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If you have not been lulled into a sense of complacency, then the politicians must not be doing their job.



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Coming Events

August 19
Veterans Appreciation Day
Buncombe Chapter

August 20
Greg Dinerstein
Memorial Run
Hickory Chapter

August 26
MRF History Tour
Battle of Elizabethtown

September 9
"Bear" Allred
Memorial Run
Randolph County

September 16
Poker Run
Macon County CBA

September 21-24
Meeting of the Minds
Indianapolis, Indiana

October 4-8
Myrtle Beach Fall Rally

October 7-8
Committee Meetings
STATE MEETING
Randolph Lodge

October 13-14
October Jam
Rowan County
Fairgrounds

October 28
13th Annual Bike Show
Brunswick Chapter

Letter from the Editor...

We are entering the dog days of summer and I want to remind everyone to stay hydrated while riding (with water you guys). You can fall out before you know it. Keep yourselves safe.

Please pay particular attention to the article about our new NHTSA administrator. I have "lovingly" nicknamed her Nicole the Nanny. She is all about injury reduction versus accident prevention as was her predecessor Dr. Runge. Among other things, she has the helmet that "saved" her father's life in her office. Interesting because Dr. Runge always carried the same tired white helmet everywhere he went. Those little hunks of plastic carry a lot of weight...no pun intended. Does not bode well for motorcyclists I am afraid.

I want to send a special thanks to all of you that have been sending in articles of interest. If you read it and you enjoyed it...send it in so we can share what interests you. Makes this ole gal's job so much easier.

Please get involved in the legislative committee's work if you have not done so already. The short session will have come to an end and we have lots of work and planning to be prepared for the long session in 2007. Remember to make a donation to BikePAC if you have not done so already. It takes money to do all of this important work and we do so appreciate any and all donations.

A reminder that we are offering Officer's Training on November 18th at the Randolph lodge (a wonderful facility) and you should make plans to attend. If you are even remotely considering being an officer, come on out. Details will be made available on the website and in the next newsletter. We have an evening of fun and awards planned as well so you won't want to miss it!

ANOTHER REMINDER... we are hosting NCOM in 2007 and interested parties need to volunteer right away to get this one organized. Our own Rick Nail will be given the prestigious Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award. Again...this is a must attend. It is not often that we have a national conference in our own backyard and the information presented and the networking opportunities with bikers' rights leaders at this level cannot be underestimated. If you are one of those who wonders what we get out of a national conference...come see for yourself!

I never say goodbye anymore because it might be true. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Peace,
Crazy Deb



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From the President's Desk

Hello ALL!

I have been in office 6 months and time has flown. We have finished an annual budget, and have been to Raleigh to speak to our legislators. The short session will be over by the time you read this, but we are gearing up for the 07 session. We really had a lot of support for our lobby day June 7th. I would like to thank all that were able to be in Raleigh.

The rest of 2006 is starting to fill up also. We have scheduled Officer training for Nov. 18th at the Randolph lodge. You should start receiving information on this within the next couple months. This training will be open to all members.

There seems to be a renewed interest in our MSAP program. Jim Burns with the help of others have brought this program a long way, but we need to get behind Jim and take this program to another level. We have three very active chapters involved in training in MSAP. Chapters who have trained instructors need to get into the High Schools and begin teaching this course. If you are not sure of what to do next, help is only a phone call away.

Doc Ski, our Legislative Director has outlined material for the Legislative Working Party (LWP). He has individuals checking on various legislative issues and reporting at the Legislative Committee meetings. Give Doc a shout, find out what's going on and get involved, we can use all the help we can get on the Issue Teams.

Membership is holding steady, but we need to strive to increase. Some suggestions were made at the last State meeting. Our Membership Services Director has been doing a great job. She has reworked the tri-fold, purchased pins and other materials to provide service to the members.

Our PR/Marketing can only get better with input from you the member and Chapter. Deb would love to have Chapters and members send her reports or anything of interest. Send info to her to put on the website or in the newsletter. Remember, this is a State newsletter, so let's hear from you, the members of this organization.

State Products has a new website and the link to this can be found

on the State website. Check out all the products available.

As always, we still have along way to go to achieve our various goals in the organization. This can only be accomplished with participation from you, the individual member, the Chapter, and the District. So, get INVOLVED!

Thank you one and all!

Respectfully submitted,
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#06NR13 - MRF Announces Federal Motorcycle Safety Grant Program Users Guide

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to announce the finalization of the National Highway Traffic Administration's (NHTSA) Motorcycle Safety Grant Program.

This program is the direct result of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the supporting State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs) and all the individual motorcyclists who have lobbied for this program over the past four years.

This program will provide much needed federal dollars from the Highway Trust Fund to the individual State's to help fund motorcycle safety programs. The grant program runs annually through 2009 and sets aside \$25 million dollars to be spent at \$100,000.00 a year per State.

In order to be eligible for the funds The States must meet one of six criteria and two the second and subsequent years. The criteria are that the applying State must have:

1. A motorcycle rider training program
2. A motorcycle awareness program
3. A reduction in fatalities involving motorcycles
4. An effective impaired driving program
5. A reduction in fatalities and accidents involving impaired motorcyclists
6. Use of fees collected from motorcyclist for motorcycle programs must be used for motorcycle programs

The MRF is also pleased that the final program retains all of the same intents set forth by Congress in the original legislation.

For a complete guide to the program and all of the specifics on how, where and when to apply visit: <http://www.mrf.org/pdf/Grantguide.pdf>

A Constitutional Moment...

"Citizens are protected from unreasonable search and seizure." The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized. Section 20 of The Constitution of the State of North Carolina (as amended 1975). General warrants, whereby any officer or other person may be commanded to search suspected places without evidence of the act committed, or to seize any person or persons not named, whose offense is not particularly described and supported by evidence, are dangerous to liberty and shall not be granted."

This reminder has been provided by your local legislative coordinator. Be a part of something bigger than yourself...CBA/ABATE of North Carolina

What The Cagers Don't Know

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

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

false doorbells when vacuuming; the pattern-loving brain, seeking signals in the noise, raises acoustic ghosts out of the wind's roar. But on a motorcycle I hear whole songs: rock 'n roll, dark orchestras, women's voices, all hidden in the air and released by speed. At 30 miles per hour and up, smells become uncannily vivid. All the individual tree-smells and flower-smells and grass-smells flit by like chemical notes in a great plant symphony. Sometimes the smells evoke memories so strongly that it's as though the past hangs invisible in the air around me, wanting only the most casual of rumbling time machines to unlock it. A ride on a summer afternoon can border on the rapturous. The sheer volume and variety of stimuli is like a bath for my nervous system, an electrical massage for my brain, a systems check for my soul. It tears smiles out of me: a minute ago I was dour, depressed, apathetic, numb, but now, on two wheels, big, ragged, windy smiles flap against the

side of my face, billowing out of me like air from a decompressing plane.

Transportation is only a secondary function. A motorcycle is a joy machine. It's a machine of wonders, a metal bird, a motorized prosthetic. It's light and dark and shiny and dirty and warm and cold lapping over each other; it's a conduit of grace, it's a catalyst for bonding the gritty and the holy.

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

Author Unknown

Health Question & Answer Session

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!! ... Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.

