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Days Are
Upon Us**



For tips about riding in the heat, see page 8

Coming Events

STATE MEETINGS 2007

All held in Randolph County

July 21st

Committee Meetings

July 22nd

State Meeting

October 6th

Committee Meetings

October 7th

State Meeting

THINGS TO DO

July 28

Fun Run and Camping Meet at Riders Roost

July 29

Alamance County Bike Show
Breakzone Billiards

August 11

MRF History Tour

September 14-16

Southern Cross Conference Virginia (flyer in newsletter)

GET YOUR 2007

EVENTS SENT IN to stateinfo@atmc.net

Letter from the Editor...

We are entering the dog days of summer and I want to remind everyone to stay hydrated while riding. You can fall out before you know it. I worry about all of you anyway but the flies are falling out of the sky right now. Keep yourselves safe.

It has been a very active year legislatively and I hope that everyone is keeping themselves up to date by visiting Doc Ski's Legislative Blog often. Doc Ski does an amazing job of keeping us up to speed on what is happening. Get yourself involved!

The NCOM conference hosted in Charlotte in May was a blazing success and I thank each of you who participated. As always, a special thank you to the Charlotte chapter. They came through in their usual fashion and helped make it an event to remember. I cannot... cannot... cannot say enough about Darlene's contributions to this event. If you were there you would have seen just how amazing she was. I don't think I saw her sit down once. The whole organization owes a huge thank you to Ms. Kimsey. CBA done itself proud.

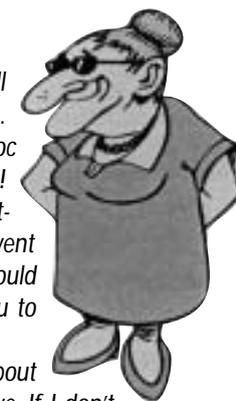
Excuse my absenteeism of late. This ole gal is stretched pretty thin right now and I don't quite know what to do about it. If you need something... keep after me. My intense traveling schedule is over until Fall so I promise to be more responsive. If I don't answer your emails in a timely fashion.... Please... give me a call on my cell phone if you need me. 910-367-9914. I am available if you need anything.... Really.

Remember to make a donation to BikePAC if you have not done so already. It takes money to do all of this important work and we do so appreciate any and all donations. Doc Ski is tearing up Raleigh.

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

Peace,

Crazy Deb



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Legislative Happenings

This just in!!!!

Monday, July 10th

Doc Ski just called from the legislative plaza. Section 1 of HB 563, the part that pertains to FMVSS 218 helmet standards ... was STRIPPED from the bill in committee!

The committee's legislative aide told Doc Ski that the committee members all received a lot of email in regards to this!

There is A LOT more to be said here but Doc will cover it when he gets back home and has opportunity to brief us all. He is still at the state legislature and meeting individually with legislators on our issues.

"THIS is the sort of thing that keeps me going. You folk are the inoculation against the downpull of apathy!" (Cindy Hodges)

Please visit Doc's latest Legislative Blog for all the news and a history of events for the legislative session.

<http://docskivnv.bravejournal.com/>

Getting To Know Those Running For the Board October 2007 Elections

Other positions will be highlighted in the newsletter following the July State Meeting

State President Randy Norris

Hello all,

I'm Randy Norris, current State President for CBA/ABATE of NC. My personal life consists of my wife Wendy, my job as a supervisor in the construction of industrial and military air conditioning and of course, CBA. My hobbies are riding my 2000 Road King, attending MC events and doing yard work.

During my 10 years in CBA/ABATE, I have been on the Board of Directors of this Organization since 2002, serving a term as the Eastern District Coordinator, then being elected as State Vice President in 2004. In Feb. 2006 I was elected to position of State President. I have been the Chapter President for Columbus County since 1999.

My term so far as State President has been an interesting one, with challenges presented and worked through with the help of the members, Chapters and my fellow Board members. We have overcome obstacles and moved forward.

The direction of the Organization is important, and I would like to continue to be a part of the process by helping to lead. I enjoy working with and talking to the members. My e-mail and phone are always open to hear from you.

Thanks for your support.

Candidate for State Vice President Steve Knox

Anyone who knows me knows that my wife is the talker. I've been in CBA for 12 years serving in various positions at the chapter level and most recently as 2nd Vice President. I've been in the background but always available.

I've been riding practically my whole life

and currently ride a hardtail chopper that I built myself in 1999. Before that I had the usual gamut of bikes from dirt bikes to foreign bikes to my Sportster that was taken from me in a bad accident in 1999. I guess the accident motivates me to fight for our rights more than anything... we could have been killed by the ROW violator.

I am quiet but I am dedicated. I will do what I can to uphold the objectives of the organization and to assist the President of the organization.

State Treasurer Candidate Darlene Kimsey

Hello my name is Darlene Kimsey and I am the current Treasurer for CBA/ABATE of NC.

I am the wife of the unfortunate Bill Kimsey, mother of 2, wicked step-mother of 2 and grandmother of 5 (well with a son, I think it's only 5!). I work full time (there should be a level past full time!) as the Director of Admission/Marketing for SunBridge Care & Rehab for Asheboro.

I have held the position of State Treasurer for the past 2 years. I take this position very seriously. The members of the organization have trusted me with their money and it is my job to guard it and help it grow, all of which I feel I have done. On the local level I am an active member of the Triad CBA/ABATE of NC and have held various positions within the chapter. I have tormented this chapter for many years now with my presence.

I hope I have earned your trust over my past elected term to the point that you will entrust me with money for another term.

State Legislative Director Thomas J. Wasileski, PhD aka "Doc Ski"

Doc Ski rode his first motorized-cycle at 14. He traded his three-speed English racer bicy-

cle, for a Lambreta (pedal to start) motor-scooter. Since the Lambreta required repairs, he pushed it the five miles home; and, with assistance from his father, completed the necessary repairs. That first trip on the Lambreta began his love affair with motorcycles and fueled his enthusiasm for the freedom of the road.

Doc Ski has been a member of NC CBA/ABATE for more than five years. He is on the Board of Directors for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). He was a founding member of the North Carolina Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs. He is a member of the Viet Nam Vets M/C USA where he has served in leadership positions at the chapter, state, and regional level. Doc Ski has been designated, by North Carolina's Motorcycle Rights organizations, as their nominee to serve as one of the two designated positions for State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, on the United States Department of Transportation's Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administrator (FHWA).

Doc Ski began his adult life as a high school drop out. He joined the U.S. Army at 17 years old, and spent the next twenty years of his life in service to his country. He fought Communism on three different continents, in eleven countries and in seven languages. He was an Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces (Green Beret) qualified soldier.

While in the Army Doc Ski was forced to complete his GED and continue his formal education in order to compete for promotions. When he retired from the Army in 1985 Doc Ski had received a Bachelor's Degree from Columbia College. He went back to school and received a Masters Degree in Special Education from Fayetteville State University. After working several years in public schools teaching children with learning difficulties, he returned to school and earned a PhD in Education (Special Education/ Developmental Psych) from the University

Getting To Know Those Running (cont.)

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Among his many accomplishments in academia, Doc Ski was awarded a grant to provide services to children and families of Vietnam Veterans. Project Agent Orange was funded from the moneys awarded in a class-action law suit against chemical companies that manufactured the defoliant Agent Orange, an herbicide used in Vietnam. The program helped many children and families in North Carolina and the program continued to receive funding until all class-action funds were disbursed.

As a research scientist and a member of the faculty Doc Ski has served in a variety of positions, including principal investigator, on several federal and private agency grants, bringing more than \$1,000,000 into the University of North Carolina System during his tenure. Among the many projects he received funding for, he is most proud of his work in the development, accreditation, and funding for a program to teach Special Education teachers to teach children who are blind and/or visually impaired.

He is currently retired from the world of work and living in the Woods of Chatham County with his wonderful wife Katie, his HD Bagger FLHTCUI), two Custom Motorcycles (Soft tail Replicas) he built, and more than fifteen foster dogs.

