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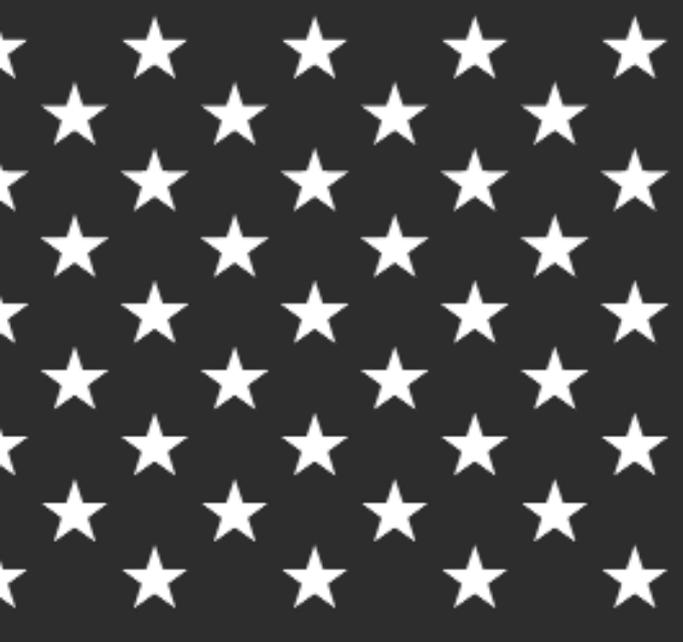
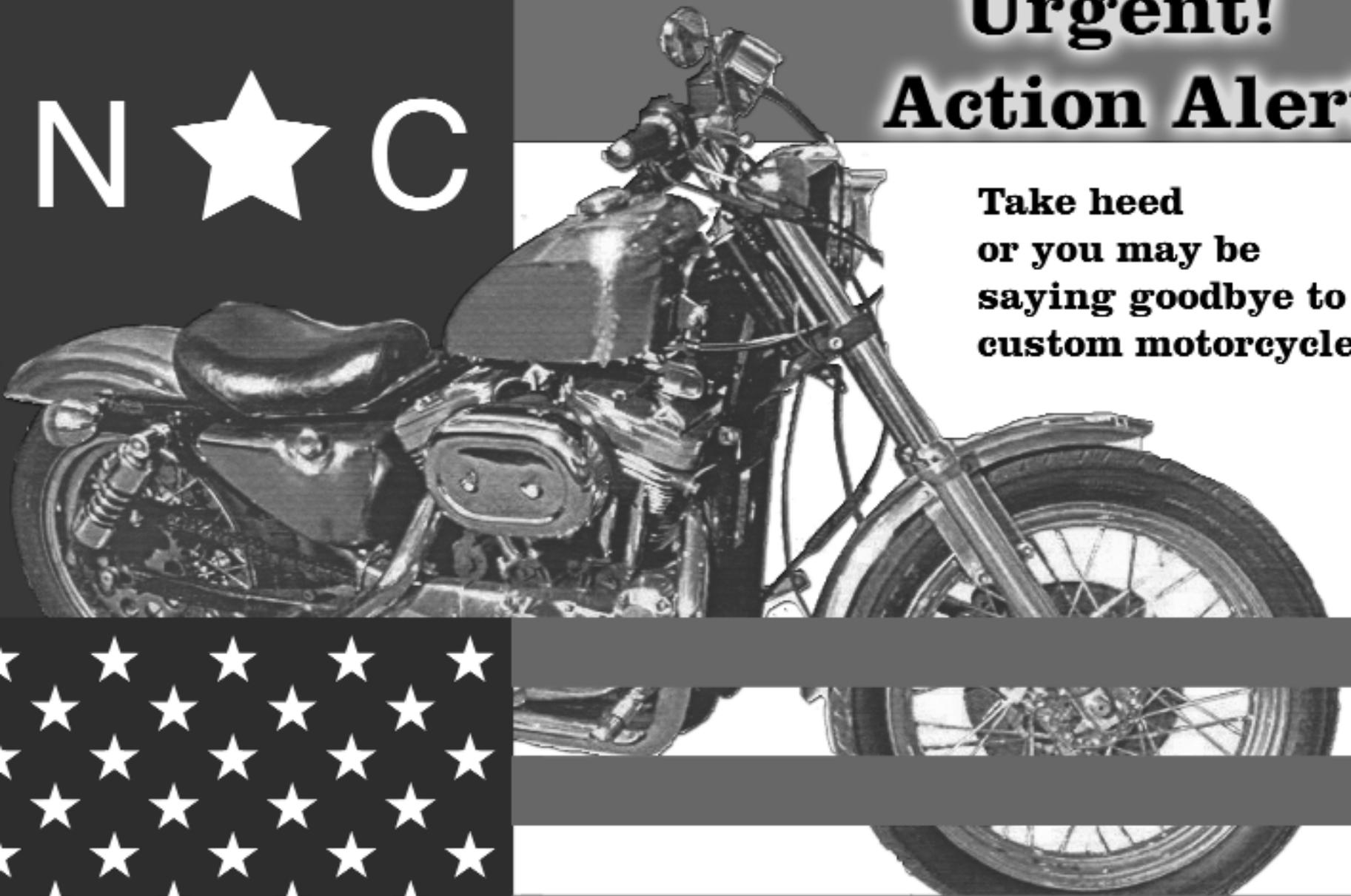
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Urgent! Action Alert

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or you may be
saying goodbye to
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Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2002

Coming Events**Nov./Dec.**

November 2
Christmas Charity Ride
Chatham Chapter

November 9-10
Charlotte Swap Meet
Metrolina Expo

November 10
Fall Bike Show
Randolph Chapter

November 15
Turkey Shoot
Brunswick Chapter

November 28
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 8
Toy Run
Randolph Chapter

December 8
Toy Run
Union Chapter

December 25
Merry Christmas

Future Events

January 18
State Meeting
Hosted by Charlotte
Rick Nail
Lifetime Achievement
Awards Banquet

April 12
State Meeting
Hosted by Brunswick

May 3
Freedom Rally
State Event
Busco Beach

Letter from the Editor...