And remember:

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO, What a Ride"

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It's The Law... Not The Device

Written by: Jessie McDugald in 1998

Submitted by Bill Johnson

Over the past thirty-plus years of our helmet law there has been a lot of confusion about exactly what we've been working to achieve. Popular slogans such as "Let those who ride, Decide," and "Freedom of Choice" have been misleading because they indicate that we haven't had a "choice" or that we haven't been "deciding" on helmet use, when in fact we've always had the choice and have never stopped deciding. Like me, many of us in South Carolina have the tickets to prove that we do decide and we do make choices. The problem has been the consequences of our choices which, until June 16, 1980, was a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail. The punishment for not wearing a helmet hasn't changed, its still \$100 or 30 days, but the law has changed. We amended the law so that adults, 21 years of age and older, would no longer be punished for our choices. To this day each of us, as adults, continue to exercise our "Freedom of Choice" on helmet use, We Ride, We Decide.

This seems fairly simple to many of us who have been dealing with this issue for the past 25 or more years, but to many others its been difficult to understand. "How-in-the-hell did South Carolina earn their Liberty almost 18 years ago?" is a question I've heard more times than I care to count. "Why do you have a Helmet Law Support rally every year?" is another question I've heard just as often if not more so. The answer is very simple, we stopped arguing the device and began arguing the law.

What the heck is the device? It's the hat, the helmet, the brain bucket, the skid lid. For years we fought on the helmet battlefield with little success. Much like General Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia, CSA, whenever our enemies "picked the ground" we were less than successful. (This would be an opportune time to discuss military tactics and strategy but I'll save that for another time.) Even the most cursory glance at our helmet law made it obvious that the issue of the device is mentioned only in that it should be of a certain type, and on an approved list. Not one word mentioned how good a helmet was or how it would save your life, prevent an accident or injury, reduce the "social burden" or medical cost. NOTHING! Not one word, and yet we continually found ourselves doing battle over the device because our enemies wisely fought us in the device arena knowing full well that the law said nothing about these issues. When we finally awakened to our enemies' strategy we decided to let them expend their energies on those issues that had nothing to do with the law, we let them argue the helmet, the device. We decided to argue the law, and we WON!

I recognize that many of you might find this line of thinking difficult to comprehend when you've heard all those device arguments over and over again, both pro and con. So imagine for a moment that you're seated in the audience of a public hearing arguing to mandate helmet use for all adults. The enemies of Liberty bring up all the same old arguments about insurance, public burden, accidents, injuries, and fatalities. That forcing everyone to wear a helmet will cause

the economy to boom and be the answer to every safety question known to man. It is the one "silver bullet" that mankind has searched for for millenniums. That this one device, if used by every man, woman, and child, would bring peace and happiness the world over. (I know, I know, they don't get that carried away publicly but they might as well.)

Notice that not one word addresses the law, the question of arrest, incarceration, or fine. Seldom will the enemy venture into the battlefield of the law because he is woefully unprepared. He won't address why I (or you) should be arrested, incarcerated, or fined when I don't wear a hat except to say that I MIGHT get into an accident, and I MIGHT be injured, and I MIGHT sustain greater injuries if I'm not using the device, and I MIGHT not have sufficient medical insurance coverage, and I MIGHT cost the taxpayers (funny how we aren't taxpayers when this argument comes up) more a little money. Our enemy will argue anything but the law itself. He has chosen the battlefield, he has picked the ground, and it is the device he wishes to argue. In the past he went headlong into the fray and were as successful as the Light Brigade in the Crimea. Try as we might, we could not provide sufficient information to counter the artillery and infantry charges of our enemies on their chosen field of battle. We lost once again.

Flashback! Valentine's Day 1980. House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Special Laws. Our opponents have launched a vicious attack with various medical personnel, highway safety "experts," and so much printed data that it would take several gigabytes to store. As we begin our counter-attack the legislators wonder how a bunch of dumb-ass bikers, with only leather jackets and denim (no coats & ties), and a love of Liberty to protect us could possibly contravene such an overwhelming force aligned against us. But hold, we refused to fight at Gettysburg and picked Fredericksburg to make our stand. We switched battlefields, we picked our own ground. We chose to argue the law and not the device.

As we began we stated that we had no arguments with all the data provided by our opponents, in fact it was the same data that we used to come to diametrically different conclusions. We reminded the legislators of the old saying: "Figures don't lie, but liars can figure." We reminded them that our Highway Department and other opponents had a great deal of practice at figuring. We pointed out that not one word of testimony from our opponents addressed the issue we were there to address, the question of arrest, incarceration, or fine of adults who simply choose not to wear a hat when operating a motorcycle. We pointed out that on every level, federal, state, and local, the laws recognized the principle of adult responsibility and in many instances specified a particular age when these responsibilities were incurred. On the federal level, age of responsibility is addressed in the areas of service to country and other areas (president-35, senate-30, house-25, voting-18, etc.). On the state level (governor-30, senate-25, house-21, drinking-18 [before the fed blackmail, now 21], consensual sexual intercourse-14, etc.) this issue was equally addressed. What was it about this one particular device that made it so impor-

tant that regardless of age and experience adults must be mandated under threat of arrest, incarceration, or fine to use it. Even if we believed that every word spoken by our opponents were 100% true would that be sufficient warrant to punish adults that simply didn't want to use this device ALL of the time? We argued the law, we left the device alone.

Although we didn't convince all of the legislators (some continue to believe that those adults who voted them in to office need to have these decisions made for them), in the end are arguments won the battle. And although the war continues our enemies have yet to put forth even one sound argument for punishing adults, so they continue to argue the device, and we don't mind at all. We'll continue to argue the law, not the device.

The reason I'm bringing this up now is because Parkay reminded me there are many bikers, in and out of South Carolina, either too young to remember almost two decades ago or new to motorcycling and have little knowledge of the history of our struggle for Liberty. So for the record: ABATE of South Carolina has no position on the device, wear it if you will or don't if you won't. As for the law, we support the amendment added on June 16, 1980 which no longer punishes adults with arrest, incarceration, or fine when making the choice of not wearing a helmet. We're adults. We're expected to act like adults and we're expecting to be treated like adults. Maybe using this particular device is a good idea, if so then convince us. But don't try to beat us into submission because it just won't work.

There you have it, a Readers Digest version of our DEVICE versus the LAW history. If you're still confused then think about it the next time you have a drink or smoke a cigarette. The law says that if you're under 21 and you have a drink or under 18 and smoke a cigarette then you can be arrested, incarcerated, or fined. The device is the alcohol or the cigarette. See if you can come up with some good arguments as to why you should drink or smoke, then think about some reasons why you should be arrested if you do either or both. I'm willing to bet that you can't come up with many (or any) sound arguments as to why you should be arrested, incarcerated, or fined for using these devices. Should you use them? Probably not, but it isn't my job to be your guardian angel or big brother. Should you be punished if you do use them? NO! Not in a million years. Its your prerogative to decide on what devices you should use or not use. You should only be threatened with punishment when you use these devices against others. Does not wearing a helmet cause accidents, injuries, fatalities, insurance cost increases, or enhanced public burden? Nope! Never has, never will. And to credit a few bits of Styrofoam and fiberglass with such qualities is ridiculous.

