,497.00. This amount will cover supplies needed for running the office and membership packets, included in the amount is payment of subcontract labor for handling the daily operation of the State office and membership needs. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made to accept and passed.

No other budgets were presented.

Cotton went on to discuss the Lifesavers Conference that was held in Charlotte on March 21st. Both he and Deb Knox attended the conference and it became apparent that alcohol and riding is causing concern among the law enforcement agencies. It's up to us to educate our own and get the Alcohol and Riding campaign up and going as so as possible. Alcohol related deaths are one of the reasons Louisiana lost their right to ride without helmets this year. Cotton urged mem-



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April State Meeting Minutes (cont.)

bers to please do not drink and ride or drive. Let's take care of our own. The only way we can get things done in Raleigh is to prove to the legislators that we are and always will be responsible people with a voice that will be heard.

District Coordinators Reports:

Western District: James Buckner. There will be a ceremony for Eldon Moore at the Enka Union Hall on May 21st at 2:00pm. It will be a Native American service. He and Crystal Maney will be getting married on May 14th at 5:00 pm at the Graystone Cabins in Barnesville.

They have a poker run scheduled for April 16th. Hot Spring weekend is set for June 24, 25, and 26th at the Hot Springs Campground. There is a VA poker run set for Aug. 20th. Contact James for places and times.

Central District: Buddy Grainger. Charlotte has a lot of events scheduled please check their website for more information. Randolph will be holding there Show Down IV at Riders in the Country on April 14, 2005.

Eastern District: Charlie Boone. The Eastern District Swap Meet made money after not being held for the past two years. The money will be used to send chap-

ter members from the Eastern District to the MRF and NCOM Conventions this year. The next swap meet is set for the second weekend in February 2006 and will be held on a Friday and Saturday this time.

Meeting Adjourned At 6pm. The next State Meeting will be hosted by Carteret/Craven Chapter on July 19th. Watch the website for more information.

Peggy Burns
State Secretary

NHSTA Holds Meeting

NHSTA Holds Meeting With Representatives of the Motorcycling Community!

Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Liaisons

Hey everyone,

Just a quick message to let you know about the NHTSA meeting I participated in today. NHTSA has decided to begin holding quarterly meetings in DC with the motorcycling community, invited were all of the big manufacturers, SMSA, MRF, AMA, MSF, MIC, and of course a host of motorcycle folks from DOT and NHTSA. There were about 35 folks in the room, I sat between Tim Buche and Moreland, not by anyone's design I am sure. The boys from Harley and Honda were there as well.

The focus of this inaugural meeting was to get all of the key players in the same room and put our heads together to see what we can agree on to save lives. The first part was simply updates and polite introductions, The second part of the meeting focused on the problems with impaired riding. I think we can all agree this is a huge problem that needs some serious attention. I can assure the feds think so, so we too must prioritize this or face the consequences.

Nothing truly substantive came out of the meeting other than the next meeting date (Tuesday before MOTM in September) I did make them aware of topic at the main session at MOTM and invited the room to Little Rock. I think this is a good start, helmet laws didn't come up, although they probably will at some point, but it was a fairly productive time. I met 3 DOT folks who seriously ride

so I was encouraged by that, One of which is going to Americade. One theme that kept coming up was the fact that the largest increases in fatalities is among the 40-49 and 50-59 year old riders. MRF could take an early lead in addressing this issue.

I can also tell that I was encouraged with the way the MRF was taken as a serious force to be reckoned with, It may have been the Lautenberg amendment, our language in the highway bill or just a consistent presence in DC for almost 18 years. Whatever it was, I felt very respected by just about everyone in the room. This meeting was very much along the same tune as the Lake George meeting in December.

Here is the one main thing that I want to stress to our membership. NHTSA and US DOT are now specifically going to be including motorcycles in their "crackdown" (their phrase) that takes place the weeks surrounding Labor Day weekend when alcohol deaths reach a year round high. I guess they haven't been telling local law enforcement to target motorcycles in the past but with the new FARS data, they are now. I think it important to get this info out via MRF Reports, Leaders Report, Website etc....

The other item of interest is that their will be a follow up to the Chicago regional motorcycle forum from Feb '03.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Folks...there is a serious need for North Carolina motorcyclists to join MRF. Our membership numbers are dismal and this organization performs A VERY IMPORTANT SERVICE to all of us. Please...the cost is minimal. An application is provided in this newsletter.

Senate Bill 622 Tacks on Motorcycle Registration Fee Increase

Trying to sneak this one through in the budget...