What's in it for me? I've been asked that question over and over for what seems like a million times. Sometimes it's just hard to know what the answer is to that question. It seems to be a different answer from member to member. For me it was the chance to work towards social and political change. For others it is the camaraderie. For still others it is the warm, fuzzy feeling you get from doing good deeds. There is no right or wrong answer.

It's what you make it. No one will make you do a thing. We as a group will all get different things out of our Organization. Some are involved in the many committees we have. Others prefer the educational opportunities. Take some, none, or take it all.

I wrote an article for your use so the next time a prospective new member asks, "what am I going to get out of it?" Ask them two things: what do you want to get out of it? and what are you willing to put in? You will find this overview on page 8. It's your future. Come be a part of the solution.

*In the Wind,
Crazy Deb*

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Urgent Call To Action

Call Your Congressman to Co-Sponsor H.R. 5433

Emerging from a Meeting of the Minds that can only be described as electrifying, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs) nationwide join with Congressman Jim Barcia (D-MI), the very sponsor of "The Motorcycle & Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act," in urging you to call your Congressman with this simple message:

"Safeguard small business and add weight to our words by co-sponsoring H.R. 5433!"

To thunderous standing ovations, Congressman Barcia, an MRF Champion of Motorcyclists' Rights & Safety and this year's guest speaker at the MRF's Meeting of the Minds banquet, called on motorcyclists nationwide to urge their Congressmen to join him as co-sponsors of H.R. 5433 - ground-breaking legislation that safeguards small businesses and rider freedom while cutting pollution and dependence on foreign oil.

"EPA may have your name," said MRF lobbyist Tom Wyld, "but you now have a number. H.R. 5433!" Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last week, H.R. 5433 currently has six co-sponsors: U.S. Reps. John Shimkus (R-IL), Judy Biggert (R-IL), Mark Green (R-WI), Mark Kirk (R-IL), Ray LaHood (R-IL), and David Phelps (D-IL). "Our congratulations to ABATE of Illinois and ABATE of Wisconsin for their outreach and our thanks to these lawmakers for adding their names to a bill that adds weight to the voice of motorcycle consumers in America," added new MRF President Buck Kittredge.

Call your U.S. Representatives TODAY and urge them to add their names to this bill. Here's how:

1. **REVIEW** H.R. 5433, the "Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act," at www.mrf.org/epalegislation.php.

2. **READ** the one-page summary, as well as the many points we've made in our appeal to EPA to extend the public comment period deadline, at www.mrf.org/positionpapers.php.

3. **TELEPHONE** your Congressman at 202-225-3121 or find his or her email address or fax number at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

The Barcia Act - H.R. 5433 - safeguards small business and gives weight to the voice of motorcycle consumers like you. Above all, H.R. 5433 ensures that you have the freedom to refine your machine to meet your riding environment.

Safeguard your freedom. Call your Congressman today!

JOIN MRF

MRF Conference Simulcast on INBradio

Can't make it to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Meeting of the Minds in person this year? Guess what - you can still attend the key workshops and discussions!

The Meeting of the Minds is the MRF's premier leadership conference that boasts an audience from across the nation and around the world. It is being held in Lansing, Michigan this coming weekend.

INBradio will be there to simulcast key workshops and presentations at the conference on Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28. If you can't make it in person, tie into the simulcast at <http://www.inbradio.com/mrf/motm2002/>. It will seem like you are right there!

We will be discussing important motorcyclists' rights and safety issues such as the EPA's pro-

posed standards for street motorcycles, the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and health care discrimination. For a complete agenda of the conference, visit the MRF website at <http://www.mrf.org/motmdetails.php>.

Be sure to pass this information along to your friends and family so they can tune in as well. Don't miss this important conference!

HR 5433

To amend the Clean Air Act to ensure reasonable emissions standards for highway motorcycles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

Mr. BARCIA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
A BILL

To amend the Clean Air Act to ensure reasonable emissions standards for highway motorcycles, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Motorcycle and Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT REGARDING MOTORCYCLES.

(a) **STANDARDS**- Section 202 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(3), by amending subparagraph (E) to read as follows:

(E) **REVISED STANDARDS FOR HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES**- Effective for the model year 2004 and thereafter, the regulations under paragraph (1) applicable to emissions of nonmethane hydrocarbons from gasoline-fueled highway motorcycles shall contain standards providing that such emissions shall not exceed 2.4 grams of nonmethane hydrocarbons per kilometer.; and

(2) in paragraph (2) of subsection (l), by striking

"motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels" and inserting "motor vehicles (other than highway motorcycles) and motor vehicle fuels".

(b) **PROHIBITIONS**- Section 203(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7522(a)(3)) is amended in subparagraphs (A) and (B) by striking "motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine" each place such term appears and inserting "motor vehicle (other than a highway motorcycle) or motor vehicle engine".

(c) **STATE STANDARDS**- Section 209(b) of the

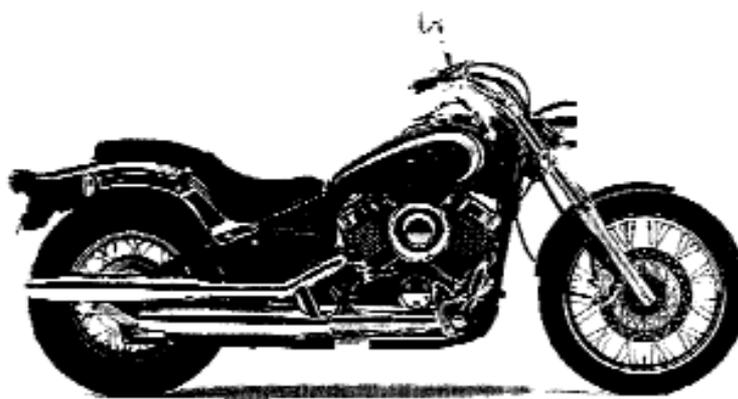
Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7543(b)) is amended--
(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "The Administrator shall" and inserting "Subject to paragraph (4), the Administrator shall";

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking "in the case" and inserting "In the case"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

(4) The Administrator may not waive application of this section with respect to any standard relating to the control of emissions from highway motorcycles.