Remember this the next time someone questions you about our law here in South Carolina ; we have no argument with the device but we do object to a law that threatens us with arrest, incarceration, or fine when we don't use that device. After all, its the LAW, not the device, that concerns us.

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Motorcycle course gives students biker's view on highway safety

BY CHERYL BURKE
NEWS-TIMES

MOREHEAD CITY — Matt Shamblin of Newport, an avid motorcyclist, has been involved in several accidents and near misses over the years. Many involved motorists not being aware of his bike.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't have to take some sort of evasive action to avoid an accident," he said.

He's not the only one. According to state statistics, there are on average 49 motorcycle accidents in the state each week, with two resulting in fatalities.

Of those, 72 percent are ruled the fault of the vehicle driver.

Mr. Shamblin and other members of the Carteret-Craven Concerned Bikers Association (CBA) have become so concerned about the problem that they decided to do something about it.

For the last year Mr. Shamblin, his wife Debbie, and other volunteer instructors have taught a Motorcycle Safety and Awareness program to driver's education students in Carteret County.

Does your chapter have MSAP instructors?

**Email Matt Shamblin
mshamblin@ec.rr.com**

"You need to look specifically for motorcycles," he said Wednesday to 50 driver's education students at West Carteret High School. "We're there. Please look for us."

The Shamblins hope to see the program instituted in the Craven and Onslow county school districts in the near future.

They also want to see legislation passed requiring the program to be part of the state's driver's education curriculum.

"The main intent is when they (students) get on the road they will be less likely to kill us," he said.

The one and a half hour presentation covers many aspects of motorcycle and vehicle safety, with emphasis on drivers being aware of motorcyclists.

"In many car-motorcycle crashes, drivers claim they didn't see the motorcycle or didn't see it until it was too late," he said. "Because motorcycles are smaller and harder to see, great care needs to be taken to watch for them."

Mrs. Shamblin said motorcycle riding requires frequent lane movements to adjust to changing road conditions, and although they are smaller, they need a full lane to be able to respond to hazards and obstacles.

The course stresses students being aware of blind spots. Mr. Shamblin said motorcyclists should do their best to avoid

broad-sides the motorcyclist.

When following a motorcycle the minimum distance that should be between a car and motorcycle is two seconds worth of distance.

For motorcyclists, it's important to make themselves as conspicuous as possible and not hide in traffic. It's important to signal well in advance of a lane change.

It's also important for riders to wear protective clothes to lessen damage to their skin. Mrs. Shamblin said the reason many riders wear leather is because it's the most protective.

"A good pair of leathers will protect you for 86 feet in a skid," she said.

Boots are necessary to lessen leg or ankle damage during an accident. And, helmets and goggles are important, as well.

West Carteret rising sophomore Tyler Buckner, a dirt-bike rider, said adding the motorcycle safety program to driver's education was a good idea.

"It helps young drivers to watch out for motorcycles," he said. "They (motorcycles) do different things on the highway."

Several students said their family members ride motorcycles, and many had ridden bikes themselves.

"I'll look more for motorcycles because my dad rides one," said rising sophomore Mary Beth Lawrence.



Matt Shamblin of Newport, instructor with a Motorcycle Safety and Awareness program, discusses bike safety with West Carteret High School driver's education student Tyler Buckner. (Cheryl Burke photo)



West Carteret High School rising freshman Tim Trader fills out a quiz on motorcycle safety during a driver's education class. Instructors spoke about motorcycle safety during Wednesday's driver's education class at the high school. (Cheryl Burke photo)

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Matt Shamblin of Newport, instructor with a Motorcycle Safety and Awareness program, discusses bike safety with West Carteret High School driver's education student Mary Beth Lawrence. (Cheryl Burke photo)

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Membership / PR Committee Report

The Membership Services Committee met on Saturday, July 15, 2006 at the Randolph Lodge in Asheboro. The meeting started shortly before 5:00 pm, and lasted approximately 30 minutes, during which time the following topics were discussed by Gail Rumler, Membership Services Director:

LIFE CARDS: As presented to the committee in previous meetings, the engraved metal cards are no longer being offered to members gaining life membership status. The metal cards were produced at a cost of \$10.00 each. Laminated cards will be offered to members earning life status, along with an original design CBA life member lapel pin. The cost for the pin and the card, including postage, will reduce the per member cost by over 50%. Any Life member who joined before 2006 can get a replacement laminated life card at no cost (and still keep your metal card) by sending a request to Membership Services. The new life member lapel pin is available to Life members for \$5.00 (postage included) from Membership Services.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING RULES AND PROCEDURES: Gail reported that for the past six months she has been studying the procedure for processing memberships. She has listened to chapter members and secretaries, gone through old files, done cost comparisons and analyzed the procedures previously in place for processing membership applications. The conclusion drawn from all of these studies is that the procedure using post-marked dates and starting members over as "new again" does not work to retain members, and actually incurs an extra cost to the organization. Gail presented the following statistics covering the months of March through June, 2006.

	Month	Renewals	Mailed
	Renewals Returned	Percentage	Returned
March	74	35	47%
April	117	53	45%
May	49	27	55%
June	76	30	39%

Total four months renewals mailed: 316.

Total renewed: 145. Percentage renewed: 46%.

For March through June of 2006 CBA gained 172 new members, but lost 171 renewable members. The statistics for 2006 compared to the same time period for 2005 shows that we have maintained the same number of members over the last year. We have been diligent in signing up new members, but we lose a renewable member for every one we have joined.

In her ongoing effort to make Membership Services an asset and valuable resource for the members, Gail presented several procedural changes to the committee. The rigid date requirements for having the application returned in 30 days or "start again" as a new member are no

longer used. This procedure incurs an extra expense to the organization, creates more paperwork, and takes more time for the chapter person processing memberships. Gail has spoken with many chapter officers and members from across the state, and we have lost members over this policy. Gail compared her new procedure with the procedure used by the inspection division of NC Motor Vehicles. If your inspection sticker expires in May and you don't get your car inspected until July, your new inspection sticker is back-dated to your original inspection month of May. You don't have to register your car all over again, but neither are you issued an inspection sticker for July. Your inspection will be due again the following year in May.

In response to questions raised at the committee meeting, a member will be removed from the roster after one year and classified as inactive. At the end of each month, Gail will send a list to each chapter of the members who did not return their application in their renew month. Gail will be sending out a detailed report to all of the chapters outlining her new procedures and policies.

AFLAC: Due to time restrictions at the meeting, Gail tabled discussion on the new Aflac insurance program being created to benefit members with a supplemental insurance program that returns 3% back to CBA.

TRIFOLDS AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Gail reported that new trifolds have been printed, correcting some mistakes on the first printing. Those, along with new promotional items (key tags, ink pens and bumper stickers) will be available tomorrow at the Executive Council meeting.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

NUMBERS: Gail presented the current membership numbers for July 2006. We have 1353 members, 920 being renewable members. 433 are Life members, but included in those numbers are over 34 that have no address, phone number or contact information. Gail will be working with chapters in the months to come to see if any current information can be found on these members. These membership numbers did not increase from the first quarter's numbers. Again, for every new member we join, we lose a renewable member. Gail encouraged all of us to work more diligently to keep these renewable members.

