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**Lobby Day - June 7th**



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## Coming Events

**June 7**

Lobby Days  
Raleigh, NC  
See website for details

**June 11**

Spring Poker Run  
Raleigh Chapter

**June 17**

MRF History Tours  
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**June 23-25**

10th Annual Hot Springs  
Motorcycle Weekend  
Buncombe Chapter

**June 24**

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Raleigh Chapter

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Committee Meetings  
State Meeting

**July 14-16**

Bikers Ball  
American Legion  
Fair Grounds  
Newton, NC  
Cougars Custom Cycles  
with Hickory, Caldwell and  
Burke Chapters

**July 29**

Riders Roost Party

**July 29**

Blue's Run  
Brunswick County Chapter

## Future Events

**August 19**

Veterans Appreciation  
Motorcycle Run &  
Field Games  
Buncombe Chapter

## Letter from the Editor...

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to the plate for the Beast of the East hosted in Charlotte! I call it a success. I would particularly like to thank Peg Burns for all of her hard work. I deliberately kept out of this one due to heavy work commitments but did attend and it was a good event.

We have the job of 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. 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. Think about this....our very own MSAP program was developed from knowledge gained at these conferences.

It is hard to believe the year is half over. I hope that everyone is planning on attending Lobby Days on June 7th. This is an important event and will set the tone for the next long session as well as this short one. As Doc Ski says....take a day off for freedom. Look for the article in this newsletter. The information has been posted on the website for quite some time so no excuses. Let's make a big show and let our legislators know that we are here to stay and that we mean business!

Crazy Deb says....keep the rubber side down, watch your own ass because they are watching it for you, alcohol consumption in check and your speed in the correct number zone.....don't make us have to say goodbye.

Peace

Crazy Deb



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## Beast of the East

Beast of the East roared into town for the first time and was met with true southern hospitality. Huge thanks goes out to the Charlotte Chapter and to the Confederation of Clubs for all their work. Charlotte Chapter provided excellent munchies, cold drinks, and assorted beverages all weekend, not to mention a host of fun people to hang around with and talk to for our out of town guests. Everyone had a great time. The COC provided round-the-clock motorcycle security and worked hard to do so. There was always a group of folks at the motorcycle parking area, throughout the worst of weather and boy we did have some rain. There was a lot of work that went on behind-the-scenes leading up to this event but when it came down to it, these two groups are the ones that put their shoulder to the wheel and worked non-stop. Charlotte chapter also provided help at the registration table, as did some members from other chapters as well. I do apologize as I was off in all directions like a ping-pong ball, or I'd have a list of the names of workers so I could thank you all individually. Sandy Cherry and Gail Rumler spring to mind for working along with the MRF's Sarah Muckenhaupt.

For many CBA members, this was the first convention of its sort they had ever attended. The feedback so far has been very positive and I believe the experience was good for all. I also believe next year's NCOM convention might bring even more CBA and local attendees as word gets out that while the sessions are informative and interesting at these things, you can actually have a pretty darn good time too!

A real nice touch from CBA was the preliminary issue of the CBA state newsletter that was put out by our state information director, Debra Knox. This issue focused on Beast, welcoming attendees, and sharing information about local area sights and events. Thanks, Deb for helping to make CBA shine!

Some of the sessions provided were as follows:

**Recruiting and Maintaining Members**, by Gary Slawter. Gary is an MRF board member and strong member of ABATE of Michigan. He has been phenomenal in recruiting members and retaining members in both organization and shared his tips with attendees.

**Understanding and Overcoming the Five Dysfunctions of an Organization**, by Bruce Downs. Bruce is a member of ABATE of Colorado. He is a Colorado rider education instructor and serves on the ABATE of Colorado Board of Directors as the Northeast Regional Coordinator and Director of Operation Save a Life. I was in a different session during the time this was slated but I did note the basic five dysfunctions from the paperwork to be Absence of Trust, Fear of Conflict, Lack of Commitment, Avoidance of Accountability, and

Inattention to Results. Just reading the course curriculum I can see where some of this comes from. This looks like it could have been a good session as the literature also lists suggestions for overcoming these dysfunctions.

**Motorcycle Specific Legislation – What is Happening Where?** By Imre Szauter. Imre is a legislative affairs specialist for the American Motorcyclist Association, a former rider training instructor, and has been very active in the motorcyclists rights movement for many years. This session highlighted current state legislation that has been moving along positively across the nation such as right of way violation, careless driving, and traffic-actuated signal legislation. Helmets, excessive sound, and special license plates along with a few other bills were discussed. This was very interesting and Imre made it fun.

**Lobbying for Motorcyclists at the Federal Level OR Mr. Biker Goes to Washington** This was slated to be jointly presented by our own Deb Knox and the MRF lobbyist, Jeff Hennie. The night before the event, Jeff fell off a ladder at home and broke his foot so Deb, already in a cast with her OWN broken foot, did the presentation solo. Deb is the person who has been the brains, drive shaft, and power train behind scheduling all Washington, DC lobbying trips so she knows this process backwards and forwards. The workshop prepared folks for what to expect in Congressional offices and getting around DC. (NOTE FROM EDITOR: I felt like I fumbled through this one.....thanks to those who attended and gave me high marks. I was not prepared to go it alone but we had some time left to shoot the breeze and those experiences are valuable as well! To Jeff Hennie I say....I know your pain. My broken foot was four weeks out so a new break might have kept me home too.)

**FARS Data – How Accurate is It?** By Teri Stobbs. Terri is former MRF Director of Communications and has represented the MRF by attending TRB (Transportation Research Board) meetings in DC to observe and analyze motorcycle research projects. She has done an in-depth research analysis of the FARS data (Fatality Analysis Reporting System) reported by NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) and does a great job of pointing out the flaws in this report. This has been very helpful in our efforts to help steer NHTSA into more precise and consistent reporting systems. Currently, Teri lives in Massachusetts.

**Motorist Awareness Program** by Bruce Downs. This workshop was an open discussion to exchange and provide information and tips on setting up a Motorist Awareness Program in your state. Hopefully attendees left this workshop prepared to boost awareness of motorcycles on the roads this summer.

**Motorcycle Accidents: Who is at Fault?** By Lou

Petrucci. Lou has been the Legislative Director/Lobbyist for the Rhode Island Motorcycle Association (RIMA) since 1978. Whew! He is also a MSF instructor. This session took an in-depth look at the reasons why have accidents and what we can do to make ourselves safer on the road. We took a real hard look in this session at the things we do to hurt ourselves, something that needs doing. This was a very good session.

All in all, Beast did very well in North Carolina, was well received and very well attended for a first-time-here event. All CBA/ABATE of NC members should be proud of hosting this event and those members who worked it. The MRF is very happy and all board members attending enjoyed our Southern Hospitality to the fullest.

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

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*Meets at AJ's Prime Sirloin on Hwy 181 North on 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM.*

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*Meets at the Main Street Pub, 101 Thom Street in China Grove on the 1st Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM.*

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*Meets at Hilltop Restaurant, Hwy 321 in Lenoir next to Rooster Bush Chevrolet on 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 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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Mike Mohan: (919)363-8662

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*Meets at The Pitt Stop Cafe - 964 East Street in Pittsboro on 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

#### Columbus Chapter

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Greg Stevens: (910)646-3520

*Meets monthly. For location and time call Nancy (910)641-9170 or Greg (910)646-3520.*

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Kenneth Moon: (336)787-5677

Ken Ward: (336)225-4916

*Meets at Golden Corral, 1507 Cotton Grove Road in Lexington on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM.*

#### Granville Chapter

PO Box 131 • Stem, NC 27581

Lodge Phone: (919)529-1325

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*Meets on the lodge, Hwy 50 South in Creedmoor on the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.*

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Greg Dinerstein: (828)327-6290

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*Meets at Prime Sirloin, 319 Carolina Mountain Road in Franklin on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Meet at 6:30 prior to meeting to eat dinner.*

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*Meets at Kefi's, 2012 Eastwood Road in Wrightsville Beach on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

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*Meets at Fat Boy's Bar in Stantonsburg, Hwy 58 (10 miles south of Wilson) on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Main meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday.*

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## State Meeting Minutes

CBA/ABATE of NC State Meeting  
April 10th, 2006  
Randolph Chapter Lodge  
Hosted by Brunswick County Chapter

Meeting called to order by Randy Norris (State President) at 9:15 am. Opening prayer was given by Cliff Cyphers of the Macon Chapter. Pledge of Allegiance led by Doc Ski.

### Chapter Roll Call:

Present: Alamance, Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus/Rowan, Carteret/Craven, Charlotte, Chatham, Columbus, Caldwell, Davidson, Burke, Granville, Hickory, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, Tar River Basin, Triad, Union, and At-Large.

Not Present: New Hanover

At this time Chapter introductions were held.

### Announcements:

Chapters were asked to clear all invoices with the State Treasurer and Secretary today. Randy thanked Brunswick County for hosting this weekend. He also thanked Randolph County for the use of their building. Randy asked if anyone wanted to host the next meeting which will be held on July 15th and 16th. Charlie Boone said he would check with the Raleigh Chapter and get back to Randy. Randy at this time covered the election of the State President. All nominees were contacted and turned the position down which left Randy as the only one running in the position. He won this position by acclamation and has become the new State President. Randy thanked everyone for their support.

### State Secretaries Report: Peggy Burns

The minutes of the State Meeting held on January 15th 2006 have been printed in the State Newsletter and are also on the website. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as printed.