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Am I Here???

From the Secretary's Chair...

Hello! Can you see this fat girl? Have I been heard? Seriously now, I can see I'm having a bit of a problem getting information out, or even feedback IN. Two years ago an email list was set up for the secretaries and treasurer to save time, money, and in an effort to allow us all to discuss things to make our jobs easier to do and understand. This worked really well for the first few months. Today, I do not feel we utilize this tool as we should. I use this email list for other reasons. I treated it like your chapter PO Box. I will forward legislative information, the state treasurer will forward his questions and comments, and often, members of the Board will direct me to "get this out to the secretaries list, quick". I sent the new quarterly report form out via this list and via snail mail.

So it is my feeling that when you get these postings, they will either be read at meetings, or given to the proper officer in your chapter to deal with. I am getting some feedback from individual members that in some cases, this is not happening. I am hearing they never heard XYZ legislative information in their chapter... HUH??

I got direct feedback from the chapter reports that were turned in at the last state meeting. Granted, I had a medical emergency and was not there; but do realize that particular meeting was a problem in itself, what with having to wait for hours only to have the American Legion never come unlock the doors. The chapter reports I received were from Brunswick, Chatham, Charlotte, Union, Randolph, High Point, and Davidson. That leaves Buncombe, Cabarrus, Carteret-Craven, Columbus, Fayetteville, Granville, Hickory, Rowan, Stanley, and Tar River Basin with delinquent quarterly reports. Just as the Board was (and rightly so) called on the carpet so to speak at the previous state meeting about upholding our responsibilities, I have to ask... why am I not getting these quarterly reports? Are your responsibilities any less important?

Again, this is a new report form and you will find it here in this newsletter. It is also available for download on our website. It now requires the secretary and the treasurer to have some input, and it is not something that can be thrown together at the state meeting. This was sent out to the secretaries and

treasures email list in plenty of time to have it, and know what was required.

After the previous state meeting, the Board had to take a good hard look at themselves and find ways to make sure we are doing our jobs as best we can. This meant doing things we do not want to do, like meet with tax attorneys and accountants and such, to list a few things. We find we are in a position that requires us, to the benefit of CBA as a whole, to keep an eye on all monies raised in the name of our organization, and what is being done with it. Furthermore, our state president has charged the Board with finding out how much work goes on in the name of charity at the state and chapter level, versus how much goes on in the name of legislation or education for the entire organization's benefit. Quite frankly, I cannot understand why requesting this information is a problem.

So, of the seven chapters who DID turn in their quarterly reports, two were done correctly. This was from Chatham County chapter, and Union County chapter. I thank you. One chapter, whose secretary is on the email list turned in the report on the OLD form. Three chapters did not turn in the requested information regarding accounts and bank statements. And yet another chapter did turn in statements, with the sections containing deposits and withdrawals blanked out... also the portions at the top of the page that would list the name of the financial institution and account number(s).

I, in turn, received no email, no phone calls or no letters questioning or complaining about this form prior to the state meeting.

Here's my dilemma... I'm trying to do my job. I need those responsible in the chapters to do their jobs. This is not about how much money you have, it is not about "looking into YOUR business", it is about making sure we do things the RIGHT way so we can be the best organization we need to be. It IS as simple as that. I'm proud of our organization. I want to see us grow. I want to see us protected. Please understand that the chapter officers and the Board of Directors are responsible for reporting this information and there is liability involved, legal liability. I do not know how to put it more bluntly than this.

In the face of our growing pains, we have still gained a lot of ground this year for bikers rights. This shows amazing spirit and dedication of those who care about fighting for bikers rights, for YOUR rights.

I am requesting again that ALL chapter secretaries and treasurers send me your names and email addresses and let me add you to the secretary's and treasurer's email list. I know some of those on the list need to be dropped but at this time I have no way of knowing which email address belongs to which person unless you identify yourself. If you do not have a computer at home or at your disposal, then I am sure someone in your chapter does - - make that person your point person. Communication is key. My phone, fax, and email lines are ALWAYS open. Please get in touch.

Thank you again for all of you who are hangin' in there during these times of change. I remain proud of this organization, and excited about what we can become.

Cindy Hodges
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DATE: _____

C.B.A./ABATE QUARTERLY CHAPTER & DISTRICT ACTIVITY SUMMARY

CHAPTER/DISTRICT NAME: _____

SECRETARY NAME: _____

TREASURER NAME: _____

Of members on your books (to be checked against Membership Services records) _____

Financial Report: List the balances in your general account, and any and all other accounts, investments, savings, etc. having to do with money held FOR and BY your chapter. (example: Downed rider funds, building funds, event accounts, etc.) Please indicate the name of the account along with the balance. Also attach a copy of all monthly statements of this quarter for these accounts to this report form.

Chapter Activities: Please give a brief description of each event or fundraiser, indicating profit or no profit. If profit, please provide check # and date the 20% assessment, where applicable, was sent to the state treasurer. (within 90 days Article VI, Section 5-d)

UPCOMING EVENTS/Fundraisers: List dates/times scheduled and what the event is. Please indicate if information was sent to Information Services in order to help promote your event.

CHAPTER & COMMUNICATION INFORMATION: List for first quarter, and for any changes: All officer names and phone numbers AND email addresses. List where chapter meets and when. Also Chapter PO Box if changed.

Reflections Down to Da Boogie!

Road trips, God how they make my blood pump. They bring back the days when nothing mattered but the smell of new grass, oil, gas and the sun in your face and the laughter of my brothers, all of us knowing, good things were about to start happening.

Randy arrived late Wednesday night, I was already starting to get that feeling. You know the one, sort of like a kid on Christmas Eve. Wendy had fallen ill and he had to return home. I had looked forward to road tripping with Randy, but I understood. Your mate comes first, even before the road. As he was leaving, Deb and Josh came up, and after all the good-byes, we retired to the abode and speculated on the events that tomorrow promised to bring. Then sleep. I could already feel the adrenaline start to build, and I could already feel the empty spot in the formation that my brother from Columbus County would leave.