BUSINESS AND ASSOCIATE

MEMBERSHIPS: Gail reported that she has had feedback from several members who have businesses that want to partner with CBA in a supportive capacity. Gail will be working with Deb Knox, Information Director to see what benefits we can offer businesses and establishments who want to become an associate member or have a partner membership with CBA.

VISITING CHAPTERS: Gail informed the committee that due to expenses and scheduling conflicts, her plan to visit all the chapters in her

first year in office will be spread out over two years. She absorbs the traveling costs herself, but the main reason she can't accomplish it this year is scheduling conflicts with other meetings, family commitments and time restraints. She reported that she really enjoys visiting other chapters, meeting the members and visiting other parts of the state. She gains valuable insights, ideas and suggestions from having one-on-one discussions with our members.

The second half of the meeting was turned over to Deb Knox, Information Director.

PR/Newsletter/Website Committee Report

I had about 5 minutes to discuss PR activities so it was short and sweet.

Although the entries received for the tagline contest were few, they were all great!

After discussion it was decided to use "Guardians of your rights" with "We are in the freedom business" as a secondary. Be looking for those two phrases to appear in promotional materials coming soon. We have got to build our membership base for two major reasons:

1. There is strength in numbers. We need to get our legislators attention. Building the numbers is a big way to do this.
2. Second, and certainly not least importantly, building our financial resources will assist the organization to accomplish goals.

My thanks to everyone who entered the contest. Wayne McNamee won the first prize and graciously donated it to BikePAC. For those of you who don't know Wayne, he is a legislative warrior in the first degree and belongs to the growing and very active Tar River Basin chapter. Those guys are putting the rest of us to shame!

Last....I know many of you think the website is booooooring. We are working on it but remember, it is primarily an informational tool. Look for changes in the weeks to come and if you have any suggestions...bring em on! Gwen Nichols, head of the Products Committee, developed a website displaying products...there is a link on the State website to get directly to her so get those products ordered and support the organization!

I've gotten in some good suggestions for promotional materials and we'll be working on those suggestions in upcoming committee meetings. If you have something that works well in your chapter, please don't hesitate to share the wealth. We can all learn from your successes.

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

CBA Members Present:

Alamance Co. – Richard Zipf (Raz)
 Brunswick – Steve Knox, Deb Knox
 Cabarrus-Rowan – Roger Boger
 Carteret Craven – Fred Beaver, Jim Barker, Matt
 Shamblin, Peri Pratt, Bill McDonali
 Chatham Co. – Cat Mohan, Mike Mohan
 Columbus Co. - Randy Norris
 Macon – Cliff Cyphers, Noreen Cyphers
 Raleigh – Gail Rumler
 Tar River Basin – Wayne McNamee, Tom
 Umberger, Jesse Watson
 Triad – Bill Kimsey, Darlene Kimsey
 At Large: Doc Ski

The Meeting was opened at 15:00 hours. The meeting began with the pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. A moment of Silence was held to honor the memory of our fallen brothers and sisters and to recognize the sacrifices of our military at war.

Cat Mohan (Chatham) read the minutes of the Apr 2006 meeting of the Legislative Committee. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Issue-team leaders reported on designated issues on which CBA/ABATE is focusing legislative efforts. The following team reports were provided:

ITS: Brian Thompson (Randolph) reported on the current situation within the area of the Intelligent Transportation system. He reported that the ITS is plugging away toward a goal of a nationwide technologically-controlled-transportation-network on major thoroughfares. He reported on the continuing installation of GPS in vehicles, and GPS use in alternate forms of technology (i.e., telephones). He suggested that there is apparently no planning for the inclusion of motorcycles in this network and suggested that motorcycles may eventually be banned from major thoroughfares and restricted to secondary routes of transportation.

ROW: Deb Knox (Brunswick) presented a thorough summary of current issues surrounding NC's ROW bill. The idea of educating "officials within the legal system" was discussed at length and determined to be most appropriate if found to be feasible. Deb provided a comprehensive written ROW Issue Team handout. Her final conclusion was that we will have an uphill struggle against "misdemeanor death by vehicle" legislation in existence in NC.

Rider Education: Raz (Alamance) reported on the MSF RERP that NC has with MSF. Cindy (Fre)

added comments regarding the coordination of efforts with the NC State Rider Ed Program coordinator in finding funding and other resources to assist in the program. Doc Ski reported about oppressive conditions on Fort Bragg and Camp Le Jeune for soldiers and marines who choose to ride a Motorcycle.

Equal Access/Anti-Discrimination: Doc Ski reported that there is no progress of the Anti-discrimination bill. Mark Little (the Issue-Team leader) is still seeking an elected official to sponsor a bill declaring Bikers as a protected class of citizen (i.e., disability, religion, and race protections for certain identified groups) thus making it illegal to discriminate against them in access to public services provided by citizen groups or individual businesses.

Anti-Gang: Doc Ski reported on progress preventing anti-gang legislation in NC and at the national level. Discussion followed that indicated that almost any group that shares similar interests can be identified as a gang, and penalties for civil and criminal offenses can be enhanced, as well as a reduction of individual rights to privacy, and inclusion of liberal search and seizure procedures can be used for members of identified "Gang-like" groups if these legislative proposals are enacted.

Motorcycle Licensing and Learner Permits: Doc Ski reported that SB1077 submitted by Senator Tony Rand (Cumberland) has now been moved from Senate to the House where it is stuck in committee and may remain until the session ends. This bill, if enacted will reduce the amount of time for learning to ride a motorcycle from 18 months to 6 months, increase the cost of a permit from \$10 to \$50, and permit severe penalties for failure to pass the examination.

Helmet Amendment: Wayne McNamee (Tar River Basin) reported that HB 1289 has been held up in committee in the House and is not likely to be brought out during the short session. If the amendment is not considered this session, we will have to start all over again in 2007 session. Wayne reported on a recent television spot conducted in Rocky Mount where he and other Tar River Basin members were able to discuss the helmet amendment and other important legislative issues.

Vehicle Seizure: Currently in NC a law enforcement officer may impound your motorcycle on suspicion of infractions and hold it indefinitely (even if you can provide evidence that contradicts the suspicion). The Legislative Working Party is seeking an Issue-team leader for this issue.

Restrictions on Age for Motorcycle Passengers: HB 39 is currently held in committee in the NCC House of Representatives, but can be brought forward during the short session for consideration by the senate. Doc Ski will keep an eye on this bill and notify members if a need to contact your elected officials arises.

HIPPA: Federal legislation passed during the Clinton era allows Insurance companies to deny the payment of medical costs to employees covered by their health insurance if they are involved in "risky activities " such as riding a motorcycle, and/or horseback riding. Cindy (Fre) reported on efforts at the national level that would close this loophole in current legislation.

Darlene (Randolph) reported on a briefing she received from a billing consultant. Basically, they advised her to grant low priority to MC accident victims for admission into rehabilitation centers because of problems/delays with insurance payments.

Old Business:

Cindy (Fre) reported on the scheduled MRF supported lobbying trip to DC which will be conducted in the Spring of 2007. This time frame is appropriate due to legislative issues in both NC and DC and will support better coordination for the opportunity for more NC CBA/ABATE members participation. NC has always been well represented and well received by the MRF office and our legislators in DC.

