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September 21
Board Meeting
Charlie Boone's Place

September 26-29
Meeting of the Minds
Lansing, Michigan

September 28
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and Raleigh Chapters

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WATCH FOR DETAILS

October 5 & 6
All-Harley Drags
Rockingham

October 26
Bike Show
Brunswick Chapter

Letter from the Editor...

Hello everyone-

I sure hope that you enjoyed the newsletter more than ever. The staff is working to bring you the best newsletter possible. I am kind of sad that not more people participate in this endeavor. However, there are always positions open on the newsletter/public relations committee. Whether you would like to try your hand at writing, entering photos or coming up with a column you think our membership would find useful... we are open.

It has been kind of quiet legislatively on the State front but never on the Federal level. I would encourage you to join the Motorcycle Rights Foundation (your voice in Washington). If you want a taste of things to come, please don't miss "A Modern Day Fairy Tale" on page 13 of the newsletter this month. It's pretty scary folks.

Please show your support to Joy Barbour, our own Legislative Director running for the North Carolina House. She could use donations and assistance in her campaign efforts. It sure would be cool to have one of our own sitting in the big house, wouldn't it?

On a final note, please submit the names and contact points for ads from your geographic location. We are going to be pursuing advertisers in the coming months and all I ask of you is a contact. Our staff will do the rest. Be looking for businesses that offer discounts to CBA/ABATE members. We are working on those opportunities too.

*Till next time,
Crazy Deb*



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Joy Barbour Runs For House of Representatives She Needs Your Help!

It gives me great pleasure to tell you after all these years, we have a CBA/Abate member running for office in NC. Our Legislative Director has made the decision to run for office on the Republican ticket. She will be running in Bladen County against a long time incumbent. She knows this will be hard and will need all our support. We will now go into Battle Mode and will do what is necessary to make this happen. She will need monetary contributions from all available resources,

NCOM, Abate, CBA, Individuals, Motorcycle shops, the Organizations your club or organization has done poker runs or charity events for and any other sources you can come up with. She will need campaign workers.

This will be a campaign that we all must get involved with even though you do not live in Bladen County. Why? It will send a message to the elected officials in Raleigh that turned on us last year, that they made a mistake! Joy has gone that extra mile

for us even through the hard times last year when her personal life required much sacrifice. Can we do less for her?

This is what we have been waiting for, NO praying for! It's time to rally the troops and put one of our own in the Legislature of NC. I know you will all be up to the task.

Cotton

State President

CBA/ABATE of NC

3rd Quarter State Meeting July 2002

CBA/ABATE of NC Third Quarter State Meeting
Saturday, July 20 2002

Hosting Chapter: High Point

Meeting was called to order at 1:18.

Board Members present: M.F. Beaver – State Vice President; Cindy Hodges, State Secretary, Joy Barbour, State Legislative Director. Sitting in for Deb Knox (State Information Director), Jan Tedder (Membership Services), was Darlene Kimsey – Vice President of High Point Chapter. Present to give Central District Report for District Coordinator Allen Hutton was Cindy Hutton of Davidson County.

Chapters represented at the Executive Council meeting: Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Carteret-Craven, Charlotte, Chatham, Columbus, Davidson, Fayetteville, Granville, Hickory, High Point, Macon, Raleigh, Randolph, Rowan, Tar River Basin, and Union. There were 5 At-Large members present.

Vincent Mahaffey, Buncombe Co. member and CBA/ABATE of NC Chaplain opened the meeting with a prayer.

A roll call of members present was done.

Beaver thanked High Point chapter for their wonderful site for a meeting and the food they had prepared for the Board and Presidents meeting, and were still preparing for the Executive Council Meeting.

Beaver then explained that most of the Board of Directors were absent because they were at ABATE of Indiana's Bean Blossom Boogie, having been invited by ABATE of Indiana's managing director, Tom Pauley (Also current president of the MRF) to sit in on behind-the-scenes operations and learn what is done in putting on this event. Cindy reported on the numbers in attendance so far, as she had talked to Cotton and Mike prior to the meeting, and also about another state ABATE that puts on a large event, Iowa's Freedom Rally. We all seemed to agree that we stood to learn a lot from observing "behind the scenes" action at these huge events.

TREASURER AND STATE SECRETARY REPORT:

This is blended as they were both given by Cindy Hodges. She apologized but she had left the copies of the treasurer's reports at home. They are to be mailed to the chapters. The minutes from the last

meeting were accepted as printed in the state newsletter.

Beaver discussed that the Strategic Plans are lagging and that the Chapter Presidents and District Coordinators need to get together. (NOTE: Since the meeting, assignments have been made by Cotton Tedder concerning strategic plans and information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter).

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: There were three items up for second reading and vote. Terry Brown, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, showed a great deal of patience in the ensuing discussion. These changes all addressed membership. A proposed change to Article 1, #11 would insert the clause "A CBA member must also be a registered voter to be eligible for state or chapter office". There was much discussion on this issue and, in the way the proposal was worded, the proposal was voted down. The next proposal was to Article VII and would add "There will be only one chapter per county". The discussion on this indicated that it has been proven that the Executive Council can handle decisions on whether or not to charter a chapter if it is in conflict with a nearby chapter without having to add language into the constitution that might hinder positive additions in other areas/differing situations. This proposal was voted down. The final proposed change to the constitution had to do with the By-Laws, Section I. There were actually two versions of this proposal and each addressed membership fees, renewals, and renewal dates. Terry Brown clarified the differences in the versions. The discussion indicated there needs to be different wording and the overall feeling was that those that were for this change needed to re-word the proposal. This proposal was also voted down.

After spending a good deal of time on the proposed constitution changes, Buddy Grainger (Randolph Co.) made a motion that anything concerning membership fees and memberships be shelved, not brought up, by the constitution committee for a period of one year. This motion was seconded and the vote failed.

We had a short break, and returned to discuss the STATE EVENT.

Deb Allen (At-Large) called the B.O.D. to task for not pushing forward on a state event. She pointed out that it was voted on that we do this and we are nearing the end of a second year without such an event. She made a motion and it was sec-

onded to force the Board of Directors to do what we voted – follow the constitution and hold a state event, in September. This motion PASSED.

Deb Allen immediately called Edwards Beach to check on availability, and there was some discussion on holding the event at she and Mark's home/property.

A motion was made and seconded that we have a state event the weekend of Labor Day, August 30 through September 1. This too PASSED.

Larry Blankenship made a motion, which was seconded, to change the previous vote to have the state event Saturday, Saturday night, and to end Sunday, making this a one day/overnight event only. This PASSED.

SMART: Buddy Grainger, head of the S.M.A.R.T. committee discussed reimbursement for rider training. Buddy touched on the news that he is going to be a part of the contingent to sit on the Governor's Highway Safety Committee but deferred to Darlene Kimsey to discuss that at a later point in the meeting. Buddy has seen to it that videotapes are disbursed to members and to schools in his area and noted that other chapters have also put them in their schools. He outlined how to go about doing this by speaking to the school superintendent or the head of the driver training program.

Darlene Kimsey filled in for Deb Knox and Jan Tedder for the next few reports. She read a report from Deb which reads:

"Second Quarter Accomplishments: Provided 11 X 17 Endangered Species Poster (Increases public awareness, potential membership increase). Continue this program throughout entire year. These posters are available for handout. Brunswick chapter has them.

I have put together overview of federal and state legislative activities for member information. Package will include sample letters to legislators and state and federal representative's contact information. Legislative agenda handouts and information about ongoing MRF programs are available through the State Information Director.

In addition, although I was working on a legislative instruction booklet, Chatham County did such a beautiful job on a legislative information booklet that I abandoned this project. I would like to applaud their efforts and give them special recognition for this effort. It is available for everyone's use and it is great, especially for new members. Contact State Information Director for a CD or

3rd Quarter State Meeting (continued)

Cont. from Page 3 E-mail of this important document and other available handouts to help your legislative efforts. Each Legislative Coordinator will be provided with this package. Please contact State Information Director with your address and the method by which you wish to have all this information provided.

Reorganized and expanded web-site as an information network and marketing tool. Although the website is still under construction, it is usable and provides a lot of information. Any suggestions for forms or information needed should be forwarded to either Deb Knox, or Jocelyn Stumblingbear. Please include your event listings so that they can be posted to the web and put into the newsletter.

Reorganized and expanded member newsletter as an information and marketing tool by increasing the number of distributed copies in the State of North Carolina and increasing the sale of advertisements in order to cause newsletter to be self-sustaining.

Media kits are available from State Information Director. It would be useful if each chapter could provide at least 5 names and addresses of places they would like to see advertised. If you have contact names, even better. I will do the rest. There are extra copies of the newsletter available for handouts.

Third Quarter Goals: Promote Motorcycle Awareness and Safety by producing a pamphlet, poster, bumper stickers for distribution and Public Service Announcement releases to as many websites and newspapers as possible.

Update legislative information as we close in on the beginning of a new long session after the final results of redistricting and elections are known. Further increase circulation of newsletter so we can get our newsletter out into some of the gathering places of potential members.

Set up an automatic email alert service for legislative news and member news.