State Information Director Deb Knox

My name is Deb Knox and I have been a very active CBA member for 12 years. Most of this time I have either served as a chapter officer or a state officer. If you are very dedicated to CBA, you will know that the family must be supportive of your efforts and mine is... although I am sure they don't always know what motivates me.

I am happily married to my husband of 25 years and not always happily married to my job as Director of Government Sales for a library supplier. I travel a lot and have asked the membership to be tolerant of my absences. As is true for everyone, my life has taken some twists and turns that have changed things for me and my family.

I've been riding since I was 14 or 15. Don't do the math.... It puts me riding at over 35 years and let's leave it at that. LOL. I've lobbied in Raleigh and DC and do a lot of behind the scenes stuff none of you see or could imagine.

I am opinionated and outspoken and I imagine I've made some friends and possibly some enemies down the road but I ain't no sissy girl and what you see is what you get with me. I have no hidden agendas, no ego about what I do and my

heart is with CBA.

This is a very rewarding and interesting position and like any position can be as much or as little as you want it to be.

Depending on the President of the organization and the other Board of Director members, it can also be a high profile position. In addition to other duties detailed in the Constitution, the individual holding this position, under the direction of the President becomes the spokesperson for the entire organization. I am otherwise known as the mouth of the south from some of my dear friends. I always have something to say.

Included among those duties can be the development and dissemination of Press Releases issued at appropriate times, speaking on behalf of the organization to federal, state and local officials and the media. From time to time the State Information Director may issue written statements, with the approval of the State President, regarding important decisions or events in the life of the Organization.

Requirements of the Position According to the Constitution

The State Information Director shall serve as an Assistant Vice President of the Corporation and the State Executive Council and member of the Board of Directors.

The State Information Director shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining a record of all pertinent statistical information and legislative information. He/she shall cause this information to be disbursed to the State Executive Council and Board of Directors through the State Secretary, and to the general membership by any method at his/her disposal as he/she deems necessary. He/she shall also research other information as requested by the State Executive Council and the Board of Directors.

The State Information Director shall appoint a Newsletter Editor and work with him/her as to the content of the newsletter through the Newsletter Committee. The State Information Director, if capable and willing, can also act as the Newsletter Editor. (Current SID's comments).

The State Information Director shall chair the Public Relations Committee, which shall be responsible for producing CBA promotional literature and sending out State news releases. The Public Relations Committee shall also be responsible for establishing and maintaining a CBA web page.

The State Information Director shall perform all duties incident to his/her office, and other duties, which from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the State Executive

Council.

How Can I Help the Membership?

The State Information Director can lend assistance to the membership, particularly the officers of any chapter with tasks such as flyer development, events paperwork and advertisement for events.

As current State Information Director, I encourage chapters, especially new chapters or smaller chapters to contact the Board of Directors for any assistance needed to enhance your chapter's activities. It is your organization and I am here to help you

Safety, Education and Awareness Director (MSAP Program Director) D. Matt Shamblin

My first motorcycle "seat" was actually the gas tank of my dad's Yamaha. I guess I was seven or eight years old when he took me for my first ride. From there I moved up to the gas tank of his Triumph "Bonneville 650". Soon after that, I graduated to the back seat and from there I moved to my first mini bike, it was a Honda "MiniTrail 50". For the next several years it seems as though I was determined to destroy that mini bike or myself, whichever came first. If you ever had one of those little bikes, you undoubtedly know that I couldn't have destroyed it with anything short of plutonium. I put quite a few dents and dings in that thing, but it never quit. I obviously never succeeded at destroying myself either, although I do have some interesting x-rays to show for my efforts. Somewhere around Junior High School I got interested in girls and bigger bikes. I forgot all about my mini bike & started riding whatever kind of bike I could borrow. After I moved out, dad took that mini bike with him (for some unknown reason) when he & mom moved to Henderson. When I was about twenty-one or twenty-two, dad gave that bike to a kid from down the road in exchange for some yard work (which is how I had earned it in the first place). Dad told me later that he thought the kid was going to kill himself kicking that thing to get it started, but with Dads help on the carburetor, they got it started and the kid rode that bike home that day.

For the next twenty years or so, I expended all my efforts supporting the family that Debbie & I made for ourselves. I did a lot of looking and dreaming, but I knew I couldn't afford another bike for at least a few more years.

It was a wonderful day for me in the spring of 1997 when my youngest son came to me and told me he wanted a dirt bike. He was the only one of our children still at home so

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Meets at Roadhouse 54 in Graham, NC. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM.

Brunswick Chapter *2003 Chapter of the Year*

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Lodge Phone: (910)755-5647

cba@cba.xaranda.net

Cleve Gore: (910)754-7394

Wayne Mooney: (910)287-4495

Meets at 600 Ocean Isle Beach Road (4 mile road). Located in the CBA and the DAV lodge. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM.

Buncombe Chapter

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Larry Blankenship: (828)683-3734

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

Burke Chapter

5690 Ellis Drive • Hickory, NC 28602

Keith Bumgarner: (828)397-5837

Faith Hughes: (828)390-1431

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

Cabarrus - Rowan Chapter

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Gary Livengood: (704)279-5343 / Email: dacynth@alltel.net

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

Caldwell Chapter

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Ron Williams: (828)228-4330

Meets at Hilltop Restaurant, Hwy 321 in Lenoir next to Rooster Bush Chevrolet on 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Carteret-Craven Chapter

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Meets at Jeans Place, East Main Street, Havelock on 1st Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM.

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Gary Bridges: (704)458-0571

Rick Nail: (704)391-1222

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

Chatham Chapter

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G.B. Lewis: (919)898-0289

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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Randy Norris: (910)653-4066

Greg Stevens: (910)646-3520

Web: <http://columbuscba.tripod.com>

Meets monthly at the lodge - 47 Mercer Road, Chadbourne on the 1st Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Davidson Chapter

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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 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM.

Gaston Chapter

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Jill Stillwell: (704) 913-7284 • Email: jillstl@bellsouth.net

Granville Chapter

PO Box 131 • Stem, NC 27581

Lodge Phone: (919)529-1325

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

Hickory Chapter

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Rick Bridgeman: (828)294-3072 / Email: rick007@conninc.com

Meets at the Wizard Lounge on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Macon County Chapter

PO Box 2126 • Franklin, NC 28744-2126

Cliff Cyhers: (828)369-8060

Meets at Prime Sirlain, 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.

New Hanover Chapter

PO Box 1429 • Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

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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.

Raleigh Chapter *2004 Chapter of the Year*

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Andy Malinowski: (919)828-3676 / Email: amski@isp.com

Meets at the BBQ Lodge on Capital Blvd in "Mini City" on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Randolph Chapter

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Meets at 620 Veterans Loop Road in Asheboro on 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

Surry Chapter

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Jesse Watson: (919)778-0049 • Email: Bikerpoppop@aol.com

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.

Triad Chapter

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Meets at American Legion Post 2061, Business I-85 between Brentwood and Baker Road in High Point on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM.

Union Chapter

PO Box 1142 • Monroe, NC 28111

Cotton Tedder

Meets on 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 PM.

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Registration All Day
Social 6:00pm til..... Possible entertainment TBA

SATURDAY September 15, 2007

Registration 9:00 AM
Opening ceremony: 10:00 AM (Introductions)
Guest Speakers 10:30 AM
Break..... Lunch

Work Session 2:00PM - 5:00PM

Discuss Federal Issues Detail SCC Goals for the Next Year Determine Host State for 2208

Auction 5:30 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

SUNDAY September 16, 2007

Breakfast and Wrap Up 8:00 AM

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Getting To Know Those Running (cont.)

I had a little more money to burn by then. Soon after that, he & I went to a local bike shop to pick out a suitable bike for him. A week later, we went back to get mine. (I couldn't leave him to learn on his own could I !?!)