Doc Ski provided an opportunity for all recently designated District Legislative Coordinators to discuss issues within their district.

During Chapter Update reports, Craven County members discussed problems getting the MSAP program into high schools, because of lack of state-government-affiliation. Doc Ski and Cindy discussed current plans to meet with the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program administrators. If things go well, this meeting and planned collaboration with the GHSP may provide both limited funding support, and state-wide legitimacy to CBA/ABATE MSAP program.

Cindy (Fre) reported on efforts to form a positive relationship with Sport Bike Groups and Motorcycle clubs in the Black (Afro-American) community. She reported on a recent meeting between herself, Doc Ski, and NCUBA representative "Paradise". Plans are being developed to help them to organize and exercise their voice in legislative issues.

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Doc Ski reported on activities of the NC Confederation of Clubs and the annual NCOM Convention conducted on Mother's Day Weekend in Louisville, KY. NCOM has taken on the task of introducing a legislative Concept and working on developing language for an equal access bill at the national level. More information will be forthcoming as things develop.

Doc Ski reported that more than 60 people attended Lobbying Day activities in Raleigh on 07 Jun 2006. He also discussed the scheduling of constituent team visits from each chapter. Doc reported that the small team individual meetings with legislators seems to be a positive approach.

New Business:

Doc Ski reported that the next Legislative Coordinators Retreat will be sponsored by the Brunswick Chapter and will be conducted on 12-13 August 2006. Individuals interested in attending should contact Wayne of the Brunswick Chapter. Doc Ski suggested that each Chapter LC discuss the possibility of sponsoring a Legislative Retreat with their chapter membership.

Doc Ski reported that the post-card sized "courtesy card" was an inexpensive and effective tool to highlight the important issues for bikers in NC. Several chapters have used them during constituent team visits as well.

Doc Ski discussed the Legislative Director's 2006 Strategic Plan, and the 2006 Legislative budget. Copies of each were provided for each chapter.

Discussion followed regarding LC activities at the chapter level that would enhance our visibility and credibility with legislators. The following were some of the suggestions:

1. Form Chapter Constituent-Teams. Coordinate and schedule team visits to the legislature.
2. Interview candidates for local office.
3. Garner support for, and work on campaigns of preferred candidates for office.
4. Run for political office.

Doc Ski requested notification from Chapter leaders regarding constituent-team visits to the legislature. He reported that he would like to accompany teams whenever possible.

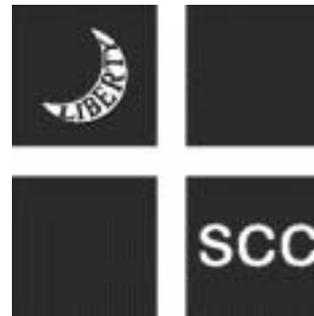
Discussion ensued regarding the procurement of SAFETEA-LU funds. Doc Ski and Cindy reported that they were consulting with and coordinating with the appropriate agencies in NC to ensure

appropriate selection and funding for motorcycle safety programs in NC. More information will be forthcoming after meetings take place, and proposals are submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Doc Ski
Legislative Director

A motion was made and carried to close the meeting at 16:30 hours.



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Chapter Letters

Brunswick Chapter

With another successful Blue's Run behind us, we begin planning for our fall activities.

In August our MSAP team will be presenting the program to Driver's Ed Instructors. This opportunity affords our team a brush up on their skills as we took a break from the summer vacation and gear back up for the 2006-2007 school year presentations. It also prepares the instructors for our classroom visits. We cover three high schools in Brunswick County...that's a lot of travel and teaching! Have you hugged your MSAP team lately?

Speaking of motorcycle safety and training... thank you to Sterling Page, Safety Coordinator for his hard work over this summer! Sterling organized and instructed three classes: Motorcycle Maintenance, Motorcycle Skills and Group Riding Skills. R&BV-Twin provided the location and instruction for the maintenance class and Joe Smith made arrangements to use the empty parking areas near the Ingram Planetarium in Sunset Beach to practice the motorcycle skills. We held the group riding class in the oven, I mean CBA lodge.

We are also looking forward to DocSki's Legislative Retreat we're hosting here in Brunswick County, August 12-13. Details are slowly rolling in and will be updated on the state's website.

After all of Sterling's hard work, he took off on another one of his riding adventures. He left June 28th and as of July 13th, he'd traveled 3200 miles, entering St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada. He also won the award for Farthest Distance Traveled at the Canadian Atlantic/European Bike Rally. Maybe he'll return home by the time this newsletter hits his mailbox. Safe journey, Sterling!

September will bring our planning month for the 13th Annual Bike Show, October 28, 2006. Please make plans to join us for this event! We'll have all the details in the next newsletter.

Charlotte Chapter CBA

It has been a full and exciting summer for the Charlotte Chapter. We have traveled from the mountains to the coast and had a great time doing so.

In April we helped to host the Beast of the East in Charlotte and had a great time interacting with our fellow bikers from around the United States. Also, during that month, our chapter participated in the Central District Spoker Run where two of our members won the pots.

In May, four of our members attended the NCOM Convention in Kentucky and brought back some very interesting and useful information. We also had several members of our chapter to travel to the beach for the Myrtle Beach Spring Rally. On Saturday, May 20th, we held our 3rd Annual Freedom Ride. It was a great success!

In June, we helped Rick Nail host the June Jam Swap Meet. We had four members attend the Buncombe County Hot Springs Rally. What a party!

July was even busier. On July 1st, we held a Fourth of July celebration at the lodge that included fireworks, food and great fellowship. On July 8th, we visited Camp Care at Lake Lure and contributed money to their cause. This camp is held one week a year for children who are fighting or recovering from cancer. The children were so grateful and we enjoyed them admiring the motorcycles and sharing their songs and enthusiasm with us.

The Charlotte Chapter now has a ride committee that meets once a month to plan a monthly ride. The rides are usually planned for the third Wednesday of the month but the ride for July will be on July 28th. We will be meeting at the Hess fuel station at the corner 24/27 (Albemarle Road) and Hwy 51. We will then be going to Oakboro to enjoy their Antique Car and Bike show. Come join us for the ride. All of our rides are posted on the website at Charlottecba.org

Raleigh Chapter

The members of the Raleigh chapter had another successful Spring Poker Run this year on June 11th. This year we started our poker run in Raleigh at Scooters Bar and Grill. We didn't have as large a group as we hoped for, but those who attended really enjoyed the run through some of our great back roads. We ended up south of Raleigh in Willow Spring at Bobby Lee's Bar and Lounge. With the poker hands and the raffle, the chapter made several hundred dollars for our treasury. The best part of the day was signing up several new members. Charlie Boone took notice of some of the recruiting methods used by our brother chapter, Tar River Basin and offered discounts on memberships. Welcome to our new members who joined up that day.

Chapter president Bill Johnson continues to do an outstanding job keeping the chapter informed on all CBA issues, especially legislative ones. Bill maintains an up to date email list that he uses to send out the latest information to all of our members as soon as he gets it. Bill worked with Doc Ski to arrange a Legislative Day for the chapter on July 19th. He is currently scheduling an Experienced Riders Education class for the chapter. Bill is an extremely valuable asset to our chapter, and he keeps us motivated, informed, and active. Three cheers for our Prez!