### State Treasurer Report: Darlene Kimsey

Darlene passed out a report for the last quarter for review. While everyone was going over her report she did a cute little skit explaining how funds flow. Darlene stated that any member who wishes to see the CBA's books, they are available at any time for their review, just let her know when you would like to see them and she will make an appointment with you to do so. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer report as printed.

### Old Business:

#### BUDGETS

### Products Committee: Gwen Nichols

Gwen does not have a budget; her committee is self sustaining by the sale of products.

### Legislative: Doc Ski

Doc Ski was unaware of the plan for doing budgets today and will have his at the next State Meeting.

### PR/Website: Deb Knox

Deb gave a breakdown of where her funds go. Bimonthly newsletter @ \$1200.00, promotional items \$2500.00, toner cartridges \$400.00, paper for brochures, flyers, etc. \$100.00, website costs \$240.00, nonprofit bulk mailing permit \$150.00. Total of: \$10,590.00. Deb also explained that the promotional items run hand and hand with Membership Services and that the \$2500.00 might go to Membership Services if needed. A motion was made to accept Deb's budget at \$10,590.00 by Fred Beaver. It was seconded and passed.

### Smart Committee: Jim Burns

Jim gave a breakdown of the expenses starting with educational expenses: seminars, registration fees, lodging, travel and miscellaneous expenses totaling \$1,750.00. Administration expenses such as office supplies, telephone, travel, lodging, food and miscellaneous expenses totaling \$1,725.00. Special program expenses such as creating new programs, training members to teach new program etc. totaling \$3,000.00. The total budget for Safety, Education and Awareness is \$6,475.00. Beaver made a motion it was seconded and passed to accept the budget for the Safety, Education and Awareness.

### Constitution: Charlie Boone

Charlie has asked for \$500.00 to cover the cost of printing the Constitution at least twice a year. A motion was made by Beaver to accept. It was seconded and passed.

### Membership Services: Gail (Dumpling) Rumler

Postage \$1,600.00. Supplies such as paper, printing, patches and promotional items \$3250.00. The postage meter and scale which we still have a contract on \$370.92 that includes a \$62.00 up charge when the postage changed from .37 to .39 which is a one time fee. Fax and phone \$350.00. Miscellaneous expenses that would include \$300.00 which would cover and repairs on equipment etc. P.O. Box rental \$128.00. Bringing the total to \$5,998.92. Beaver made a motion to accept Gail's budget, it was seconded and passed.

### MRF: Cindy Hodges

Cindy wanted to say that first; both she and the MRF greatly appreciate the support we give both of them. Last year the Executive Council voted to give her a budget of \$7,000.00 and the BOD knocked it down to \$5,000.00. She has been doing more speaking engagements' which adds up to more travel. She has never spent that much money and has managed to stay within her budget. Due to the extra travel and such she would like to ask for \$4,800.00. Beaver made a motion to accept Cindy's budget, it was seconded and passed.

Cotton stated that since he got us involved with the MRF on a national level, that the budget has progressively gone up but MRF membership in North Carolina has not. He stated that the most disturbing thing is that the Charlotte Chapter had given \$3,000.00 for a lobbying trip to Washington and that has not been done. He feels that we don't have the support of our elected officials' in Washington and that every Senator

and Congressman from North Carolina voted in favor of the Patriot Act. He said that we are marching to the MRF's drum and that's fine if it gets us somewhere but it is not. Cotton went on to say that we should have been up in Washington with the money received by the Charlotte Chapter long before now. He still sends letters and basically the response is to sit down and shut up. For \$5,000.00 he would like to know just what it is that we get for the money.

Vinny Neuman spoke up. He is the assistant representative of NC to the MRF. He has been tracking the membership since 2004 which at that time we had 57 MRF members and today we have 122 so the MRF membership has definitely grown although it is not as high as he would like to see. Vinny pointed out that the CBA has over 1,000 members and he would like to see all of our members become MRF members too. Jim Tuthill spoke next. He said he went to the AMA lobbying trip held in Washington, Buncombe County Chapter sent him there. He found it very interesting. He visited Congressman Hillers' office with the MRF lobbyist Jeff Hennie who was very instrumental. The MRF representatives were very helpful in getting people around up there even more so than the AMA. Jim went on to say that the MRF has been lobbying up there since 1960 and have gotten the MRO's further than we have ever been. They know who we need to see and who is just a waste of time. When you're in Washington time is very important because there is so much ground to cover. The buildings up there are so spread out. ABATE of Wisconsin went to see every one of their State Representatives. They had about 6 people there. This is a trip they make at least twice a year. This is one of the things he has learned up there, and we are not doing that. The MRF was very instrumental in helping all of us get around. They are available to us at any time offering help getting around or what ever when we make our trip. Jim said that we as a group need to get on the band wagon and start going up there, but this requires money. Jim feels that Cindy's budget is good and the MRF is a good organization and is doing a lot for us.

Cindy had the last comment, stating that it is true we did not send a group last year and that is her fault and it falls on her, but she wants to get a trip planned for this year. She is trying to get a trip set up far enough in advance so people can get the time off. As far as the Patriot Act she as a board member on the MRF knows that the MRF was very instrumental in getting some of the things changed in it. The MRF represents all of us not only MRF members. Randy closed the discussion at this time and call for a second vote. The vote was taken and passed with one vote no to accept Cindy's budget of \$4,800.00.

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## State Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Randy told Beaver that the budget now stands at \$19,890.00. Perry of C/C asks Randy to recount that because she comes up with around \$26,000.00. Randy said he was rounding off, but he miss counted on the PR budget. Deb had given it two ways and her total budget was approved for \$10,590.00. That brings the budget to \$27,863.92. Randy explained that this is just a projected budget; it does not mean that everyone will be spending all that money if they don't have to. And that completes the budget for the Committees at this time.

Randy stated that there is something else he wants to do so the members would know where the money is going. The BOD has expenses that need to be handled. Randy called on Jim to start with the BOD's budgets.

### State Vice President: Jim Burns

Jim read off his budget giving breakdowns.

Attending educational seminars, registration fees, lodging, food, travel, and miscellaneous expenses of \$1,750.00. Administration expenses: office supplies, travel, lodging, telephone, food and miscellaneous expenses of \$2,275.00. Bringing his total budget to \$4,025.00.

Randy opened the floor for discussion. Beaver spoke up stating he can see what the BOD is trying to do but his idea of a budget for the BOD is that the President and Vice Presidents budgets need to be combined. Beaver said that it seems that if Jim has to fill in for Randy or Randy for Jim that it should come out of the same budget. Darlene asked if in the budget Jim presented was he allotting for the BOD meets, travel and emergency trips that may come up and the State Meeting? Jim said yes it was all figured into that budget. Jim explained that what we are trying to do is set a base line for spending so the members would know where the money goes and who spent it. This is something that we have never done before to his knowledge. By breaking it down by BOD members and not just lumping it in to one large sum the membership would have a better understanding of expenses and how their money are spent and by whom. Tim Austin asked if the travel part of the budget was for in state travel or out of state travel? Jim explained that it was basically for in state but if there was something out of state that he was requested to attend it would cover that to like if he were requested to go to Tennessee to talk with the ABATE's for example that would be covered in the budget. Beaver asked Jim to repeat what he state about Tennessee and Jim did. Beaver said that's if Jim was requested to do that by the membership or by the board, if another ABATE outside North Carolina requested him to come they should pay for that expense. Randy at this time feels that there is a little bit of confusion about the BOD budgets and he feels that we need to table this until the next meeting. Beaver said that we understand what the BOD is trying to project is what the board thinks it will take to do our job. Randy said that these budgets are what it takes to do every day business. Beaver said that he understands that but thinks that the board needs to get together and present one number for the whole board's expenses. Cindy Hutton asked Jim if the education part of his budget was to learn more on how to work on the

board or what? Jim explained, he was thinking along the lines of getting training on how to train other officers to become more effective in their jobs. Steve Boyles suggested that if we are not prepared to vote, we need to give the board more time to sharpen their pencils and come up with a budget; this discussion should be tabled for now. Randy said that what we will do is table this. He reassured everyone that just like Darlene said you the membership hold us accountable up here and we want you to know where the money is being spent. Mike Hodges said he feels that it's a good idea because the board expenses have never been broken down before its always been tied into one lump sum and would suggest that we track expenses for 6 month or a year so the membership would know what each board member spends and where the monies are going and for what. By tracking expenses by each board member its better to know who is spending what and why. He said with one lump sum there is no way to know who spent what. Mike said we are starting from scratch here and it's a good idea. Randy said we are aware of this and we need to once again table this until the next State Meeting. Jim reiterated that this is an attempt to put a base line down, the information has never been available it has always been in one pot. Jim said he didn't know that we were all not on the same page; the board thought that individual budgets are what the membership wanted. Jim explained that budgets are just a projection, if you don't have the information from the past which we don't; you have to do budgets the best you can. Mike made a quick comment stating that Jim has never come close to his budget he has always stayed under. Beaver stated that Mike Hodges could tell everyone exactly how much he spent when he was Vice President. Beaver said that the State Treasurer should be able to give us the information expenses of the past officers. Darlene said she can't do it now! Randy again said we will come back with a budget and we need to table this. We just keep beating a dead horse.