In 2000, he lost interest in the dirt bikes so I decided to try riding the highways again & I haven't looked back since. I already knew a little about CBA/ABATE because of a long standing family friendship with Mark Ratliff (Past President Carteret/Craven Chapter) & his wife Kim, who are sadly, both deceased. Joining CBA seemed like a no-brainer to me so I wasted no time in signing up. I think I made the move to a life membership in 2003, two years after I became a lifetime member of the NRA.

When the MSAP program was introduced at our chapter (2004?), I immediately knew I had to become a part of it. Jim Barker & I made our first presentation in the spring of 2005 and we haven't missed a single class in Carteret County since then. Along the way we have had the full

financial and moral support of our chapter and acquired some much needed additional Instructors also. I can only hope that all present and future MSAP Instructors experience the same level of support from their respective chapters. That support allows us to do something that we believe in very strongly, and for that, we are forever thankful.

Fate and Jim Burns led me being recommended for the directorship of the S, E, & A Committee when he had to step down because of family considerations. My only qualifications for this position are the results of my efforts with the MSAP program since Randy Norris and the rest of the BOD put their faith in me and told me to go for it. I want to say that I did not, and could not have accomplished any of the following without lots of great help from lots of truly wonderful people that have stepped up and become involved in trying to make MSAP a successful program.

At about this time last year, when Jim Burns asked me to help him as Assistant Director and I accepted, we had four chapters (to the best

of my recollection) actively involved with MSAP. They were Buncombe, Brunswick, Triad, and Carteret/Craven. Since then we have added Raleigh, Randolph, Chatham, and Cabarrus/Rowan. Alamance and Gaston Chapters are on the verge of going into the classroom, and before the end of the year, we hope to have added Granville, Hickory, & Tar River Basin Chapters to the "active" list. If all that comes to fruition, we will have tripled our activity in just over a year. I don't know how much further we can take this, but I'll push as far as I possibly can. I do know that none of it could or would have happened without ALL the people that have volunteered to take MSAP into the schools of North Carolina and try to make our highways and byways safer for everybody, most of all, for ourselves and OUR FELLOW BIKERS.

Respectfully,
Matt Shamblin

Chapter Letters

Gaston County

We started the Gaston County chapter in September of 2006. Our first meeting was a rousing success. There were over 30 people attending, including 25 members of the local patch club. Also Gail Rumler came down to lend her support. We elected our temporary officers and hit the ground running. We couldn't get to the state meetings in October to accept our official charter, but that small obstacle didn't slow us down.

To date Gaston County CBA has 65 members. We have a full slate of officers, a working website, tri-folds with local info and a monthly newsletter.

After some confusion on the back patch issue, we decided to go with the CBA state logo and add Gaston County underneath.

Our event on January 6 "The Polar Bear Poker Run" was the best we've ever had (ok, the only one we've had). The chapter made a little money to put in the bank plus send some to the state treasury. Over 100 people came out on a great sunny warm day sandwiched between two days of rain. Some said we were lucky, others said Lucky was a dog, we were blessed.

The chapter had about 20 folks show up to the January State meeting to receive our official charter. We want to thank everyone for the warm welcome we received. A small group from Gaston County attended Lobby Day in Raleigh. On February 10, ten members and one guest went to Hickory for the MSAP training. Gaston County CSI Officer Jim Workman will be heading our MSAP along with VP Rodney Alexander and Chaplain Bill Adams. Our first local training is March 29. We are having 2

membership drives this spring. March 31 at Carolina HD Anniversary party and April 7/8 at Gaston Bike Days @ Yamaha of Gastonia. Also, on July 14 The 1st Ever Gaston CBA "FUND" Run starts at Hot Rod Cycles in Gastonia. More info at gastonabate.com.

We meet at Hillbilly's BBQ at 930 E Garrison Blvd in Gastonia on the 2nd Thursday of the month. So, if traveling through and don't care for the ambiance of the Queen City, stop by and see us in the Ugly Step-sister City.

Charlotte Chapter

We have had a couple of very busy months in the Charlotte Chapter. We traveled to Franklin, NC to participate in the Macon County Poker Run. It was a beautiful ride and we really enjoyed the scenery. Even though we had a mishap on Deal's Gap, we still had a great time and we were awarded the "Groupie Award" for having the most members represented for a chapter. We had 8 bikes with 11 members. The Mohan's were associate members with Charlotte but they received the award for longest miles ridden. Thanks to all who joined us.

The Charlotte Chapter helped with the NCOM Convention at the Hilton at University Place. There was a tremendous amount of information shared during the convention and Rick Nail was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award during the banquet. We helped to work the poker walk which was successful especially the food! There were over 30 members of the chapter at the banquet to congratulate Rick on his honor.

On May 17th, we pulled out to attend Bike

Week at Myrtle Beach. We conducted our 4th Annual Freedom Ride on Saturday, May 19th. We had over 40 bikes on our ride. We wore our trademark Green T-Shirts and were asked many times what the shirts meant. We enjoyed our ride and the great fellowship at dinner that evening.

Our upcoming events include participating in Carolina Thunder on June 1st and 2nd, the June Jam Swap Meet on June 2nd and 3rd, and Hot Springs June 22nd - 24th. On June 30th we will be celebrating July 4th with a cookout at the lodge. There will be fireworks and those who would like to camp are more than welcome to come and enjoy the show.

List of people who attended NCOM:

Jerry Baker, Larry and Juanita Bartell, Ronnie Beach, Connie Biller, Gary Bridges, John and Janet Bridges, Terry and Debby Brown, Sandy Cherry, Wayne Dale, Debbie Gray, Derrick and Linda Hall, Nancy Helms, Richard and Linda Hopper, Terry and Grace Hutchinson, Lloyd Isaac, Glenn Jerman, Rick and Myra Nail, Raleigh and Ruth Plummer, Donnie and Debbie Rector, Steve Smith, Gus Smith, Dawn Thomas

Thanks for your time and hope to see you again real soon.

Linda Hall
Charlotte CBA Chapter Secretary
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Riding in Hot Weather

by Carolyn Boyce (aka Bluepoof)
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Don't forget that once the temperature gets above your body temperature (99F), you don't want to be wearing a mesh jacket. You want to zip up all of your vents and keep as much of your skin covered as possible. Hot air hitting your skin at a temperature higher than your body temperature will heat up your skin and dehydrate you faster than you'll know it's happening.

Cover your neck with a soaking wet bandana, wet down your T-shirt, and stop often to re-soak both. Drink way more water than you think you'll need.

Heatstroke is a very real possibility on a motorcycle, and at high temperatures, mesh clothing will not help with this. If you do wear a mesh jacket in these temps, make sure you have a Camelbak or some sort of hydration system, and drink water constantly.

Chapter Letters (cont.)

Raleigh Chapter

Raleigh Chapter is planning for our annual spring poker run scheduled for June 16th. Each year we schedule our stops at different establishments and parts of the county so we include a widely diversified group of businesses that are motorcycle friendly. Our 2006 poker run was very successful, and we hope this year will be also.

The chapter scheduled our Lobby Day for May 3rd. Doc Ski met with five of our members who were introduced to their respective representatives and updated on our latest concerns and issues as CBA members.

We now have chapter tee shirts. The design is simple with Raleigh CBA on the front and a large eagle on the back with the words Voting Biker. Chapter members have received favorable comments on the shirts, and we think they make a simple, yet powerful statement about what we believe in. The Chapter meets at a restaurant, and after the last meeting as we waited at the register to pay, another patron saw one of us wearing the new shirt and remarked that she had seen just about everything possible on a biker's tee shirt, but she had never seen anything like "Voting Biker".

Our "battles" will never be won in one swift campaign, but we will "win the war" at some point, and there is no better way to do this on a day-to-day basis than change non-rider's perceptions of us one person at a time. That restaurant patron will surely think twice about the person under that biker shirt next time she sees one of us.
Gail Rumler
Chapter Secretary

There are two big things at work here. 1) Evaporation and 2) Insulation. Both deal with sweating. Let's look at each one separately. But first, a quick primer on sweat. Yum! Sweat happens when your body transfers heat from itself into the air. When sweat evaporates, it cools down the surface of your skin.

