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# Coming Events

- March 21**  
Cabarrus/Rowan Chilly Chili Ride
- March 28/29**  
Charlotte Swap Meet (see flyer)
- March 28**  
Randolph Bike Show
- April 4**  
Gaston County Swap Meet (see flyer)
- April 11**  
Triad Chapter Poker Run
- April 11**  
S. Piedmont Chapter BBO

**Committee/State Meeting**  
**April 18-19**  
ALSO Randolph's Anniversary Party

**April 25**  
Central District Spoker Run (see flyer)

**April 25/26**  
Randolph County Swap Meet

## FOR ADVANCED PLANNING

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**  
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**STATE MEETINGS**  
July 18-19  
October 17-18

**STATE EVENT**  
October 9-11  
Old Gilliam Mill

## Letter from the Editor...

*Did you recognize the building on the front of the newsletter? You should! If you don't know then you haven't been lobbying... Our first lobby day was successful, but it could have been even better if you would have been there. I know times are tough and we can't always get off work but we need to be pounding the halls of the legislative buildings getting our points across. Thanks to everyone who showed up and spoke with their legislators. You've just joined an elite group of American citizens who exercise their right to speak up about what is important to them. You would be amazed at how few take advantage of that fundamental freedom. As a person who has lobbied at the State and Federal level I can tell you that the legislators do appreciate hearing from us and are surprised when they do.*

*I am of a mind that the legislators work for us. They may not agree with us on every point but they are duty bound to listen. Please see Paul Wilms excellent article on Being An Effective Lobbyist in the newsletter. He is an expert and he is on board with CBA. We are proud to have him and I hope we can all learn from his expertise.*

*It is time to gear up for warm weather riding and all the activities that go along with it. Let's remember to keep the fun in our organization while we are going around doing our good works and fighting for our rights.*

*On a personal note, I hope you are making plans to spend your summer vacation dollars somewhere besides the City of Myrtle Beach this year. North Myrtle Beach will be glad to have you as will many of the surrounding communities. Skip through Myrtle Beach on your way to your fun. I haven't gone to the Bike Week for years because I found the police presence burdensome. On a funny note, State Legislators decided to cut Horry County's budget by about \$65 million so they can put that in their pipes and smoke it.*

*I SAID THIS LAST TIME BUT IT BEARS REPEATING ... It is a long session ahead and we have lots of work to do.... I say WE and I mean all of us. A few of us is not going to cut it. We say we care and we say we want this, that and the other but then when the time comes... most of us don't step up or show up.*

*Ski cannot do it alone. Ski is on the road to recovery from injuries sustained when a deer pulled out in front of him late November. He needs our help now more than ever. If we can't do it for all the right reasons... let's do it for the MOST right reason. We have a brother who needs help.*

*Make 2009 the year we get off our collective butts and make a change in Raleigh... you know... let's win one for ourselves.*

*Take care out there. See you on the road.*

*Crazy Deb*



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## Being An Effective Lobbyist

By R. Paul Wilms  
Legislative/MSAP Coordinator, Raleigh Chapter

Every day, elected officials and government agencies make policy that affect businesses and citizens, including motorcyclists. During the development and debate of proposed laws and rules, it is critical that the interests of those affected be adequately and effectively represented. After all, **if you're not at the table, you may be on the menu.**

**To avoid being the main course, CBA/A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina has worked diligently and methodically to build the credibility necessary to effectively advocate for the rights of motorcyclists.** This didn't happen overnight. Credibility has to be earned, and it can take years to develop and maintain relationships of trust and respect with elected officials, legislative staff, and government agency officials.

Indeed, credibility ("believability") is crucial to legislative success. Credibility won't guarantee success, but without it, failure is a certainty. To successfully lobby your position, decision makers must know that they can trust what you say.

So, let's take a look at what "lobbying" is and what it is not, why it's important to motorcyclists, and how CBA/A.B.A.T.E. members can lobby most effectively.

Webster defines "lobbying" as "activities aimed at influencing public officials", but it is so much more than that.

As the dictionary definition indicates, **lobbying is simply advocacy of a point of view, either by groups or individuals.** Groups that lobby are sometimes referred to (usually by their opponents and the press) as "special interests", but these "special interests" are nothing more than identified groups advocating a point of view, whether they be churches, charities, colleges, environmental groups, trade organizations, or governments. Lobbyists can be paid professionals or unpaid volunteers. What is important to keep in mind is that **lobbying is an activity protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.**

**Lobbying is a legitimate and increasingly important part of the legislative and rule-making process.** The North Carolina General Assembly, its many standing committees and study commissions, and a myriad of State regulatory agencies are hard at work every day developing new laws and rules that touch virtually every business and citizen, many times in a negative way. These public policy makers must have factual information from affected interests in order to make informed decisions. Accordingly, it is critical that the people and firms directly affected by these policies advocate on their own behalf to protect their interests, either through the use of professional lobbyists or volunteers.

**Lobbying isn't about "back room deals" or quick fixes.** Effective lobbying is expertly presenting your position in an honest, sophisticated,

professional, and businesslike manner. It involves thorough research, expert planning, and competent oral and written communication. Above all, effective lobbying requires honesty and sincerity.

So, here's some observations and advice on how CBA/A.B.A.T.E. members can effectively lobby the North Carolina General Assembly:

### **BE PREPARED.**

- Before meeting or communicating with a legislator, organize your thoughts. Present your best and most persuasive arguments first (you never know when the legislator may be called away from the meeting).

- If writing a letter or email, state the issue, your position, and what you're asking the legislator to do in the first paragraph (because you can't be sure he/she will have time to read more than the first paragraph), elaborate in the second paragraph, and restate your position and what you want the legislator to do in the third paragraph.

- Have a written, one-page summary of the issue and your position to leave with the legislator. This is important, because the legislator's assistant will often prepare a folder for each bill to be considered in committee or on the chamber floor containing constituent mail and materials on the subject.

**BE BRIEF.** The members of the North Carolina General Assembly are citizens who have left their families and businesses to come to Raleigh to conduct the State's business. They work long hours for very little money and have all the same life concerns (family, health, finances, etc.) as everyone else. Their time is limited. Remember, they will have dealt with hundreds of pieces of legislation and thousands of constituent calls and emails during the Session, so give them only as much information as they have to have to understand your position. You can always follow up with more information later if they request it.

**BE FLEXIBLE.** Legislators don't always have control over their own time. Called committee meetings, unscheduled caucus meetings, requests from legislative leadership and other pressing matters routinely interrupt legislative schedules. Even if you have an appointment doesn't mean that your legislator will be in his/her office at the appointed time. But neither does it mean that they don't want to meet with you. In fact, most legislators would rather meet with constituents from their home district than do anything else. So, if the legislator is not in his/her office, ask the legislative assistant where he/she is and go there. Even if the legislator is in a committee meeting, he/she will come out in the hallway to meet with you. If it's close to the time when the Senate or House convenes, you may have to accompany the legislator to the chamber and make your argument as your "walk and talk".