Morning! It's finally arrived. We let Josh sleep til somebody got up the nerve to wake her since she ain't a morning personality and finally the noise and lights rouse her. Aaron arrives with the run truck and we load as fast as we could, for the sun was on our face and the trip to the Boogie was here at last!

We picked up Russell in Hickory, after threading our way through the Charlotte rush hour traffic. Two motorcycles... now things were starting to happen. What? No rear brakes? Damn it Russell, how we gonna get you through them mountains? Can't let a little thing like no brakes stop us. Damn! we already in Asheville, where did the time go? The miles had started to accumulate, we met up with Mike, Eldon and James, the laughter had already began to flow and you could feel the bonding begin. Motorcycles, asphalt, and men, all the necessary ingredients of brotherhood.

Eldon, since this was his element, took the lead and followed closely by James, we each fell in behind and at a blistering pace, made our way over the mountains of North Carolina and into Tennessee. Only a couple of gas stops and we're in Kentucky and off come these hats! Kentucky, home of the racehorses and that famous blur grass. Wait a minute, isn't that supposed to be Kentucky blue grass? Not when you're following Eldon, it's Kentucky blur grass! Finally, Indiana and it's seven o'clock and dinner time. What? No sweet tea, what da hell, who can eat supper without sweet tea! Damn, this ain't good. After discussion on how late it was and the fact that there are probably no showers for four more days, we decide that we would hold up here for the night and ride on in the last hundred miles in the morning. Up early and we draw straws to see who gets to wake Josh, Deb loses and we are off to the Boogie.

We start to climb, and I start to wonder if we aren't going the wrong way cause they ain't supposed to be no mountains in Indiana, is there? This scenery is looking just like home! Finally The BOOGIEEEEEEE!!! We pull up and are absorbed into about a million people; all are directed to a parking lot and told to come to the tent to register.

What do ya mean there ain't no North Carolina ABATE on yer damn MRO list? Let me see

that damn thing, yep right there, plain as day, do ya see it? Jeez, Tom Pauley said to tell him when we get here, can ya tell him I'm here? With a look of aggravation, she directs me to "Get in that buggy with that big ole feller there, and he will take you to him", ok I says, and we are off to find Tom. Down to command central and we find Tom. We go for a ride about in his buggy and everywhere we go there are people and more people and I am dumped back at my original starting point, and I am told "we all got charged to get in." Ok, the amount of stuff we are about to learn, it's still gonna be a bargain. I had told Tom, we were gonna get settled in and I would be back to start class.

Surveying the available camping areas, which were all hot and all with a dust cloud about four foot deep, starting at your feet and extending up to your armpits. In Eldon's case, we had to put a hat on him so's not to lose him! We found a hill up to the tree line, and after some investigation we found it to be of the liking of our mountain men and started carving out our home for the next few days. We settled in and went for a walk about, to lay out our plans for the coming days. Dusk approached. The band headliners were Foghat and Joan Jett. We decided rather than re-climb the hill, we would hang around and see how crowd control was performed. A lot of naked bodies and a lot of crowd shooters coming from the stage, but no band and it's nine o'clock. Naked crank contest and still no band. We decide it's been a long day and time to return to camp, which is about a mile away. We settle in and discussion starts on the day's events and the way they were handled and if they would work for us. Some we liked and some won't work. Bed time and a longer day tomorrow.

Mornin! Not a cup of coffee in sight! Gotta have coffee, down the hill and smack dab into Eldon, he has been up since before the chickens and he has a cup of coffee and knows where to find more and its FREEEEEE. Once again it's a Christian Club and they are the same folks that we have come to love and appreciate except with a different name, The Unchained Christian MC.

After a cup, I grabbed two more and headed back up to the campsite, where I knew Deb was and would appreciate a man with a cup of coffee about now. (This is gonna get me big, big points!) Now gotta find food, and water, to wash face in, lets go back out and get out of this heat and dust for a little while. The troop agrees, and we load up on the motorcycles. Looks like a thousand other folks had the same idea cause ever where ya looked, motorcycles. A stop at the grocery store, and we are back on our way back in. Just short of the campground traffic began to back up and we find it' a bike wreck and they are packing a female rider onto a backboard for the trip to the hospital. Once inside Mike and I had planned to stop at Command Central and talk to some of the people instrumental in putting on this bash, while Russell and Lane were to stop at the security compound and talk to Bob, the Lancaster Sheriff in charge of Security for the Event. Knocking on the door and not being asked in, we asked for Tom Pauley. We were asked to wait and shortly Tom came out and announced that he had a

problem to attend to and would meet us at the flat track. That was the last we seen of Tom Pauley and we decided that we would observe the event as best we could, and learn as much as we could through observation and talking to the participants of Boogies past. This was the point where the walking started in serious. Up the hill to where we had observed the vendors setting up, a stage crew was working feverishly, to get ready for tonight's bands, rumored to be David Allan Coe and The Kentucky Headhunters. One thing started to become evident, modesty was not an issue here! Every where you looked, people walking around in their birthday suits, some old hat at it, evident by no obvious tan lines. Others were going to find out that stripping down to, skin that had not been uncovered before this day, was not going to fare well in one hundred



degree sunlight! One thought came to mind as we made the half mile trek up the thirty degree incline that was named "Perverts' Row", You are not in Kansas anymore Dorothy! Half way up Pervert's Row, we all ran out of steam and an oxygen break was called. Discussion was started about how mega bucks could be made on this spot with a large oxygen bottle, if we ever return to the Boogie! Once reaching the top, we proceeded to wait our turn at the Boogie signs, to get a photo in front of the signs, proving our destination had been reached, and as the parade of scantily attired lady's took their turn, we waited in silence, and awe! After picture time, we proceeded on into the circus tent to view the many vendors ware's that were to be had. Usual stuff except sold with a different accent, on to the beer vendor's and a walk down restaurant row. Here one of the high points of my trip happened, actually two, Aaron, who at twenty three years old had never ventured out of NC other than the yearly trek to SC. for the Beach Rally, got up close and personal with NEKKID. He and I stopped to test the biggest pork chop sandwiches we had ever seen, after our purchase, we lingered to converse about the lack of good ole southern sweet tea. While we were engaged in conversation, two young ladies approached from the rear and were soon paying more than the usual attention to our conversation. At the first opportunity to interrupt our conversation, one lady remarked that "You are not from around here are you?" Where ya from?" North Carolina, I replied, Aaron, turning to see who I was conversing with, was met with Nature's way of saying "How ya doing big boy!", Aaron, who for those of you that know him, is hardly ever at a Cont. on Page 7