OK, on to evaporation. Evaporation can only happen when there's less moisture in the air than on your skin. So if you are in a big hot stinky swamp pit, evaporation ain't gonna do much for you. If there is no evaporation happening, your body will stop sweating. ***This is very bad*** and you will soon be very unhappy as your body overheats.

"But Poof!" you are now saying, "won't closing your vents ensure that your suit becomes a big hot stinky swamp pit? Aren't you ensuring that you'll raise your core temperature too much because your sweat can't evaporate?" If you are hard-core enough to ride in ass weather like Mr Ed did there in Arkansas, when the humidity is that high, let's face it: nothing ain't gonna help you. At that point, you get yourself shade and water, and *often*. Also, assuming you're touring, try riding at night or at higher elevations. However, in most of our daily lives, this isn't going to be an issue. No one's jacket is windproof (I wish mine was, in the wintertime!), so unless your idea of gear is Saran Wrap, your skin is going to be able to breathe and your sweat is not going to stop evaporating 100%.

So, on to our second idea: insulation. Earlier, we established that sweat is the body's way of transferring heat from itself to the air. This can only happen if the air is cooler than the body. Otherwise, the skin will draw heat from the air. Why is this a problem? It's called vasodilation. The idea here is that as the body heats up, blood vessels enlarge to circulate more blood to the skin. Normally, this is good because the evaporative cooling process cools down the skin, and therefore, the blood. However, if your sweat evaporates too quickly and dries out, the skin absorbs heat from the air, which then actually heats up your blood. Mmm, nice hot blood circulating all over your body—especially up into your brain.

By zipping up your vents, you provide a layer of insulation between your skin and that hot air. By keeping your clothing wet, you augment your sweat and keep your skin (and therefore blood) cool. One thing I mentioned in particular is a bandana. I actually use a Cool Tie, which is a bandana-like tube filled with paraffin crystals that hold water much longer than cotton. In desert conditions, I soak this Cool Tie and wrap it around my neck while riding. It keeps the blood flowing to

my brain cool, and helps me keep my head on straight. It's very easy to become confused when in the early stages of heatstroke, and keeping your blood cool is one big way to combat this.

I'd like to reiterate that this is only really applicable when the ambient temperature is above your body temperature. Also, I have nothing at all against mesh jackets. I own one myself and am not trying to discourage anyone from purchasing one. I'm just saying that in extreme, 99F+, conditions, you have to be prepared to go into /desert survival/ mode, which, for me, includes zipping up my vents and keeping the hot air and sun off of my skin. No matter what your opinion on the vents, it should also include frequent stops, lots of water (and/or Gatorade, like Mr Ed mentioned), and lots of shade. If you're not willing or able to make those sorts of preparations when riding in 99F+ weather, take the car or stay home.

That isn't being a big pansy; it's being smart and safe.

Miscellaneous News

The last two newsletters for the year will be published in September and November. I will get back on track for 2008. Thanks for bearing with me this year!

Brunswick Chapter has moved! The new lodge is located at 600 Ocean Isle Beach Road (commonly called the Four Mile Road). CBA and the DAV will be sharing the building. Please contact Brunswick County officers for more information.

Raleigh Chapter is putting together an "In Memory" vest. The vest will display memory patches and the State patch. Raleigh chapter is going to use the vest in MSAP presentations. Any patches that can be donated will be much appreciated. Contact Tommy Sherbert at 919-669-2489 or email at tsherbert@earthlink.net Better yet.... Mail patches to the Raleigh Chapter address. A short note about who the patch honors would be a good idea too (editor's note)

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State Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2007

Randolph County CBA Meeting Hall
Western District Hosting

BOD

- President Randy Norris - Present
- Vice President Steve Knox - Absent
- 2nd Vice President Mark Little - Present
- Legislative Director Thomas Wasileski - Present
- Membership Services Gail Rumler - Present
- Treasurer Darlene Kimsey - Present
- MSAP Director Matt Shamblin - Present
- Information Director Deb Knox - Absent
- Secretary Cat Mohan - Present
- Eastern District Coordinator Charlie Boone - Present
- Central District Coordinator Boyd Spertzel - Absent
- Western District Coordinator James Buckner - Absent

Meeting called to order @ 9:15am. Randy Norris reminded the membership of the following: Questions and responses by members only. Maximum of 5 votes per chapter. At-Large: One vote per member - Maximum of 5 votes for at-large members.

Opening Prayer was lead by Cliff Cyphers
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doc Ski

CHAPTER ROLL CALL - All chapters were represented.

INTRODUCTIONS

Randy Norris announced that introductions would be omitted due to time constraints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Norris announced that all chapter Treasurers are to clear Membership Services with the State Treasurer and State Secretary today. All quarterly reports go to Cat Mohan. Monies owed go to Darlene Kimsey.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Cat Mohan - Cat announced that the minutes from the last state meeting were published in the last state newsletter. Motion to accept minutes as published. Seconded and passed.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

Darlene Kimsey passed out the quarterly Treasurer's report. She explained the purchase of the CD's and went over the report as presented to the membership. Motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. NCOM Budget - Randy Norris explained that at a previous state meeting, a budget of \$3K was requested and approved per membership as a starting point to host the NCOM Convention in Charlotte. Since then, due to conversations with Richard Lester and other NCOM officers involved with the convention, a budget of at least \$5.4K will be needed for t-shirts, conference rooms, the BBQ dinner, etc. Motion was made to accept proposal of \$6K budget. The motion was seconded and passed. Randy said he would follow-up with AIM attorney Donat to find out about more about the

expense details. One of the expenses, the BBQ, will be part of the poker walk. The poker walk profit will go into the Freedom Defense Fund. CBA will take profit from the sale of the t-shirts.

2. Union Chapter - Union Co. chapter members have been contacted; no one communicated to the BOD that they wanted to take over the chapter at this time. Cotton Tedder, president of Union, turned in the chapter about a month ago. Roger Boger announced that he would like to revive the chapter and is already recruiting members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annual Report of the Organization - Randy Norris read the annual report. The following was highlighted:

- Resignation of 2 BOD members and election/appointments of new officers.
- Burke, Caldwell, New Hanover and Union Chapters folded, and welcome to new chapters Gaston Co. and Surry Co.
- MRF Beast of the East hosted by hosted by CBA/ABATE of NC. Charlotte Chapter hosted the hospitality room. Thanks to Charlotte chapter for helping with the Washington DC trip.
- Legislation update thanks to Doc Ski's efforts.
- SEA continues to make MSAP program a priority thanks to Matt Shamblin's efforts.
- Membership packets updated - Gail Rumler has been working on these.
- PR/newsletter - Deb Knox needs info/events, chapter newsletter for input.
- Education - strategic planning and accident scene classes held this past year.
- Points program - Charlie Boone put this plan together.
- Carol Bullard - has finished accident scene management class. Chapters can call Carol for her to come to your chapter.

2. Annual Financial Report of the Organization - Darlene Kimsey read the Annual Treasurer's report of which a hard copy was provided to present membership. Once concluded, Randy Norris thanked everyone for their continuing contribution in bringing the treasury back to a healthy state.

3. MRF - increase sustaining membership dues? In the past, CBA donated a lot more money to sustain its MRF membership than in past few years (\$100/year). Randy Norris proposed a \$500 donation to the MRF on behalf of CBA to be made at the Meeting of the Minds and to determine the amount annually. Motion seconded and passed.

4. Yahoo e-group, Staten Chapter, adding local Officers. Randy Norris proposed that every chapter have their officers added to the list; see Cat after meeting or contact her to let her know if this is OK (need approval from the chapter President). Also, Director Emeritus will be added to the BOD yahoo group.

5. Membership Booth at N. Myrtle Beach, SC, May 18th

& 19th from 11AM til 4PM, H.B.Spokes on Highway #9. The target is to get word out about CBA as many people attending Bike Week are North Carolinians. We will need help with booth (earn CBA points), or just come by the booth to visit. Contact Gail Rumler if you can help.