### **BE HONEST.**

- **NEVER, EVER LIE!** Remember, credibility is everything. Lying may win a battle today, but it will inevitably cost you the war tomorrow. What's more, a lie hurts not only the liar, but the organization he/she represents.

- It's OK to not know the answer to every question a legislator may have. Just respond by saying, "I don't know, but I'll find out and get back to you with the information." They will appreciate your diligence, and you've just secured a reason to speak to them a second time. That's called a "two-fer".

- If there is or you expect there to be opposition to your position, share that with the legislator and tell him/her who is likely to oppose you and why. They will appreciate knowing up front whether an issue will be controversial and your credibility with the member will be enhanced by your telling him about it. And while you're telling the legislator what your opponent's arguments are, you'll have the opportunity to counter those arguments with your own.



### **BE POLITE.**

- Check any attitudes at the door. Legislators deal with controversial issues and upset constituents all day long, and don't appreciate those who try to brow-beat them. The Golden Rule we learned in kindergarten applies – treat others as you would want to be treated. In my 20 years of lobbying, I have seen advocates snatch defeat from the jaws of victory because of rudeness or other bad behavior. Remember, CBA/A.B.A.T.E. is in this for the long haul, and the political opponent we suffer today may be our staunchest ally tomorrow because of how we conducted ourselves.

- Remember to say "thank you". Without being patronizing, don't leave a meeting with a legislator without expressing your appreciation for the time they took to meet with you and hear your arguments. This simple gesture will be remembered the next time you need to meet.

## Proposed Constitutional Changes

### To Be Voted On At The CBA State Meeting on April 19, 2009

*\*CHANGES FROM THE CURRENT LANGUAGE ARE IN ITALICS AND UNDERLINED*

#### BY-LAWS SECTION 1

1) Membership in C.B.A. may be terminated for the following reasons:

A) Failure to pay membership fees.  
B) Any action that is detrimental to the organization and its goals.

2) Membership in C.B.A. may be terminated by following one of the procedures listed below:

#### I. Membership in a Chapter:

A) A signed written complaint must be presented to any officer of the chapter of the member in question and to any member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The complaint may be filed by any current member of the organization.

B) The member in question shall be notified of the nature of the complaint by registered mail sent by a chapter officer. Additional means of notification may also be used. A hearing date shall also be set by the chapter President or Vice President, with at least a 2 week notice, with the affected member and the complainant notified of the date, time and location of the hearing.

C) At such hearing, the chapter officers, by a roll call vote, may dismiss the complaint or transfer membership to At Large status with the stipulation that the person in question not be allowed to attend any meetings of said chapter. Minutes shall be kept by the chapter secretary and also recorded by recording device.

D) At the next regular chapter meeting, the complaint and response shall be presented if not previously dismissed. Both parties are allowed to be present. A 2/3 majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to confirm transfer of membership to At Large status with above mentioned stipulation.

E) If either party wants to appeal the outcome, the complaint, response, and record of chapter vote must be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may at this time uphold the dismissal of the complaint, revoke membership completely or keep membership At Large with the above said stipulations.

F) Any member whose membership is revoked will not be allowed to rejoin the C.B.A. without approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Re-approved persons will reenter the membership roll as a new member.

#### II. Membership in the Organization:

A) A signed written complaint must be presented to any or to any member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The complaint may be filed by any current member of the organization.

B) The member in question shall be notified of the nature of the complaint by registered mail sent by the State Secretary. Additional means of notification may also be used. A hearing date shall also be set for the next regularly scheduled State Meeting (with at least a 2 week notice) by the State Secretary, with the affected member and the complainant notified of the date, time and location of the hearing.

C) At the next regular State Meeting, the complaint and response shall be presented, written minutes to be recorded by the State Secretary and recorded by a recording device and a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Council chapters present by a roll call vote shall be necessary to confirm revoking of membership.

D) If either party wants to appeal the outcome, the complaint, response, and record of vote must be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may at this time uphold the dismissal of the complaint, revoke membership completely or keep membership At Large with the above said stipulations.

E) Any member whose membership is revoked will not be allowed to rejoin the CBA without approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Re-approved persons will reenter the membership rolls as a new member.

#### Article II

Board of Directors

2) Remove the words "Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents' meetings"

#### Article V

State Treasury and General Financial Policies

Add Section 10) If a check written to the Corporation is returned for insufficient funds, the State Treasurer may assess a fee to the payor equal to the amount of the insufficient funds fee charged by the financial institution.

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## Being An Effective Lobbyist (cont.)

### BE BOLD.

• Don't be intimidated. You know more about motorcycling and your position on the issues than anyone else. Remember, you're the expert.

• Don't be sidetracked. Legislators love to talk to home folks about life back in the district. Do that, but always come back to the purpose of your visit.

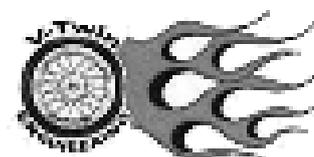
• Don't be afraid to ask the legislator for his/her position. Legislators will avoid taking a position on legislation if they can. Don't leave without asking whether you can count on them for their support for your position.

**BE RESPONSIVE.** Legislators don't expect you to know everything. So, if you commit to getting back to a legislator with more information, don't forget to do so, and then follow up to see whether the legislator has any questions on the information you provided.

For years, Doc Ski and the members of CBA/A.B.A.T.E. have employed these common-sense practices to become an effective and respected advocate for motorcyclist rights in North Carolina. By continuing that tradition, CBA/A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina will maintain its well-earned position as the voice of the motorcycling community in our State.