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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

Cont. from Page 5 loss of words, and I never seen him have trouble with a pork chop sandwich before, suddenly became speechless and could not remember where he left his mouth! That look, was emblazoned in my memory as a flashbulb, and it will for ever be with me when I remember that trip! On down the strip and we heard a shrill voice of one our comrades and Deb came into view, carrying two large cups, that she excitedly proclaimed to be SWEET TEA! She proudly gave one to me, and I hastily accepted it! Aaron after inquiring as to where more could be found, rushed to buy more and like an oasis in a foreign land, marked the spot, for our many return trips for the duration of the stay.

Close to event time, we assembled in front of the stage. The State Officers of Indiana ABATE were brought on stage and introduced, the thank you for event attendee's, and the giving away of a couple of hundred dollars worth of T-shirts, and the crowd began to intensify and the available air got thicker. The concert was about three hours late, with the ensuing pushing and shoving, some of the group retreated and proceeded to return to the hospitality of our campsite and the familiar voices of a North Carolina dialect. The magnetic appeal of a foreign dialect has the effects of a bug lite to most folks and soon we were approached by some folks from West Bend, Indiana and introductions were made all around. Things went pretty smooth till one of their company interjected that he could out drink anyone there and the flag of "Ya don't say?" was raised! Sometime within the next hour or so, we all got a chance to see what the back of his head looked like as he lay passed out in the dirt, face down. All in good fun, but a dumb remark to make in the company of the crew from NC who ain't no

Down to Da Boogie! (cont.)

slackers in the art of drinkin likker. He was removed from our company by his somewhat embarrassed comrades and our day ended, as we all reflected on event attractions seen that day, and the hope of a renewed effort to participate in the behind the scenes of the event on the morrow. The woods were quiet and the day had been long and soon no voices could be heard in the Camp of North Carolina.

Sunday Mornin! We get to go home today! It soon becomes apparent that some of the boys went off on research missions of their own, made obvious by the bodies laying dormant where they fell, sometime in the wee hours of the previous night. My horror soon became a reality at the sight of Eldon asleep in the chair outside his tent. No coffee. We had become, in the short time we had been in Indiana, to rely on Eldon's mountain skills and instinct, to rally the troops and get us moving. His upbeat nature, instilled in one, the desire to go see and do, but we were going to get none of that on this day, we would have to fend for ourselves. Fifty four thousand people with one thing on their mind, getting out! Eldon's recovery came quickly and he and James were soon on their way to the place we had abandoned our truck upon, what seemed to be eon's ago, arrival and a scant three hours later returned. Our escape was long and every three or four miles, we would get bogged up in people, replenishing their bodies and supplies, both depleted in the hot Indiana sun. Long, long, long hours on the road and once in NC. We started losing our friends and partners that we had shared an adventure with, and a memory that would last a lifetime.

I'm home now, and sitting at my desk trying to evaluate the many sights and events of that trip, I

reflect on what I learned on that trip.

Much was learned about the spirit of the North Carolina people, the road is still the place for biker's to form bonds and renew friendships, the knowledge to put on such an event is common sense and can be accomplished with a desire to put in on. We have the knowledge to excel in this endeavor, we have the courage to attempt it. I would take large numbers of members and some hired assistance to pull it off and a renewed commitment would be required by all to succeed. Will we attempt it? Only time will tell.

We have been there, we have seen it, and we now have the knowledge to do that, will the membership be up to the task? I think so, after all, they are from North Carolina!

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In His Wind

Hello Bro's & Bro-ette's.

I hope you're getting to do as much riding as I am. The Fall season is my favorite time to ride. As many of you know, I live up here in the mountains, and if you wanna see some of God's handy-work, get on the scoot and head this way at Fall time. On my bike is when I find the best opportunity to talk to God. Can't really say you're too busy to pray, 'cause what else are you doing? It's just me, my Lord, and my Harley. That's the way I like it. No, of course I don't close my eyes. We all know what's gonna happen if you close your eyes for too long while riding, you're gonna go from talking to God, to standing right in front of Him.

A long time ago I used to have these weird ideas about how prayer was supposed to be. I thought you had to go to a church building to do it, I thought you had to kneel a certain way, and I thought you had to talk to God in King James version. "Yea Godeth, we cometh beforeth thy throneth, O Lordeth. And asketh thee if thou wouldest blesseth thy childreneth O Godeth."

I don't know man, kinda sounds like you're praying with a mouthful of crackers or something. But since I've come to really know the Lord, I've found that He is omnipresent, which means that He

is everywhere at the same time. That means that you can pray from anywhere at any time. Ever tried praying in the shower. Hey, God has already seen you naked, so why not? Try it, He already knows what your butt looks like. Pray while you're riding. It's one thing to be "In The Wind", it's another thing to be "In HIS Wind".

When was the last time you talked to God? I'm sure He would like to hear from you. No, I'm not talking about "Lord gimme this, gimme that, gimme, gimme, gimme." You're talking to the Lord God Almighty, not Santa Claus. The Bible says "Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) I have come to learn that long, fancy-worded prayers do not impress God, in fact here's one I'm familiar with "Hello God, it's me, screwed up again, help."

I wanna leave you with God's phone number. It is 33:3, as in Jeremiah 33:3, which says "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

Vince Mehaffey

CBA State Chaplain
His Laboring Few Biker Ministry

News from the Propagator...

prop-a-gan-da, noun: information that is spread for the purpose of promoting a cause.