Beaver asked how much of a budget do we need for the next 3 months? Randy stated that all the budgets presented so far have been approved with the exception of the Vice President. Beaver said we need to come up with what we need to spend for the next 3 month, Doc Ski asked Beaver how are we going to do that? Beaver said he didn't know. Doc Ski told Beaver if he has a solution to help us out let us know. Beaver said to that the total of the committee budgets' and divide it by 4 and work off that until we get a budget setup. Beaver made a motion to take 25% of the total amount of the committee budget and use that number as operating expenses for the board until the next meeting. Gary Bridges of Charlotte said that flow of this organization does not spend nearly as much money in the inactive biking season as we do when the weather gets better and biking season opens up. He feels that by breaking a budget down by the quarter will not work. There will be times when we will end up going over that type of budgeting. Cotton spoke up stating he would like to go along with the motion but by the next state meeting wants to see a strat plan (Strategic Plan) on how we plan on spending state money by the next State meeting. The question was asked if we have one. Randy said no, and then the question was asked if

there was ever a strat plan in place? Randy said no. Cotton said he asked the board for one last year what happened with that? Randy explained that due to the circumstances, the board was unable to produce one, with the nominations and ultimate re-election of a new State President that had to take place there was no time to work on a strat plan. Randy also stated the he was unaware that one had been requested.

Cotton stated that he wants to see a strategic plan in place by the next State Meeting. At this time Randy went back to the motion on the floor the Beaver made the motion was to take \_ of the committee budget to operate this board on for the next 3 months. The motion was seconded. The floor was open for discussion; Jim Barker asked what quarter we were in? Randy explained we are in the second quarter. Jim said does that mean that the board will be working on half the committee budget? Randy said no. What we are getting into here is that there was no budget set in the first quarter so now we are running a full quarter behind. Jim said why don't we just use half of that budget? Doc Ski clarified that for Jim by telling him that we have already spent what ever funds that were used for the first quarter and all we needed to do now is set something up for the second quarter until a budget can be set. Darlene spoke explaining that everyone was give a treasurers report today, which is the first quarter report. It shows everything that was spent in that quarter. Darlene told Beaver she does not know how much more information he needs. The report reflects the spending of the board for the first quarter. Overwhelming applause followed. Beaver said he was not talking about an annual budget just one to cover this quarter until the board can come up with a new budget. At this time Randy stated that there is a motion on the floor and it has been seconded. Jim at this time attempted to clarify what was being voted on; the committee budgets have been passed, annual committee budgets. What we are trying to do is clarify the expenses for the board, that it is a gray area and has always been a gray area. What we are attempting to do is to break the expenses down by board positions. When it is lumped together it remains a gray area, if you what to leave it lumped together that's fine it can remain a gray area, but we thought that you wanted the expenses broken down by board members. Jim said that by the next State Meeting the board will present their projected expenses broken down by each board position. The committee budgets have been approved by you guys this morning it's done. Cindy has \$4,800.00 for 2006, I have what ever, Debbie has what ever, Gail has what ever the committee budgets were voted on. Jim asked if he was making himself clear? Everyone said oh yes. Randy reiterated that the budgets for the committee have been approved that for them to operate on for 2006. Now what Beaver was trying to do is get money for the board to operate on for the next 3 quarters by doing his \_ calculation, Randy asked if that was right Beaver? He responded yes. Beaver also stated that we need to come up with a combined budget to the operate the board that will be acceptable by the members by the next State Meeting. Randy called for a vote at this time. A roll call vote was taken: 57 yes and 45 no. The motion

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passed. Randy announced that there vote has given the board \$6,400.00 to operate on for the next 3 months.

### New Business:

1. Randy talked about setting up an officers training seminar. This is something that was discussed at the luncheon on Saturday. Everyone that attended that luncheon felt that it was a great idea. Randy would like to get something down in September or August. This officers' training is open to all members' not just incoming officers. Anyone who may be interested in becoming an officer or is interested in just what is expected from their officers are welcome to attend. Gary said he felt like it was a good idea especially when new officers come in or a Chapter has changes during the year it would help the transition go a lot smoother, sometimes people feel like they have been thrown to the wolves when they become officers. It would help even with plan communication, but we need to schedule it in late September or October. Randy said that we talked about it at the board meeting was that the nominations are in September and with elections is in October, it would be a good time sometime in late August to train before elections. Randy stated that everyone needs to get together and tell us when they what to do this training so we can get it set up for you. Jim Barker asked why if a chapter is changing officers why can't the outgoing officer train the in coming officer? Jim Tuthill said that he was at the last officers training seminar about 10 years ago and everyone was given booklets with a description of every job. He stated that what we have now is just a base line description that is in the Constitution and we need more then that. He feels that a training seminar would be beneficial to everyone. Tammy Blankenship clarified that what an officer was required to do 10 years ago is nothing compared to what they do now. It would be helpful to new and old officers to be trained. Beaver said back in 1976 he was chapter president of Carteret/Craven and he is the president once again. He does not run the chapter now the way he ran the chapter back then. Things have changed, we are growing, we are learning new things everyday. There is a need for training. Tim Austin of Caldwell County said that with training it would help officers run a more effective meeting, people that come to a chapter with the idea of maybe signing up might see officers that run an effective meeting and they come back. That a good way to hold members. Cindy said that training is a good way to open up communications with each other. She feels that everyone is different, some people excel in different ways like some excel in legislative, some in tracking numbers, things like that, and if we had officers training the chapter officers would learn how to communicate with each other and work together. Raz of the Alamance Chapter said as a new chapter just starting out an officer can not learn by just picking up the Constitution. They need training and guidance to do their job. Larry said he had a suggestion that we take some past officers and some new officers and put together a motivation, communications seminar or something like that. Maybe some time in January. Charlie feels that if we do it in January we will only have the officers that have been elected to office where as if we have it say in October

it will give members time to decide if they want to become officers and what is expected of them before they take office. Ken of Burke County said that if we have the training in November we would be training new officers. The general consensus was that if we get the training set up before the holidays it might be able to work into everyone's schedules. It was brought up that this is an election year and some people will be busy working with their representatives getting thing in place for the elections, so from November on after the elections would be a good time. This way the training seminar would not interfere with our main objective which is getting legislation passed. Sallie of the Caldwell chapter said that we need not wait too long to do the training. Allen Hutton of Davidson County stated that he feels that the chapter officers that have troubles should go to their district coordinators if they need help for now. Cliff of the Macon Chapter said that he thinks that this will be an ongoing thing we need to just vote to do it or not do it and let the dates be proposed as comes. Cliff thinks that it needs to be done every year or every other year but something needs to be done. Beaver said that at the last officers meeting it was decided that we would hold a training seminar in the same weekend every year in late May or early June. Randy said that this board will work on setting up a date for the training and offer it at the same time every year. We will set a date and let everyone know when and where the training will take place.

2. New Hanover Chapter: Randy said that they have not shown up for at least the last 3 State Meetings. Charlie stood up and asked if anyone from the New Hanover Chapter come in since the meet started? No one has come in at this time. Charlie (the Eastern District Coordinator) said that the last contact he had with the chapter was last July when he went to where they held meetings. After two visits he final talked with the chapter treasurer who said they would reconcile their outstanding balance as far membership dues. Charlie said he had tried to contact the Chapter president by phone and e-mail with no response. New Hanover has outstanding invoices that have never been paid. Charlie made a motion to rescind there charter. Jim Burns spoke up explaining that he had gone to the New Hanover Chapter and spoke with Phil Andrews for about an hour. Phil really doesn't what to give up his charter but at the time he said he is having a hard time motivating people to come to meetings. He has about two people that show up. Jim did tell Phil that they needed to be at this meeting because their Charter will be discussed. After an open discussion Larry motioned to suspend New Hanover's Charter. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Opening the BOD yahoo room: Randy said that at Saturday's luncheon they discussed opening the BOD yahoo group to all chapter Presidents and V.P. Everyone felt that would be a good way to communicate. After an open discussion a motion was made to open a Communications room, it was seconded a vote was taken 18 Chapters voted yes/ one Chapter no. Motion passed.

4. Southern Cross Conference: Doc Ski (who will represent North Carolina) said that at the last BOD meeting both he and Cindy Hodges were elected to represent us on their board. The SCC board said they only wanted one person to represent NC. After a flip of a coin Doc Ski will now be our representative. Doc said the SCC was going to be held in Kentucky this year but they are doing the NCOM Convention and it's to much for them to handle two conferences' in one year. Texas has offered to hold it.

### Annual Report

This past year has been filled with a lot of activity. Our MSAP program is still very active. Our members have attended several National Conventions, those being MRF, NCOM and the first ever Southern Cross Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The SCC was the joint effort of CBA/ABATE of North Carolina and South Carolina ABATE. This conference brought together the Southern State MRO's for a very productive meeting.

We have a new Legislative Director taking the helm and directing us in our legislative efforts. Docski is using the team approach and going back to the grass-roots of our way of lobbying our Representatives in Raleigh. He is in the process of lining up our efforts in Raleigh this year.

Our organization has gone to a two-day meeting format. Committee meetings on Saturday and the Executive Council meeting on Sunday. The committee meetings are key in helping run the Organization.

In January 2006, came the resignation of our State President, Cotton Tedder. He has given us six great years of leadership and will be hard to replace. I hope he continues to be there for conversation and advice.

In February 2006 came the announcement of a newly elected State President. With the unity of the Members, Chapters, Districts and Board of Directors, we will continue to move forward with the Organization. Our State Treasurer Darlene Kimsey has gotten with Mike Hodges, the past treasurer and filed all appropriate tax papers.

Docski was appointed by the Board of Directors to be our NCOM representative. Along with this, he has a council seat with SCC (Southern Cross Conference). After speaking to Doc Reichenbach (Chairman of NCOM BOD), I assured him we are still working towards the NCOM Convention being in North Carolina in May 2007.