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*Meets at Breakzone Billiards at BMOG (Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center). Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

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cba@cba.xaranda.net

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Cleve Gore: (910) 754-7394

*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.*

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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 Cabarrus-Rowan Lodge, 1152 Hwy 152, Rockwell, NC on the 1st Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM.*

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*Meets at Spirits Pub in Tallywood Shopping Center in Raeford on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

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Gary Bridges: (704) 458-0571

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

#### Chatham Chapter

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Wayne Glosson: (919) 542-4267

*Meets at the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM*

*Virlie's Grill, Pittsboro, NC*

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*Meets monthly at the lodge - 47 Mercer Road, Chadbourne on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM.*

#### Davidson Chapter

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*Meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 PM at Christo's restaurant, South Main Street, Lexington. Call for meeting date confirmation.*

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Secretary: Jill Stillwell (704) 922-5437

*Meets at Hillbilly's BBQ, 930 E Garrison Blvd, Lowell, NC on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM*

#### Granville Chapter

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Davis Myrick: (252) 257-2436

Billy Pegram: (919) 451-7770 • Email: gazor25@yahoo.com

*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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*Meets at the Wizard Lounge, 651 21st Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28602 on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

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*Meets at Shoney's Restaurant on 441 Georgia Road, Franklin on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.*

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*Meets at the BBQ Lodge on Capital Blvd (US1N) in "Mini City" on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM.*

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

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Ed Weakley: (704) 622-4984

Chapter web: [www.southpiedmontcba.org](http://www.southpiedmontcba.org)

*Meets at the American Legion, 700 Southerland Avenue, Monroe, NC 28110 on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 3:00 PM.*

#### CBA of the Pines

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Sonny Colvin: (919) 708-788 6

*Call for meeting time and location.*

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Bob Burke: VICE PRESIDENT

*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 always on the 3rd Wednesday.*

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*Meets at American Legion Post 206, Business I-85 between Brentwood and Baker Road in High Point on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.*

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# Executive Committee Minutes - January 18, 2009

The meeting commenced at 9:05 am

## BOD present:

*President Randy Norris, Vice President Steve Knox, 2nd Vice President Vicki Cole, Membership Services Director Gail Rumler, MSAP Director Matt Shamblin, Information Director Deb Knox, Treasurer Darlene Kimsey, Secretary Cat Mohan, Eastern District Coordinator Charlie Boone, Central District Coordinator Robert 'Shaggy' Causey, Western District Coordinator James Buckner*

Members were reminded that questions and responses are to be made by members only. Maximum of 5 votes per chapter. At-Large: One vote per member with a maximum of 5 votes.

Opening Prayer was offered by Cliff Cyphers  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Randy Norris

## Chapter Roll Call

Chapters present: Alamance, Brunswick, Buncombe, CBA of The Pines, Cabarrus-Rowan, Cape Fear Valley, Carteret-Craven, Charlotte, Chatham, Columbus, Davidson, Gaston, Granville, Hickory, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, South Piedmont, Surry, Tar River Basin, and Triad. All chapters were represented. No at-Large members were present.

## Announcements

Chapters were reminded that all chapter Treasurers need to clear Membership Services with the State Treasurer and State Secretary; all quarterly reports go to Cat Mohan and monies owed go to Darlene Kimsey.

**State Secretary's Report:** Cat Mohan – minutes from the October 2008 Executive Council meeting were posted in the state newsletter and on the Statenchapter yahoo group. A motion was made to accept minutes as printed; 2nded and passed.

**State Treasurer's Report:** Darlene distributed the year end accounting information highlighting General Account Inflow/Outflow for 2008. A motion was made to accept the report, 2nd'ed and passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. State Officer Nominations / Elections for 2010/2011  
Current state officers who will accept nominations for state offices next year: Randy Norris, Steve Knox, Vicki Cole, Darlene Kimsey, Matt Shamblin, Charlie Boone, Robert Causey, James Buckner.

Current state officers who will decline any nominations for state offices next year: Gail Rumler, Deb Knox.

Current state officers who are undecided at this time: Thomas Wasileski, Cat Mohan.

Start thinking of nominations for the state officer positions.

## 2. Coalition of Clubs Support

Gary Bridges, President, Charlotte chapter, told the membership of an issue that arose recently: he'd been

contacted by the Sheriff's department and was informed that the officers were going to pull out of escorting the Charlotte CBA Toys for Tots ride unless the patch holder participants did not wear their patches. He was asked to tell the patch holders not to wear their patches for the ride. Gary declined to make this request of the patch holders and has since been told that some of the patch holders were going to be allowed to ride, but some not – this was viewed as instant discrimination by the Charlotte chapter and Robert Donut, AIM attorney who represents CBA, agrees. Also, there's been at least one other incident of the same circumstances. As a result, CBA & the CoC are gathering depositions/evidence regarding this issue. The plan for now is to take the issue to the sheriff's department first then, if not satisfied with results from meeting with the sheriff's department, they will take the issue before a City Council meeting (which are usually televised). Randy reminded the membership that CBA is a member of the CoC and he asked for a vote of confidence that the CBA would support Charlotte and the CoC in this endeavor. The membership voted unanimously to support this endeavor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (brief highlights follow; some individual reports may be elsewhere in newsletter)

### 1. Legislative Committee:

- Cindy Hodges gave an update on Doc's condition to include his relapse. He is back home at this time and going to rehab 3 times a week. Keep Doc in your prayers.
- During the Legislative committee meeting the previous day, there was discussion around the helmet bill; the committee voted to go with a bill with minimum restrictions (the bill suggested by Dale Carroll, Gaston CBA). A roll call vote was made to accept the bill and passed with all chapters voting aye for the proposed bill. We need to find a sponsor(s)...all chapters need to go back to their districts and try to find a representative to sponsor. We can have more than 1 primary sponsor and also co-sponsors.
- ROW (Right of Way) Bill – Cape Fear Valley has been concerned about ROW. Our ROW bill's bite was taken out by the time it got passed in 2007. The new proposed bill will be posted on the website soon. Dewey Hill said he would sponsor this.
- Myrtle Beach issues – Check out myrtlebeachbikerinfo.com for any information on what going on down there.
- 11-Feb Lobby Day: Days Inn in downtown Raleigh – meet at 10am, pick up some materials, then you can go visit your representative.
- 28-Jan is opening day at the Legislature if anyone wants to go up there on their own.

### 2. MRF: Cindy Hodges

- Upcoming event: Bikers Inside the Beltline in Wash DC. Date not set yet but thinking about May.
- Money is still tight. Need more members; target is 600 more members by the next meeting. If not, they will need to shut down the newsletter. As of

September, there were 219 NC members in the MRF. We've gained 200 more members since then.

3. NCOM: No updates at this time

4. NC Confederation of Clubs: See above re CoC support on the discrimination issue.

### 5. Products Committee: Darlene Kimsey

• There is \$1600 in the Products account. Darlene will not be doing products anymore. Products will be available only on Sunday morning at the Executive Council meetings. This is not a money maker but products were made available per the members' requests. Furthermore, at this time we will not be re-ordering new product except for the state patch. As always, if someone is willing to take on this responsibility, please contact Randy or Darlene.