6. May M/C Awareness month. Randy Norris encouraged membership to go back to their city or county and ask for a proclamation that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. This is good publicity for CBA. Wording can be provided for any chapters that need help. Charlie Boone and Doc Ski stated they would put together a plan to get a proclamation from the State.

7. Organizational Strategic Plan. Gail Rumler has packets left from the last event. Randy Norris stated that he will have another planning session targeting using layman's terms.

8. State Officers Nominations. Randy Norris read the timeline for elections. He reminded the membership that as far as voting for district coordinators, per the Constitution, "Nominations for the District Coordinators shall be by the members of their respective districts." Tammy Blankenship asked for an introduction paragraph by the nominated persons so members can get to know the nominee. Randy Norris agreed and said that nominated persons will write up a paragraph about themselves adding what makes that person qualified. Not accepting nominations: Steve Knox (current VP), Boyd Spertzel (current Central District Coordinator), and James Buckner (current Western District Coordinator). Deb Knox is tentative and wanted the membership to know that she can't be at all meetings due to her work. There was a reminder that a state officer will have to have been a member for at least 2 years. Cat was requested to put the voting timeline out on the StatenChapter yahoo group and State CBA website. Nominations went as follows with the comment on whether the nominee accepted the nomination:

President - Randy Norris, accept
Vice President - Mark Little, accept
2nd VP - Martin Beaver, not present to accept, Vicky Cole, accept (Mike Mohan declined nomination)
Legislative Director - Doc Ski, accept
Membership services - Gail Rumler, accept
Treasurer - Darlene Kimsey, accept
Secretary - Cat Mohan, accept
Eastern District Coordinator - Charlie Boone, accept
Central district - Robert Causey, accept (Roger Boger declined nomination)
Western District Coordinator - Alan Dockery, accept
Safety, Awareness and Education Director - Matt Shamblin, accept
Information Services Director - Deb Knox, not present to accept.
Further nominations will be accepted by the District Coordinators up to June 15.

State Meeting Minutes (cont.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (15 minutes allotted per Committee) Some committee reports will be reported elsewhere in the newsletter; here is a short recap of the reports:

- Legislative Committee: Doc Ski – gave update on Issues and talked about the phone tree, a new tool that will be used to get the word out to members immediately when action is needed.
- MRF: Cindy Hodges – Washington DC trip: gave highlights of trip/meetings with legislators in which the members were accompanied by Jeff Haynie (MRF VP of Government Relations) for most meetings. Next steps are to follow-up with many of the legislators visited. Also, Cindy spoke about the motorcycle raffle, a membership drive incentive.
- NCOM: Doc Ski – Doc and Darlene Kimsey gave highlights of the upcoming NOCM Convention in Charlotte. Volunteers are needed for the Friday night Poker Walk and registration table. Rick Nail would like to know if people are interested in going to the speedway for a tour on Thursday morning – get up with Rick, Randy or Doc Ski if interested. The host hotel, the University Hilton, is booked. There are 2 overflow hotels; get names of hotels from Darlene.
- NC Confederation of Clubs: Doc Ski – COC is involved with the NCOM convention; they will be providing security, the hospitality room, and transportation to and from the airport. Need volunteers for these duties.
- Products Committee: Gwen Nichols - Alex Nichols read the committee minutes from the previous day. Long-sleeved tshirts are in. There was good turnout at the Charlotte and Surry chapters events; sold some product there. They will be going to the Showdown (Randolph Co.) and Hot Springs (Buncombe) events. Call or email Gwen if you want products to include MSAP tshirts.
- PR/Newsletter/Web Page Committee: Deb Knox not present but Alan Dockery (Hickory) asked for some time to poll membership on whether we should have a membership booth at 8-10 June event which is the Field of Steel event, Lake Norman, Iredell Co. Fairgrounds. There was much discussion around whether to have membership booths at establishments that have a 'no colors' policy. Alan stressed we need a plan on identifying events at which we want membership booths. Randy Norris asked that officers take this question back to their chapters, get their opinion and bring it to next committee meeting. Doc Ski made a motion that we form a committee to help the PR committee to make decisions about whether we are going to events to raise memberships. Randy reminded membership that if membership wants to have a say in these types of decision, then attending the committee meetings is crucial. The Executive Council meeting is the forum on which to report decisions made at the committee meetings. Doc rescinded the motion at this point.
- Membership Committee: Gail Rumler – presently there are 1469 members of which 300 are lifetime members. Gail requested that individuals leave enough room on chapter specific CBA recruitment forms for the new member to put all pertinent information. She

provided AIM handouts. Gail gave update on sustaining membership program booklets and decals/certificates/plaques. Sustaining members will be listed in newsletter and on the state website. Each chapter gets a booklet to use as a tool towards recruiting sustaining members; if you want more than one for your chapter, contact Gail.

- Safety, Education and Awareness: Matt Shamblin - Matt passed out the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) contract with CBA. In order to meet the funding requirements, CBA needs to cover 25 counties under the MSAP program; presently we have 5 counties covered. Some are in process but we still need to push for more. Workshops are ongoing; any member can go to any workshop no matter where the workshop is located. Matt will be going to the driver's education conference in Raleigh in April to communicate the MSAP program which will help with having instructors be familiar with our program for when they are approached by our instructors. Matt asked again that all chapters have a MSAP Coordinator and to contact him with the name & contact info for that person.
- State Events Committee: INACTIVE Committee
- Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone - Associate membership wording will be handled by Gail Rumler (possible Constitution wording change). No language change submitted yet.

DISTRICT COORDINATOR REPORTS

- Central District: Boyd Spertzel (absent) – Darlene Kimsey gave an update on MSAP instructors trained and upcoming events.
- Eastern District: Charlie Boone – gave update on upcoming events and Outer Banks membership booth to see if there's interest in setting up a chapter in that area.

- Western District: James Buckner (absent) - Larry Blankenship gave update on upcoming events and the commitment for each chapter to do a poker run to raise funds for the treasury. Alan Dockery is trying to set up an Accident Scene Management class in Hickory.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Randy Norris reminded membership that committee reports on Sunday are the reports of decisions that are made on Saturday during committee meetings. If you want to be a part of making decisions in the CBA, then attend the appropriate committee meeting(s).

CBA is looking at camping possibilities at the Asheboro facility for the July meeting which may increase the number of chapters participating the whole weekend and also add more participation to the Social on Saturday night.

Next State Meeting Date: 21-22 July
Closing Benediction – Cliff Cyphers
Motion to Adjourn 12:50pm

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Membership Services/PR Committee Meeting- April 4, 2007

The Membership Services Committee meeting was held Saturday afternoon at the Randolph County Lodge in Asheboro, NC. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting. Gail Rumler, Memberships Services Director chaired the committee. Gail chaired the PR Committee in Deb Knox's absence.

Some statistics for the first quarter were presented to the committee. CBA gained 138 new members in the first four months of 2007. The number of new members is larger than the number of memberships that were not renewed; therefore overall membership numbers have shown an increase in 2007, after remaining constant and showing almost no increase in 2006. This increase in total numbers reduced the ratio of Life Members to total memberships by 3%. Current number of Life Members is 453.

The main topic of discussion at the meeting was the Partners In Freedom – Sustaining Membership Program developed by Gail Rumler and Deb Knox. Many members had expressed a need for such a program (similar to the MRF Sustaining membership program) within our organization.

Gail introduced the structure of the program, presented examples of the plaques, certificates and decals

offered at each level of membership. Four levels are offered; Bronze (\$100), Silver (\$250) Gold (\$500) and Platinum (\$1000). Gail has created a presentation booklet for each chapter to use in selling sustaining memberships. More information can be found on this program elsewhere in this newsletter. This program could potentially raise thousands of dollars that will be applied to our legislative and educational programs.