Darlene then told the membership present of her ongoing letter campaign to the Department of Transportation and Representative Dockham that prompted a Mr. Wyatt to invite her to send 8 to 10 names in to sit on the N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program.

STATE CALENDAR: Charles Boone once again volunteered to do the state calendar and it was agreed to do this. Boone asks for all information for the calendar to be forwarded to him before the Charlotte swap meet. He will be getting the advertising rates out to the membership as soon as possible.

LEGISLATIVE: Joy announced that Representative Rex Baker was interviewed on Legislative Week in Review and was asked about our helmet bill. This was aired last week. She discussed that the issue of the state budget, redistricting, and a lottery were taking up most of the time. She spent some time discussing the background on a bill that many of us have heard about. The wording has

changed from this bill's first version so that it no longer is a problem for us specifically... now it is a problem for EVERYONE. Joy urges each and every one of us to contact our state senator (even your state house rep) and let them know that bill S.1115 has wording that you are very much unhappy with. This is the section that puts a court fee cost assessment on all ticketed infractions. Everyone knows you do not go to court over infractions and to add in court costs is wrong.

Joy announced to the Executive Council that she has filed to run for office in the State House of Representatives.

She discussed a few other bills to point out the ways some of our legislators are managing to spend their time.

Joy also told us about Representative Ed Nye's bill, H.B. 1120 (This is the gentleman Joy will be running against) entitled Financial Responsibility of Inexperienced Drivers. This bill will make all drivers with a NORTH CAROLINA driver's license less than 3 years old pay higher insurance premiums based on statistics that new drivers have more liability. Well when asked by Joy why his bill does not give consideration to experienced drivers who have moved from a different state, she got no answer from Rep. Nye. Joy asks that we address this with our state house reps.

A member speaker was recognized and pointed out that Mike Causey is running for Insurance Commissioner and has been favorable to our way of thinking on issues near and dear to us. Mr. Causey has attended chapter and district meetings and makes himself available for questions. This was duly noted with side comments on how it would be good to have a change in the Insurance Commission.

MRF: Cindy discussed the upcoming Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) in September in Lansing, Michigan. She encouraged us to send as many people as possible, noting that it is difficult as most folks use their vacation time and money earlier in the year to attend the first national meeting which is NCOM. There was discussion on how many people to send. Joy asked how many Cindy felt were necessary. Cindy replied that at least 6 people should attend to cover all the classes as she is now required to attend more MRF rep meetings and has been assigned duties that might keep her from all the classes. Cindy then told the Executive Council of the tragedy that befell ABATE of Utah when their state treasurer ran off with their treasury. Because of this, all the programs and plans ABATE of Utah has are stalled. The treasurer is being sought by police. In regards to this and the MOTM, Cindy was requesting financial help to get a person or two from Utah to the MOTM. She told the membership she discussed this with Cotton and that he made a motion for \$500 to be put towards getting a person or persons from ABATE of Utah to MOTM. This motion was seconded and was DENIED.

Comments were made that we need to get our own members there.

Terry Brown made a motion which was seconded for the state treasury to send 4 members to

the MOTM. This passed. (NOTE: It has since been pointed out that in the July state meeting of 2001, it was voted on by the Executive Council that the Board decides how many to send and who to send and I as state secretary take full responsibility for not recalling this information).

NCOM: Sherry Hand, NCOM representative from NC, noted that CBA/ABATE sent their biggest delegation yet to the NCOM meeting. There were 40 people attending this meeting. The convention was reported on in detail by Sherry as she outlined each class she attended. She also told us that we can check out the information on motorcycle air bags at <http://www.wired.com>.

Also in Sherry's report was the fact that NC AIM attorney Robert Donat had arranged to have Tiny Abney's widow at the meeting so she could discuss with others what had happened since the death of her husband, Tiny. It was noted that there is a memorial run coming up to help pay for Mr. Abney's headstone.

AMA: Darlene Kimsey has taken the AMA's "Motorcyclists Matter" program up and is working on getting it working in N.C. This program helped increase penalties for failure to yield the right of way in Washington state and New Jersey. This is now a \$500 fine in Washington state and a license revocation in New Jersey. Other states working on this are New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

There are grants for motorcycle awareness programs and Darlene is working on this also.

In working on the motorcyclists matter program, Darlene is starting a down riders database. She asks that any and all information concerning bike accidents be forwarded to her.

WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT: As Eldon was in Indiana, Larry Blankenship, president of Buncombe Co. Chapter, gave the report. He told of events held and to be held.

CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT: Cindy Hutton gave the report for the Central district, and Buddy Grainger and Darryl Wrenn also added information.

EASTERN DISTRICT REPORT: Sam Nobles filled in for Randy Norris who could not be at the meeting.

The meeting was concluded by a prayer from Vincent Mahaffey.

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Biker's Prayer

God, I know you are real.
Thank you for being in the wind
with me even before I ask.
Thank you for your son,
JESUS,
who died for me.

Forgive me of my sins; for I truly
repent and turn to you.
JESUS, I ask you now to
come in my heart that we might ride
together daily. I dedicate myself and
my scooter to serving you.
Thank you LORD for my salvation!
Thank you, for I am now
"In HIS Wind"
Amen.

Our Message Is Louder Than Our Pipes

Message From Our State Secretary

Do Your Part... Please

First of all, I have apologies to perform. I left the state treasurer report at home and did not have it available to the membership during this past state meeting. I also did not remember a vote passed during the prior year that would have made the time spent and vote made on how many members to send to a national meeting a moot point, thus wasting some of our time at the meeting. Please accept my apologies. I am in the process now of extracting such votes from the minutes of all meetings I have presided over and putting them in some form that I can refer to.

Having married in March, and being only partially moved still, I am not as organized as I should be. While it is a good thing that Mike and I have traveled so much since marrying, it also means that we have not been home even a whole two weeks at a time yet. This has made getting organized an even harder task than it usually is for me.

I would like to commend Deb Allen for standing up at the state meeting and speaking her mind about the lack of a state event. Also for standing up for the Western district when she felt I was bashing them for not having a district event. I realized that the way I expressed myself that is indeed what it was sounding like, and I did make apologies there and then. To clarify again, I know the Western district is not full of chapters and has NEW chapters so there are good and valid reasons for no events

being held as of yet. My only concern was that many of us, board members included, tend to consider the Hot Springs event put on by Buncombe Co. Chapter to be a Western district event. That is not the case at all and I wanted to be sure that the hard working folks of Buncombe chapter got all the credit themselves for a huge, highly successful event.

Now, to the chapter secretaries... Some of the chapters have changed secretaries more than once and I am not sure exactly who is secretary for some chapters. I also note that all the secretaries and treasurers are not on the email list for the CBA/ABATE secretaries and treasurers.

CHAPTER REPORTS: At the state meeting, the following chapters turned in quarterly activity reports: High Point, Charlotte, Randolph, Davidson, and Brunswick. I still need quarterly reports from all other chapters. The information on these reports is important. Since I have been state secretary, I have yet to receive quarterly reports from all chapters in any given quarter. I am turning this problem over to our state president and seeing if he can help me come up with an answer.

I feel the boot up my butt, and rightfully so. However, if I am to become more organized, it will mean the folks I am expecting to oversee are going to have to also. For the secretaries that have been consistently turning in their chapter reports, you are to be commended. Those chapters that turned in

their reports at the meeting are in that number. I am going to check with Deb Knox about us being able to file these reports online. As it is now, you can certainly do it online and email it to me.

As many of you know, my heart lies with legislative and political issues. I am extremely proud of the strides our organization has made towards change. A continuous metamorphosis is necessary to become and remain a productive fighting force. Faces and voices in Raleigh and in Washington, DC are necessary. Sending as many members as possible to NCOM and MOTM is crucial for the information, recharging of batteries, exchange of ideas, and networking that is done. I do not think this needs explaining, but it does not happen without money. It is my hope that I can get enough quarterly reports to be able to be effective in the portion of my job that requires me to take the information from the reports and give the President and the Treasurer a clear picture on what each chapter is doing to raise money, how much is raised, and what events are planned in the future.

Thank you.

Cindy Hodges
CBA/ABATE of NC
State Secretary

Amazing! AAA Acknowledges That We Exist And Says So In Their Own Magazine

Members of Triple AAA were surprised when AAA featured an article in this month's HORIZON'S magazine. The article is not online, but I took the time to write it all out to share with you because I felt it DID have SOME merit.

Sharing the Road; The Responsibility of ALL motorists. Now that the warmer weather has arrived, motorists should be aware of motorcycles on the road. AAA Southern New England August 2002 Issue.

During the 1960's Steppenwolf's Born to be Wild became synonymous with the carefree motorcycle driving rebels depicted in the cult Classic Easy Rider. Despite the devil-may-care persona associated with the cyclist, the fact remains motorists of all types must take seriously their responsibility to "share the road". And, there is nothing wild about that. The greatest percentage of motorcycle crashes occurs at intersections, due mainly to motorists not yielding the right of way. According to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, motorcycles account for less than four (4%) percent of the vehicles on the road, but are involved in 10% of the fatal crashes. With motorcycles, there is no such thing as a minor crash; sharing the road could save a life. "Motorists need to recognize the potential risk of a crash where motorcycles are concerned.", said Bobby Carlson, Senior Manager Program Services for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. "Because motorcycles are smaller, less stable, less visible than other vehicles on the road, it is very easy for them to be obstructed by other cars, or simply fall into a motorist's blind spot."