Short Title: 2005 Appropriations Act

44.1 Section (6)

Private Motorcycles : The base fee for Private Motorcycles shall be increased from nine dollars to fifteen dollars except when a motorcycle is equipped with a device designed for transporting passengers or property, the base fee will increase from fifteen dollars to twenty-two dollars. An additional fee of three dollars is imposed on each private motorcycle registered under this subdivision in addition to the base fee. The revenue from this additional fee shall be used to fund Motorcycle Safety instruction.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We better watch this one. States are being robbed of their motorcycle safety education money at an alarming rate. This nice little add-on in the budget circumvents our helmet law amendment. We asked for a fee increase too and it will be a reason to cite conflicting language which is what happened to our ROW bill this session!

Contact your Senators now and ask for an explanation.

JOIN MRF

Your Roving MRF Rep Reports

By: Cindy Hodges

Vinny Neumann has been sending packets to independent bike shops and repair shops around the state in the hopes of gaining more business sustaining memberships and to educate these shop owners about the MRF and what it does for the biker nation. This is the second time we have made such a push, I did it two years ago in a similar vein when we were fighting the proposed EPA regulations; we are hoping to have a better response this time now that the actual regulations have been instituted. One of the key parts of Vinny's cover letter sums it up beautifully:

What the MRF is doing for you now?

- They are fighting to make sure your medical claims are paid by your insurance company.
- They are fighting to secure funding for rider training and road improvements.
- They are fighting the EPA for your right to modify and customize your bike (Which equals more business for your shop).
- They have been fighting for the rights of bikers since 1985.
- You will get another patch and pin for your vest, along with an informative newsletter.

Membership-wise, we had a bad month in May. We are down 13 members. That puts us 35 memberships behind our goal for the year, a goal we hope to reach by MOTM in September. I have been talking to members of CBA/ABATE (Having attended to different chapter meetings in May) and people outside our membership, Vinny and Bruce Harris have signed up members via the MRF History Tours. The new tools in our toolbox such as the swift crush to the Lautenberg amendment, are gaining interest and I have confidence that we can meet that goal. North Carolina has 99 MRF members and while that is much better than the 54 we had a bit over a year ago, I think we can do better. The MRF is doing a huge amount of work on behalf of the bikers of NC. While CBA/ABATE is funding my board position in order to keep the MRF's finances in the MRF coffers for lobbying and educational efforts, Vinny and I are working to get more members for the MRF from areas other than the CBA/ABATE membership. Of course we want CBA members to join, but we want all motorcyclists in our state to join. I continued to be extremely proud of the heart, support, and work put forth by members of CBA/ABATE of NC and if you could be me at these regional and national conventions, you would see that a good deal of the nation's bikers have the same opinion of us here in little ol' NC. Ya'll do yourselves PROUD.

Vinny and I both have been working quietly to break into the very well organized sport bike community. We feel there is no room in our biker nation for such fractures or separations to continue to exist, at least

not on the legislative front. We both have gotten articles into publications that cater to the sport bike crowd, one about awareness and rider behavior and one about the issues on the federal level. Conversations are still ongoing and it is looking really good for bringing us all together in the future as a driving force for legislative efforts.

Beast of the East in New Hampshire was awesome! Though the actual conference did not start until Friday evening, the MRF board members arriving at the hotel Wednesday evening. The board met from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, and for nearly the same amount of time on Friday. Karen and Hardtail utilized a new strategy for the board to get it's work done and reported; breaking us into our committees for a period of time in an effort that both brought about more ideas, refinement of ongoing projects, and lessened the reporting time to the full board. It was very productive. Positive change yielding productive results. Somehow I found myself on yet another committee when it was all over! (I am on FIVE now so yes... I am busy).

The conference itself was very productive, very positive. Interaction between attendees, the board, and session presenters was invigorating. If you paid attention you saw a lot of strategizing, groundwork being laid, and relationships for the future being built or reinforced. This is what it is all about! I spent my free time getting to know some of my fellow board members better and the local biker's rights activists better as well. There are quite a few folks I can picture putting together with people in similar positions in other states, so they can share strategy and ideas. This is something in my position as MRF Member Rep that is the most rewarding, getting to know as many of our activists and trying to help us work together. I look forward to MOTM in September and being able to put some of these folks with OUR OWN members and officers.