I hope you've visited our website lately to see some current changes. Our t-shirts are now online for sale, as well as our cruise tickets. Use the new website referral feature to let all your friends know about these items. Let's get all these shirts and tickets sold!

My favorite new feature to the website is the e-cards. Have fun with 'em... send your favorite legislator a "Public Burden" post card. Keep an eye out, there will be more political messages to send soon.

What's In It For Me?

Answers to the hard questions during membership recruitment...

I learned a long time ago that I wanted to make a difference. I found out rather quickly that it was in my own best interest to use every opportunity to learn from others mistakes without making them myself. I also learned to profit from other's knowledge. For me, CBA/ABATE can never be repaid. The friends I've met will forever be carried in my heart. For you it might be different.

When someone asks you "what's in it for me?" it's time for you to ask them a couple of questions. First ask them, what do you want it to be and what are they willing to put back in? Freedom isn't free and you need to get involved. No one is going to make you do a thing. This organization will be what you make it. Take some, none, or take it all. We have to reach one to teach one and teach one to reach one.

Here's my own personal list of the benefits of joining CBA/ABATE. Perhaps some of them will help you recruit the next great member we have...

- To work for social and political change through action
- To build and maintain lifetime friendships with people with similar interests
- To build teamwork skills
- To be a responsible citizen
- To stay aware of new developments in legislation
- To expand your knowledge
- To develop people skills
- To develop or improve leadership skills
- To be represented at a local, state and federal level
- To experience practical, organizational and managerial experience
- To have the opportunity to serve as committee members, officers and board members
- To have the opportunity to travel to national conferences and meetings
- To have the opportunity to network with leaders in the motorcycle rights movement
- To participate in fighting for your own rights and freedom of choice
- To have a good time!

Hang out in the chat room to catch up with fellow CBA'ers and other website visitors. Please remember that this is a friendly, informative place and personal attacks and general shit slinging will not be tolerated.

Use the link referral to send a quick and easy email to share our website with others. And don't forget to sign up on the email list. We'll begin sending out legislative alerts, and general updates soon. Keep those submissions to the Road Tripper coming' in. Your participation in our website is very much appreciated!

Remember to keep your chapter event information coming in. Submit your flyer in Word or a *.jpg file. Please include a brief summary of your event including date, time, place, admission and a list of activities.

If you have any suggestions for the site, please let me know. And don't forget to report those broken links or any other problems you have with the site. If I don't know it's broke, I can't fix it. All site submissions, error reporting and such should be emailed to webmaster@cba-abatenc.org.
Jocelyn StumblingBear

Treasurer's Corner

Well it is one week after the State Meeting in Charlotte and I have gone over the quarterly reports that were received.

Chatham and Union County chapters correctly turned in a full and complete report of activities and financial reports.

I received a partial report from Brunswick County but it contained no information that was usable to track income and expenditures.

We received nothing from Buncombe, Cabarrus, Carteret-Craven, Charlotte, Columbus, Davidson, Fayetteville, Granville, Hickory, High Point, Raleigh, Randolph, Rowan, Stanley, and Tar River Basin. I have almost nothing at all to work with here folks. We have no idea what the chapters are doing for the most part. Chapter officers and the Board of Directors may find themselves in a position of liability because there is not a full and accurate reporting of income and expenditures on record.

Our President and the Board of Directors have some very good ideas for where we need to be taking this organization in the next few years. We have made great strides in the national arena, but seem to be falling apart here at home in North Carolina. We need to come together to work for our common goals of keeping our legislative work here in Raleigh going and on track. The Federal Government in the form of EPA, NHTSA, and Congress need constant watching.

All of this takes money and we seem to be

either doing nothing at all or spending all of our time doing charity events. Now charity runs and benefits are fine in moderation but that is not helping us do the work we need to do. I see very little happening at the chapter level that helps fund our fight, both nationally and statewide!

If the Chapters want to do some charity work, that is fine, but you should willingly be taking 20% off the top to help the CBA! Some of the Chapters appear to be doing their best to hide the fact that they have money in the bank. We are not separate entities but one organization.

As the treasurer, it is of no concern to me how much money you have in your Chapter treasury, BUT I do believe that the State organization deserves 20% of what goes into your accounts first so that we can continue to pursue the goals of this Organization! I am asking for a fair and equitable accounting of your treasuries. You expect no less from me.

If your Chapter wants to have a lodge that is also fine, BUT again it should be funded out of your Chapter accounts after all fees have been paid to the State organization.

Your organization needs to come first.

Mike Hodges
State Treasurer

"Your organization needs to come first."

Why Educate Our Leaders? What Do We Get Out Of It?

I was stunned to hear those words leave the lips of a member when trying to decide whether to send someone to a national conference! Here's why you send them...

In addition to the importance of leadership education for our organization, there is the added advantage that leaders are a high impact group. Changing their behavior, attitudes, and knowledge level can have profound effects on their membership and on the messages they communicate to them.

Organization leaders, whether appointed, elected or born are an obvious starting point for education. In addition to their own educational needs, they also provide access to the membership they represent. Traditional leaders have a relationship of allegiance with their memberships that makes it very difficult to attend any educational

activities without obtaining at least tacit support from them.

In short, providing leadership training to political, traditional, or chapter leaders, developing relationships of trust, providing them with information useful to their membership and providing them with opportunities for input will only increase their sense of responsibility, thereby increasing the likelihood of success in all of our endeavors.

So the next time you question why you should send one of your leaders to an educational conference, question why you would rather give your money to organizations other than your own or spend the money partying. Knowledge is power. Empower your organization thereby empowering yourself.