### 6. PR/Newsletter/Web Page Committee: Deb Knox

- Please keep Cat updated on your chapter information as she sends that information to Jocelyn and Deb for posting to the state website and newsletter.
- Deb stated that she is not running for a Board position so this will be her last year as State Info Director. If you are interested in the Info Director position or any part of this position such as the newsletter or the website, please let Randy or Deb know.
- It has been discussed that we may give access to the state website to Cat Mohan so that more than one person can make updates.
- If you have anything to go in the newsletter, please have it to Deb by mail or email by 8-Feb.
- It is Deb's goal in her last year to have a newsletter out quarterly midway between State meetings. The reports from the various committees will be posted online as they are received.
- When Deb finishes her term, she is going to focus free time on NC BikePAC which has been neglected and put her attention back to legislation and her home chapter (Brunswick Co.).
- If you need anything from Deb, don't hesitate to ask and if she doesn't do it, remind her please.

### 7. Membership Committee: Gail Rumler

- Membership has dropped down a bit from last quarter; presently 1593.
- Associate Membership program is discontinued.
- Partners in Freedom booklet needs to be updated. If anyone has some of the older information on this program, please get up with Gail for refresh.
- Reminder that renewal rates have gone up.
- 103 new members last quarter. Gaston – 31 new members. Surry, South Piedmont, Cabarrus-Rowan are all doing well with membership growth and the leadership growth. Membership award went to Charlotte in recognition of their continued growth.

### 8. Safety, Education and Awareness: Matt Shamblin

- Omnibus land bill – this bill proposes a cut off of land for recreation (hunting, motor biking, etc.).
- California has started a crash study; we may have more information on this in the near future.
- Mobile phones in cars unsafe according to

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a government study. [Secretary's note – Duh]

- Increase in toll roads/per mile tax are being proposed.
- In Europe, crash barriers are being studied; Matt is pushing NC DOT to check into these studies.
- Check out Save A Life net group – a group to get motorcycle riders to not hurt themselves.
- NTSHA has published new statistics – Matt has web address if you'd like to take a look.
- Support the MRF; we need Jeff Hennie to continue his work in Wash DC.
- MSAP class/workshop will be held 14-15 March – Granville CBA hosting; this is open to any chapter members; contact Matt if interested.
- 3-4 April – Yearly Driver's Ed seminar will be held on this date – anyone is welcome to help as we network with these folks.
- 2009 Leanne Redwine award – we are taking nominations for the 2009 award.
- MSAP - So far the numbers turned in show 5915 students taught in 2008. The number may grow as chapters turn in their late in the year numbers of students taught. Charlotte and South Piedmont are now certified to teach MSAP classes.

### 9. Constitution Committee: Charlie Boone

- There was discussion around the suggested changes. There are changes to 3 parts of the Constitution. One of the changes pertains to the process of terminating a membership. Due to the length of the changes, that proposal can be viewed on the state website and may be included here in the newsletter. The other 2 proposed changes:

### Article II

Board Of Directors

- 2) Remove the words "Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents' meetings"

### Article V

State Treasury and General Financial Policies

Add Section 10) If a check written to the Corporation is returned for insufficient funds, the State Treasurer may assess a fee to the payor equal to the amount of the insufficient funds fee charged by the financial institution.

Be prepared to vote on these changes at the next Executive Council meeting in April.

### DISTRICT COORDINATOR REPORTS

#### Central District: Robert Causey

- EasyRiders booth in Charlotte – 34-25 Jan. Shaggy and other members will be working the CBA booth. Thanks to GB Lewis, Chatham Co. CBA, for providing entrance tickets. New members signed up at this show will get a tshirt.
  - There will be a big party at the next state committee meeting; it will be Randolph CBA's 25th anniversary.
  - 25th-Apr – Central District Spoker Run.
  - Other chapter events were announced.
  - Shaggy and Charli thanked membership for their support.
- #### Eastern District: Charlie Boone
- Eastern District Swap Meet - 21-22 Feb.
  - Chapter events were announced.

#### Western District: James Buckner

- September – we will be having an event for Western District – details forthcoming.
- Chapter events mentioned.

#### Other Business

Randy reminded the chapters that they need the chapter representative(s) to be at the Saturday committee meetings if they want to be involved with the business discussions.

Hotels – Darlene Kimsey; there's been numerous problems/complaints on staying at the Asheboro Inn for the state meetings to include quotes changing. Darlene got quotes for 20 room blocks at several hotels in Asheboro; after discussion, she will make reservations at the HI Express as a trial for the April meeting. She will put contact info for HI Express on the Statenchapter website.

Tuthill won the lamp that Gaston raffled off.

50/50 - \$154 total – Shaggy won the raffle and donated the winnings back to the State CBA.

Cabarrus-Rowan is raffling off a rifle; contact Dwayne if interested in tickets - (704) 305-0774.

### CLOSING COMMENTS

1. Next State Meeting Date: 18-19 April
2. Closing Benediction offered by Cliff Cyphers
3. Motion to Adjourn – adjourned 11:32am

*Respectfully submitted by Cat Mohan*

## Lee Ann Redwine - MSAP Award Nominations

Do you know someone who has overcome personal difficulty to get MSAP presented in their local schools? Someone who has beaten the odds to realize their desire to bring MSAP to a deserving audience? Someone who has knocked on door after door or called seemingly endless lists of phone numbers until they finally got in touch with that one person that would listen long enough to understand the real benefits of MSAP? Do you know an MSAP Instructor that has expended Herculean effort to bring our program to anybody that would listen?

The Safety, Education, & Awareness Committee of CBA/ABATE of N.C. has established an annual award in the name of Lee Ann Redwine for exceptional effort and/or performance on behalf of our Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program.

The award committee is currently soliciting nominations for this award from any and all members of CBA.

Please write your nomination in letter form (e-mail format is fine) stating the name of the nominee, their chapter, and your reasons for believing them to be worthy of this award. Send it to [mshamblin@ec.rr.com](mailto:mshamblin@ec.rr.com) no later than September 26th, 2009 and I will distribute all nominations to the award committee for consideration. Don't let this opportunity to recognize the dedication of your chapter's MSAP Instructors pass you by. Get your nominations to me RIGHT AWAY.

### CRITERIA:

- 1) This award will be given to one individual.
- 2) You may nominate multiple people, but each individual must be submitted as a separate nomination. (don't include more than one person per nomination submission)

### EXCLUSIONS:

- 1) Large classes and/or large cumulative student totals will not be considered by the award committee.
- 2) The Director of SEA/MSAP is not eligible for this award.
- 3) Award winners are ineligible the following year.

Thank You,  
Matt

*Helpful Hint: This was a tough competition in 2008 and the award committee may very well have no personal knowledge of your nominee other than the information you provide. Well written nominations are quite helpful to the committee and very beneficial to the nominee.*

# Chapter Letters

## BRUNSWICK CHAPTER

Hello from the Coast,

Holidays have come and gone, thank goodness! Now off to a New Year, new officers, and new adventures. Welcome to all the new officers, I now you will lead the chapter in the right direction. Some of the adventures may seem redundant but they are always an adventure. It's a bit cold now, so we are looking forward to the sweltering heat adventure known as the Blues Run in July.