The PR section of the meeting was a discussion introduced by Alan Dockery (Hickory Chapter). Alan asked if CBA has a promotional plan in place for working events and functions across the state. He has been in contact with the promoter of the Field of Steel Motorcycle Rally scheduled for June 8th – 10th at Lake Norman, NC. Attending members discussed options for promoting CBA at such events. The Field of Steel event will not allow colors, and the committee discussed the pros and cons of CBA's involvement at such events. The PR meeting ended with Gail asking Alan to present this topic to the Executive Council at the state meeting the next day.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.

Easter District Committee Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2007

Meeting called to order at 1:26 pm by Charlie Boone, Eastern District Coordinator.

Chapters in attendance: Brunswick, Carteret-Craven, Columbus, Raleigh, Tar River Basin and At-Large members. Granville County was not represented.

Treasurer and Secretary Reports given by Gail Rumler and approved as read.

Eastern District Swap Meet:

Swap Meet Profits: Charlie reported on the 2007 Swap Meet held at the Wilson County Fairground in February. District treasurer passed out copies of the swap meet financial report. Net profit after expenses was \$3070.62. Per vote from the last Eastern District meeting, \$1,000 of the net proceeds will remain in the district account. This leaves \$2070.62 to be divided between the five chapters that worked the event (Brunswick, Carteret-Craven, Columbus, Raleigh, and Tar River Basin). The event was a success even though the weather was once again very cold and windy.

Beer Sales: Charlie discussed the last minute cancellation notice from the woman who was going to handle the beer sales. She notified Charlie less than 24 hours before the event that she could not handle beer sales, leaving us without time to procure someone to sell beer, or obtain a permit to sell beer ourselves. There were however, no complaints that we did not have beer for sale.

We have two choices for beer sales next year: (1) No beer (2) Sell beer ourselves. We did not lose any money this year by not having beer sales. Insurance liability costs could be prohibitive if we hope to make a profit. Charlie agreed to investigate NC laws, ABC regulations and other factors involved if we decide to sell beer ourselves. A roll call vote was taken to decide if the District wants handle the beer sales for 2008.

Yes votes: Raleigh, Columbus, Brunswick. No votes: Tar River Basin, Carteret-Craven.

Votes passed that we will handle beer sales, and find a chapter that will be in charge. The question of insurance liability may still prohibit us from doing this.

Wet Tee-Shirt Contest: Eight contestants entered the wet tee-shirt contest, which went well despite the lack of beer sales.

Band: 'Boogie Chillins' did a great job, and we hope to sign them on again in 2008.

2008 Swap Meet: A motion was made, seconded and passed that we schedule a swap meet again in 2008. The confirmed dates will be February 16th – 17th, 2008. Various options were discussed on scheduling the event, including pros and cons of each. A one day event will not attract many vendors. Sunday attendance is low, and not worth staying open, but a two day event could help offset a rainy day. Do we want to have the vendor party on Friday again?

Would it be feasible to schedule the event during a warmer timer of the year? Any date after March presents problems. Conflicts with the Charlotte Swap Meet were discussed and getting vendors to attend between other major biker events. EasyRiders Rodeo is scheduled at the Wilson Fairground in July, and does not conflict with our event. After throwing around many dates, a motion was made that we keep the same date – the 3rd weekend in February – which will be the 16th - 17th. Continued discussion tabled until the next district committee meeting in July.

Security: Carteret-Craven will probably agree to handle security.

Bike Show: Raleigh chapter will again handle the bike show.

Vendor Registration: Jesse Watson, Tar River Basin member has agreed to handle vendor assignments and registration for the next swap meet. All agreed that the vendor party we hosted on Friday night was well received, and we will do it again next year. We will give advance notice to vendors that we are offering the party.

Advertising: Deb Knox procured advertising deals with Full Throttle Magazine and with a block of radio stations in the Rocky Mount/Wilson area for the 2007 swap meet.

Insurance: Charlie discussed our event insurance costs. He has investigated buying "Bad Weather" Event Insurance. At some point in the future, we may have a rain-out or snow conditions. The insurance is flexible as to the dates we would want to be covered in relation to the amount of insurance we are willing to purchase. For example, inclement weather insurance could be purchased if the weather went below 32 degrees, or if

there were more than _ inch of rain. An additional \$200 of insurance could pay out \$10,000. Charlie will nail down specifics by the next committee meeting.

Eastern District Sign: Our Eastern District sign will be updated with the 2008 dates and will again be posted at the front fence in 2008.

Outer Banks Bike Week:

The NC Harley Davidson Rally and the Outer Banks Bike Week are scheduled for the same time this year during the last week of April. Charlie is planning to set up a membership recruitment booth on the last Friday and Saturday of the event. Charlie and Ruth Boone, Gail and Larry Rumler will set up a booth at Grandy's Restaurant and Bar. There will be no cost to the district. The State CBA is paying for the hotel rooms.

Hosting July State Meeting:

The Eastern District is scheduled to host the food and refreshments for the July state meeting. Darlene Kimsey has offered to prepare and purchase the food if we pay the costs. The cost will be approximately \$350 for the food, beverages and supplies. Motion was made, seconded and all voted in favor of this proposal. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allot \$50 to purchase Darlene a plaque or token of appreciation for handling the food for us. Money will come from the E/D treasury. The district will need to supply manpower Sunday to serve the food, drinks and clean up.

Myrtle Beach Bike Week membership booth:

The State is planning to set up a membership/information booth at HB Spokes Restaurant and Bar on Hwy 9E on Friday and Saturday, May 18th & 19th from 11am to 4pm. Rick Nail has donated his beach house in Carolina Beach for Charlie and Ruth Boone and Larry and Gail Rumler to use. All who can are asked to work during some point on Friday and Saturday.

NCOM:

The hosting hotel, The University Hilton is full, and a hotel across the highway will handle overflow. The convention will run May 10th – 13th. This will be a rare opportunity to experience a national convention, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Miscellaneous:

Please forward Deb Knox, State Information Director, a copy of your chapter newsletters.

Dave Galloway, MSF Director continues to improve, and a fund-raising event is scheduled for today, April 14th on his behalf.

All chapters discussed their upcoming events for the next quarter, including poker runs, ASMI classes, chapter bike shows and fundraisers.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Eastern District Bike Show - February 15th in Wilson

By Bill Johnson

We had a great bike show at this year's CBA Eastern District Swap Meet compared to last years rain dampened event. With 19 entries spread out among eleven classes there was something for everyone. From the stretched out radical from East Coast Custom Cycles to a couple of ol' school cool shovelheads in the antique class, to dressed up stockers and everything in between. We even had a sporty with a sidecar wearing military paint taking the rat class. A special thanks to all of our bike show entries!

What really makes this bike show a success before the first bike roars in, are our sponsors that fork over there hard earned cash to have their names on the trophies and plaques that go home with our winners. The money raised at this event goes directly to protecting the rights of motorcyclists and promoting motorcycle safety. So lets give our sponsors there due respect. Remember ~ Support those that support your right to ride!!



Here they are along with the winners.

Stock Class

1200cc & under – Eagle Productions, Clayton

1201cc & over – Bikers For Christ of NC

1st James Loper, 2nd Walt Elliott, 3rd Ronnie Davis

Modified Class

1200cc & under – CBA/ABATE of NC, Raleigh Chapter

1st Allen Turberville

1201cc & over – The Carolinas' Full Throttle Magazine

1st Robby Robbins, 2nd Nick Ward, 3rd John Butler

Touring Class – Steve Tarts Race Shop, Garner

1st James Hoffman, 2nd Tony Eastwood

Custom Class – Buffalo Brothers Pizza & Wings, Raleigh

1st Jason Nobles, 2nd Jason Nobles

Radical Class – The Carolinas' Full Throttle Magazine

1st Jason Nobles

Sport Bike Class – Team Powersports, Garner

1st Scott Johnson, 2nd Stephen Godwin, 3rd Rodney Robbins

Trike Class – Carteret-Craven CBA, Motorcycle Safety & Awareness

Program Antique Class – Locked & Loaded Grill, Garner

1st Bill Brown, 2nd Bruce Barnwell

Rat Class – Eternal Ink Tattoo, Wake Forest

1st Mike Bishop

Best of Show – Iron Thunder Cycles, Raleigh

John Butler, with a tricked out '96 HD Softail

As you can see there were several categories that didn't fill up, so next year show a little pride in your ride and bring it out to the CBA Eastern District Swap Meet & Bike Show!