We are fortunate to have many dedicated members who step up and volunteer their time and knowledge to plan events and contribute to the chapter. Tommy Sherbert planned a great ride last month for the chapter. Bruce Harris gives a five minute Safety Tips presentation at each meeting. J.T. Boone is our chapter webmaster, and he's a doing a great job with our website. The vote however, is still out on the secretary. She's been pretty slack lately. Raleigh chapter has an unwritten rule that each time an officer makes a mistake, a year is added to their term of office. (At this rate, I will be secretary for at least ten years after I die!)

Gail Rumler, Chapter Secretary

WEIRD NEWS A BRIGHT IDEA... FROM YAMAHA

Yamaha has developed a process for making its bikes glow in the dark. A phosphorescent polymer film, developed by Yamaha of Japan, absorbs sunlight and then releases the energy at night as a soft glow.

In phosphorescent materials, incoming UV light excites electrons to a state that they depart from very slowly, emitting visible light as they do so over many hours.

Yamaha has developed a vacuum pressure process that sticks a thin even layer of phosphorescent plastic film to irregularly shaped fenders, engine covers and cowlings.

Right To Repair Update

CBA/ABATE and the MRF recently requested that you call your congressman about HR 2048. People are asking what's going on?

You must remember this is the Federal Government and they go at their own speed. The NC State legislature is slow the feds are even slower.

As reported by Jeff Hennie at the Washington office of the MRF: "The hearing was held by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. It went well with Congressman Jan Schakowsky as the only Illinois congressman testifying on our behalf."

It now goes to the House Energy and

Commerce Committee, unless they send it to another committee. No hearing date is scheduled. We will keep you posted on progress and any meetings/votes scheduled.

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Trauma Nurse Shares Her Pain; Something to Think About

Submitted by Cindy Hodges

Recently I received a letter from a rider who is a trauma nurse. Her perspective on riding impaired is a lot more graphic and terrifying than that of most of the rest of us. I had sent a notice to the NC-Bikers email list about an accident that left one motorcyclist in serious condition at a hospital. He was driving impaired and hit the guy riding next to him. Without revealing any confidences, here is what she said as she pored out her heart to me...

"Cindy:

I love my job and since I ride motorcycles I usually end up taking care of those involved in motorcycle accidents. Because of the HIPAA law, I cannot elaborate on names or discuss who/what or anything about accidents. It's really difficult to see fellow riders come in after being in an accident and it's on the chart "driving while impaired" or seeing them on bike nights or at events drinking beer after beer, and then seeing them take off on the bike, knowing I might see them the next night in my unit. I wish so bad I could use my experience as a nurse and what I've seen to get people's attention. I know the response would be "NOT ME, it wouldn't happen to me.".....Do they think Mrs. Y... when she told her dad "I'll be right back." only for her dad to stumble across the accident and find her dead and Mr. Y. unresponsive really believed it would happen to her? Do they think Mrs. X.. when she was driving while impaired and license revoked for the same thing thought "I'll be care I wish I could take videos of what I see in the unit as a result of DUI.....maybe it would wake a few people up. Obviously people dying and being in a casket young/middle aged is NOT getting the point across. It really hurts to see my friends/fellow bikers drink and down alcohol and then getting on that bike. Who am I to stop them? I wish I could.....if I could only take them by the hand and take them to the unit to see what I see....."

She's right. There is not much she can do. She can preach to folks and that does not work. She can share experiences such as what she did in her private letter to me and it will touch my heart. She can, and obviously has, allow me to edit her words and put them in this publication so that perhaps it will "get through" to someone else. She may never know if she helped save a life outside that hospital but I do not think she worries about that, only that it does help save a life.

This lady is not the only trauma nurse I know who is also a biker. How very fortunate we are to have such people working in hospitals. They understand the pull of the road and the lifestyle so many of us lead that makes us complacent about drinking and riding. Nowhere in her words do I hear judgment or condemnation, only heartache.

Someone else on the NC-Bikers list expressed concern that we are riding around with folks who are under the influence or riding with no endorsement and we do not even know it. Well, you can rationalize it all away if you are so inclined, and certainly we all know folks who have great riding skills, experience, and per-

haps have taken and passed a rider course but still never bothered to go get their "M" class endorsement. My only problem with that is... well you know the saying is true, if you have not gone down YET, you will. We all know spills and accidents WILL happen. If it happens to you and you do not have your endorsement, you know what you have just done? You have just become a statistic to be used against your fellow brothers and sisters. Some bureaucrat somewhere will compile all the accident numbers of folks who have no endorsement and use it in a way we won't like. But that's what affects us peripherally. Hopefully you yourself will not have been seriously injured.

Keep in mind this lady is not talking about

Right of Way violations or other sorts of accidents. She is talking about what we do to ourselves. I thank God for folks like this person who holds the hands of our brothers and sisters in their darkest hours, who understands us. Imagine what this must be putting her through each and every time and still she rides because...

Well. You all know the answer to that one.

Let's be a little more diligent in our drinking habits, a little less harsh with those who try to stop us from drinking and riding, and enjoy our lives to the fullest. I'm convinced we CAN do both.

And hug a nurse today. They really battle for us all.

CBA/ABATE of NC

Tar River Basin CBA/ABATE of NC held their Annual Gun Raffle and Poker run on Saturday 27 May 2006 at Fat Boys in Statonsburg NC. The weather was absolutely outstanding with sunny skies and warm temperatures. There were about 125 people in attendance with about 80 bikes. Those that rode were treated to a wonderful ride around Wilson and Edgecombe Counties, with stops at Bittersweets tavern in Kenly, Carolina Billiards in Wilson, The Breezeway Inn in Elm City, and the Hogs Pen in MacCelsfield. The winner of the Poker run donated his winnings back to The American Cancer Society.



During the day TRB was able to enroll 12 new members in their chapter. The chapter began and incentive program of offering a complete set of leathers to one lucky new member each year. This year's winner was 17-year-old Brittany MacGray of Rocky Mount. Bennie Evans of the Tar River Basin Chapter was one of the winners of a new gun from the gun raffle. Dorothy Haislip of Tarboro won an incredible portrait carved in wood that was delivered to her on 6-21-06 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tar River Basin Chapter. In a wonderful turn of events the publisher of Behind Barz magazine Vince Byrne was also one of the new members.

The Chapter this year will be donating about \$778.00 to the American Cancer Society.

There was plenty of food and fun that day with a live auction, door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and a live band that evening.

Gail Rumler (CBA Membership Services Director) and other members of the CBA/ABATE of NC state Board of Directors dropped in and were overwhelmed and commented on what a wonderful event it was. Gail is quoted as saying "One of the nicest things I felt at your event was an overall sense of enthusiasm and a team effort to accomplish your goals. I, for one, want to acknowledge you and your group for what you are doing and accomplishing for the CBA. I was glad to see a diversified group of people attending your event. Plus, you guys can really cook some great food!"

Tar River Basin meets 1st and 3rd Weds. Night at 7:30 pm at Fat Boys in Statonsburg. You can visit them on the web at tarriverbasincha.bravehost.com

Thank you, to all the great sponsors, most of which are, listed on the Biker Friendly page.