I flew back home to Raleigh, NC on Sunday, and Tuesday morning headed out for Tennessee. I was to spend the night with Nancy and Harlan Carr, then attend a committee meeting the next morning at the Tennessee General Assembly for their helmet bill. Don "Duck" Smith from West Virginia also arrived that afternoon at Nancy's. Nancy and Harlan opened their house and made us feel right at home. Nancy is CMT/ABATE's office manager and newsletter editor, and I suspect she is the "right hand man" for John Pierce, TN's Legislative Chairman. We got up, went to the Sheraton and picked up Doc Reichenbach, NCOM Director and State Director for ABATE of Fla. The committee meeting was eventful, and the bill was rolled to the next meeting. I was glad to visit with my brothers and sisters in CMT/ABATE and watch them in action. From there I went on to the Sheraton to check into my room for the NCOM convention. For me, the most valuable thing about this convention is the networking - Invaluable, actually. While there are indeed MRF members everywhere, I also am afforded the opportunity to meet with people

from other states that I normally do not see at any of the MRF conventions. All good, hard-working, dedicated people. I was thrilled to have a part in putting together legislative activists from OK, TN, SC, NC, VT, MA, and FL. Some good work was done at this convention.

As a side note, I will tell you CBA members that my trip to Tennessee and the NCOM convention came totally out of my own pocket. Your generosity to the MRF in supporting my board position is greatly appreciated and while I was doing the same work with the networking, this was not a MRF event and your dollars did not go to TN on my behalf.

Leaving Tennessee, I headed for the NC Mountains. I spent a couple nights there and attended a chapter meeting of the Buncombe Co. CBA/ABATE. The awareness program and campaigns this chapter is carrying is awesome. They have put up an excellent billboard, have a very successful MSAP program in place for the schools, and have radio and television spots out there to help bring awareness of the need to share the road.

A couple days later found me in Clover, SC. I attended the York Co. chapter meeting of ABATE of SC. Festus, the President, and Roger (aka Screwy) have really breathed life into this chapter and I can see they are headed in the right direction. Some of the members I had met before, but after attending the meeting I can see they are all very good folks with the right priorities. I left them with a stack of The Reports and hopes for some new MRF members.

As a side note here, I will also say that if you live on the NC coast near the SC border, you may be interested in a program recently instituted by Roach (I think he is in Murrell's Inlet) of ABATE of SC - - you put your name on the contact list and agree to help folks who are broke down on the road. In turn, you get to use the list also in case, God forbid, you break down. Roach had 3 calls in the first couple days of the MB rally. Contact me at freweeln@nc.rr.com and I will hook you up.

Basically I spent three weeks on the road and the bulk of that time with folks involved in the biker's rights movement. This was an incredible experience and, while it takes a bit out of a person, it is incredibly rewarding and I thank you all, both MRF members who voted me in once again, and my home team, the members, chapters, and officers of CBA/ABATE of NC who support me wholly in these efforts. Most of my work centers around varying efforts or ways to improve communication amongst ourselves. With that in mind, I will remind you once again to please do contact me with any suggestions or comments. It is my honor and pleasure to serve.



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State Coordinator, South Carolina

Cotton Tedder
President, CBA/ABATE of North Carolina

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THE MIGHTY, MIGHTY HIGH POINT PLAYERS!

Many of us attended the NCOM Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. In my mind, the highlight of the whole conference was the stellar performance of "Dip Dan Dinkle" by our own High Point Players. The play is excellent and if you haven't seen it, you have really missed something. I don't believe I have ever seen the room so quiet at one point and then laughing uproariously at another. This play is awesome and it continues to improve every time I see it!

The High Point Chapter did us proud! Folks will be talking about this for years to come. Cotton and I noted that there were more people present to view this play than even Slider Gilmore's excellent presentation of "Two Wheel Trauma."

My congratulations to the chapter. It was a long hard trip for them all and what was, I am sure, probably their most nerve wracking performance ever, but they did great and it was enjoyed by everyone!

Thank you to them for taking the time to do this.



Sputnik (far left) of TMRA Fame makes guest appearance.



Darlene tells the story.



Mark Little being hassled by the law.

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The Future of Motorcycling An American Horror Story

Reprinted from *Biker Bits*, authored by Gypsy aka Betsy of Massachusetts

Hi all, please oblige me again if you will; but I just got back from the Beast of the East; a Motorcycle Rights Conference sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation out of Washington DC.; which was held in Bedford, NH.

The conference is put together with the Northeast Regional States Motorcycle Rights organizations; although there were delegates and representatives there from as far away as Colorado and Arizona, and also included friends from Quebec!

This particular "Beast" boasted the presence of the entire MRF Board! A "Beast" first! The main intent of the weekend, is to inform the MRO (Motorcycle Rights Organization) activists as to what's going on in each state as it refers to motorcyclists rights; to bring unity, and to strengthen the bonds and renew the vigor of the fight to protect our rights. As much as the states differ, most of them have similar issues and problems.