On the highway, a motorcycle does not take up an entire lane of traffic. Due to their size, motorcycles come into view very quickly. According to Ms. Carlson, there is a natural tendency by many drivers to look for other cars on the road; unfortunately, motorists do not always look for motorcycles.

"Motorists need to make motorcyclists aware of intentions and position on the road." said Ms. Carlson. "Traveling with headlights on, and signalling well in advance of turning off the road can help eliminate the potential for a crash.

Ms. Carlson said it is important for motorists and cyclists to anticipate potential problems which may occur in the line of travel. A motorcycle may need to avoid a pothole, puddle, oil patch, or even a wind blast from a truck at a moment's notice.

"To minimize risk, search the roadway ahead for problems that may cause a cyclist to change speed or direction, skid, or make a sudden stop." she explained. "Anticipate potential risk by allowing cyclists as much maneuvering space as possible."

When driving behind a motorcycle, increase your following distance, and NEVER try to pass a motorcycle in a tight space. If a motorist is carrying a passenger, be especially careful. A passenger leaning in the wrong direction can throw off the balance of the motorcycle.

When it comes to sharing the road, a good defense is your best tool in avoiding complications.

I also took the time to respond to the article: Regarding your article in August Horizons issue "Sharing the Road; The Responsibility of ALL Motorists": As a motorcycle enthusiast, I thank you

for your article in this month's Horizons. It's important that both motorists and motorcyclists take precautions on the road to keep each other safe. However, there are two situations that I feel were not addressed in the article that should be.

One should NEVER EVER share a lane with a motorcycle. Too often motorists think because we do not fill the entire lane, that they have enough room to share the lane with us. That is NOT what's meant by sharing the road. Please let motorists know that.

Also, the more important no-no is taking a left hand turn in front of a motorcycle; that offense has caused more deaths than any other action. Please note that motorcycles because they only have two wheels and are subject to rear wheel skids, slides, and dumping while trying to stop short, cannot stop on a dime safely as is public thought. More often they require more room to stop safely; and even more when carrying a passenger. The common thought is: it's only a motorcycle I have enough time. Yes, YOU may have enough time, but the motorcyclist may not. It may cost him or her their life. So please, allow extra room, and don't turn left in front of a motorcycle. WAIT!! It's only several seconds before they pass you and all can remain safe.

Thank you again for letting people know motorcycles have the right to share the road.

Betsy E Lister

MMA (Mass Motorcycle Association)
Director of Safety Education and Awareness

Chapter Meeting Places

Brunswick Chapter

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

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

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Meets at Pitt Stop in Pittsboro on business Hwy. 64 on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Call for information.

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HIPPA

We Will Be Remedying This Situation!

Motorcyclists started wrestling with the issue of healthcare in the 1990s when we learned that various employers were flat denying health care coverage to employees who happened to own motorcycles.

Thanks to the grassroots involvement of CBA/ABATE of NORTH CAROLINA and other SMROs across the country, we prompted awareness of this problem on the part of lawmakers from across the political spectrum. This grassroots push led to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and the American Motorcyclist Association securing language in the 1996 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to guarantee that motorcyclists (and others) would not be discrimi-

nated against in what is called the group health market (meaning, employer-provided health care).

Unfortunately, the December 2000 rule-making, which implemented the nondiscrimination provisions of HIPAA all but, invited insurers to deny us benefits in case of accident. Thus, the cure has become worse than the disease itself, because safe, lifelong riders are being denied benefits in a blanket fashion.

Thanks to CBA/ABATE of NORTH CAROLINA, we have visited our Congressmen and Senators on this crucial problem. We now have strong support throughout Congress for a remedy of this problem. We also have strong Administration support, too, because we have been working with

former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson who is now the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Essentially, here is the state of play: the REMEDY for our problem MAY come through a new regulation issued by HHS. We believe that is doubtful, because HHS does not have statutory authority to fix the rule without new LEGISLATION. Whatever way the REMEDY comes, this much is certain: we have built STRONG support for the remedy, with HHS tuned in and Congress supportive. Our best guess is that health care will once again be a hot button issue in the next Congress which gets sworn in January 2003, so we will once again be pushing for action on this critical issue!

ROAD DEATH...Vast Rise in Cycle Accidents Has Officials Seeking Study

The surging number of fatalities involving motorcycle riders has federal safety officials calling for the first comprehensive study of cycle accidents in more than 20 years.

Part of the nationwide increase can be attributed to the rising popularity of motorcycles, especially among older riders, but the number of fatalities involving those cyclists does not account for the rapid surge, said Rae Tyson of NHTSA.

More and more fatalities are happening on small two-lane roads rather than freeways, a rever-

sal from the past." Tyson said "we really need to better understand what's going on and there has not been a comprehensive study on motorcycles since the 1970's".

Such studies are expensive and the last inquiry, published in 1980, looked only at riders in Southern California. A new study should look at the entire country, Tyson.

The guidepost for the new study would be the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety, a 2000 document published by the MSF and Traffic Safety

Administration.

The agenda states that since the 1980 study, motorcycle design has changed as the average age of cyclists has increased from 24 to 38. Motorcycle-operator licensing requirements are generally more rigorous, and many more larger vehicles, such as sport utility vehicles, are on the road with cycles.

Also, helmet-use laws vary from state to state, the agenda states.

Editor's Note: We need to keep a close eye on this as it develops.

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Hand signals. (Use left hand)



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In His Wind

Bro's & Bro-ette's,

Well it's been a year now. A year since our country was hit and hit hard. Yeah, it still shakes me up when I think about it. Remember how everyone came together? People gathered in New York and all held candles while mourning together. Everyone was reaching out and wanting to do something, somehow, sometime to help someone else. So many were examining their life and realizing the need for God. That Tuesday, churches opened their doors to anyone who wanted to come and pray, and they were filled. That night was our CBA meeting (Buncombe chapter). I was Chapter Chaplain at the time, and it was hard to pray that evening. However when you allow the Spirit of God to take over, it will flow in a way that you can't describe. People went from turning their backs to God to now turning their faces to Him. But that was a year ago. Where are you now? Some have received Jesus into their lives, and many have forgotten Him again and have gone back to their "me, myself, and I" comfort zones. I want to encourage you not to be one of the "they club". What is the "they club"? The Lord God says "They have turned their back to Me, and not their face. But in the time of their trouble they will say 'Arise and save us.'" (Jeremiah 2:27)

The "they club" are those who seek God only when they're in trouble. Once they're out of trouble, they say "OK God, we don't need you any more, bye bye." He goes on to say "Why do My people say 'We have freedom and dominion; we will come no more to you'? Can a young woman forget her ornaments, or a bride her wedding dress? No! Yet my people have forgotten Me days without

number." (Jeremiah 2:31,32)

Some judges were declaring the Pledge of Allegiance to be unconstitutional because of the phrase "One nation under God". I think men like Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln would be rolling around in their graves if they heard crap like that. These judges will stand before The Judge, and I guarantee they will not be holding the gavel on that day. See what I mean about the "they club"? When God says "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from your slavery in Egypt. You have no God but Me, for there is no other savior. I took care of you in the wilderness, in that dry and thirsty land. But when you had eaten and were satisfied, then you became proud and forgot me." (Hosea 13:4-6) I pray that He's not talking about you. God is a God of love and peace, but He is also a God of judgment and He doesn't play games or fool around. If you've been to any of the State meetings this year you may notice that when I do a closing benediction I have prayed for this country that we live in, and as long as I hold the position of State Chaplain for CBA that's the way it's gonna be. This is to be ONE NATION UNDER GOD, and if the "they club" doesn't like that, they won't find a sticker on my helmet that says "I care what they think". God Bless!!!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. (Proverbs 1:7)

Vince Mehaffey

CBA State Chaplain
His Laboring Few

Legislative Update

Hi everyone,

Sorry it's been so long since you've heard from me about the "goings-on" in Raleigh. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to be there much of the first 3 & a half months of this year. Needless to say; it has taken some time to try to get caught up on everything missed, along with all the new legislation introduced this year.

I know you've heard about the Governor's wish/plan to have a lottery in N.C. The bill in the Legislature is Senate Bill (S-93), titled "N.C. Education Lottery Advisory Referendum" If you haven't heard, this bill is very controversial. The bill has been on the House Calendar everyday for over 2 weeks now and Speaker Black keeps skipping over it during session. Since the Democrats are in the majority in the House, even if it is by only 4 seats, they really need to wait for the "right time" to vote on SB-93. With the Governor being a Democrat & the House & Senate being democratically controlled, they want to do what the Governor wants done. (Some of us have sat through our own state mtg. debates, when everyone wants to put in their "2-cents worth" on a particular issue) For those of you who haven't been to Raleigh: Just imagine 120 people, with at least 1/3 or more of that number, voicing their "2-cents worth". And having the opportunity to do that at least twice on every issue brought up for debate. Most of these are accompanied with copies of amendments- to be passed out to all other members- to attach to the bill being debated. It can be a very lengthy process. A few Democratic Representatives have stated they may vote no on the bill. As well as, some Republicans saying they'll vote for SB-93.