The future looks bright for us. Spirits are renewed as we go into our lobbying efforts this May. The Board of Directors has already started talking about Chapter Officer Training in the near future. This will be open to all interested members. I look for our Organization to start holding seminars and training for all interested parties. With you, the members and this Board of Directors, we can focus on growth. This can be achieved by membership drives, adding new Chapters, training and showing up at all the various events to get the word about CBA/ABATE of North Carolina.

Thank you all for your time!

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### Committee Reports

#### 1. Legislative: Doc Ski

Doc held his committee meeting Saturday and covered a lot of things we would like to see done here in NC. He wants to set up legislative teams, people who will work together on an issue and follow it through. By using teams on an issue you will be able to follow one issue and stay on top of it without distraction. He is planning on doing more Legislative Retreats and will hold the next in the Western District. Cindy went over the sport bike groups that we have here in NC. There is an organization that has 33 chapters in NC. She has been meeting with them and is trying to get them to join in with us. We all seem to have the same issues. Doc reported on what is happening on the military bases. They are requiring enlisted personnel to wear bright orange vests and protective gear when riding a motorcycle on or off base. If they don't wear this equipment and are injured their medical benefits will not cover them. He covered his trip to Washington with Cindy to the AMA lobbying day. Cindy covered things that are happening today with the MRF along with Doc's report. At Doc's meeting they talked about not having a large group of people in Raleigh on opening day. It was brought to his attention that opening day is very busy for our representatives, they have family and friends and a lot of reporters and such. They just do not have time to speak with us. It would be better if we made a day for all of us to Raleigh and lobby. There are some members that will be going up to Raleigh on opening Doc made a decision that he would not tell anyone they could not go visit their elected officials. Doc was asked to put a motion on the floor that is: We have a formal Lobbying for CBA/ABATE which will occur on June 7 of 2006. The motion was seconded and passed to do a formal lobbying day. Both Doc and Cindy will have full reports in this newsletter.

#### 2. MRF: Cindy Hodges

Cindys report was combined with Doc Ski's. We also covered the Beast of the East. All chapters were asked to have the list of members names that will be attending the Beast turned into the State Secretary today. If any members are attending the Banquet the money must be paid today to the State Secretary. A request was put out for members to contact their local bike shops and see if they would donate bags that we can use to stuff with give aways to people attending the Beast. Also we need auction and raffle items. Everything else with the Beast is going good. The Beast will be held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Charlotte on April 21st, 22ed, and 23rd.

#### 3. NCOM: Doc Ski

The NCOM Convention will be held in Kentucky this year. Doc is our representative on the NCOM board. We will be hosting NCOM in May 2007 so it's time to start working on that. Doc will help chair the convention.

#### 4. Confederation of Clubs: Doc Ski

Mark Little has been working hard on the antidiscrimi-

nation bill we have going. Mark was not present at this meeting but he is doing a lot to move things forward. The AIM attorneys' and the C.O.C are working on the problems the military personnel are having with this protective gear order they are being asked to sign. This is just some of the thing that are happening.

#### 5. Product Committee: Gwen Nichols

Gwen held her meeting yesterday and had a good turnout. Her committee came up with good ideas and they will be printing some T-Shirts. She would like to have some volunteer to work the products at the Beast. She will not be there due to Randolph Chapter holding their annual Showdown that weekend. She will have a report in this newsletter.

#### 6. PR/Newsletter/Website Committee: Deb Knox

Deb also held her meeting Saturday and briefly went over what they plan on doing. She has started reworking the Website and has gotten a lot of good ideas from members. She is open to any ideas that members have. The newsletter will be coming out 6 times a year now. She needs Chapters to send her information to put in it. They can also put her on their mailing list for their Chapter newsletters and she will pick things out to print. Read her report in this newsletter.

#### 7. Membership Committee: Gail Rumler

At Gail's meeting she and Deb worked together. A lot of what Gail is doing crosses with Deb. They will be working a lot together. The turn out at the meeting was a good one. Gail has a lot of good ideas for membership packets. She will be changing the lifetime cards to laminated paper and give lifetime pins with them instead of the metal ones we are using now due to the expense. Gail at this time gave out an award that she would like be giving at every State Meeting to the chapter that affectively grows their membership. A lot of chapters have increased their membership, but working with percentages one chapter stands out by increasing their membership by 68%. At this time the award went to the Tar River Basin Chapter, they have come a long way in a very short time with their membership. She has a full report in this newsletter.

#### 8. Safety, Education and Awareness: Jim Burns

Jim when over what went on at his committee meeting yesterday. 7 Chapters were present with 23 members attending. Carteret/Craven has been going strong in their area with teaching Awareness in schools. They have reached over 800 students. Brunswick County held an Instructor Training class and has 5 new instructors come out of that. On April 1 Carteret/Cravens Matt & Debbie Shamblin, Jim Barker along with Brunswick County members Sterling Paige, Leanne Redwine, Ract Lassiter, & Cheryl Kemp went to Wilmington to a seminar put on for Drivers Education teachers in the State and did a demonstration of the Awareness program that we have implemented here in our State. This conference is very similar to the one that we went to last year in Cherokee. Jim is planning a refresher course in the Western District, he is also planning on having an instructors training class with the Alamance County Chapter soon. Jim will have a report

in this newsletter.

#### 9. Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone

At Charlie's meeting passed out copies of the proposed Constitutional changes that will be voted on today.

Article VII, Section 4, Subsection C)

Add: All absentee votes shall be submitted on an original, numbered ballot provided by the chapter and verified by the chapter Master Sgt. At Arms.  
Change passed 97 in favor/ 0 against.

By-Laws

Section 1

Membership Fees 2(A) change to read:  
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP WILL COST FIVE TIMES THE CURRENT RENEWAL FEE AFTER FIVE YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP.  
Strike the rest of that sentence regarding reducing the cost of \$10.00 a year after that.  
Strike B...minimum cost of lifetime membership will not be lower than \$70.00. Then, C becomes B.  
\*\* if this passes, Art.1, Sec.5 will change from "two consecutive years" to "five consecutive years"  
Change passed 75 in favor/ 22 against  
This change is effective as of 4/9/06. All members that have joined before this change will be allowed to become lifetime members under the old Constitution. The change affects new members only.

Add Section D) to read:

All lifetime membership fees will be directed to the State Treasury.  
Change passed 84 in favor/ 13 against  
Next Charlie moved on to a proposal that was brought up in his committee meeting. The proposal reads, Article 5, section 5: state that the State Treasury sells State Products to the local chapter at a discounted rate to be sold at retail rate. The proposal is to strike the entire section and everything else will move up. Charlie will be getting the wording together and forward it to the State Secretary who will get it out the chapters. This was the first reading and we will vote on it at the next State Meeting. The other thing they discussed was Article 3, 6 Section subsection C. The State Legislative Director shall chair the legislative committee an shall or appoint someone who shall maintain contact with the CBA Lobbyist. The proposal is to strike the last part of that sentence so it will read: THE STATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR SHALL CHAIR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

At this time Jim Burns stated that he wanted to thank the Constitution Committee for finally putting this lifetime membership thing to bed. It seems that this has come up at every meeting and he knows everyone is tired of hearing it over and over. So thank you.

### District Coordinators Reports:

#### 1. Central District: Boyd Spertzel

Boyd had 7 chapters present at his meeting on Saturday.

Boyd reminded everyone that the Beast of the East in Charlotte on April 21-22. Charlotte will also be holding their 3rd annual Freedom Ride on May

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20th. The Spoker Run is April 29th. Randolph Chapter is having their Showdown on the same dates. On May 9th they will be meeting at the American legion in Hickory to have a ride to Raleigh.

**2. Eastern District:** Charlie Boone  
The Eastern District Swap Meet will be on February 17th and 18th. The will be a Bike Feast at Ray Prices Harley-Davidson in Sept. he would like to set up an information booth there. The cost is about \$200 or \$300, this bike feast brings in about 500 people every year. Wayne McNamee was elected Eastern District Legislative Coordinator. On May 27th Tar River Basin will be holding their raffle. Carteret/Craven will be holding their 6th annual Rat Daddy Memorial Run. July the Brunswick County Chapter will be holding their annual Blues Run.

**3. Western District:** James Buckner  
Hot Spring Rally will be held on June 23, 24, & 25. Buncombe will be having a ride to Riders Roost on the 27th of July they are going to celebrate Buddy

Grainger's retirement. Macon will be having a poker run on April 15th.

**Closing Comments:**  
The next State Meeting will be July 15th and 16th. It was put before the membership if they want to continue holding the meetings at the Randolph Chapters Lodge. We are paying Randolph \$300.00 for the two day use of the building. Larry made a motion to continue to hold our meeting at the Lodge and pay the \$300.00. The motion was seconded and passed to hold the meeting at the Randolph lodge. Bill Dunlap said he would get a lease written up to cover the next two meetings for this year.

A 50/50 was held; it brought in \$217.00 the winner Sterling Page of the Brunswick Chapter took home \$108.50. Darlene donated a camera that she had received as a gift from a company she has been using for supplies. Larry Tupper of Randolph won that. A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and passed. Meeting Adjourn at 1:05.

Peggy Burns - State Secretary

## WANTED

Host for  
July State Meeting  
July 15 and 16, 2006

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

Reach Bill at 336-672-1078

Wear red every Friday to show support for our troops! "So that others may have life and well in peace, happiness and freedom"  
If you don't stand behind our troops.....please feel free to stand in front of them!