After hearing about what's going on, the direction of where HIPPA, the EPA, and federal legislation is taking us; my stomach got all tied up in a knot; and I feel as if I have to share what's going on, because if nothing's done... the consequences would be scary! If people don't stay vigilant and fight for their rights; there won't be any.

So with the above in mind?? Imagine, it's a nice summer day, the sun is shining, the air is warm, the thermometer reads about 82, perfect day for a ride! Ahhh yes, nice day to get out and enjoy the open road!

You head out for a ride. You go to the garage, open it up; put on your heavy leather jacket with reflective strips, your airbag vest, your 10 lb bowling ball DOT approved helmet with reflective 3 inch strips; your gauntlet gloves, long leather pants, high water leather boots with the steel toe for safety, that go over your ankles, plunk yourself on the seat, strap yourself in and ready yourself to back the bike out of the garage.

Your bike, is pretty showroom pretty, but there's no distinguishing personalization to it at all. It's exactly the same as it was on the show room floor! It's stock; there's no after-market parts on it; and you can't tell it apart from any other similar models. In fact, it's exactly just like all the other bikes out there on the road; no personalization, NO CHROME, no nothing. And, it doesn't have that loving reverberation, that rolling sound anymore. Instead it purrs, like a kitten as you start her up!

There's no bike shops around anymore, they've all been driven out of business except for the large manufacturers. The little guy on the corner that you took your bike to, to fix your bike?? Well, he's gone; run out of business and is now washing dishes at Burger King! No after-market parts are allowed to be manufactured or sold, and your bike has to remain stock! No more personalization. There's no more swap meets; and bike

shows are now all cookie cutter, because there's nothing special to show people anymore. There's very few vendors left if any.

Your windshield is now a permanent fixture on the bike, as it's now a mandatory safety feature. No more wind in your hair or on your face! The exhaust is this funny looking cannon with a catalytic converter in it, that siphons out noise and pollutants, and takes up so much space that there's almost nowhere to rest your leg. Imagine your bike has lost that old familiar pleasant rumbling sound; and now sounds more like your car.

Speaking of you car, there's now a seat belt attached to the seat of your motorcycle which keeps you from being ejected from the vehicle in the event of a loss.

You can't join your friends for a ride any longer, because there's a new "gang" law that prohibits 6 or more people of the same likeness congregating together; so you have to make sure you only ride in groups of 5 or less, to avoid being locked up for enjoying the ride! And colors? They're unheard of, something written into the Patriot Act forbids you from wearing them.

Ok, so you shrug that off, with the bowling ball on your head, trying to balance it, and hold your head up without getting a major neck ache; and decide you're going to make the best out of the day, right? Sure!

You roll out the driveway head on up the road, and are trying to enjoy what's left of the "joy of riding"; you're inhaling as much of the landscape as you can through Plexiglas while rolling along and take a nice road out of town. Things aren't too bad until you come upon a sign that reads: "No motorcycles allowed!"

Yes, my friends, "No motorcycles allowed". Ok, so now you figure it's not right that you can't travel on that road; and who's it going to bother if you do. So you venture down 15 feet to be cut off by some cager making a left turn in front of and next thing you know you're in an ambulance on the way to the hospital! It can't get any worse can it? Oh yes it can... just wait!

As they wheel you into the emergency room; the intake Nurse informs you that your Health Carrier will not pay for your injuries, because you were riding a motorcycle, and they consider motorcycling a dangerous sport! The car left the scene, and nobody got the plate number. So now, you're stuck with \$20,000 worth of bills,

and your motorcycle insurance doesn't cover the rider for injuries, and you're stuck with those bills. All because you wanted to go for a ride!

And worse yet? The collision coverage is denied because you were traveling on a road where motorcycles are not allowed to travel. So... now you're out your medical coverage, and your bike is totaled, and insurance won't cover it!

This is too much to take, riding is no longer fun, you can't ride with your friends, you can't personalize your bike, you can't ride on certain roads, you are told what to wear and when and why; insurance won't pay..... and it doesn't stop! Your freedoms have been stripped!! Your right to ride; is no longer your right!

The above scenario my friends is not too far off from what we'll see in 2010 (that's around the corner) if people don't get involved in fighting for their rights!

It's no longer acceptable for the Welfare Riders to sit back on their laurels and live off of others' (motorcyclists rights activists) efforts! They need to get involved, and they need to do it now! If not, then the above scenario will come true! And sooner than you think!

In each state there's hundreds of thousands of riders, but only a small handful of rights activists! And after we're gone.... who will stand up for the next generation's rights?

With the EPA, NHTSA, and HIPPA breathing down our backs, and making it sound like they know what's best for us; and the legislature voting against us in a lot of cases; we're sunk; and motorcycling as we know it, will be a lot different than we know it now!