The bill has passed the Senate and is ready for it's second reading on the House Floor. I encourage everyone to contact their House Representative to let them know whether they support the Lottery Referendum.

Keep in mind- a Advisory Referendum, if passed, does not mean there will be a lottery in the state. The legislature may call a special session again, after the election, to vote on the passage of the Lottery Referendum. So essentially; the voters are not the ones who make the decision on this issue, unless they make use of all avenues to ensure the voters are really heard. The only way to do that is to be involved in the legislative process. If you'll read the N.C. Constitution you'll find we do not live in a Referendum state. We elect our officials to "represent us" and make these decisions for us, per our

state constitution.

There is some good news to report :) Senate Bill (S-1160) passed its' third reading on 7-31-02 and is enrolled to be sent to the Governor for his signature. S-1160, short title- Revenue Laws Technical Changes. The full title of the bill is: "An Act to make Technical and Clarifying Changes to the Revenue Laws and Related Statutes and to Provide a One-Time Extension to the Time Period in which a Taxpayer may Sign a Letter of Commitment with the Department of Commerce to Qualify for a Lower Tier Designation". Senator Fletcher Hartsell, (R)-his old district no. is 22, but I don't know what the new number is for his re-drawn district. District 22 covers Cabarrus Co. and part of Rowan and Stanley counties. You may remember, Senator Hartsell was willing to co-sponsor our helmet law amendment in the Senate last year if Senator Bingham had been willing to introduce it in that chamber for us. He did co-sponsor our proposed amendment last session when, then Senator Don East, introduced it in that chamber.

Rep. Dewey Hill spoke on behalf of the bill when it was brought up for debate on the House Floor for its' 2nd. Reading. He stated that the changes made would benefit the people in his district living in Columbus County. (Go back and read the long title again.)

As a result of this bill being introduced, there's been a clarifying change in the statute covering motorcycles. Previous wording in the statute stated that the \$3.00 we donate, from our registrations, to the Rider Education Courses, would go to the General Fund, to be used for that program. Senate Bill 1160 corrects that wording: Our additional fee of \$3.00 shall be used to fund the Motorcycle Safety Instruction Program created in G.S. 115D-72. Basically, the wording in the statute was re-written the way it should have been in the statute all along- ever since we worked to get the program going in this state. This will ensure the monies don't go into the General Fund, to possibly be diverted to any program they wish, and will go to the M/C Rider Education Program.

I found out that the ladies in Research are responsible for the clarifying change in this bill, specifically a lady by the name of Martha Harris. I made a visit to her office this past week to thank her in person and let her know that, this new wording is the way the statute should have been written-up in the first place. She said it was a "group effort" with others working in Research, when I thanked her for her help on behalf of the motorcyclists in the state. At an earlier visit to Sen. Hartsell's office, I learned from his Legislative Assistant, after she placed a phone call to Research, that Martha Harris's name was the one given to her as being the one who handled the research on S-1160.

I'm working on another way of showing our appreciation to the people in that department who have worked to help us in our endeavors in Raleigh. (Details will follow later, as they develop.)

Another bill of interest that needs to be acted on right now; and that's SB-46, short title: Monroe Prepared Food Tax. If you get Rep. Fern Shuberts' e-mail newsletter, then you are probably

already aware of this issue. Senator Aaron Plyler introduced the bill last year and Rep. Shubert was in support of the legislation, as originally written. The original bill offered the opportunity, to the local elected officials, the option of enacting a "Prepared Food Tax". The monies made from this tax would be used for programs, etc., that the local officials deemed necessary. However; in one of the committees in the Senate a couple of changes were made to the bill. First, the tax would be imposed- taking away the option of not enacting the tax. Second, the monies from this tax would be used to construct a new Civic Center in Monroe. This bill is being passed over on the calendar in the House right now, also. The House Leadership wants to pass this bill and they're not sure if they've got enough support to do it. Either way you look at it, it's a tax increase and there are many people in the House that will not vote for a tax increase. Anyone living in Union County and the part of Stanley County that Sen. Plyler represents, should contact their House Representative and let them know how they feel about this bill. I agree with Rep. Shubert, that the tax should be an option for the local officials and if enacted, the monies should be used for what the people in Monroe want it used for. If and/or when you contact Rep. Shubert, please thank her for standing up for the voters' wishes in her district.

Representatives for Union and Stanley Counties: Representatives Pryor Gibson-(he lives in Troy), Bobby Barbee-(lives in Locust), Jeff Barnhart-(lives in Concord). All of these Representatives, except for Gibson are Republicans, so they may not be planning on voting for this bill anyway. It would still be a good idea to send them a note or letter, or make a phone call asking them not to support this legislation.

Some of you may remember Rep. Gibson. He's the one who walked out on the Finance Committee meeting last year, when our bill was being heard, just a few minutes before the vote was called, after having pledged his support for our issue. Please don't mention that in corresponding with his office, it may just push him to the point that he'll vote for SB-46. I would think that if he hears from enough of his constituents, he'd be willing to do what they ask, especially with re-election coming up. There is also the possibility that this bill won't be called up for a vote, just because of all the controversy surrounding it. As a lot of you already know, the House Leadership doesn't like to lose.

Due to time constraints, I'm gonna have to ask everyone to go to the North Carolina General Assembly WEB Page to find contact information for their Representative. www.ncga.state.nc.us/

The budget will be the main topic in Raleigh next week. Will let ya know what happens and what, if anything, we can do pertaining to this issue.

If you get a chance to come to Raleigh this week, please let me know and we'll get together.

Thanks everyone for all your hard work. If I can help with anything, please let me know.

Ride safe,
Joy



Who Said This?

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Chapter Letters

Brunswick County

Hello from the Beach!

Our chapter has been very active in the past several months and we have a lot of things coming up to enjoy in May. Our chapter was very lucky to be asked by Mr. Corby Tew (one of our own members) to set up an information table at the Brunswick County Fishing for Kids event. This event has grown over several years and boy, did the heads turn when bikers kept rolling up to show our support for the cause.

Also, several members attended the NCOM Convention in New Orleans, Myrtle Beach Rally and the Easyrider Rodeo in Wilson. During all the fun, our chapter still made time to plan our Annual Blue's Run for July 27. This event is done to raise funds for "down riders". We had a police escort for our 124 mile ride which ended back at our lodge where everyone enjoyed a great meal and some relaxing music. Hopefully, everyone that attended had a great time and we have already started on next year's event.

With September around the corner, our chapter is planning a trip to Cherokee for the Survivor Rally. We will be camping out at Big Cove Campground with our chapter banner hanging... come by and say hello!

The next event will be our Annual Bike Show which will be October 26. Look for the event listing soon. Well that's all from our chapter. Remember to low wave to me!

Ride safe!

Chapter Secretary

Kaye Mattingly

Charlotte Chapter

Charlotte has been busy as usual. We are trying to do dinner runs at least once a month. On June 1st we had a dinner run planned at the Texas Ranch Steakhouse on Sugar Creek Rd. Nine bikes and 5 cars showed up at Bojangles (our usual meeting place) so we had 23 members going to dinner. Of course as soon as we got on the road the sky opened up. After a few miles we pulled into a service station to get out of the downpour. Sandy went into the store and got some trash bags for anyone who wanted to put one on but by the time the trash bags were put on the sky started getting clear again so we waited about 10 minutes and pulled out again. We were dry by the time we arrived at the restaurant. The food and service was great. Thanks Blade for another successful dinner run.

On June 8 & 9, Terry, Kelly and I handled the bike show at the June Jam in Salisbury, put on by Rick Nail. The bike show was small Saturday but turned out to be one of our biggest by the end of registration on Sunday. That many bikes in the show makes it hard to judge but Kelly, Zeb and Terry did the best they could and everyone seemed happy with their trophies. There were more vendors there this time and all appeared satisfied with their sales. This was June Jam #14 but this was the first time that we had more people on Saturday than on Sunday. Both days were sunny and warm... no rain!!!! Buck came out both days and did the bike games with help from Boyd, Blade, Bubba and a few others. The bike games

really draw people out to play. Everybody seemed to have a great time.

Wednesday, June 19, we didn't have a meeting. Instead we had another dinner ride and I got to pick the restaurant because it was my birthday. We had been to the Woodshed in Stanley once before and I wanted to go back again. Blade took care of the reservations for us and it was a wonderful dinner. We had a real good turn out. Lloyd had just traded bikes and he got to show off his new toy. We had 31 members present for this ride to dinner. The weather was a lot better for this ride too.