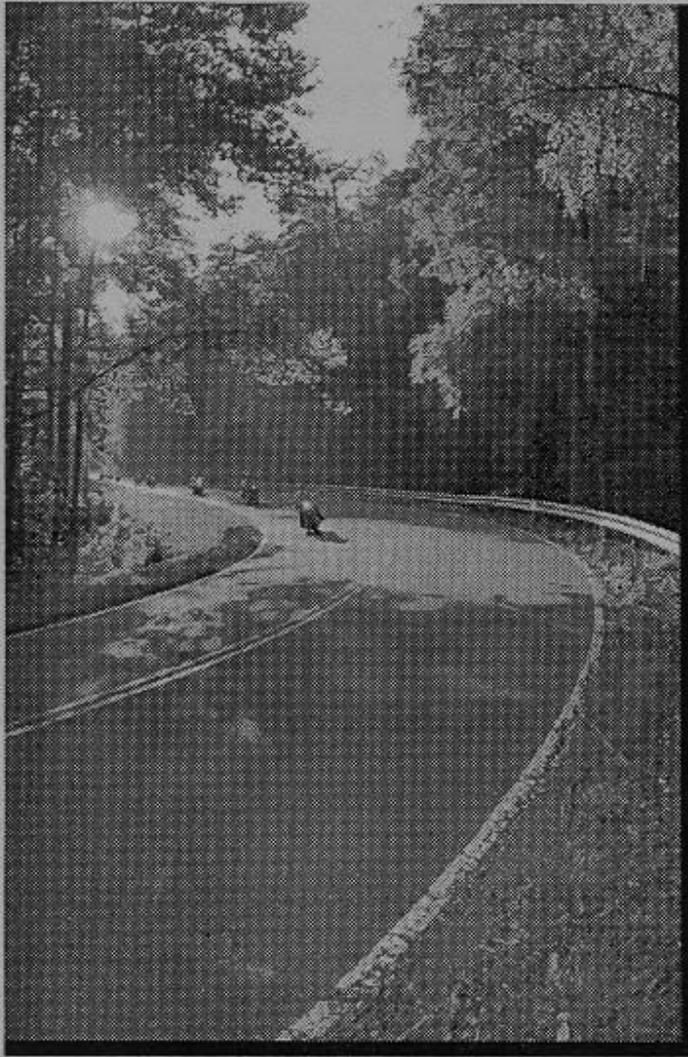


On 7 June 2006 the CBA/Abate of NC went to Raleigh and their members went around to press the flesh with their local Senators and Representatives in the State Legislation. For about 4 hours, the 50 or so, members from across the state talked with legislators about pending laws that are of concern to motorcyclists across the state. Some of these issues are HB1289 THE HELMET AMENDMENT BILL,



HB50/SB733 STREET GANG PREVENTION ACT, and SB 1077 MOTORCYCLE LERNERS PERMIT AMENDMENT, THE ANTI DISCRIMINATION BILL AND THE RIGHT IF WAY VIOLATION BILL. Also on our agenda is THE RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN BILL. For more information on these issues visit the CBA/ABATE of NC website at www.cba-abatenc.org. Doc Ski the State lobbyist was on hand to assist members with meeting their respective Representatives. Doc filled up his calendar for the next few weeks with 1 on 1 meetings with State Legislators to continue discussing our issues in depth and hopefully get some of the legislators on our side and show them that we as bikers are concerned about not just enjoying our ride but making the Great State of North Carolina better place.





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We Say Goodbye to One of the Good Guys

Submitted by Vinnie

Here are two articles that appeared in Thursday's High Point Enterprise about Tank. The first is his obituary. The second is an article that appeared on the top of the front page of the Local Section. Just thought you'd like to read them – diddy

Brother Kersey... Loving husband, father and brother

ARCHDALE – Brother Mike "Tank" Kersey, 54, of Sharon Dale Drive, went to be with his Lord and Savior June 13, 2006, at his residence.

Tank was born in High Point, April 9, 1952, a son of Joseph Marvin Kersey and Lula Belle Wheat Kersey. He lived his life for the Lord and had a wonderful ministry through his singing and preaching. He was a licensed, ordained minister with His Laboring Few and he wrote the column "In His Wind" in Full Throttle magazine for many years. Tank enjoyed riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles and fishing. He was a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Surviving are his wife, Pat Turner Kersey of the home; two daughters, Angie Kearns and her husband, Larry, of Archdale, Anitra Lequire and her husband, Ray, of Thomasville; a son, Wesley Kersey of the home; a sister, Joanne Butler and her husband, Ronnie, of High Point; four grandchildren, Michael and Zac Kearns, Ray and Brittany Lequire; a nephew, Darren Wright; a niece, Diane Turner; a great-nephew, Cody Turner; and special friends, Tinker and Tye.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at John Wesley Camp Tabernacle by Brother Steve Ervin. Burial will follow in Guilford Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Davis Funerals & Cremations, 976 Phillips Ave. Friday from 6 until 9 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Robert "Shaggy" Causey, Mark Little, Chris Alvino, Harold Groome, Johnny Oxendine and Craig Shelley. Honorary pallbearers will be C.J., Larry Shelley, Mike St. John, John Hill, Tim Strickland, Richard Noble and David Burnett.

Memorials may be directed to His Laboring Few, 812 Martin Luther King Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360.

Online condolences may be made to His Laboring Few.com.

Now the article:

Biker takes last ride

Ministry mourns loss of Tank Kersey

BY ROBERT BOYER, ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

ARCHDALE – Tank Kersey's unlikely conversion to Christ stuck like a Harley in a tight turn.

His journey to the Lord began nearly 19 years ago in a Missouri motel room. The big biker was brooding. Thoughts of murder and suicide filled his mind after someone cheated him in a drug deal.

Kersey killed no one that night. He took the pistol from his head, started reading a Gideon's Bible and put his trust in Jesus.

The journey ended about 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, when Kersey woke up in the arms of his Savior. His death came only days after fellow believers honored him during a church service. Mike "Tank" Kersey lived in Archdale. He was 54.

Kersey preached and sang salvation to thousands of bikers across the country, hitting bars and bike rallies for Jesus, after his Oct. 21, 1987, conversion.

Tank was an ordained minister and the national coordinator for His Laboring Few Ministries. Kersey joined the Thomasville-based ministry in the early 1990s. He and Pat, his wife of more than 30 years, logged thousands of miles establishing ministry chapters.

Kersey also worked other ministry functions and conducted weddings and funerals.

Tank's life reflected the old time Gospel he preached, said Pastor Steve Ervin, who leads His Laboring Few.

"He had a lot of respect, because he would not compromise the word of God," Ervin said. "He lived what he preached." A heart ailment and diabetes that led to recurring kidney problems made life difficult for Kersey the last 10 or so years of his life.

Tank's kidney, donated by one of his daughters, failed several years ago, forcing him back onto dialysis. Doctors had to amputate a leg. That and other health woes were painful, but failed to dim Kersey's joy or slow

down his work for the Lord, friends say.

"If I had a headache and started complaining, the Lord would show me a picture of Tank and I would shut up," Ervin said. "He was so strong." Kersey sometimes told non_believers that he hoped to "offend the Hell out of you." "Literally," said Robin St. John, who co-directs the ministry's Triad chapter with her husband, Michael.