## Public Relations Committee Report

It occurs to me that we can't encourage people to join if we are not even sure why we are here!

I have asked Committee members and any interested CBA members outside the committee to provide me with the top five reasons they joined CBA.

The other sentiment we need to remember is that we "must" embrace the strengths of each and every member. No matter what the reason for joining, everyone has a valuable contribution to make to our

Organization. I will volunteer up that I strongly dislike selling tickets. You can ask me to do about anything else except that!

Armed with the information gathered from this exercise, we will begin working more diligently on a campaign to promote membership in our Organization. There is strength in numbers and we need to show our legislators in Raleigh that we are a strong and united organization.

Please download the form displayed here or simply drop me an email with your thoughts and opinions. I am running a contest as well to develop a tagline or catch phrase if you will that will identify CBA/ABATE of North Carolina to anyone who hears the phrase.

The contest will end on June 15th and we will discuss the results at the next committee meeting. The winner can choose between a \$25.00 WalMart gift card or a \$50.00 membership and vest pin to NC BikePAC, donated by Deb Knox, State Information

### 5 REASONS TO JOIN CBA

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What one thing says it all about our organization? Think of a catchy phrase that we could use as a marketing tool? Ten words or less.

Email your ideas to Deb Knox at [stateinfo@atmc.net](mailto:stateinfo@atmc.net)  
Winner of the tagline contest will be given \$25.00 WalMart card or a \$50.00 Vest Pin for BikePAC  
See accompanying report on next page.

# 21st Annual NCOM Convention and Silver Spoke Awards Banquet

By Cindy Hodges

This year's NCOM convention was held May 11 – 13 at the Executive Inn in Louisville, KY. Like last year, I robbed my bank and made my flight reservations early. There were nine folks from NC in attendance and of course, we all had a great time. Having a great time is a definite benefit to these conventions, but it is the opportunity to talk to folks in other organizations, hear the speakers, and share what we are doing here in NC that pays the big dividend. I have to say other than the fact that we all felt the absence of Cotton Tedder, this was probably the best NCOM conference I have ever attended. Doc Ski was voted onto the NCOM board at the NCOM board meeting prior to the kick off of the convention and was seated for the first time as A Co-Director for NCOM Region VI. This is the same position previously held by Cotton Tedder, and prior to that, Rick Nail. He did us proud.

Friday, May 12 the Legislative Task Force open meeting was moderated by Butch Harbaugh. Speaker was Kentucky state senator Perry Clark and the discussion topic was open, where topics of interest were kicked around. I was particularly interested in hearing what NCOM is doing in the area of developing relationships with the sport bike community. It is really great to see this happening everywhere.

An important point that came out during this session is that the NCOM Legislative Task Force is going to be developing a "Legislative Concept" for presentation to our Elected officials in DC regarding the topic of Equal Access (aka: Anti-Discrimination) for Bikers. With the help of the LTF Committee members NCOM leaders hope to identify appropriate language and a sponsor to submit a bill that will prevent private businesses and/or individual organizations from prohibiting access to Bikers for events and services that are offered to the general public (i.e. Fairs and/or Hotels and Inns/Restaurants). Several individual states have already established the precedent for this legislation and developed legislative language clarifying the issue. NCOM will be working with other MROs at the national level to spearhead an effort to reclaim the right of equal access for bikers.

At the opening ceremonies, we got to hear again from our new friend, Ken Moore, Director of Kentucky Bikers Association/Kentucky Motorcyclists Association. I first met Ken at the SCC planning meetings and then as a speaker at the SCC. Kentucky did a wonderful job hosting this convention and ever-present in my mind was the fact that next year, CBA/ABATE of NC will be hosting this event - - I'm sure we will do a great job too!

## THE LONE CHAPTER LETTER...

Greetings from Chatham County!

We have been busy this spring. We really enjoyed the Central District Spoker Run. It was one of the best rides so far this year. Several members attended Opening Day on May 9th and will attend Lobby day on June 7th.

We have our annual Central Carolina Cruzzzz ride coming up on July 22nd. This year we are pleased

There were seminars on forming a motorcycle caucus and getting folks elected on a budget on Friday also. Later that same day we had break-out sessions, the SMRO Presidents/Coordinators/Representatives meeting, The Christian Unity Conference, Women in Motorcycling, the Clean and Sober Roundtable, and The American Biker Party Conference. I'm sad to report that I got the beginnings of a migraine during the end of the Legislative Task Force meeting and had to go to my room and take the medication for it, lie down, and do my best to ward it off. I was successful and re-joined the conference in time to attend the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holder meeting. I have not attended one of these in a long time and it was awesome. The work the COC's across the nation are doing is inspiring.

Saturday brought on the Regional Meetings. Now this is something that always makes me wish I could be four or five "Cindys" at one time (God Forbid, eh?) because I would really love to sit in and hear what each and every state is doing. As this was Doc Ski's first time co-chairing this for our region, I didn't want to miss it so of course, I stayed with the region VI folks! Regions V (AR, KY, LA, MS, and TN) met with Region VI (AL, FL, GA, NC, and SC). We got a good run-down of the legislative work and awareness programs being put forth in each state and it looks like we are all doing a great job of learning from each other. There was a thing or two I think we might be interested in trying here in NC next session so look to Doc Ski to be bringing those things forth in the future.

After lunch, Wendy Moon of the "Moonrider" Blog fame presented "Fatal Design – SUV vs. Motorcycle". This was very interesting and basically Wendy draws a very real correlation between the fact that nothing has really changed, number of accidents per riding capita, number of alcohol-involved accidents, age factors, etc. in the past few years yet deaths are going up... and she points out the point of impact for most crashes and draws some very vivid pictures of how it happens when we hit or are struck by, an SUV as opposed to a sedan. There is no denying that this is a major factor in the number of deaths. Personally I can only see more education and awareness as the answer.

The Silver Spoke awards were presented to some very deserving folks this year. Peter Kay, with the Christian club Wheels of Grace got the award for Media for his new magazine and how he is embracing all the different and diverse religious clubs. Unity remains a strong part of NCOM and this was no exception. Paul Revere and the Raiders were awarded the Entertainment award for the benefit concerts they

to hold it in conjunction with Alamance County CBA. We will ride completely around Lake Jordan and then meet Alamance at Weaver's in Graham. For more information, see [www.NCRider.com](http://www.NCRider.com).

For a community awareness project, we will have our Annual Blood Drive on July 8 at the Siler City Walmart.

We would like to welcome several new members to our chapter. Greg and Jennifer Moore, and Phil and Becky Whitley. We would also like to congratulate

do across the nation to help our veterans. Joe Teresa of Paisano Publications was awarded the Commerce award. US Senator James Inhof of Oklahoma got the Government award for his continued front-line work on behalf of bikers and his push with to defeat the Lautenberg amendment and get a study done to update the Hurt Report. Joey Lester, son of Richard Lester, got the legal award for the time and effort he puts into representing not only bikers in their accident and discrimination suits, but for the legal work he does on behalf of NCOM in other areas. If you watch this man at the conventions, you'll see he is working his legs off.

This year's convention was dedicated to Sputnik's former assistant of 18 years, Cyndi Calhoun. Sputnik and the Biker Nation lost Cyndi to cancer two years ago and Sput brought the house down with his wonderful dedication to her memory. Special recognition also went to Pam Martin of South Carolina for the work she did with the SCC conference and for being a strong advocate for motorcycle rights, and George Heissenbottle for founding KMA/KBA.

The big award, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, went this year to "Tiger" Mike Revere. Tiger has served the NCOM board for I believe about 8 or 9 years and is also state director of ABATE of Oklahoma. As he is a close personal friend, I can attest that the man lives and breathes bikers' rights. I thought I stayed busy with meetings and traveling... this fellow attends every one of his ABATE chapter meetings, every COC meeting, every HOG meeting in his area, every meeting of the Downed Bikers Association, ABATE of OK holds a state meeting EVERY MONTH, and goodness knows what else. A very qualified and deserving individual for this very prestigious award. The Ron Roloff Award is only given to folks who have worked long years and given themselves to the cause above and beyond most of the rest of us. And in an unprecedented move (as far as I know and I do know everything but...) Doc Reichenbach, Chairman of the NCOM board of directors, announced next year's winner of this prestigious award will be none other than our own Rick Nail!!!!

There was a lot to take in, and I'm still reeling from it all but I hope I have managed to convey the importance of these meetings in some small way. Getting to know folks in other states and sharing information, shoring each others spirits up, working with folks who come from different ends of the Biker Nation spectrum than myself, it is priceless, in my opinion. Held every year on Mother's Day weekend, next year's NCOM conference is to be held in Charlotte at the University Hilton. Please make arrangements to be there, you will not be sorry.

Mikey and Iris Hindle for earning the Members of the Year award within our chapter. Mikey and Iris have been long-time Chatham supporters and travel a great distance to attend meetings and chapter functions. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our chapter.

*"Saddlebags can never hold everything you want but they CAN hold everything you need."*

## Constitution Committee Report

The following changes to the CBA Constitution were voted upon and ratified at the CBA State Meeting on 4/9/06

Article VII, Section 4, Subsection C)

Add: All absentee votes shall be submitted on an original, numbered ballot provided by the chapter and verified by the chapter Master Sgt. At Arms.

By-Laws

Section 1

Membership Fees 2(A) change to read: Lifetime membership will cost five times the current renewal fee after five years of consecutive membership.

Strike the rest of that sentence regarding reducing the cost \$10 a year after that.