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A Successful Week for Bikers in Raleigh

I apologize for going so long without posting to this blog, but in my defense, it has been a busy week in Raleigh. As the session readies for break, our elected officials are working hard to make decisions on all of the legislation that has come before them. Both houses of the General Assembly have been hard at work on budget negotiations and completing committee work for all the bills that have been considered this session.

On the Motorcycle Legislative Front, we have seen significant activity on; SB 1359 - Motorcycles at Red Lights, SB 375 - Motorcycle Learner's Permit and, HB 563 - Administrative and Personal Safety Changes (To mandate FMVSS 218 helmets).

I'll start with _SB 1359 - Motorcycles at Red Lights... This common sense bill has encountered many unexpected obstacles along the way. It seemed that, at every turn this bill was returned to committee for one reason or another. I am happy to report that it has finally been approved by both chambers of the General Assembly and is now en route to the Governor's desk. Barring any opposition from the Governor, this bill will become law soon. I'll be sure to notify you when it does, or; if (on the other hand) there is a need to con-

tact the Governor asking for his support.

Many thanks are due to the bill's sponsor Senator Allran (R-Catawba/Iredell) for his diligence in continuing to persevere in the face of adversity, and to Representatives Folwell (R- Forsyth), and Faison (D-Caswell/Orange) for their work in getting this bill through the House. Please take the time to write a brief e-mail thanking them for their efforts, and; PLEASE remember our Champions at election time. I'm sure they would be pleased to accept any assistance during their campaigns for re-election.

This bill attracted a lot of unnecessary interest in the media, on internet chat-lists and, public discussion forums. I attribute some of the bill's difficulties to the "over-the-top" attention focused on the misguided belief that motorcyclists are miscreants seeking a way to beat the system.

The purpose of this bill is to correct a problem that has plagued motorcyclists for years. Motorcycles do not always provide the mass necessary to activate the electromagnetic sensors that control traffic signals, thus the light fails to change, leaving the cyclists stranded at the intersection. This bill is similar in nature to a cur-

rent law that allows "all motorists" to treat a non-functioning traffic signal as a 4-way stop sign. As with all things, this situation may be abused by some, but the majority of law-abiding, tax-paying citizens who ride will use this rule as it was intended; a safety measure.

The following members of the NC House of Representatives voted **/yes/** for SB 1359 - Motorcycles at Red Lights resulting in a slim victory (61-55). Please take the time to send them an e-mail thanking them for their help in getting this bill to the Governor's desk.

Allred; Avila; Barnhart; Bell; Blackwood; Blue; Blust; Brown; Brubaker; Bryant; Clary; Cleveland; Coleman; Crawford; Current; Daughtridge; Daughtry; Dockham; Dollar; Faison; Fisher; Folwell; Frye; Gillespie; Goodwin; Gulley; Harrison; Hill; Hilton; Holloway; Hurley; Johnson; Jones; Killian; Langdon; Lewis; Martin; McAllister; McComas; McElraft; McGee; Moore; Pate; Pierce; Ross; Samuelson; Setzer; Spear; Stam; Starnes; Steen; Stiller; Sutton; Tillis; Underhill; Walend; Warren, R.; West; Wiley; Wilkins; Yongue.

SB 375 - Motorcycle Learner's Permit was scheduled to be heard in the House

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NCOM - Another Convention Over

NCOM....what can I say? Another year and another convention is over.

I would like to take a second and say a very sincere THANK YOU to the membership of CBA and the NC-COC for their parts in making the NCOM Convention a huge success. For those of you attending their first Convention, I hope you came away energized and full of knowledge. For those of you who were a part of the planning, you had a weekend full of new ideas for things to do. For those of you who volunteered your time for various tasks, you really helped make the weekend

a success. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful team of people!

For many, many years CBA has had a major place in our lives. I know that I have always not been as supportive as I should have been, maybe even resentful at times, but Rick always persevered toward his beliefs and his goals. Looking out over the audience at the Saturday night NCOM Awards Banquet, I was so proud of everyone who came out to support Rick as he received his Lifetime Achievement Award. Like he said, you are only as good as the people you surround yourself with, and you folks are the best!

Thanks, again, for all the hard work to make the weekend a success. For your friendship, your love, and your support of RickMy family and I thank you! Myra, Matt, Andy, & Angel

Rick...we love you and are so proud of you! (Even if you are an ***hole at times!)
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See you next Mother's Day at the NCOM Convention in Texas!
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A Successful Week for Bikers in Raleigh (cont.)

Transportation committee yesterday (11 July 2007) at 11:00 a.m. At the last minute Senator Rand asked to have the bill removed from the calendar. This could mean several things. I will list them in order of probability:

1. As the Majority Leader of the Senate, Senator Rand is deeply involved in many issues related to the dissemination of the state's limited resources (i.e., budget). In this position he spends many hours working with members of both parties, in both chambers of the Assembly, seeking compromise solutions to critical issues. The simplest explanation is that he may have been tied up in negotiations, and unable to break away to properly introduce his bill to the committee. If that is the case, we may see the bill on the calendar again next week.

2. Senator Rand is a professional attorney. He would not enter into any situation without being completely prepared for all alternatives. Given the vast number of diverse topics Senator Rand has to consider at this time of the session, he may have decided to allow this bill to wait until the beginning of the upcoming short session before it is heard in committee. That would allow him sufficient time to prepare with fewer distractions. If that is the case, the bill has already met the crossover conditions and can be heard at any time during the remainder of the 2007-2008 session.

3. Senator Rand may be considering some of the elements of our discussion regarding a comprehensive Motorcycle Safety Bill centered around SB 1121- The UNC Center for the Study of Motorcycle Safety and Crash Prevention, introduced by Senator Pete Brunstetter (R-Forsyth). If so, he may have directed staff to study how MC licensing can be folded into the model we discussed. If that is the situation, he will be interacting with other elected officials in an attempt to establish a special commission to study this issue, and we will not see the licensing issue until such time as it appears in the context of a comprehensive bill.

3. The truth of the matter is, until they notify us of their intentions, we have no idea! But, we can trust Senator Rand to do what he thinks is the best approach to this issue. We might not agree with him, but we can be sure that he believes, he has the best interest of NC citizens at the heart of his decision.

In the meantime, we have no intention of taking a vacation. As Thomas Jefferson would have us remember; The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

HB 563 - Administrative and Personal Safety Changes. This bill will proceed through the remainder of the legislative process without Section 1, relating to the mandatory use of FMVSS 218 helmets for NC bikers. This past Tuesday, at 10:00 A.M. the Senate J-II committee met and deliberated on the merits of the bill.

As deliberations began, Senators East and Berger voiced concern regarding section 7 of the bill which had been added with the latest Proposed Committee Substitute. During the meeting Senator Berger submitted a motion to remove Section 7 from the bill, but the amendment was voted down. My memory of the arguments seems to be related to a first amendment issue, but I have to admit, my mind was on the Section 1 issue and, I failed to attend properly to the discussion. I searched the GA web-site to find Section 7, but

the most recent version of the bill has not been posted. For those of you who may be interested, you can continue to check over the next few days for the latest version at: <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/>

The discussion of the helmet issue began with Senator Goodall asking about the current law and why it was inadequate. Representative Sutton explained that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles has not prepared a list, and that it is really not his responsibility to prepare lists. He concluded that this bill would eliminate the need for a list, and allow law enforcement to cite violators of the law.

Senator East, clarified that discussion was not about the subject of eliminating the helmet law all together. He received many responses from his colleagues. There was a general consensus that issue was not on the table.