Our chapter business meetings have changed to only the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm. Please make the change on your State calendar as it has our chapter meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

The Brunswick County Chapter is blessed to have members who are dedicated to safety. Road Captain Bob is a certified Red Cross CPR/First Aid instructor. He will be conducting a CPR class 1:00 pm Sunday Mar 22. The cost is course will be \$10. If students wish to keep the book there will be an additional \$10. Safety Coordinator Sterling is also a Rider Coach; teaching the Basic or Experienced Rider Courses at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington. He teaches the course at no charge to our chapter in the summer. We also have a dedicated MSAP team going into the local driving schools. Safety is a priority with the chapter. As bikers we need to be prepared, get educated, and make the public aware bikers are everywhere.

Looking forward to seeing ya'll at our adventures and hoping you will be prepared and educated while riding.

Keep the shiny side up.

Becky Mooney  
Secretary - Brunswick County Chapter

## CABARRUS-ROWAN CHAPTER

Even though we haven't had a lot of fund raising events by no means have things been slow. We went on several toy runs, and had Christmas at a local children's home (including Santa, gifts and pizza). We had New Year Polar Bear Ride just to get the year off to a good start by riding. We also had a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner at the lake. A nice chill in the air and some of Gary's fantastic BBQ made sitting around the fire with close friends the perfect evening. There was even a little Karaoke singing going on. Our Poor Man's Ride went off pretty well. We were rained out the first day but thanks to a pre-scheduled rain date we had a very good turn out. We had to have a rain date the next day... after all if you have a hundred pounds of pinto beans cooked you have to do something with them! There was plenty of fixin's from chopped onion to an array of different types of hot sauces, to corn bread muffins and Mexican cornbread. There was even live music. With all of this you couldn't tell this was a poor man's event. With the economy how it is there was not a specific charge, just donations, which worked out well.

Currently we have plans to support as many other chapter events as possible. And don't forget

about our Chilly Chili Ride coming soon (March 21). Hope to see you there. Membership is growing as is participation. A special thanks to all who make this possible.

Dwayne Jenkins

## CHATHAM CHAPTER

Happy New Year from Chatham County and may all the deer be back DEEP IN THE WOODS WHERE THEY BELONG!!! Gracious. The members that have tangled with these abundant and unpredictable beasts are all on the mend. We've got several members still undergoing physical & rehab therapy, but are confident they will be out and about this upcoming spring. Hang in there fellows - we miss you.

Our newly appointed officers are in place and off to a good start. Vinny is busy orchestrating our annual Legislative Day in Raleigh on February 11. For those of you who always show up ... BRAVO! If you've never participated in this special day, hopefully this will have been your first year. It's a day all members should try and devote towards the betterment of our favorite past time.

The MSAP classes are continuously educating our young drivers on how to share the road and motorcycle safety. Some of the money we earned throughout 2008 purchased some really cool motorcycle key chains to hand out to the students. They truly love this program and are most definitely learning what our program strives to implement.

Chatham County's membership is ever growing. Our newest members to join are Paul Bernasconi and Bill Nesbitt. These two really enjoy riding and have been very active within the group. So many people are interested in getting out to RIDE. We meet at Virlie's Restaurant in downtown Pittsboro every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. The food is excellent and it's a fantastic place to be visible for the community to see us in action. Be on the lookout for some great poker runs, social events, and some good ol' fashioned RIDING!!

Spring is right around the corner! See you on the road.

Chatham County CBA/ABATE  
[www.chathamcba.org](http://www.chathamcba.org)

## COLUMBUS CHAPTER

Hello from Columbus County!

Well it looks like it is time to get those bikes out and get them serviced. Warmer weather is approaching! I personally am looking forward to this riding season due to my job last season. Now I have weekends off!

Starting in March we are going to be having group rides periodically. Please check out our website at [www.columbuscba.trip.com](http://www.columbuscba.trip.com) for places to go and sites to see. Everyone is welcome... so if you are in the area, please come and join us for a bite of lunch or just socialize a while.

We are also having a cookout at the end of every month at our lodge off Mercer Road in

Chadbourn. For members to unite and also work on membership. As a matter of fact, we signed up six new members at the social in January. Please check our website for exact time and date for the social every month.

We are in the early stages of planning our annual swap meet. Location for our event will be at our lodge this year and will be held on June 13th. Time will be from 12:00 PM till 12:00 AM. Rough camping will be available for those out of town bikers. Live entertainment, BBQ plates, bike and people games, refreshments, tattoo artists, vendors will be a part of it. Please put this date on your calendar. Complete information at a later date.

A lot of events will stat to take place in the upcoming months. Please try to get out and support your fellow chapters. Check out the state calendar and website for dates and times.

Upon the start of the 2009 riding season, always watch out for your brothers and sisters because you never know what tomorrow will bring. Stay safe and ride safe. Keep all fallen members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Until next time  
Nancy J. Norris  
Secretary

## GRANVILLE CHAPTER

As the Granville County Chapter winds down the last quarter of the year 2008, we realize that we are so blessed to continue to grow our membership with diverse and amazing people.

We had 9 members ride in the Wendy Norris Memorial ride. It was awesome to see the amount of support that Randy Norris has. There was food, fellowship and a great auction. Everyone seemed to have a great time bidding and re-bidding on many wonderful items.

We also enjoyed a ride to Kerr Lake where one of our members, David Whitfield and his wife welcomed us to campout overnight on their property. We had food, fireworks and fun. Beverly Whitfield even woke up the next morning and served us a wonderful breakfast before we all went home to rest up from all the fun from the night before.

Our annual Halloween party brought out our members and their families for a costume contest and (of course) food and fun. It is always so great to see the creativity of our members in picking or making their Halloween costumes. The little children were all so cute. We had everything from witches to superheroes to princesses to judge. You cannot imagine how hard it is to just give the first place winnings to only one of those cute little ones.

November brought six weeks of a turkey shoot at our own Granville County CBA Lodge. Those cold nights were certainly countered with a huge bonfire and warm food. Half of the proceeds were donated to Corbin Gil. We also started weekly pool tournaments. It is nice that we find so many excuses to get together to socialize and have fun.

December not only brought the man in the red suit, but we seemed to have quite a

## Loss Of A Friend

George McAdams

I am not sure if you are aware that the one of a kind "Wheels Through Time" museum has been planning to move to Arizona for over a year now. I ran into the owner and his crew up at Oley Pa. at the American Antique Motorcycle Meet and he informed me that he is wanting to stay in NC but that the city council of Maggie Valley has made his life very difficult.

Arizona on the other hand has let it be known that they would welcome him there and showcase the museum. I am at a lose as to why Maggie Valley is behaving the way it is but that is really beside the point, we have a world class museum that features antique motorcycles of all types and all vintages and should not let it get away.