By: Deb Knox

Public Relations Seminar at MOTM

We had two breakout sessions on Friday, each with many options. I went to the Public Relations one first because, though that is not my job with CBA as secretary, it touches on some things in my job with CBA as North Carolina's State Rep for the MRF. The MRF is working on some internal changes, just as we are, and I am looking for ways to promote the MRF. One thing I'd like to see is a MRF trifold go out to renewing members in their renewal kit. I am hearing of other states doing this, and unlike some other groups, it is not an automatic sign up, it just is information giving you an option to join. So I was interested in the PR session. It was put on by Teri Stobbs, who puts out the MRF Alerts and writes up statements for the MRF, as



Cindy Hodges wins an award at MOTM for service above and beyond the call of duty.

their communications director. It was interesting to hear her discuss points on how NOT responding to negative media remarks about bikers, in most cases, was the best tact to take. I had been counseled on this before, when Robert D. Raeford was, in my opinion, baiting us to come out and let him gain some media attention by taking shots at us. I followed that advice and it served us well, I think. Most media outlets like radio or television, even magazines, are in business to make money and ratings sells advertising. Ratings go up when there is a brou-haha to cover. Makes sense. So picking your battles carefully is key.

In all dealings with the press, it is best not to mention another chapter or organization by name or attempt to represent them without their permission and you might want this in writing. If working on a joint event with another chapter or organization, appoint one person to be in charge of public relations (just like we finally got a point person in our own organization). If you see an article or letter to the editor in a newspaper or hear a radio or TV broadcast regarding your group or motorcyclists, contact your groups PR person as soon as possible with as many details as possible. That PR person should then get in touch with the persons in your organization responsible for those issues who will then help determine an appropriate response. Like I said before though, what I got from this seminar says that sometimes no response is best; and do not appear to be too defensive when it comes to certain issues, it will not serve you.

Media statements should be developed regarding your groups' primary issues (Again, I think Deb Knox has done an excellent job of getting our group's issues made plain).

A biggie was to subscribe your group with a wire service. Subscription is typically free and you will only be charged on a case-by-case basis, if you actually send out a press release. The MRF has subscribed through U.S. Newswire. The cost for press releases is inexpensive compared to the medial saturation that you get. Wire services send out stories to newspapers, magazines, radio stations, television stations, web pages, and many other media sources. I think we need to look into this.

Live Interview with the Press: Make sure you always clarify with the interviewer when you are making statements ON the record and when you are making statements OFF the record. A good rule of thumb is to not say anything at all that you do not want broadcast, but if you must (i.e. for clarification purposes), be darn sure you state clearly that you are OFF THE RECORD and then let the interviewer know when you are going BACK ON THE RECORD. This is VERY important.

Try to get the interviewer to agree to show you a copy of their story for your approval before it goes out. Also it is a good idea for you to tape record any interviews yourself if possible. Always remember, the less said the better. Do not elaborate, this leaves them less opportunity to twist your words or misinterpret what you say. If you are not absolutely positive about a specific response, tell the interviewer you will get back to them or ask them to contact the appropriate person who handles that issue. And if you do tell them you will get back to them, DO IT.

Make sure if you schedule an interview it is in a controlled environment and that all parties with you, if there has to be anyone, are all on the same page and up to speed so they can make appropriate responses.

It is NOT A GOOD IDEA to invite the press to a chapter meeting. If they just show up, announce to everyone in attendance at the beginning of the meeting that the press is there, and closely monitor the information that is distributed and discussed. Be sure to clarify to the press person, if necessary, the difference between individuals' personal opinions and your groups position on your issues.

Of course you do want the press at your events, and when they come, assign a person to shadow them at all times. This person assigned to the press needs to be up to speed also and able to answer or direct them to who can answer all questions. If the press member is questioning or talking to someone who is not up to speed, the person assigned to them can help divert them to someone better suited to get across the message your organization wants put out, i.e. the inebriated person with a grudge in front of the bandstand does not need to be talking to the press, ok?

Writing Newspaper Articles: Best thing I learned here is ALWAYS write your own headline. Someone else will if you do not and it might be a bad thing. Make sure you spell everything properly and use proper grammar and sentence structure. Have someone else proofread it for you before you submit it. Keep it short and to the point and stick to one issue per story.

It is okay to use quotes from other publications as long as you give them credit for the material but do not EVER write an original quote for someone without his or her permission. Make sure that he/she sees your story before it is submitted and agrees with what you have said. Have several other people look over your story before you submit it to make sure that it is clear. (A lot of us, myself included, have this problem and help is appreciated!). Try showing it to someone who is not familiar with the issues and see if they understand it.

Always try to include pictures! Newspapers and magazines like to print pictures as they draw the reader's attention. KEEP IT CLEAN, no alcohol visible - - particularly in the vicinity of motorcycles.

Advertising: Remember these four words: Guilt, Fear, Greed, Exclusivity.

Example of Guilt: Our SMOR has been fighting for YOUR rights for X # of years....Where have you been?

Example of Fear: The EPA wants to strip away your right to modify your bike!

Example of Greed: Help our SMRO fight for your right to obtain insurance at a reasonable cost.

Example of Exclusivity: The MRF is the only national organization solely dedicated to the preservation of rights for street motorcycles.

You only have a few seconds in advertising, be it billboards, radio, etc... so punch up those few seconds by remembering those key elements.

NOTE FROM EDITOR: Again, I also attended this workshop. There is so much information available to us. I know I will be using what I learned. CBA/ABATE Public Relations and Marketing have an ambitious agenda for 2003. We will definitely be using the News Wire Service and I am looking into having some pre-written and approved responses to our most pressing issues. Folks, you cannot purchase the kind of knowledge you acquire at these national seminars. I cannot encourage chapter officers enough to make the commitment to send your key people (including yourself) to these affairs. It's about leadership.

In Memory Of...

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<i>Jane Janosko</i>	<i>May 15, 1999</i>
<i>Joann Stroud (JoJo)</i>	<i>January 4, 2000</i>
<i>Mike Daniels</i>	<i>March 23, 2000</i>
<i>Bear Allred</i>	<i>May 23, 2000</i>
<i>Ken Barentine</i>	<i>May 20, 2001</i>
<i>Edward Lawson Whitton (Easy)</i>	<i>Dec. 25, 2001</i>
<i>Tom Weaver</i>	<i>June 1, 2002</i>
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<i>Alan Baker</i>	<i>August 4, 2002</i>
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Death Is Not Minor

By DENNIS ROGERS
Staff Writer for the Raleigh News Observer
September 25, 2002

The words "misdemeanor death" should never appear together. To label the death of an innocent person a misdemeanor carrying little or no jail time is an insult.