June 22nd was our mountain ride. We had 6 bikes and 3 vehicles leave Bojangles on Hwy 16 around 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Lloyd and Ronda met us on their bikes on the other side of Denver. We were going to Laurel Springs to spend the night at Stations Inn on the parkway. We had a great ride even though rain threatened. We arrived around 5:00 and there were three other couples already there. Rick and Myra arrived shortly after we did. Terry and I, Rick and Myra, Boyd and Barbara, Blade, Gary and Cindy, Charlie and Allison, Sandy, Ronnie, Lloyd and Ronda, Richard and Wendy, Gerald and Kristin, Mark and Angela, Gary and Sun-Young, David and Terri, and Glen and Lisa made the ride to Stations. Mark received a call as soon as we arrived and after dinner he had to return home due to a family situation. Bruce had a grill full of ribs, beans, slaw, and rolls all ready to serve at 7:00. It was outstanding. He also had banana pudding for desert. I won the door prize drawing held after dinner and won the banner that was hanging up welcoming CBA to Stations Inn. As it was getting dark, we all pulled chairs over to the parking lot across the street and sat out under the stars for the feature film of the evening "Born to Ride." Some turned in after the movie and some of us stayed and listened to some of Bruce's stories about the people he meets along the parkway and the ones who stay at The Inn. It's pretty amazing. The next morning all 25 of us headed to Shatley Springs for breakfast. After the usual hour or so wait we had a great breakfast. After breakfast we split up into smaller groups and headed in different directions. Rick and Myra were headed to the coast for the week, Sandy and Ronnie headed back to Charlotte, Richard and his group headed back to Stations Inn and the rest of us headed around Jefferson to the parkway and down to Linville Falls. We hiked down to the falls and sat around there for a while then headed back toward Charlotte. It was a fun weekend packed with activities and a lot of riding.

We didn't have a meeting on July 3rd. Instead, we had a dinner ride on the 4th. Blade had a room reserved at Big Daddy's near Mooresville. Cindi & Gary, Ed, Gerald, and Charles met Terry & I and Blade at Bojangles so we pulled out a little after 5:00. We rode up Hwy. 16 to Hwy. 150 and to Big Daddy's. Bekki & Bubba met us at the restaurant. They brought their kids so they couldn't ride. Kelly and Lane did the same. Lloyd, Ronda and their kids and Kevin arrived on bikes shortly after we did. We had a good time but I can't say the food was as good as last time. A few of us had some bad experiences so I don't know if Big Daddy's will stay on our list of

dinner outings. During dinner we found out it was Ronda's birthday. Happy Birthday Ronda!!! After dinner some of us headed back to Charlotte to watch the fireworks. We parked in a parking lot and I-85 and Brookshire. We couldn't see them as well as we thought we were going to but it was fun anyway.

On July 13th, Blade, John Bridges, Richard & Wendy and a few other members made the Carolina Thunder Trolley Crawl & Poker Run in uptown Charlotte. The weather didn't cooperate with the event but everyone seemed to have a good time. The next day, Carolina Thunder and the March of Dimes held their Ride for Healthier Babies. Rain



Cotton and Jan taking a "cat nap" on the way to New Orleans.

again!! It was pouring down when Blade arrived at our house. Terry was fussing because he had to get his clean bike out in the rain. Boyd arrived a little while later with Crazy Jeff right behind. The four of them headed to Shoney's on Hwy. 29 & Harris Blvd. where everyone was to meet. When they pulled into the Shoney's parking lot it was flooded but there sat Bubba, Becky, Dewey, Gary & Cindy, and Gary. The rains had almost stopped so they pulled out and headed for Ben Mynatt Chevrolet in Concord where the ride started. Charlotte CBA got to ride up front because we were the top fund raising group. Our name was also on the front of the event T-shirt for being the top fundraiser. The ride was about 75 miles long through several counties and ended up at the Merchandise Mart in Charlotte. This year they let everyone go inside where it was cool. Inside they had BBQ and the band played. They had the drawing for the V-rod and Tony's (Tony's bar on Wilkinson Blvd.) mother won the bike. This was another great ride for Carolina Thunder and the March of Dimes.

On the 17th, we met at the lodge at 7:30 so we could do a roadside pick up before the meeting. When Terry and I arrived there were already a lot of members there ready to start. I was impressed with the participation. It takes 9 people to do a roadside pick up so Boyd, Richard, Buck, Ronnie, Gary, Terry, David, Charles, and Ed piled in Red's truck and headed out to pick up trash. Cindi picked up a broom and cleaned the front porch of the lodge. Thanks to everyone who came out early to help.

On the 20th, several of our members rode to High Point for the state meeting. Terry & I, Boyd, Blade, Bubba, Ronnie, and Gerald made the trip to High Point. Although the state president and several of the board members were not present for this meeting, it went really well. High Point chapter out did themselves on lunch. It was fan- *Cont. on Page 11*

Reflections

Hot Springs Buncombe County

What an event. You just drive all the way to the end of North Carolina and hang a left. Jocelyn and I set out for a weekend of camping and biker shenanigans and we were not disappointed. The setting is great. With over 1800 people through the gate, I would consider it a success to say the least.

The hot springs were available for relaxing, the river was available for swimming I guess (though this girl did not come prepared) and there was plenty of shady camping. The music was great. The event is well organized and overall a trip worth taking. I finally got my you know what relaxed after a hair raising ride in. Wow, for us flat land girls, it was carnival ride getting there. Gotta love those mountains.

We had a soothing rain storm on Friday night (hey it isn't supposed to be hot in the mountains!). We managed to find dry shelter to hang out with friends and party till the wee hours anyway.

If you have never been, by all means... go. Hats off to Buncombe for this great event.

The Boogie Bloomington, Indiana

Cotton, Aaron, Eldon, James, Lane, Mike Hodges, Russell Johnson, Jocelyn and I went off on a fact finding mission all the way to Indiana. It was a long trip up and back but the event was amazing. I don't think many of us are too anxious to go back though. After three days of hundred degree heat and

a steady diet of red dust we were sure ready to head back to North Carolina. This road trip was not for the faint hearted.

Indiana ABATE puts on one of the biggest parties in the mid-west so they say and they were not kidding. With an expectation of 25,000 initially, there was some fancy maneuvering to accommodate what we were told was ultimately a crowd of 50,000 or thereabouts. People, that is a big crowd to control. I did not see any signs of problems although I am sure there were. It was handled with very little disruption.

We were studying their methods for controlling the madness. Overall I would say they use a lot of the same techniques we do. It takes 900 people working 300 per shift to pull this thing off. We all observed some interesting procedures, many of which we will use on our own State events as time marches on. I don't really think they could teach us too much when it was all said and done but we did pick up some pointers.

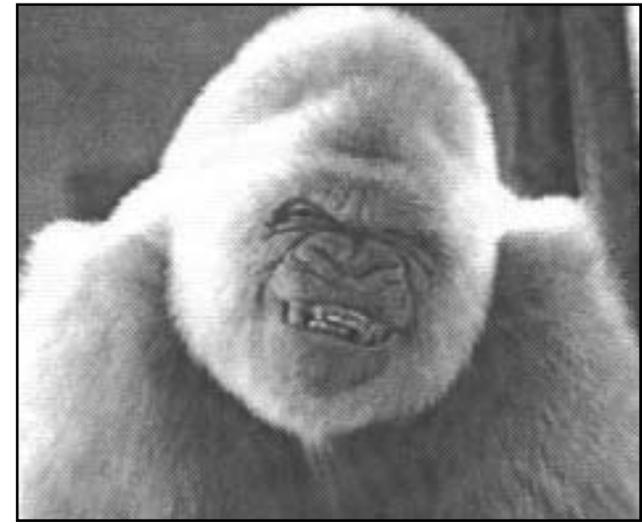
It is by far one of the wilder parties I have been too. If you were looking around for North Carolina after the mid afternoon, we were hiding up in the trees in undeveloped camping areas. You had to climb a goat trail straight up and then hack out a spot with a K-Bar to pitch your tent. No showers and ticks from outer space. It weren't no picnic... as Cotton said... "I thought I would die."

Imagine two million at the gate however and you can only begin to understand the magnitude of this shindig. They had big name music but it was so

crowded you couldn't get to it. Luckily for us we were so high up the mountainside the music kind of drifted to us. One thing I will say is that the company could not be beat and it was nice to get to know new people on a different level. We had some good natured moments and I sure do think the hotel we stayed at on the way home did not appreciate the mud we left for them.

My final word for Indiana. If you want to see any more North Carolinians up there, you better get some sweet tea!!!

Everyone has their own favorite stories about events. If you would care to submit them, you might get to see them in print.
Reflections will be a new feature of the newsletter. We need to let everyone know what they are missing.



"The Life You Save May Someday Be Your Own"



Pictured above are CBA lifetime members Charlie Boone (left) and Bruce Harris (right) donating blood to the Raleigh CBA blood account at Rex Blood Center. The account now has approximately 150 units available for Raleigh CBA members who need blood. Charlie now has donated 80 units (10 gallons) and Bruce will reach the three gallon mark upon his next visit. Both of them strongly urge anyone who is eligible to donate to do so on a regular basis. The life you help save may someday be your own.

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MRF Granted NGO Status—"Very Important News For All Motorcyclists"

The United Nations has granted "Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)" status to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. This status (technically, "Roster Consultative Status") empowers the MRF to coordinate directly with "Working Party 29" (WP.29) the negotiators in Geneva, Switzerland who are hammering out "Global Technical Regulations on Wheeled Vehicles."