If you have never been there it truly is something special, he will let you sit on the bikes and will gladly crank them up and has even been known to let people ride them(it is not one of those type of places where everything is roped off and you are not allowed to touch).

ONCE HE IS GONE HE (AND THE MUSEUM) WILL BE GONE FOREVER!!!

Lets keep him here, this is a real jewel and is quite a coup to have it in our backyard.

If you have ever ridden to the mountains and ridden the parkway you know how much fun it can be, and this would be a great place to stop in on that ride and just take in the sites and sounds of a time gone by.

He has for the past year now had a write in campaign going to the Representative of that area and asking folks to let Rep. as well as the museum know how much we want him to stay.

Check out his website;; [www.wheelsthrough-time.com](http://www.wheelsthrough-time.com), and check it out! Call him if you like but the museum is closed right now until he decides what he is going to do,so he might be a little difficult to get up with.

I am sending along the flyer he has put out and I hope with your CBA network you guys will make copies of it and get it out to all the right people and places. It would be so easy to pass them out at any events you guys have going.

One last thing, I just recently spoke to him and he is going to be making his decision as to whether or not to move by the end of March, so we only have one month left.

LETS SAVE THIS PLACE FOR US!!

For More Information Contact:  
Vicki Cole  
2nd Vice President

*Do you know a young  
freedom fighter?*

Nomination applications  
are online.

Submit by June 30, 2009

**GOT POINTS?**

If you have points to  
be counted let Vicki know.

## Chapter Letters (cont.)

bit of cold wet weather. Thus was the case when ten very dedicated and brave members attended the Creedmoor Christmas Parade. We also had two more members volunteer to be MSAP instructors. This is so great because it will enable us to teach more classes with different teams of instructors throughout the year.

Our Christmas party this year had a band that played well into the night (or morning, shall we say). We packed the house with CBA members, their families and some guests. We had amazing food, amazing music and a plethora of door prizes. I am told that it is by far the BEST party that we have ever had at the Granville County Lodge.

As we look forward, we are glad to continue with our current leadership in Granville County, being led by President Davis Myrick. We would like to welcome Jason Roberts as our new Vice President. We look forward to his contribution in the upcoming year. The next few months will bring more parties (Valentine's Day), rides and events for the Granville County CBA. As always, we invite our fellow chapter members to join us anytime for rides, meetings, fundraisers and of course parties. We always have a good time. Check out our website for directions and even pictures of some of our good times.

Ride Safe!  
Su Anderson  
[www.granvillecba.com](http://www.granvillecba.com)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sure sounds like hanging out with the Granville folks is a fun time!!!

## *A Little Girl Who Touched So Many... The End*

Date: Sunday, January 11, 2009 8:40 PM

Today was an overwhelming blur to me in many ways. I will not apologize for my early departure or my failure to recognize many faces that I would have normally known, because I know you all understand.

When I pulled into the parking lot at twenty till one and the lot was full already, my heart smiled, but my brain had an anxiety attack.

Children saying prayers and wearing lockets with pictures of Corbin, teachers who have renewed faith in their ability to touch a child and to be touched by a child. Nurses and counselors who fight so hard to save them all, but can't, yet still allow themselves to feel the pain of the loss. Bikers who rode across the state, churches who prayed and prayed, and lent their support, family members who have lost touch with each other found a reason to reconnect. Thank each of you for all of your tears, smiles, and balloons with messages of love to my precious angel who is gone from this Earth, but never from our hearts and memories.

In the times that we live in today, it is easy to lose faith in humanity. Perhaps that is part of why God needed to take Corbin, to remind us (I know it did me) that there is still a lot of good in the people of the world. Over the years, I've said many times, "I don't have a lot of friends", today made it clear that I have far more than I realized. Thank you all for letting Corbin see how much of an impression she made on the people in her life in her 8 short years. Because I know she was smiling today to see all of the people that she loved, and that loved her come together to celebrate her life. I love you all, and don't forget to tell everyone you love, how much you love them EVERYDAY, because you just never know.

Love,  
Charli

## S.E.A. Committee Meeting, January 19, 2009

The pilot study for the motorcycle crash causation study was kicked off in Los Angeles on 12/08/08 and will continue for three months or until data has been collected from 27 crashes, whichever comes first. The purpose of the pilot study is to test the methodology to be used before the actual study begins. We still don't know when the official study will begin, but at least the NHTSA is finally in motion to begin the motion for the motion that will follow the motion after the motion begins. Or something like that.

Triple A and the NHTSA have both decided that talking on a cell phone or texting while driving is a hazardous distraction that should be severely limited or prohibited. Both entities state firmly that there is no practical difference between hand held and hands free devices. The distraction level from either device increases a driver's crash risk about fourfold. As most of us already know, distracted drivers are particularly hazardous to motorcycle riders and other vulnerable road users so (hopefully) we will all welcome this stance from two of our most reliable sources of frustration.

Federal and state revenue officials have decried the (supposed) sharp drop in gas tax revenue collections that accompanied last year's spike in petroleum prices and the resultant drop in vehicle fuel purchases by the general public. They have used this scenario to push for alternative sources of revenue such as increased usage of toll roads and the possibility of switching from the current system of taxation to a mileage based tax collection system. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) studied the USDOT figures and concluded that revenues actually increased by \$185,000,000 from 2007 to 2008. It seems that the USDOT changed the way they account for fuel tax transfers and the result was an apparent drop in overall revenue collections from this traditional source of highway and transportation funding.

MRF Vice President of Government Relations, Jeff Hennie has reported that among other things that were accomplished in the January 11-15, 2009 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, some US Highway Safety Officials have finally realized the value of joining a European study of crash barriers and the particular hazards they present to downed motorcycle riders. Any and all resulting improvements in crash barrier design and construction should be roundly applauded by motorcycle riders everywhere.

The "2007 NHTSA Motorcycle Traffic Safety Fact Sheet is now available at [http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/portal/nhtsa\\_static\\_file\\_downloader.jsp?file=/staticfiles/DOT/NHTSA/NCSA/Content/TSF/2007/810990.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/portal/nhtsa_static_file_downloader.jsp?file=/staticfiles/DOT/NHTSA/NCSA/Content/TSF/2007/810990.pdf)

Selected info gleaned from this source:

- 1 - 50% of all motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle.
- 2 - 25% of all motorcycle fatalities resulted from a collision with a fixed object (see above reference to crash barriers).
- 3 - 41% of all fatally injured riders involved in single vehicle crashes had a BAC of 0.08 or above.
- 4 - During weekends that last percentage goes up to 65% at 0.08 or above.