STRIKE B. minimum cost of lifetime membership will not be lower than \$70. Then, C becomes B.

\*\*If this passes, Art. 1, Sec. 5 will change from "two consecutive years" to "five consecutive years"

Add Section C) to read:

All lifetime membership fees will be directed to the State Treasury.

The following proposals were read at the CBA State Meeting on 4/9/06 and will be voted on at the State Meeting on 7/16/06.

Article III, Section 6, Subsection C

Currently reads: The State Legislative Director shall chair the Legislative Committee, and shall

appoint someone) to maintain contact with the CBA lobbyist.

Proposal: Delete the underlined part.

Article V, Section 5

Currently reads: The State Treasury will sell CBA products to the local chapters at a discount rate, to be sold at retail rates.

Proposal: Delete the underlined part.

New copies of the revised Constitution will be available at the July State Meeting

## State Products Committee Report

Chaired by Gwen Nichols

April 8, 2006

1. Welcome and Introductions
- a. 23 members came to the meeting
2. How much is in the Products Account
- a. 1,768.30
3. Discussed what needs to be ordered for

Products. Motion made by Beaver and 2nd by Cliff Sykes to order 100 state patches, all voted no one opposed. Discussed the year pins and the Abate pins the committee decided that these would be ordered

on an as needed bases. Was also discussed on how to make products more profitable so a Motion was made by Beaver and 2nd by Cliff Sykes to increase the prices on products to a 100% profit, all voted one opposed mentioned that products could be more profitable in other ways, this motion went through, any chapters that have ordered in the past few months for certain products the prices will be grandfathered in, no price increase for them. The new product price list is on the table with all of the flyers along with order sheets.

4. Randy Norris has introduced a new product. He has introduced a new T-Shirt. Motion was made by

Beaver and seconded by Cliff Sykes to order 7 dozen t-shirts for now, all voted no one opposed. We are going to order 3 dozen varies sizes from medium to 3X member titled shirts, we are also ordering 4 dozen varies sizes from medium to 3X non-member titled shirts. Any other orders after these shirts are done will be on as wanted bases. This way we do not have an overstock of T-Shirts. The T-Shirts Medium to X-Large will be priced at \$11.00 each and 2X and 3X's will be \$15.00 each.

5. Adjourn 10:15 am

## PCA / ACA Conference - Atlanta, GA

The Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference is an international conference attended primarily by Professors, Graduate Students, Writers, and other Academics. There were many different 'Panels' of various subject matters, in which those attending 'present' articles they have written about the subject. One of these panels was entitled Motorcycling Culture and Myth. This panel consisted of nine different groups, presenting on various 'Motorcycle Culture' related subjects through out the week of the conference. Gary (Revvv) Kieffner of the University of Texas, El Paso (and TMRA2), whom I met at the MRF Meeting of the Minds in Little Rock, invited Cindy Hodges & Susan Huttman of MRF, Sputnik, Chair of Texas Motorcycle Rights Association, and myself, to take part in a round table discussion entitled A Future for Motorcycling? The Role of the International Rights' Movement to those attending the Motorcycling Culture and Myth Panel. (Unfortunately, Susan Huttman was unable to attend.)

Going in to it I really had no idea what to expect, or for that matter whether it was going to be worthwhile or not. This conference turned out to be much larger (several thousand) and more beneficial than I had anticipated. Our round table discussion had approximately 20 attendees from across the U.S. as well as individuals from Canada and England. Many of the attendees are

Professors, others have written for motorcycle magazines and still others are published Biker Poets and Writers. These are all well respected professionals and motorcyclists, some of whom were aware of the threats that we face, and some were hearing it for the first time. I believe that all came away with a better understanding of the threats to our freedom effecting motorcyclists. We discussed issues such as the effect on motorcyclist of the EPA Regulations, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Insurance discrimination, automobile operator awareness, rider training, and "the effects of arbitrary or unreasonable regulations and laws on the economy, civil liberties, individuality and artistic expression, and customization" (\*from the agenda). All of us in the Rights' movement recognize the necessity of reaching more individuals from a wider circle of riders. This was an excellent opportunity to send out our message to a diverse group of motorcyclists that have the connections and ability to pass the fire of freedom on to those that they know, both inside and outside of the riding community. The opportunity to exchange ideas and form relationships with those at the conference is invaluable.

As with most conferences, the time spent together outside of the formal activities was as beneficial as the time within. Revvv put on a great Poker Walk around Atlanta Friday night, which gave me a chance to meet

many of the attendees. Not surprisingly, bikers being bikers, we seemed to find each other through out the weekend, be it for a bite to eat during the day, or a little quality time at the bar at night. We also had an excellent host and hostess from Atlanta (who's names escape me, but thank you!) that shuttled us all over to their home for a cook out on Saturday evening. The opportunity to reach outside the box of our usual methods of making contacts and connecting with motorcyclists is what we need to continue to do if we hope to regain and preserve our freedom as motorcyclists.

I would like to thank the Raleigh Chapter of CBA/ABATE of NC for helping offset the cost of this trip or I would not have been able to make it. I was able to enjoy 800+ miles of great riding on the first really warm weekend of spring, meet and exchange ideas with some of the brightest minds in motorcycling, and form contacts and relationships that I believe will benefit all of us in the Motorcycle Rights' Movement.

Bill Johnson  
Raleigh Chapter President  
CBA/ABATE of NC

# **Veterans Appreciation Motorcycle Day Poker Run & Field Games**



**August 19, 2006**

Poker Run:

**Starts: New Bridge Fruit Market East**

**1311 Tunnel Road • 2 blocks east of the Asheville VA Medical Center  
• Hwy 70 East, on the right.**

**1st Bike out at 9 AM • Last Bike out at Noon • Last Bike in at 2 PM**

This run to support identified needs of hospitalized veterans at  
the Asheville VA Medical Center

**The Run will end up at the VA where you can mingle with the  
Veterans at the VA Hospital.**

Come and tell a Vet that you Appreciate your Freedom.

**Everyone is Welcome. There will be music, fun and bike games at the  
VA after the poker run.**

**Food will be available at the VA.**

Sponsored By:

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For More Information Call:

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blankenboat@charter.net**

## Membership Services Committee Report

Submitted by Gail Rumler

The Membership Services Committee met on April 8, 2006 at the Randolph County Lodge. The meeting came to order shortly after 2:30 pm, Gail Rumler; Membership Services Director presided over the meeting. Most all of the state chapters were represented by one or more of their chapter officers or members. Gail welcomed everyone to the meeting and the following topics/issues were discussed:

### 1: Aflac Insurance

In an effort to increase and provide more benefits to the members of CBA, Gail has been meeting and planning with Becky Whitley, Aflac Insurance agent for the central area of the state. CBA will have the opportunity to obtain supplemental individual insurance policies for a wide variety of personal needs thru the partnership of CBA with Aflac. So many of our members do not have insurance through an employer, and many members are self employed. Aflac has policies that one can secure for a small weekly or monthly payment. Aflac pays claims directly to the policyholder. Aflac offers a variety of plans to supplement the many gaps a member may have in his insurance coverage. Some options include accident insurance, dental insurance, cancer insurance, hospital insurance, and even a vision plan.

Aflac will be returning 3% of all premiums to CBA. This new member benefit will help those who do not have any insurance to provide some coverage for themselves and their families at a small cost, and contribute to the organization as well. Aflac also has programs that work with a small business owner who has 3 or more employees.

Becky Whitley is a longtime biker. She and her husband are both riders, and are members of the Chatham County Chapter of CBA. She will contact members individually, or through the chapter, and is willing to attend chapter meetings to discuss the policies with members.

Gail presented the above plan to the committee, and the attending members agreed that she should proceed. This plan will incur no costs to CBA. She will be sending

out information in the next month on this new benefit.

### 2: Life Member cards

Gail discussed the high cost and inconvenience of making and carrying the current metal style of Life Member cards. The cost of each card is \$10.00 or more, and involves a lot of back-and-forth between Membership Services, the manufacturer, and the member. To save money and time, and to make the cards more user friendly, Gail presented her plans for Life Member cards. She will produce a nice laminated card for Life Members, and also provide a Life Member pin to accompany the laminated cards. This will save a substantial amount of money per Life member, the cost for the pin and card falling well under the previous \$10.00 cost. A Life Member pin can be worn for all to see that a member has achieved Life status, whereas a metal card in one's wallet does not allow this option.

Gail also reported that anyone wanting a new laminated Life Member card can send her a note with their life member number and current mailing address (to verify that her information is correct) and she will make a new card at no charge. When the new pins are manufactured, she will mail one out to all members who became Life as of January 01, 2006. She will have additional Life pins available to sell to all Life members who would like to purchase one.

### 3: New Membership packets

According to the Constitution, Article II, section (8), the membership packet will contain a patch and a pin. Currently no pin is available. Gail passed around a sketch of a membership pin design that she will have manufactured to put in new member packets. The pin will be available to the general membership as well, and Gail anticipates that the sale of the pins will generate revenue to pay for the pins being sent out to new members. The attending members approved this plan, and Gail will proceed in having the pins manufactured.

Gail briefly discussed other items being sent out in new member packets, and her ongoing plan to improve the look and contents of the packets.

### 4: Trifolds:

New trifolds have been printed, and all attending members were encouraged to take a bundle of trifolds back to the chapter and use them. The new trifolds have all of the current information for Membership Services.

### 5: Data corrections

Gail encouraged everyone to notify her of any errors on the rosters, including misspellings, incorrect names and or addresses, phone numbers, etc.