It is the intent of WP.29 to develop emissions, safety, noise and other standards that govern the manufacture of all motor vehicles worldwide. Regulations proposed internationally gain added

momentum domestically, because the United States and other contracting parties to the Geneva Agreement that vote to establish a particular global regulation are required to initiate proceedings to establish that regulation domestically (e.g., by publishing a Proposed Rule in the Federal Register). The U.S. delegation to WP.29 is composed primarily of staffers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). NHTSA is the lead federal agency in WP.29 negotiations. NGO status enables the MRF to work at both the U.N. and U.S. levels to

more closely monitor proposed regulations to help ensure that they do not run contrary to the rights and safety concerns of American motorcyclists. "Obtaining NGO status for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation gives American motorcycle consumers a voice they've needed to fight for their rights and safety at the international level," said MRF President Tom Pauley. "We look forward to continuing our work at this level with the Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations and the American Motorcyclist Association."

Chapter Letters (continued)

Granville County

Hello from Granville County. In the month of June, we did a fundraiser for The Ruth Home. The Ruth Home is a home for women trying to get their life together from alcohol and/or drugs. This event turned out very well. We donated \$4000.00. Thank you to all who participated.

We also attended a fundraiser/bike show sponsored by Ancient Iron Cycles of Oxford, NC. All money raised went to help our former president Buck Utley who has had medical problems. This event turned out very well. We would like to thank everyone who participated.

We would also like to thank State President Cotton Tedder for attending our July meeting. He answered a lot of questions to some problems which the chapter was concerned about. Thanks again Cotton! 'Till next time, Stay cool and ride safe! Thanks,
Granville County Chapter

Union County

Hello From Union County,

On June 28th most of our chapter went to Buncombe Co. for Hot Springs weekend, they say it was very hot, but they had a great time. Buncombe County puts on one of the best events we ever went to, Tammy and Larry and chapter thank you for a great time. The 4th of July we all went to the lodge

and cooked out, the kids had their little fireworks and then we watch the Monroe fireworks, they were great. We go to Buffalo's Restaurant on Wednesdays, lots of bikes and friends. We hand out CBA Info. every Wednesday.

Union County's Toys for Joy run will be December 8, 2002, start at Buffalo's restaurant at 12 noon and pull out at 1pm to ride to Ironhorse motorcycles of Monroe, NC. Where Forest Hills Booster club will give away another new motorcycle.

Ride Safe,
Jan

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Cont. from Page 9 tastic. Unfortunately we couldn't stay for the party but we appreciate all the hard work High Point did. They were great hosts. Thanks guys!!!

We did another dinner ride on the 24th instead of a meeting. When we initially planned this ride we were celebrating Bekki's birthday. We later found out we had 3 other birthdays within a few days of the ride so we also celebrated Carol's, Cindi's, and Charles' birthday. We had dinner at the Hereford Barn. It was a little pricey but the dinner was good. It was another rainy ride but the turn out was really good. We had a good time.

Carol is keeping us posted on legislative new by sending things to the meetings. Gary has also been keeping us posted on legislative updates by bringing them to the meetings. We will be doing some more letter writing soon.

August should be a slow month for us then we start working on the swap meet in September. Hopefully some of our rides in Aug. will be dry ones. Til next time,
Debby

Hickory Chapter

Well Hickory is one year old as of July and yes we have had the usual growing pains. We have had a pretty successful first year despite the loss of a few members. But I hope that we can win them back.

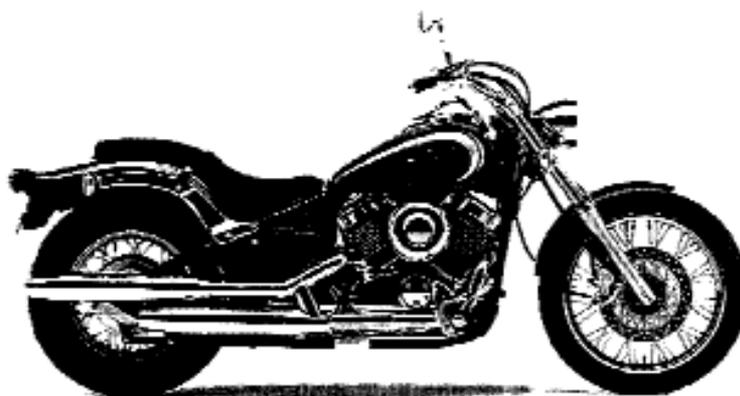
I would like to say to all our members that every Chapter has internal problems, and the only way we can resolve them is through open dialogue and a desire to work together so that Hickory can grow and become a great chapter. Without cooperation and a little give and take between all of us "myself included" we will never accomplish the goals we set out to achieve.

So I ask all of you to hang in there, work together, and remember the excitement we all felt when we put this thing together. Remember, if we are to make a difference then we must stand united!!! Now, lets go forward and work hard to make our second year better than the first and lets make Hickory the best damn Chapter in the state.

Thanks everyone for all the hard work, but get ready, it'll get harder before it gets any easier.

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It is a common belief that people whose faces become red when they are angry are displaying high blood pressure symptoms. And yes, your blood pressure does go up when you're angry whether you usually have hypertension or not. When you calm down, your blood pressure drops back to its normal level. Hypertension occurs when your blood pressure is consistently high, whether you are angry or relaxed. There really aren't any identifiable high blood pressure symptoms my

The Myth of the Red Faced Angry Man

darlings but there darn sure are risk factors that appear to contribute to hypertension. With all the risk factors involved, it's a wonder that anyone has normal blood pressure. If high blood pressure symptoms do exist, they are well hidden in our lifestyles.

Hypertension Risk Factors

- Excessive weight
- Lack of physical activity
- Excessive salt intake
- Diets high in fat and cholesterol
- Alcohol consumption
- Smoking
- And last but not least, stress.

Good grief! Did that not describe every one of us? All of these apply to some of us. Some of us have all of these. Sorry babe but many of these risk factors are under our direct control. Genetics play a role

although that role can be hard to define. Did Daddy have high blood pressure because of genetics, because he had high stress (that you did not have anything to do with of course), ate fatty foods and smoked?

To make matters more complicated, many of the risk factors vary from individual to individual. Some people thrive under stress levels that cripple others. People react to different foods in different ways. The factors that contribute to high blood pressure are endless.

Please, if you have any combination of the listed factors, get your butt to the doctor soon. High blood pressure is treatable with one little pill a day. I am not here to preach about changing your lifestyle only taking care of yourself. Do Mom a favor...

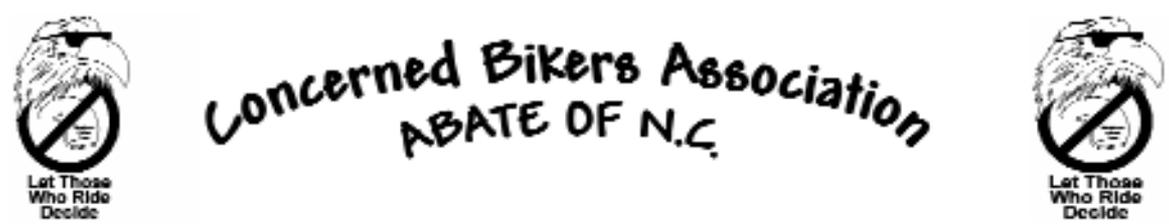
Love,
Dr. Mom

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

ABC World News Tonight aired a biased and sensationalized piece on the burden of motorcyclists to society... again! This old horse needs to be put to rest once and for all. There has been a tremendous public outcry from bikers all over the nation but we need to do more. Concerned parties need to flood the higher authorities at ABC Network with letters demanding equal air time and a chance to provide fair and balanced response.

Send letters to: Paul Slavin
Executive Director
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If you did not see this broadcast which was aired on August 16th, please contact stateinfo@atmc.net. Check the chat board at ABCNews.com by clicking on World News Tonight and then "board" for ongoing commentary. We shut their email down at least once!!!!



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Mike Daniels	March 23, 2000
Bear Allred	May 23, 2000
Ken Barentine	May 20, 2001
Edward Lawson Whitton (Easy)	Dec. 25, 2001
Alan Baker	August 4, 2002
John Cowdrick	August 6, 2002
James "Pickle" Deal	August 20, 2002

A Modern Day Rip Van Winkle

By Parkay

As in a dream, Guy Williamson found himself standing inside a sterile white hospital room with absolutely no recollection as to how he had gotten there. A soft humming sound, punctuated by regular beeps and clicks, permeated the room, sounds of the machines that were attached via rubber, plastic, and metal umbilical cords to the slumbering figure in the lone bed.

Guy sensed that he knew where he was, yet he had never seen this place before. As he realized something familiar about the bedridden man's face the door swung open and two doctors walked into the room. Guy stuttered and searched for some explanation as to why he was there, but the men totally ignored him.

"The S-3 has decided to terminate his life support systems," the doctor with the clipboard said. "It's just as well," added the other doctor, "twenty years is a very long time to keep someone alive, especially someone of this one's reputation."

"Oh, you know this patient's personal history?" queried Clipboard.