### MSAP TOTALS FOR 2008

ALAMANCE	401
BRUNSWICK	668
BUNCOMBE	1174
CABARRUS-ROWAN	379
CARTERET	654
CHARLOTTE	33 FIRST CLASS!!!
CHATHAM	297
GASTON	652
GRANVILLE	136
JONES	59
RALEIGH	699
SOUTH PIEDMONT	120 FIRST QUARTER!!!
TRIAD	343
	<b>5915 !!!!!!!!!!!</b>

MSAP INFO 2009

GRANVILLE MSAP INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP – MARCH 14 & 15, 2009 –

8:00am till about noon, both days.

ALAMANCE MSAP INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP – DATES TO BE DETERMINED.

All interested potential MSAP Instructors are welcome to attend any workshop at any location. Just let me know of your intentions so I can be sure to have enough supplies on hand.

We have been invited to exhibit MSAP at the North Carolina Drivers Training & Safety Education Association (Driver Ed) conference this year in Cherokee, N.C. on April 3rd & 4th. Please let me know if you are interested in helping Debbie & I with this exhibit during the conference. If you have an hour or two, or even a whole day, any and all assistance will be greatly appreciated!! Folks that are interested should contact me for details and directions to Harrah's Casino.

Nominations are now open for the 2009 LEE ANN REDWINE AWARD. The solicitation for nominations will be included in this issue. Please read it carefully and get your nominations in to me as soon as you are able. The Award Committee will make good use of as much time as you can afford them.

Thank You For Your Support,

Matt  
252-241-0682  
mshamblin@ec.rr.com

The Membership Services Committee met January 17th at the Randolph County CBA Lodge. Membership Services Director, Gail Rumler, chaired the committee. A large attendance and representation by members from most chapters was noted by the committee chair. The following topics/discussions were presented during the meeting.

## Central District Committee Meeting, January 19, 2009

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who attended the Central District Committee Meeting on January 18th. It was a productive meeting and I think we've got everything set-up for the 5th annual Central District Spoker Run on Saturday April 25th. I hope by now everyone has gotten a copy of the flier and is working on promoting this event. It would be great to see all 9 central district chapters represented, but that doesn't mean we wouldn't be happy to see any of our Eastern & Western district chapters join us for that chance to win the \$500 grand prize! If anyone has any questions about this event, please contact me, my info is in the calendar.

Next, I'd like to thank everyone across the state who

came and helped out at our booth at the Easyrider's Bike Show on January 24th, & 25th in Charlotte. On Saturday we had at least five of the BOD working the booth alongside volunteers from chapters statewide. It was a very productive weekend in that not only did we sign up 6 new members on-site, but we also have a very good possibility of chartering a new chapter in the Iredell County area! I think we took full advantage of this type of opportunity to get the chance to spread the word about what CBA/ABATE of NC is fighting to accomplish. Special thanks to Gaston County members for the hospitality and a place to unwind after a long day on Saturday.

Last, but not least, I'd like to say that one of my top goals as your CDC is to encourage each chapter to support each other's events. I'm here to help you do that, so PLEASE keep me and/or Gwen Nichols informed of your chapter's events. If your chapter does a newsletter, please send me, a copy (email or hardcopy).

Shaggy

# Membership Services Committee Meeting - January 17, 2009

## Membership Totals:

Gail reported that total membership numbers have fallen from over 1700 in the last quarter to 1593. Of that number, 474 are Life members. She has no contact information for 43 of those Life members. As a reference point, she reported the total number of members for 2007 & 2008 was 2515. The organization lost over 1000 members who did not renew. Gail once again stressed the importance of keeping members once they have joined.

## Associate Members:

In January, 2008 the committee passed a motion to address the effectiveness of the Associates Members program after a twelve month period. The floor was open to discussion and comments before a vote was taken to continue or discontinue this program. Gail presented Associate membership totals, and answered questions from members as to the number of Associate members who subsequently joined CBA as full members. She found no members who graduated from Associate to Full membership, but it was noted by the Charlotte chapter that several Associate members had joined as Full members.

Gail noted that if committee voted to continue the program, someone would need to step up and volunteer to administrate the program. She reported that only five or six chapters had recruited Associate members during the past year. Charlotte members, especially chapter secretary Linda Hall were commended for their diligence and work on the program.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority vote to discontinue the Associate Member program. Gail noted that all members on record would remain, and even though the program is discontinued, CBA members may still sign up Associates.

Charlie Boone, Constitution chair, answered a question concerning Associate Membership language

in the Constitution. He said the Constitutional language does not need to be removed.

## Housekeeping & Membership Processing Procedures:

Gail presented a blunt and pertinent discussion on the importance of maintaining/processing/documenting membership applications. There has been a substantial increase in the number of delayed applications forwarded by chapters to Membership Services. In the last quarter, dozens of renewals and new joins were received two to six months late. She reported that having to send a member a renewal card or a new member packet weeks and weeks after they turned in their money to the chapter is an embarrassment for the organization. Late applications also create extra work for Membership Services, and the state treasurer.

Under NC rules and regulations for a 501(c) 4 organization, we are bound by law to conduct our business in a specific way. Chapters are responsible for keeping accurate records of all monies received. All chapter presidents, treasurers and secretaries need to have a checks-and-balances system in place to see that all procedures are followed. State treasurer, Darlene Kimsey supported Gail's findings, and discussed the responsibilities of chapters to maintain current and accurate records.

Gail reported that when she closed out the last quarter she found quite a few chapter officers who had lapsed memberships. Membership guidelines offer a very gracious time period to renew a membership without starting over as a new member. However, once a membership has lapsed, the member has no voice or vote in the organization until the dues are paid. Gail reported that many chapters had officers with lapsed memberships. Chapter meetings were being run by presidents who were not current members, and chapter money was handled by treasurers with lapsed memberships.

## Training Seminar booklets:

Chapter officers who did not attend the Training Seminar last November were able to pick up their booklets at the meeting. Each chapter received seven booklets, one for each officer. The booklets include all information, guidelines and contact information needed by chapter officers to conduct chapter business.

## Partners In Freedom:

Gail once again asked that chapters make an effort to track down the Partners In Freedom booklets. Each chapter received a booklet covering all aspects of the program. A chapter is not required to procure Partners memberships; however, a chapter does receive 20% of all Partners In Freedom membership dues. Gail asked that booklets be returned to her if they will not be used. The booklets will then be used elsewhere. To date, the following CBA members have joined the Partners program:

Two year member:  
Wayne McNamee / David Gore

One year member: Derrick Hall (J.D. Hall Electric) / Jackie Misenheimer / Gail Rumler

(The meeting was turned over to State Information Director, Deb Knox and State Events Committee Chair, Steve Knox.)