Senator Swindell pointed out that all members present were interested in safety. But, the General Assembly had recently passed several laws relating to helmets, and he had seen no discernible increase in citations for violations of these laws. He cited the child bicycle helmets and the 4-wheeler helmet laws as examples. When asked how this would be managed Representative Sutton called on Mr. Darrell Jernigan, Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program to testify.

Mr Jernigan cited statistics of increasing numbers of motorcyclists being killed annually. He also discussed the need for clarification of the current law. Mr. Jernigan introduced Sergeant Brown of the NCHP.

Sergeant Mark Brown is a motorcycle patrolman, who is in charge of the Ride-Safe mentoring program conducted by the NCHP which is funded by a SAFETEA-LU grant from the GHSP. He gave a thorough and professional demonstration on the safety advantages of using helmets. He presented several styles and types of helmets that were FMVSS 218 certified.

After hearing Sgt Brown's testimony, Senator Kerr asked about the cost differences to citizens. Sgt Brown said that a "novelty" helmet could be purchased at a swap meet for as little as \$10.00, and that the helmet currently being used by the NCHP would retail for approximately \$250.

Senator Jones spoke briefly about the need for safety helmets and mentioned the need for protection when you have the ability to travel at speeds of up to 200 mph on a motorcycle.

When the Committee Chair, Senator Hartsell, asked for comments from the public, Janice Mc (NC BOLT) spoke first on the vagueness issue that makes this standard not understandable for the consumer and limits the ability of law enforcement personnel to readily identify helmets that meet FMVSS 218.

Her thesis spoke directly to the vagueness of the proposed law, which opens opportunities for trapping an average citizen of reasonable intelligence, by not providing fair warning that they may be violating the law. She explained how a vague law basically delegates policy to the discretion of police, judges, and juries, on a subjective basis, creating the danger of arbitrary and discriminatory application. She reminded the committee that their role included determining the constitutionality of the proposed law.

She explained how DOT did not approve helmets, that helmets were actually self-certified by the manufacturer. This statement led into my favorite part of her testimony, which was when she asked our legislators what they would think if the FDA allowed pharmaceutical companies to self-certify their products. She also spoke on the issue of helmets and heat injuries.

My testimony followed Janice's, is very lengthy and boring, and I was reprimanded and asked to stay on topic by the Chair at one point in my discussion. I began my testimony with a disclaimer that we are not necessarily opposed to helmets as a general rule, just against the mandating of inappropriate, obsolete, and antiquated standards.

I discussed the limited protection that helmets provide in an accident, and some of the dangers of helmets. I followed up on Janice's testimony with more details about the inadequacies of a self-certifying process for FMVSS 218 helmets.

I discussed and provided evidence of the faulty and inappropriate collection, analysis, and reporting of statistics by the NHTSA, how these data were being used to convince legislators to "throw a helmet" at the problem of motorcycle safety, and how we need to allow motorcycle safety to move forward into an era of crash-prevention; as opposed to crash mitigation, which has been the dominant (and failed) safety model for over thirty five years.

I asked our legislators to refuse to blame motorcyclists for our problems, and to send a message to safety professionals to begin to focus on crash prevention strategies like: rider education programs, motorist awareness programs, cultural awareness programs, and stopping the epidemic of distracted motorists running over bikers.

In closing I suggested that a vote to include FMVSS 218 standards in our law would hold motorcycle safety hostage to a 1950's model of safety, and would send the message to safety professionals that NC Legislators were not concerned with the rising number of motorcycling fatalities created by adherence to an antiquated, obsolete and dangerous motorcycle safety paradigm. We asked them to remove all of Section 1 of HB 563. And they did.

Senator Goodall made a motion to remove Section 1. The vote in Committee was close. The first vote taken by voice, was not discernible. At first hand-count it looked like a 6-6 vote to me. Then a recount was requested, and the final vote went in our favor by what looked like a 7-6 vote. Senator Berger cast the final (and deciding) vote in our favor.

Although I collected the information, and delivered it to the committee, this decision would not have happened without the support and actions (phone calls, e-mails, and office visits) of our entire grass-roots activist network. When the citizens speak, the elected officials listen. Thank you, each and every one, for your perseverance and dedication to the cause.

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Saturday, April 21, 2007:

Battle of Alamance

(110+ mile tour)

Meet at the Citgo gas station on the corner of Jenks Road and US Hwy 64 in Apex (8321 Jenks Rd, Apex, NC 27502), sign up for the Tour before registration closes at 9:45 AM, and enjoy a narrative about the day's ride. Then we'll ride to the Battleground and view the new history video, tour the grounds, and enjoy a live fire demonstration of a flintlock musket. Departing the battleground, we'll ride to the location of Pyle's Defeat and learn how Light Horse Harry Lee won a small but important battle in the Revolutionary War.

Afterwards we'll stop for lunch (optional) at Carolina BBQ and Seafood to discuss the tour. Tour will be over at approximately 2:00 PM and we should be back to the Wake County area about 3:00 PM.

Saturday, May 19, 2007:

House in the Horseshoe

(110+ mile tour)

Meet at the Citgo gas station on the corner of Jenks Road and US Hwy 64 in Apex (8321 Jenks Rd, Apex, NC 27502), sign up for the Tour before registration closes at 9:45 AM and enjoy a narrative about the day's ride. Then we'll ride to the site of the original Chatham County Courthouse, view the old roadbed and learn how David Fanning captured the Court of Chatham County. From there we'll ride to The House in the Horseshoe and see where Fanning met a woman so brave that Fanning left everybody alive and the house unburned. With any luck we can talk the Ranger into a live fire demonstration (click-flash-boom-smoke never gets old!). We'll ride back to Sanford for lunch (optional) at the Checkered Flag Grill and another narrative/discussion before the Tour ends about 3:30 and then ride back to Wake County, arriving in the Raleigh area about 4:00

Saturday, June 9, 2007:

CSS Neuse

(140+ mile tour)

Wake County area motorcyclists will meet at Team Powersports (222 US Hwy 70 East in Garner, NC 27259 919-772-7866), sign up for the Tour before registration closes at 9:15 AM and enjoy a narrative about the day's ride. We'll then ride down to the CSS Neuse State Historic Site in Kinston and meet with members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Calvary Motorcycle Group before learning about the CSS Neuse. After that we'll tour several more Civil War sites before eating lunch (optional) about 2:00 PM at King's BBQ in Kinston.

Saturday, July 14, 2007:

Sherman's March North

(150+ mile tour)

Wake County riders will meet at the Citgo gas station on the corner of US Hwy 64 and Jenks Road in Apex for an 8:00 AM departure. This Tour begins at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex in Fayetteville when registration closes at 10:00 AM (801 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28305 910 486-1330). After a quick tour of the Museum grounds, we'll follow the Civil War Trails with major stops at Aversboro and Bentonville. We'll stop for a late barbecue lunch at Holt's Lake BBQ in Smithfield (optional). This tour will be a long ride with many stops. Be prepared for a full day of riding. To get an advance copy of the map for the Tour, call 1-800-VISITNC and ask for the Carolinas Campaign Map or pick one up in Fayetteville.

Saturday, August 11, 2007:

Battle of Elizabethtown

(190+ mile tour)

We'll meet at Team Powersports on US 70 East in Garner (222 US Hwy 70 East in Garner, NC 27259 919-772-7866), sign up for the Tour before registration closes at 9:15 AM and enjoy a narrative about the day's ride. We'll then take I-40 South to I-95 South to Benson, where we will ride NC 242 South to Elizabethtown. After a narrative about the events leading up to the Battle, we will ride to the actual site of the Battle and hear how 71 brave citizens defeated over 400 of the King's soldiers. Then we'll have lunch at The Front Porch Restaurant (very good food!) (optional), and then ride back north, arriving back in the Raleigh area about 3:00 PM.

100% of donations will go directly to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) to promote motorcycle awareness, safety, and fair legislation.

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