"Yea, he was one of those terroristic biker people who clashed with the government back in the turn of the century. You remember, the people who rode motorcycles who refused to accept the S-3's 9-11 directive."

"Oh yea, I remember when all that came down," said Clipboard. "They actually believed in the old archaic U.S. Constitution and that the people were wise enough to govern themselves." Clipboard made a hmf sound and then added, "What a scary concept, imagine what kind of shape this world would be in had they had their way."

"No kidding," said the other, "now look at him, a victim of his own risky behavior, laying here frozen in time for the last twenty years."

"Wow," exclaimed clipboard, "all this time we've had a terrorist laying up here and we could have been charging admission to the JSMS (Junior Safety Monitors)." Both men laughed at this. The doctor hung the clipboard at the foot of the bed and both men turned to leave, totally ignoring Guy as they exited the room. As the door slowly closed he heard one of them say, "Can you imagine actually wearing real leather." The echoes of their footsteps faded down the hall and with the closure of the door Guy found himself alone again with the machines. By some mysterious dream-state Guy realized that he was outside of his body looking at his final few hours.

Several minutes later the door swung open and Clipboard walked in followed by a man and a woman and a small boy. The small boy, who appeared to be six or seven years old, looked like Guy's son Rob. Then Guy realized that the man, who appeared to be in his thirties, was Rob and that the young lady was probably Rob's wife and the boy their son. Clipboard told Rob that he was sorry about the decision and asked Rob if he was going to be OK. Rob slowly nodded his head. The small boy and his mother went over to the comatose body, gave it a hasty kiss on its pale bearded face and then quietly left the room.

"I'd like to have a moment alone with my father

before you shut his life support systems down," Rob told the doctor.

"Sure, take all the time you need," the doctor said and then left the room.

After a long silence Rob began, "Dad, I hope you can forgive me for not putting up a fight about this, but even were you to have lived to this point you wouldn't like it these days. As a matter of fact, because of the 9-11 Directive you would probably be in a federal reformatory." Rob put the lifeless hand of his father's into both of his hands. "Things are so different today than when you were around. I remember the runs, your friends, the motorcycles, how you and Mom used to go riding." Rob lowered his head towards the floor. "She's on the other side, waiting for you," he said in a whisper. "She died in the reformatory," he said as he broke down and sobbed. "I miss you Dad, and I wish you guys could have prevailed against...." Rob broke down again and wept for several minutes. After a while he regained his composure, stood up and said, "I love you Dad." Then he left the room.

A team of doctors and nurses stormed into the room and methodically started unplugging the machines. Behind them came three people dressed in green pushing a gurney that carried a body bag. "So this was it," Guy thought, "this is how I'm going to go." Guy watched as a doctor approached the bed with a stethoscope. The room got darker and darker and Guy's field of vision got narrower and narrower, until....

Guy weakly sat up in bed and opened his eyes. He gradually beheld a room full of doctors and nurses. One of the nurses screamed and a doctor with a stethoscope in his hand jumped away from the bed so fast that he knocked over a light. Guy looked at the stunned people who were staring at him with wide open mouths and unbelieving eyes, and said in a weak voice, "Where's my motorcycle?"

As you might imagine, the news of the modern day "Rip Van Winkle" went around the world like a lightning clap. Guy Williamson was an overnight scientific anomaly. After being introduced to his daughter-in-law, Dianne, his grandson, Billy, and being reintroduced to Rob, the doctors decided that it would be in the best interest of the patient and of science if he first went through rigorous physical and "re-adaptation" therapy before being released from the hospital. This was understandable, since after twenty years of non-use it would take time to rebuild his body. Finally, after what seemed like years in time to Guy, he was allowed to go live with his son.

The first thing that Guy noticed when his son opened the door to his car was that there wasn't a steering wheel or any other visible controls, such as brake and gas pedals. When he asked about this Rob said, "Several years ago the government said they were 'freeing the people of the dangerous responsibility of driving on the roads, so the S-3 computers were put in control."

"Guy noticed that the interior of the car was like one big soft cushion, with little "air bag" signs everywhere. As the doors closed and locked everyone was automatically harnessed into their seats and he was sur-

prised when four helmets came out of a compartment over their heads. His son's family happily put the helmets on without a thought.

"You mean to tell me that you have to wear helmets?" Guy asked in a loud voice.

"You HAVE to wear one or you will pay 600 dollars and go to the reformatory," little Billy's helmet-muffled voice blurted out matter of factly. There was something about his tone of voice and attitude that made Guy feel uncomfortable.

"It's an S-3 law Dad, and there's nothing we can do about it, so please, just put it on," Rob said in an urgent and somewhat nervous helmet-muffled voice.

"I ain't gonna wear the damn thing," Guy angrily replied. Little Billy pulled out what Guy later learned was called an "e-pad," and typed in several sentences. Guy noticed Rob and Dianne share a worried expression.

"Dad, the car won't go anywhere unless you put on the helmet, we have no choice, it's programmed that way," Rob insisted. Just then a buzzer went off and several red lights in the car started flashing. "Check your seatbelts and fasten your helmets," a very annoying electronic voice kept repeating. Finally, after Guy put on his helmet, the persistent safety reminders stopped. Rob punched a button and the car took off. Electric, Guy thought to himself, noticing that once it entered the IHS (Intelligent Highway System) the car never went over 55 mph's.

"You still have to drive at 55?" he tried to ask Rob, but Rob couldn't hear him because of the big full-faced helmet. After learning how to turn on his helmet-phone he repeated the question.

"Yes we do," Rob replied. "The S-3 Commission determined that 55 was the safest speed to travel and everything has been programmed for that speed."

"And where safety is concerned nobody has the power to choose," little Billy blurted out.

"I'd have thought people would be flying their own shuttle crafts or whatever and zooming around at a couple hundred miles per hour by now," Guy mumbled. He noticed that all of the cars on the IHS looked exactly the same and that they all traveled at the same pace, as if they were hooked together. "Just what is this 'S-3' stuff everyone keeps talking about?" Guy asked.

"It stands for a 'Safe and Secure Society,'" little Billy proclaimed, as if he had just answered a question that any three-year-old should know. Billy then recited, in what sounded to Guy like the voice of a seven-year-old brain-washed robot: "Safety is my choice, safety is my voice, if I am not safe, then I am not free, I will report every violation, that I see."

Billy turned to his parents and, with obvious pride, said, "I got 100 safety points for reporting Mr. Hamilton yesterday." Guy detected an uneasy nervousness in the way Rob and Dianne looked at each other. There was something about the way little Billy took pride in snitching on a neighbor that reminded Guy of the Hitler youth movement. For some reason Guy felt like he needed to change the subject.

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Internal Affairs

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Motorcycles Rev The Future

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

U.S. House of Representatives

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee, I thank you for the opportunity to submit additional comments and recommendations on "Transportation Solutions in a Community Context" in amplification of the written testimony submitted jointly by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and the organization I serve, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

By way of introduction, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation was the first national organization to establish Washington presence to advance the rights and safety concerns of street motorcyclists exclusively. We are proud to count among our members State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations from coast-to-coast and the very founders of the motorcyclists' rights movement in America, some 250,000-strong. I am pleased to observe that, in company with these state organizations, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you personally over the past few months, and for those meetings we remain grateful.

Slashing Fuel Consumption. Cutting traffic and parking congestion. Eliminating road wear. Driving jobs and the economy. If one vehicle could do all this, that vehicle would certainly rev America's future.

Every year, commuters in cars squander a staggering \$72 billion in lost time and wasted fuel gridlocked in 68 of our largest urban centers.

Cash-strapped and traffic-clogged, states are debating tax hikes to increase road capacity. Opponents of higher taxes and urban sprawl argue that we cannot build our way out of this crisis, but even newspapers customarily critical of sprawl insist that "more lanes belong in the mix."

Something else belongs in the mix: the motor vehicle that cuts congestion, slashes com-

muting time and skimps on fuel. That vehicle is the motorcycle, and its advantages are as staggering as the problems it helps solve.

Motorcycles Cut Congestion. Carrying one person to and from work to the auto's 1.1 persons, motorcyclists complete urban commutes in a fraction of the time as motorists - often in HALF the time, in this rider's experience - while imposing 51 times less road wear.

Motorcycles Cut Fuel Consumption. If just ten percent of the 1.5 trillion annual car miles were traveled by motorcycle, America would save over 4.1 billion gallons of fuel - enough fuel to power every freight train in the nation for a year, with enough left over to send over 100,000 tractor-trailers around the world.

We need a plan to balance America's transport system with what has been called by one of your colleagues, "the ideal single occupant vehicle."

We need a plan to advance safety for all road users.

We need a plan to increase motorcycling in America.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation respectfully offers its plan.

We call it: **Motorcycles Rev the Future.**

A Word on How Motorcycling Revs our Economy. A \$14 billion industry, motorcycling has skyrocketed from some 300,000 new bikes sold in 1990 to 710,000 in 2000.

Beyond major makers lies a vast network of small businesses employing tens of thousands of Americans. There's been an explosion of growth in this small business network - from small-volume motorcycle makers to the parts-aftermarket and "custom shops" in virtually every neighborhood in America.