### 6: Quarterly Invoices:

Gail notified everyone that there was a new look to the quarterly invoices. She will be closing out each quarter on the last day of the third month of each quarter. Please notify her of any errors you may find, and feel free to ask questions.

### 7: Membership promotion and information

Gail discussed the need for CBA to make an effort to be visible and available at all CBA events, swap meets and functions. Someone needs to attend these events and work a booth with CBA literature and information. She challenged all members and chapters to work with her to promote CBA at all biker events. She stressed her opinion that CBA can and will be a commonly recognized symbol and organization, if we only get out there and promote ourselves in the biking community. Along this same line of thinking, she will be working on developing and providing literature and information that one can hand out at CBA events to promote what we do and what we are fighting for.

### 8: Membership statistics

Gail reported on the latest membership numbers and how they break down between chapters and At-Large membership. She reported that we keep gaining new members, but we also lose about as many as we sign up, so we are remaining stagnant. She challenged all chapters to make an extra effort to keep their current members as well as pursue new members.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 3:00 pm.

## *In Memory Of...*

Johnny "Blue" Wilson	January 21, 1996	James "Pickle" Deal	August 20, 2002
Brenda Beaver	July 7, 1996	Clyde Starnes	September 7, 2002
Dennis Jackson	August 24, 1999	Carl "Paul" Johnson	November 16, 2002
Bruce Vogle (Klean)	April 29, 1999	Gary Barba	January 7, 2003
Mark Fisher (Fish)	September 25, 1999	Richard "Cigar Man" Burnett	May 30, 2003
Jane Janosko	May 15, 1999	Sheila Boone	August 1, 2003
Joann Stroud (JoJo)	January 4, 2000	Sandy Lee	August 23, 2003
Mike Daniels	March 23, 2000	Kim Ratliff	September 14, 2003
Bear Allred	May 23, 2000	Mark "Rat Daddy" Ratliff	February 10, 2004
Ken Barentine	May 20, 2001	Julie Jenrette	March 26, 2004
Edward Lawson Whitton (Easy)	Dec. 25, 2001	Howard Coltrane	October 6, 2004
Malachi Stanley	Feb. 16, 2002	Eldon Moore	February 26, 2005
Tom Weaver	June 1, 2002	William Randle Young	August 28, 2005
Tommy "DJ Crazyhorse" Clendenin	June 22, 2002	Ina Fitts	September 1, 2005
Joe "Ugly" Sidley	June 30, 2002	Jay Fitts	March 29, 2006
Alan Baker	August 4, 2002	Sonny Shope	May 22, 2006
John Cowdrick	August 6, 2002		

## Legislative Committee Minutes

April 2006

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.

Doc Ski read the minutes of the Jan 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 reported on the current situation within the area of the Intelligent Transportation system. He reported that he is working with JD De Paolantonio, a nationally recognized leader in the subject of the ITS. Brian reported on experiments in Canada related to the monitoring of cars within certain provinces. He reported that this process is also being considered for use in Oregon, USA.

**ROW:** Doc Ski reported that Deb Knox has volunteered to work on enhancing penalties under our current ROW bill. He discussed some of the activities in other states regarding enhancing penalties and alternatives (i.e., educating District Attorneys and Law Enforcement Officers). The idea of educating "officials within the legal system was discussed at length and determined to be most appropriate if found to be feasible.

**Rider Education:** Doc Ski identified Raz (Alamance) as the issue-team leader for the Rider Education Issue team. Doc Ski reported that he and Cindy (Fre) have been coordinating with the NC State Rider Ed Program coordinator in efforts to find and seek funding and other resources to assist in the program. Doc Ski also 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 on progress of the Anti-discrimination bill. He identified Mark Little as the Issue-Team leader for this important bill proposal. Doc Ski reported that the NC CBA/ABATE is 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 SB 1077 submitted by Senator Tony Rand (Cumberland) has now been moved from Senate to the House for consideration. 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:** Doc Ski reported that HB 1289 has been held up in committee in the House and may not be brought out during the short session. If so, we will have to start all over again in 2007 session. Doc Ski will investigate and pursue opportunities to shepherd it out of the house and into the senate during this short session. Representative Sauls (Bill sponsor) has decided not to run for re-election, and it may be difficult to gain support for this bill for that and other reasons. Doc Ski suggested that we begin to call this bill the Motorcycle Safety Amendment because it includes elements that increase registration fees to support the NC Rider Education program.

**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 NC 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. Other Issues of Importance: Doc Ski gave a brief summary of issue that are of interest in North Carolina they included (1.) Left turn on Red when motorcycle is not detected by sensor; (2) Noise pollution advocates seeking legislation to reduce noise levels, and; (3.) Lane splitting as a method for reducing traffic congestion.

Doc Ski stated that as a matter of policy, at future Legislative Committee meetings, all Issue-Team Leaders will report on progress of their issue. He also asked for input on important issues from the membership. If you have an issue that concerns you, notify Doc Ski and NC the CBA/ABATE Legislative Working Party will organize and develop an issue-team to pursue your interests.

### Old Business:

Cindy (Fre) reported on the recent trip to DC to attend a seminar on effective Lobbying conducted by the AMA. She reported that it was a meaningful experience. NC was well represented and well received by the leaders of the seminar.

Doc Ski provided an opportunity for all recently designated District Legislative Coordinators to discuss issues within their district. The concept of District level coordinators was discussed and all agreed that it would be a useful tool in helping to disseminate information to and from chapters. During Chapter Update reports, many chapters reported on efforts at getting city and county elected officials to declare May as

Motorcycle Awareness Month. Specific details were discussed and many new ideas were revealed. Doc Ski reported that the Governor had issued a proclamation for the state declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness month, but it was clearly more important to have each local government issue a proclamation. This allows our elected officials to see that we are involved not only at the state, but at the local level as well.

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 that this element of our community is interested in the same issues we are, especially Rider Education, EPA mandates, and HIPPA. Cindy reported on her recent activities at the PRO convention and in conversations with the leaders of the NC United Bikers Association.

Doc Ski reported on activities of the NC Confederation of Clubs and invited all to attend the annual NCOM Convention on Mother's Day Weekend in Louisville, KY. Doc Ski also reported that the NC CMC will provide security for the up-coming Beast of the East Conference sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Doc Ski asked all chapter Legislative coordinators to provide the nine-digit zip codes for members in their chapter. His plan is to contact local chapters prior to attending meetings with legislators before and after each meeting. It is thought that this will help elected officials to recognize that discussions and ideas presented by the NC CBA Legislative Director are supported by constituents from their home district.

### New Business:

Doc Ski reported on Bike PAC policy regarding funds disbursement, and offered opportunities for constituent teams to request funding for certain activities (fund raising events, etc). Requests for financial support should be addressed to NC Bike-PAC and submitted in sufficient time to allow for decision making and disbursement of funds. Information regarding the process and methods for contacting Bike PAC authorities is located on the CBA/ABATE web-site.

Doc Ski and Cindy reported on the NC CBA/ABATE Legislative Retreats. These educational programs are offered to assist members in becoming more politically involved through educational sessions that focus on activities related to legislative issue teams. Actual materials and products related to relevant issues are used in a systematic, hands-on, problem solving procedure that emulates the actual activities of issue-teams in the development of materials and ideas for presentation to our legislators. The first of these "Retreats" was conducted in December of 2005 in Sanford NC. Participant evaluations indicate it was a huge success and worthwhile expenditure of their time. The next Retreat is scheduled for April 2006 in Buncombe County. Doc Ski suggested that each Chapter LC discuss the possibility of sponsoring a Legislative Retreat with their chapter membership.

Much discussion followed regarding the activities of Lobbying Day. It was determined that the NC CBA/ABATE should conduct their lobbying day on 25 May 2006. A motion was made and

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carried to present this proposal to the General session of the Executive Council on 09 April at the state meeting. (Ed note: the amended proposal was voted on and approved by the Executive Council, the amendment changed the date to 07 June).

Materials for constituents to use during Lobbying Day were discussed. A post-card sized "courtesy card" was determined to be an inexpensive and effective tool to highlight the important issues for bikers in NC.

Doc Ski agreed to design/prepare and produce a suitable product for use on Lobbying Day.

The following goals were approved by the Legislative Committee:

1. NC CBA/ABATE will work together with our legislators on issues of concern.
2. Within NC CBA/ABATE we will garner support from our elected officials, by identifying constituents within legislative districts, and organizing identified members to systematically utilize the tools of activism.

3. The NC CBA/ABATE Legislative Director will coordinate, schedule, and accompany, a legislative-constituent-team visit for each active chapter.

4. NC CBA/ABATE will establish partnerships with other MROs that share our issues and present a unified front;

5. NC CBA/ABATE will identify and solicit the support of other consumer and citizen groups on shared causes

6. NC CBA/ABATE will present a united front that impresses on our legislators that we are here to stay, we are about more than one issue, and we can be an important tool in their reservoir of resources.

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doc Ski  
Acting Recording Secretary  
Legislative Committee

## Legislative Retreat A Members View

By Roger Williams

Well I just got back from our Legislative Workshop for the Western District and I was quite impressed. DocSki and Cindy have put together a very informative and interesting seminar. I hadn't really took the time to think about all work that has been left to State Legislative Coordinators in the past, till I took this workshop. It's no wonder we keep burning these guys out. But I think DocSki has figured out a great way to redistribute the work load among the membership. This new concept is called The Legislative Working Party. The main goal is to develop a network among the membership. Each issue we are concerned with, will have a committee to do basic ground work. The Mission Statement is: Create a grass roots political organization within the motorcycling community of NC to effectively disperse legislative information and organize responses to proposed legislation.