Submitted by: Gail Rumler  
Membership Services Director



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<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Individual Membership \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year Individual Membership \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION**

Name	Phone (    )    -
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E-mail Address	
Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name: _____	

Mail with remittance to: **Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc., 236 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20002-4980**  
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# 5th Annual CBA Central District SPOKER RUN - Saturday, April 25th

Starting points will be at different parts of central North Carolina with all rides ending at The Other Place in Alamance, NC, for the last card and the chance to win the **\$500 Grand Prize!!! Prizes will be awarded at 2:00pm. MUSIC/FOOD, COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!**

*Sponsored by the CBA/ABA TE of NC Central District.*

**Chatham Co.** Chapter ride - Registration 11:00am at Lowe's parking lot, Pittsboro, NC. Ride leaves at 12pm. Contact Mike Mohan 919-363-8662



*One rally contacts: Robert Causey "Shaggy" (336) 442-8885 or Gwen Nichols (336) 737-4066*

**Alamance Co.** Chapter ride - Registration 11:30am-12:00pm @ BreakZone Billiards B&OC (Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center) in Burlington. Ride leaves at 12:00pm. Contact Ron 336-675-8498 or RAZ 336-236-5552.



**Charlotte Chapter ride** - Registration at Charlotte, NC 28216-Speedway Harley Davidson at Gary Bridges ride leaves at 9:30am. Contact Gary Bridges 704-458-0571 or Derrick Hall 704-239-2182

**Randolph Co.** Chapter ride - Registration 12:00pm @ Randolph County Swap Meet at Rider's in the Country - ride leaves at 1:00pm Contact Buddy Grainger: 336-629-3895 or 336-958-7335



**Hosted by:  
Alamance Chapter  
The Other Place,  
Alamance, NC**

**Cabarrus/Rowan Chapter ride** - Registration at 9:00am meeting at Johnson's Restaurant on Hwy 29 in China Grove leaving at 10:00am. Contact Dwayne Jenkins at 704-305-0774.



**Davidson Co.** Chapter ride - Registration 10:00am-11:00am at the Silver Diner, 295 S. Talbert, Lexington NC 27292. - Ride Leaves at 11:15am. for more info contact Ken Ward: 336-225-4916 or Jim Everhart: 336-336-786-5053



**South Piedmont Chapter ride** - Registration at 8:00am Iron Horse Motorcycles, 1600 W. Roosevelt, Blvd./Hwy 74, Monroe, NC Leaving at 9:00am, Contact Roger 704-242-1230 or Ed 704-662-4984

**Triad Chapters ride** - Registration 10:00am-11:00am @ Eagle V-Twins, off of Surratt Drive in High Point, NC. - ride leaves at 11:00am Contact Robert Causey 336-442-8885;





# Saturday, April 4, 2009

## CBA/Abate of NC Gaston County

## Swap Meet at

**Old Fashioned  
Biker Swap Meet  
Come sell your used  
parts for FREE**

(Space is Limited ,  
Please call to confirm)



**2813 Lowell Rd  
Gastonia NC  
I85 exit 22, turn right  
off ramp, 1st light  
left, 2 miles on left**

### 1st Annual "Chef Stephanie" Memorial Poker Run

**Hands  
1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20  
Free food w/ paid hand  
at the end of the poker run  
Music, Food, Drinks**

**Poker Run Starts at**



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**MARCH 28TH & 29TH**

**The Original Charlotte  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Swap Meet & Bike Show**

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**\$500 gift certificate given away on both days**

**Entertainment by Peace Pipe**

Refreshments  
Wet t-shirt contest  
Tattoo contest

**NO MINORS** admitted w/o parents

Early Bird Special  
Sunday 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Admission is 2 for 1

Active Military - Free admission

Time: Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Location:  
The Metrolina Expo Fairgrounds  
I-77 exit 16 (Statesville Rd. exit)  
7100 Statesville Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28269

For vendor registration  
Call Rick Nail 704-455-6245

[www.CharlotteCBA.org](http://www.CharlotteCBA.org)

## *In Memory Of...*

Johnny "Blue" Wilson	January 21, 1996	Sheila Boone	August 1, 2003
Brenda Beaver	July 7, 1996	Sandy Lee	August 23, 2003
Dennis Jackson	August 24, 1999	Kim Ratliff	September 14, 2003
Bruce Vogle (Klean)	April 29, 1999	Mark "Rat Daddy" Ratliff	February 10, 2004
Mark Fisher (Fish)	September 25, 1999	Julie Jenrette	March 26, 2004
Jane Janosko	May 15, 1999	Howard Coltrane	October 6, 2004
Joann Stroud (JoJo)	January 4, 2000	Eldon Moore	February 26, 2005
Mike Daniels	March 23, 2000	Mark Lovette	July 20, 2005
Bear Allred	May 23, 2000	William Randle Young	August, 28, 2005
Ken Barentine	May 20, 2001	C.B. Roberts	August 30, 2005
Edward Lawson Whitton (Easy)	Dec. 25, 2001	Ina Fitts	September 1, 2005
Malachi Stanley	Feb. 16, 2002	Charles Buchanan	September 12, 2005
Tom Weaver	June 1, 2002	Jay Fitts	March 29, 2006
Tommy "DJ Crazyhorse" Clendenin	June 22, 2002	Sonny Shope	May 22, 2006
Joe "Ugly" Sidley	June 30, 2002	Greg Dinerstein	July 1, 2006
Alan Baker	August 4, 2002	Charlotte Bellamy	September 18, 2006
John Cowdrick	August 6, 2002	Tim Hamby	September 30, 2006
James "Pickle" Deal	August 20, 2002	Tim Scoggins	April 27, 2007
Clyde Starnes	September 7, 2002	Lee Maney	July 30, 2007
Carl "Paul" Johnson	November 16, 2002	Lee Ann Redwine	December 21, 2007
Gary Barba	January 7, 2003	Carlton "Jason" Holis	May 4, 2008
Charlie Hodge	April 18, 2003	Wendy Norris	August 23, 2008
Richard "Cigar Man" Burnett	May 30, 2003		

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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



## CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION ABATE OF N.C. INC.

Please print your information. This application is for new membership only.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you affiliated with any other motorcycle organizations: \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

If yes name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a registered voter? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

I understand that by signing my name to this application, I am seeking membership into a grassroots political organization formed to protect motorcyclist rights.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited By: \_\_\_\_\_

If not recruited, how did you come to know about CBA? \_\_\_\_\_

**\$25 annual individual membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 annual couple membership**  
**Chapter affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ (or) you may join as an "At Large" member \_\_\_\_\_**

*Mail your completed application with payment made to:*

**CBA/ABATE OF NC, MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**  
**PO BOX 1189**  
**FUQUAY-VARINA, NC 27526-1189**  
cbamemberships@nc.rr.com

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