We've seen that it's possible to pass a law one year, and have it challenged the next! Our rights are never safe! We can't count on others to watch our backs, we have to watch our own.

What's so scary, is that most of us in motorcycle rights are getting older; and there doesn't seem to be much of an insurgency amongst younger riders to get involved! They "just want to ride"!

I urge everyone to join their state's motorcycle rights organization and the MRF before this scenario becomes reality... and at the rate we're going, by 2010, this WILL BE OUR REALITY if we don't continue to fight!

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By Vinny Neumann

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This article was submitted to Full Throttle Magazine. It portrays our event in a very positive light and I appreciate Vinny's efforts.*

Busco Beach, Goldsboro, NC: April 29th - May 1st.

On April 29, 2005, the third annual Freedom Rally was held at Busco Beach in Goldsboro, NC. If you were there, you already know how cool Busco Beach is for holding a bike rally. The camping sites all feature shade trees and a lake or river view. The facilities include beach access, a game room with pool tables and video games, nice showers, a large bandstand, four-wheeling trails, and a peaceful, relaxed setting. Busco is a perfect

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place for a large rally. The CBA Board of Directors worked hard to find a central location for their annual rally and they are right on target with Busco Beach.

This was a weekend filled with brotherhood and sisterhood. CBA members are the folks who bust their ass all year long to promote fair motorcycle laws and repeal unfair motorcycle laws. They do it with very little thanks from the other 99% of riders in North Carolina who don't do anything to protect their own rights.

The average motorcyclists in North Carolina doesn't care enough about their rights to spend the \$25 and join a Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (MRO). There are approximately 160,000 street riders in NC. That means only about one percent of all NC street riders

belong to the only MRO in North Carolina (The CBA). The CBA members set the agenda in NC. They set the tone. And they carry the load. If you would like to help, please consider joining the CBA. (www.cba-abatenc.org)

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

If you were not there this year, we hope you will take an active role in supporting bikers' rights in the future by attending Freedom Rally 2006; first weekend in May, 2006.

By Sam Nobles

Here is an update on the legislation we currently have introduced, or are watching. The appropriate people or committees to contact are included under each bill. We are at a point in this session that the only way any of the issues stands a chance, is if you all make the calls and send the emails. The only issues moving in the NC Legislature are

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those getting the most noise. Contact information for all of the Representatives and committee members is available on the General Assembly's website at www.ncleg.net.

HB-858 "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month": This bill was introduced to prevent us from having to go to the Governor for an Awareness Proclamation each and every year. While we have gotten a proclamation from him this year, he did not have the power to make it for every year as he first thought. We still must pass HB-858 for future years. Rep. Dewey Hill introduced the bill for us, and he tells me that the resistance is coming from Rules Committee Chairman Bill Culpepper and Speaker of the House Jim Black. You need to contact these two and tell them we want this introduced as a joint resolution.

HB-347 Our Right-of-Way Violations bill: This bill increases the penalties for failure to yield the right-of-way violations to \$1000 and a 1 year loss of license when the accident causes a death, and no more serious charges have been filed. The word motorcycle is never mentioned in the bill, so it protects every road user. Our interest in this is that 70% of car/motorcycle crashes are caused by the car. We have the most to gain by passage of this bill. It currently sits in the House J-IV Committee.

Contact all of the committee members and tell them we want this bill on the calendar to be heard.

HB-1289 The Helmet Bill: Our helmet bill was introduced just as it came out of the Select Committee last session. It was assigned to the House Finance committee. Unfortunately, we have never had much luck with that committee. They have pulled some dirty tricks on us in the past, and it still has the same chairman. The Finance Committee is the one to pursue on this one. Let them know that every aspect of this bill was looked at by a Select Committee last session, and was voted favorable- let's stop wasting time and move forward with it. We want this bill put on the calendar.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See the Legislative Action Alert on page 3.

SB-1077 Amend Motorcycle Learners Permits: This bill makes no sense and was introduced solely by Senator Tony Rand. This bill shortens the term of a learner's permit from 18 months to 6 months. Of course you can renew it, but it will cost you \$50! There is no use contacting Rand over this. The ones to contact on this one are the members of the Senate Transportation Committee.

HB-39 No Passengers Under 10 on a Motorcycle: I have been told by Rep. Nelson Cole that he will not proceed any farther with this bill. We won on this one folks, and it was all because you came through with the calls and emails. It will take the same thing on these other issues to move ahead. I am counting on you all. Don't leave this to someone else- there just aren't that many of us. Every voice matters.

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