The Objectives are: To mimic other successful MROs, Strengthen CBA Leg. Coordinator's network, Create Statewide Infrastructure for all Motorcycle Organizations, Define Communication Process, Identify Issues to Address, Build a winning Team. By breaking down each issue into separate categories more time can be spent doing the research and analyzing the results to come up with best solutions and strategies. If you have been thinking about getting more involved in the legislative process this is a great opportunity to get your feet wet and contribute to the process thru grass-roots involvement. Give Doc or Cindy shout and see which committees are available. We mountain people in Buncombe Co. are going to take on The

Learners Permit issue and the No One under the age of 10 issue. If your chapter has the resources think about doing the same. This is a great way to increase our legislative power.

Roger F. Williams Jr., - Legislative Coordinator  
Buncombe Co. Chapter CBA/ABATE of NC

"Freedom comes from knowing you have the power to change things"

"Courage is taking the steps to bring about change"

Support Your Motorcycle Rights Organizations  
Or Lose Your Rights As You Know Them

Sincere thanks to the members of the Buncombe County Chapter and Macon County Chapter who fed us, housed us and showed us some good, old fashioned biker hospitality, not to mention provided great participation in the presentation of the Legislative Issue Teams program. We are looking forward to working with these chapter members in the future!

Kind Regards,

Doc Ski  
Cindy Hodges

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

### The New Living Will

Submitted by Jim Barker

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of sound mind and body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means. Under no circumstances should my fate be put in the hands of pinhead politicians who couldn't pass ninth grade biology if their lives depended on it or lawyers/doctors interested in simply running up the bills.

If a reasonable amount of time passes and I fail to ask for at least one of the following things:

- \_ Cold beer
- \_ Glass of wine
- \_ Bloody Mary
- \_ Margarita
- \_ Scotch and soda
- \_ Martini
- \_ Vodka and Tonic
- \_ Bourbon on the rocks
- \_ Steak
- \_ Lobster or crab legs
- \_ Remote control
- \_ Bowl of ice cream
- \_ Sports page
- \_ New rifle
- \_ Chocolate
- \_ Sex

It should be presumed that I won't ever get better. When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my appointed person and attending physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes and call it a day.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## You Did Not See Me...

*NOTE FROM EDITOR: Thanks to everyone who forwarded this to me. Vinny sent it first but I was bombarded with it. It is chilling and we should be using it to increase motorist awareness.*

I saw you hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line... But, you didn't see me put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk... But, you didn't see me playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you change your mind about going into the restaurant... But, you didn't see me attending a meeting to raise money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by... But, you didn't see me riding behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you frown at me when I smiled at your children... But, you didn't see me when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you stare at my long hair... But, you didn't see me cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves... But, you didn't see me and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had none.

I saw you look in fright at my tattoos... But, you didn't see me cry as my children were born and when I had their name inked over my heart.

I saw you change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere... But, you didn't see me going home to be with my family.

I saw you complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be... But, you didn't see me when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you yelling at your kids in the car... But, you didn't see me pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.

I saw you reading the newspaper as you drove down

the road... But, you didn't see me squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you race down the road in the rain... But, you didn't see me get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time... But, you didn't see me trying to turn right.

I saw you cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in... But, you didn't see me leave the road.

I saw you waiting impatiently for my friends to pass. But, you didn't see me... I wasn't there.

I saw you go home to your family. But, you didn't see me... Because, I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker, a person with friends and a family.

I saw you... But, you didn't see me.

## Then and Now

Submitted by Fred Beaver  
President, Carteret Craven  
CBA/ABATE of North Carolina

Man, that is a broad subject ! I sit here thinking about the way things were with motorcycle riders when I was, let's say earlier in my and a lot of others lives. The laws and the law enforcement were in all honesty quite a bit slacker in stopping riders for various violations. I know we all have seen this coming and I know I don't really care for the added pressure on enforcing the law. Driving or riding and drinking motorcyclist / biker or what have you is tougher , "Now than Then".

But it is here the beginning of the riding season and everybody is hearing about so and so getting stopped and they were not even drinking. And then you hear of some other ones that got the DUI from hell. I know that it's the pits and it is going to cost you and there isn't any way around it. You lose in lots of ways. They take your license, lock you up and the paying out begins... man that sucks. Just when the weather is getting nice for your favorite pass time or one of them, and the gas prices are really up there and you are out done by that too. I know you weren't that impaired or some of you know you were blitzed and admit it. Doesn't matter the paying out is still the same. Whoa ! Not really ! At least this time you didn't get in an accident, tear up your ride, end up in the hospital, or kill yourself or someone

else.

You know I really love to ride and I know you do too. So what you gonna do? Try to stay lucky or make some changes so you can "live to ride" or drink too much and lose your judgment. I don't know if all of you know this so I will say it again as I have so many times before "WHEN YOU DOWN TOO MANY MIXED DRINKS , BEERS OR SHOTS YOU ARE DONE! If you want to use good judgment you might but, I seriously doubt you will and the gamble is on." I can make it is only a little ways to the garage". " Nobody is going to take me home". " I rode my scoot here and I am riding my scoot home". " I'm OK I only drank till 10:30ish (is that a word ), and it is 12:30 now I'm good to go" . So What !! You only drank nonstop since you rolled in at the first bar after you rolled out from the house at 5:00 and this is the fourth bar and you don't give a damn anyway . Hello !! There is another way!

You may not care, but you are drunk, you lost your judgment a long time ago probably at the second bar or even at the first if you had not eaten since lunch at Noon. The people that do care that have seen you have told you and you gaffed them off. And your wife and kids or family or anyone really close to you sit and worry 'till they hear them exhaust pipes when you pull in at home.

Now let's jump to the next day . You wake up around 11:00 and you open your eyes and wow

you're in your own bed, the sun is creeping across the floor, you look out the window and think, "man what a pretty day , I'm going to do some riding as pretty as it is. So you dress and grab some coffee and walk out to the garage. You're still a little fuzzy from last night, what you can remember of it . You open the side door to the garage and walk in , BAM like a flash of lightning...no Scoot! You re standing there trying to get the cobwebs out and you remember ,Oh Yeah ! I left my Bike out front in the driveway, so you walk around to the driveway and there's your scoot laying on the concrete drive dented, scratched all too hell, clutch lever broke off ,turn signals front and rear smashed in to concrete gas all over place. Your mouth drops open and you can't remember nothing . How in the hell did this happen? Then all of a sudden your head starts to clear. Boy I was really messed up last night I didn't remember even coming home and now this? As you looked down at the Bike you notice that you locked the front-end and start switch . So you snatch the bike upright and notice the scratch on the concrete where the stand arm just folded right back up when you got off last night. Well you got lucky you didn't get pulled and get a DUI, at least you don't think so because everything is not clear yet . I'm going to stop here....

You get the idea by now...I hope. If not...  
GOOD LUCK WITH THE REST OF THE NICE RIDING WEATHER.



# ***CBA/ABATE, Raleigh Chapter Need for Speed Run!!***



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***Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2006***

## ***Feed Your Need For Speed!!***

***East Coast Timing Assn.  
Championship Speed Trials  
At***

***Laurinburg-Maxton Airport  
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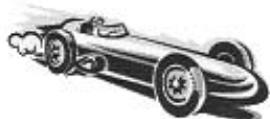
***See all classes of cars and  
motorcycles run for speed records  
on a 1 mile strip!***

***Leaving from Ray Price RD @ 8:00am  
(Weather permitting)***

***About a 2 ½ hr ride to Maxton  
Time trials from 10am – 6pm***

***Over 20 Classes of Cars &  
7 Classes of Motorcycles  
\$5 entry fee to the track***

***(Racing subject to membership to ECTA,  
class qualifications & fees.)***



***This is a CBA/ABATE of NC, Raleigh Chapter Fun Run  
Coffee & Doughnuts provided before ride by RPHD  
Open to all motorcyclists.***

***For more information about CBA or this ride: [chaofraleigh@nc.rr.com](mailto:chaofraleigh@nc.rr.com), 919-649-3611 or 669-2489  
The Raleigh Chapter meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5pm. BBQ Lodge, 4600 Capital Blvd  
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# CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION RALEIGH CHAPTER

## SPRING POKER RUN

**Sunday, June 11, 2006**

*Ridin' to Protect Your Rights!*

Ride leaves at 1:00pm from:

***Twin Specialties / Scooters***

1911 Segoe Ct. in Raleigh

Other Stops: *All Revved Up Motor Sports,*  
*The Clubhouse Restaurant 40/42 (& Bar),*  
*D&Q Chopper Shop, ending at:*

***The Last Resort***

Hwy 70 Bus., Smithfield



Best Hand: \$100.00

Worst Hand: \$50.00

Door prize drawings at  
5pm at The Last Resort

Poker hands: \$10 each  
or two for \$15

*Come out for a great ride, beautiful scenery and after the run party at The Last Resort with the rockin' sounds of Mr. Blackwell!*

*All proceeds will go to CBA/ABATE of NC, Raleigh Chapter's general fund to help finance our continuing fight to protect our rights and further motorcycle safety and education.*



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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Size of Cycle: \_\_\_\_\_

Avg. Miles/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other motorcycle affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help CBA/ABATE by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a registered voter?  Yes  No

I understand that by signing my name to this application, I am seeking membership into a political organization. Toward that end, I will follow the meaning of that word.

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