Motorcycles also rev the tourism industry with the average rider spending about \$300 a day staying in motels, eating in restaurants and buying

memorabilia while touring a state.

The Goals of Motorcycles Rev the Future. Our plan will conserve fuel, eliminate road wear, ease traffic and parking congestion and drive jobs and the economy by:

- Boosting motorcycle rider skill training and motorist awareness of all road users;

- Increasing motorcycling in America and better integrating the motorcycle in national and state planning; and

- Bolstering the power and prerogatives of governors and state legislatures on transportation related matters.

The First Challenge: Making all road users safer.

Throughout the 1990s, rider training was a problem getting worse, with waiting periods for training a year and longer. Since the September 11 attack on America, rider training is in crisis with state budgets for the program being sharply reduced or even eliminated. Our plan gives states the incentive to restore these crucial programs to prevent accidents, thwart injuries and save lives.

Our plan provides special grants to enhance motorist awareness of motorcycles. Reeducating motorists to see riders enhances the safety of all road users, because a motorist who does not see a motorcyclist will likely not see less visible road users like bicyclists and pedestrians.

Balancing Our Transport System.

Our plan encourages state and local innovations at the state level such as tougher sanctions against aggressive drivers.

Our plan encourages fuel conservation by extending the Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit to motorcyclists.

The plan also establishes a "Motorcyclist Advisory Council" in the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Composed of experts like a representative of the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA), the Council will help FHWA solve a host of problems, from motorcycle-hostile crash barriers to road maintenance practices.

Our plan preserves the powers and honors the prerogatives of Governors and state legislators to decide on motorcyclists' safety issues - historically the province of state action. One component blocks any withholding of funds from states that preserve adult-choice on matters involving personal riding attire. Our plan also empowers the Secretary of Transportation to contract with SMSA to disseminate "best practices" in licensing and training to all states.

Finally, Motorcycles Rev the Future preserves motorcycle access to all highways and road systems for which federal tax dollars were used in road planning, construction or maintenance.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished members, thank you for this opportunity, and I am happy to answer any questions.

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A Modern Day Rip Van Winkle (continued)

Cont. from Page 13 "Well son, I sure would like to smoke a cigarette, it's been over twenty years since I quit, ya know," Guy chuckled, but nobody else caught the joke.

"No, seriously," he continued, "can we stop somewhere, or, er, program the car to go to a convenience store and pick up a pack of smokes?" Little Billy typed several more sentences into his pad then returned it to his pocket.

"Dad," Rob shuffled his feet and looked at the passing landscape through the 2 inch thick tempered glass window, "they outlawed tobacco not too long after you went into your comma.

"Hmmm, that really don't surprise me," Guy said, "I can remember when the tobacco people sold out, right before..." Guy drifted off in thought and then suggested they stop somewhere and get a "good ole greasy chili cheeseburger and some fries." Little Billy sat up as if something had poked him in the back, pulled out the electronic notepad and started typing into it. Again, his parents shared the worried look.

"We studied about those unhealthy and unsafe foods in school," Billy quipped, carefully putting the electronic device back into his pocket.

"Well," Guy exclaimed, "what do people eat these days?"

"We eat veggie yum-yum sticks," volunteered little Billy. "Here, want one?" He produced what looked like a hard green hot dog wrapped in plastic and held it up to his grandpa.

"Ah, no thanks" said Guy, "I'll wait for some real food."

"That is real food and it's what we have to eat these days," Dianne said. "What you called 'fast foods,' and all unhealthy foods, for that matter, were outlawed about ten years ago," Dianne continued, dreamily remembering cake and ice-cream from her early childhood. "The government determined that obesity was a disease, so the S-3 took over the food processing industry, shut down or converted all of the fast food restaurants, and determined what was best for our diets." Then, as if in apology she added, "You'll get used to them."

"They're healthy, nutritious, disease free, and therefore safe," little Billy added.

"You sound like a broken record," Guy said jokingly to Billy. This drew blank expressions from everyone, and Guy realized the irony of what he had just said and let it pass.

Dianne added, "Haven't you noticed that there are no over-weight people?"

"If you get overweight you have to pay a bunch of money and go to the fat-farm, that's why I reported Mr. Hamilton," little Billy interrupted.

Once again Guy noticed Rob and Dianne share the nervous look.

"What do the bikes look like these days son?" Guy eagerly asked. "Any old knuckles, pans, or shovels still putting around?"

Rob looked down at his steel toed shoes-the kind Guy would later find out everyone was required to wear-and softly said, "They don't allow people to ride motorcycles anymore Dad. The S-3 determined they were too dangerous, unsafe, and costly to society, plus they could be used in terrorist attacks.

"They were outlawed a few years after 'September Eleven.'" Rob told Guy about the World Trade Center bombings and how the government had used that as an excuse to pass a multitude of new laws called The 'S-11 Directives' designed to protect the public against terrorism. Rob went on, "They also did away with snow-mobiling, snow and water skiing, scuba diving, parachuting, mountain climbing... all because people were getting injured and killed and becoming burdens on society-so they said."

Guy felt like he'd just been hit with a ton of bricks. Surly his son was just kidding him. How could things change so much in a mere twenty years?

"Because of the 9-11 Directive they confiscated most of your friends' motorcycles," Rob went on, "along with all guns and weapons of every kind."

Dianne interjected, "They even outlawed most amateur sports because of injuries. No more school dances, or swing sets, swimming pools, bicycles..."

Little Billy loudly interrupted, "My teacher says that it doesn't make a bit of sense to play something if it's unsafe!"

"People aren't allowed to work on their own vehicles, or even mow their own grass, or change a burned out light bulb in their house, which I think is really stupid," Rob said, trying to ignore the baleful look Billy gave him for saying something that might be worth reporting.

Finally, after what turned out to be a five hour drive and five battery charge-stops, they arrived at Rob's house. Dianne tried to get Billy to race her to the front door, but he set her straight about the no running safety rule.

Rob grabbed Guy by the arm and directed him towards the garage. "Dad, now that Billy isn't around I can talk to you."

"What is it with that boy," Guy said, "if you'd have carried on like that when you were his age I'd have given you ole hickory. Remember him?"

"That's just it Dad," Rob replied, "we aren't allowed to discipline our own children these days. If we try to reprimand them or interfere with their 'required' JSM training they are conditioned to push a button on their satellite-linked e-pad, which stays with them night and day. If the children feel threatened they push a button and a SSM (Senior Safety Monitor) is sent to the home. If the SSM deems it necessary, one or both of the parents are sent to a reformatory."

"My God," Guy said, "they're using the children, and safety, to control..." "Shhhh," Rob put his finger to his lips, "don't even let them hear you mention the word 'God.'"

"I gotta show you something," Rob said. He grabbed Guy's arm and pulled him inside the garage where the car was parked. Rob looked out the garage door towards the house to make sure that the two men were alone, then he went to the back of the building and pulled a panel off of the wall revealing a secret compart-

ment. A glint of metal reflected back out of the hidden room and gradually the shape of a motorcycle took form. Guy felt tears welling up in his eyes. It was his old bike, covered in twenty years of dust. He turned and hugged his son.

Out of the corner of his eye Guy detected movement and saw little Billy standing just inside of the door, e-pad in hand. "I've notified my SSM," the little boy said with an accomplished gleam in his eyes. "You know that motorcycles are against the law, and that I had to report you both." Then, in the proudest JSM trained voice that the little boy could muster he chanted, "Safety is my choice, safety is my voice, if I am not safe, then I am not free, I will report every violation that I see." The little JSM stood there with his hands on his hips, as if he'd caught the world's two worst criminal terrorists.

Off in the distance Guy could hear sirens coming closer and closer. He realized that he could not live in this world where everything was "safe." He wanted to run, he wanted to scream, he wanted to get on his bike and ride...The sirens got closer and closer, until they were upon him.

Guy opened his eyes and realized that he was soaked with sweat, and that he was laying in bed next to his wife Linda. He got up and went across the hall and looked into Rob's room. His little boy was sleeping soundly. He then looked out the window and saw his motorcycle waiting for him in the driveway, right where he had left it the night before. It had all been a bad dream. He went into the kitchen, picked up the phone and dialed one of his friends. "Hey Jess," he said in an enthusiastic tone, "yea, I know what time it is, but this is important. I wanted to talk to you about starting a new ABATE chapter down here. Yea, I know you've been trying to get me involved for a long time, and, well, let's just say I've finally come to my senses. Let's get everybody together today, you know, family thing. See you over at Mike's around two, O K?"

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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ABATE OF N.C. INC.
PO Box 2215
Monroe, NC 28111-2215

New
 Renewal

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

Make/Size of Cycle: _____

Avg. Miles/Year: _____

Any other motorcycle affiliations: _____

I can help CBA/ABATE by: _____

Are you a registered voter? Yes No

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

Signed: _____

Recruited By: _____

YEARLY DUES: Single: \$25.00 (New) \$20.00 (Renewal)
 Couple: \$35.00 (New) \$30.00 (Renewal)

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Chapter: _____
Card #: _____
Expires: _____

Rev'd. Date: _____
Sent Date: _____