Kersey looked like what some think of as a typical biker, St. John said. He wore bib overalls, and sported long hair, a beard and tattoos, but "had a heart of gold." He sang and recorded Christian music with a Southern Rock twang.

Tank was a humble man "dedicated to reaching people for Jesus," St. John said.

Ervin called Kersey a "tremendous family man" who was "an awesome man of God," and said he will miss Tank's friendship the most. "We were very, very close."

From the Frying Pan Into the Fire

Submitted by Docski

Yo All Y'all:

I may be wrong... but I think this appointment may prove to be less than positive for bikers... Her father gave her a motorcycle helmet and a photo of a car crash as gifts when she took office... Get out your binoculars and other surveillance equipment. We'll have to watch her carefully to make sure she doesn't allow her minions to violate the law (i.e. trying to mandate helmets ... in the national and international arena).

NOTE FROM EDITOR: Know thine enemy. Doesn't look like Mrs. Nason will be any friendlier in all probability than our illustrious Dr. Runge. My opinion of course.

WASHINGTON -- When Nicole Nason recently took over as chief of the powerful National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, her dad gave her *Cont. on Page 15*

In Memory Of...

Johnny "Blue" Wilson

Brenda Beaver

Dennis Jackson

Bruce Vogle (Klean)

Mark Fisher (Fish)

Jane Janosko

Joann Stroud (JoJo)

Mike Daniels

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July 1, 2006

From the Frying Pan Into the Fire (cont.)

two gifts. The first was a motorcycle helmet that saved his skull -- and probably his life -- when he was thrown from the Harley he rode as a Long Island, N.Y., highway cop. The second was a photo of the bashed-in Pontiac Catalina he and Nason's mom walked away from without serious injuries after being hit by a drunken driver in 1979.

"He said, 'Don't get distracted by other things. You have a short term there -- 2 1/2 years left in the administration.'" "This is what you are working on" Nason said in an interview with The Detroit News.

The gifts -- and the advice -- provide a window into the mindset of the new leader of NHTSA, an octopus of an agency with authority over such things as setting minimum gas mileage standards and vehicle safety regulations, investigating faulty products, and helping states reduce fatalities involving teens, drunken drivers and the elderly. She's seen firsthand how dangerous driving can be -- and how safety products, such as helmets and seat belts, can save a loved one's life.

In her role, the lawyer, who most recently served as President Bush's safety-issues lobbyist on Capitol Hill, will be called on to settle high-stakes conflicts between automakers and safety advocates.

Safety advocate Clarence Ditlow says Nason has taken over at a time of unusual opportunity.

Congress last year laid out a huge safety agenda in its highway bill. And Nason will have a huge say over details that will affect not just everyone with a job tied to the auto industry, but also every driver, passenger and new car buyer.

"Is she going to be more of a caretaker or a real safety leader?" asks Ditlow, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety. "The (highway bill) gives her the ability to become one of the top NHTSA administrators of all time. If she takes advantage of it, her legacy could be saving 10,000 lives a year," Ditlow said.

Nason's first high-profile test comes Oct. 1, when NHTSA must issue its proposed rule for electronic stability control technology to reduce rollovers.

Details that stakeholders will zoom in on include: How much time will automakers be given to meet the standards? Will the rules apply to all new passenger vehicles? Will automakers be protected from rollover-related lawsuits?

And that proposed rollover rule is just the start of a hectic schedule:

By November, Nason must report to Congress on advances in technology -- such as cameras or sonar-detection systems -- that can warn drivers while backing up that someone is behind them.

By August 2007, she must tell Congress about tire-aging problems.

By September 2007, she must move NHTSA's popular five-star rating system, which grades vehicle safety, from the agency's Web-site to the window stickers of new cars for sale.

By July 2008, she must issue rules governing the roof strength on all passenger vehicles and set standards for beefing up side-impact protection to include technologies such as side curtain air bags.

"We are going to meet or beat congressional deadlines," said Nason, the 13th NHTSA administrator.

Some have questioned her qualifications for the job.

At 35, Nason is the youngest administrator in history with no regulatory or automotive experience. She was chief lobbyist for the Department of Transportation and was "proud to play a role in helping shape" last year's highway safety law, she said.

In another high-stakes issue for the auto industry, she's pushing Congress to expand NHTSA's authority to reform Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for passenger cars based on size, as it already does for light trucks.

As she works on CAFE, she'll be pressured by environmentalists to do away with the flexible fuel credit, which gives automakers an incentive to make vehicles that run on alternative fuels by reducing their overall required CAFE standards for light trucks.

"What I would want to make sure of is that we don't issue a rule -- should we get the authority -- that limits the consumers' right to have a bigger car if they want one," Nason said. "But also encourage alternative fuel use."

In addition to following Congress' marching orders, Nason says she'll use her bully pulpit to prod parents to take a more active role in supervising driving-aged kids.

"I'd like to see parents put vehicle safety at the very top of their 'must discuss' list, because it was always something that we talked about," said Nason, the mother of two young children who adds that her father wouldn't let her drive until she proved she could change a car's oil and tires.

In addition to having a father who rose from highway patrol to retire as chief of police of Suffolk County, N.Y., Nason has a brother who is an emergency room physician. And being the mother of a 5-year-old and 18-month-old makes her especially interested in child safety seat regulations.

"I'm very interested in technology. I am a Gen X-er who grew up with technology making my world more comfortable. And I want to see what it can do to make us safer," Nason says.

Despite Nason's pro-safety talk, some safety advocates have concerns.

Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen and a past NHTSA administrator, says Nason begins with a conflict

of interest because in her Bush lobbying role she fought the highway bill safety regulations she now must implement.

"It's a conflict," Claybrook said. "Can she do a fair job? There's a lot of discretion in whether you implement these rules in a weak or robust way."

Nason also is losing her mentor -- Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta. Nason was an assistant secretary in Mineta's office.

Will the yet-to-be-announced new head of DOT, which oversees NHTSA, be a Nason backer (often the key to getting anything done)?

Ziad Ojakli, group vice president for corporate affairs at Ford Motor Co., predicts Nason will be an "honest broker" in weighing positions by the auto industry and safety advocates.

Ojakli, who worked with Nason when he was the White House's Senate lobbyist from 2001-04, said she was widely seen as a rising star because of her energy, affability and problem-solving abilities.

"She's the kind of person who listens intently to the sides of the debate and time and time again brought various sides together," Ojakli said.

Nason says she's eager to learn more about crash avoidance technologies, such as lane departure and blind spot warnings, and about vehicle-to-vehicle communication to avoid collisions.

"I think we can have tremendous gains in the future," she said. "There are lots of things that we could have on cars that can help drivers. Is it up to drivers to wear a seat belt and not be drunk? You bet. But I don't know that we have done all that we can to help make the vehicle safer. So I'm interested in talking to manufacturers about that."

Does that mean she'd like an invitation for a technology demonstration from Detroit automakers? With a smile that clearly signals 'yes,' she replies, "Does it sound like I'm asking for one?"

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ANOTHER EDITOR NOTE: Sounds like we should be calling her Nicole the nanny

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Host for October State Meeting October 7 & 8, 2006

Please contact Bill Dunlap with Randolph County Chapter if you would be willing to host the State Meeting by providing refreshments.

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