Last week, Charles Henry Kinney of Wake Forest was riding his motorcycle on West Street in Raleigh. Suddenly, policy say, a driver in a Ford Explorer turned left into his path.

Kinney was 32.

The driver was charged with misdemeanor death by vehicle. Unless you are driving drunk, you can walk after killing someone, even while breaking other traffic laws in North Carolina.

This has been a deadly year for motorcycle riders.

Kinney was killed Sept. 19. Two days earlier, 74-year-old Leon Lloyd Friday died when the rear tire of his motorcycle blew while he was exiting the Beltline onto New Bern Avenue.

A week earlier, the Beltline claimed another victim when Raleigh motorcycle police officer Charles Radford Paul III died while pursuing a speeder. Witnesses said his motorcycle began to wobble as he was overtaking a truck. Witnesses also said he seemed to regain control but then hit debris, including parts of a ladder, on the shoulder of the road.

On Aug. 20, Joseph C. "Mike" Johnson and Jamazine V. Stackhouse were riding on I-40 when a Lexus that, witnesses said, was traveling at nearly 100 mph rear-ended their motorcycle. Johnson was killed, and Stackhouse was injured. The driver of the Lexus, Sean Wesley Stewart, was charged with felony hit-and-run and manslaughter. Police followed a trail of scuff marks, gouges and debris to Stewart's house, where he was found asleep in his bed.

On June 30, two people were killed when a motorcycle that, police said, was doing 100 mph hit

a car on Lynn Road. The rider, David Tanner Thew, 22, was taking his girlfriend, Carly Beth Rogers, to her house after his birthday party.

On April 7, Justin Marshall Shelwood was riding his motorcycle with a group of friends. He was killed when he lost control, hit a curb and a tree.

On March 30, Dishon Rhyen Knight was riding alone at 4:03 a.m. when he lost control and crashed on Falls of the Neuse Road. Police said speed might have been a factor.

Eight people dead. Only the blowout, which could happen to anyone, could be truly classified as an unavoidable accident. The others died because someone made a deadly mistake. Either an inexperienced biker was riding far beyond his skill level or a careless car driver was not paying attention or someone didn't remove debris from a public high-

way.

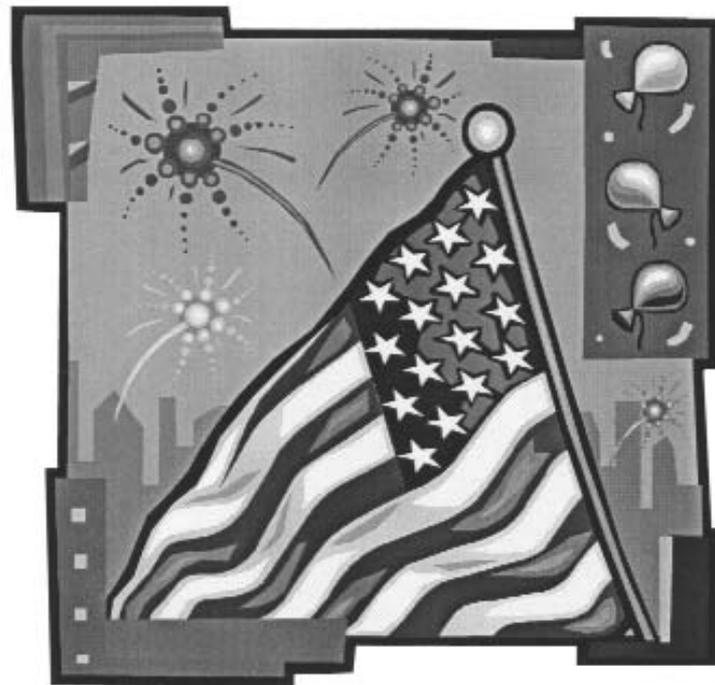
Motorcycling doesn't have to be this dangerous. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation offers beginner and experienced rider courses at Wake Tech. They can save your life. I'd been riding 10 years when I took the course, and what I learned in those two days has kept me out of trouble more than once. Had beginners Thew, Knight and Shelwood _ all younger than 23 _ taken those courses, they and passenger Rogers might be alive today.

One cure for careless drivers who kill innocent bikers is to adopt as law the slogan that has been popular in the biker community for a long time: "Kill a biker, go to jail."

Death is no misdemeanor.

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Advance Notice of Events

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1st Weekend of May

Freedom Rally

First Weekend of May at Busco Beach located in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Featuring live music, MTV Rock the Vote, guest speakers, Ms. Freedom Rally beauty pageant and much, much more. Mark your calendars now for this State event. The facility is amazing with lakeside camping on nice flat ground. Details to follow.

1st Weekend of September

Labor Day Party

Again, we will take advantage of the great facility at Busco Beach. Details to follow. Mark your calendars and support your own State event.

Support your state!

News From Your MRF Representative

The MOTM was fantastic! It was also exhausting. I was amazed at the amount of different places I needed to be at simultaneous times. My hat is off to Deb Knox, Cotton Tedder, Charlotte Chapter, Deb and Mark Allen, and Vinny Neuman of Chatham Chapter for their donations for the Silent Auction. This event is held at the formal dinner to raise money for the MRF. As most of you know, the MRF is funded solely by membership dues, donations, and the auction held each year at the MOTM. This year they raised over 90K. Usually it is a bit higher, but attendance was down. Unfortunately for the MRF, their national meeting is held in the Fall, and in my opinion, most folks have already spent their vacation time and extra money by then, or it is earmarked for other things. Not to mention it is no secret what shape our economy is in right now. At 42 years of age, at no other time in my life have I personally known so many folks to be out of work, and for extended periods of time. Myself included.

The items from North Carolina were a HUGE hit! The MRF was truly appreciative of the efforts from North Carolina, and greatly impressed to see so many folks from our state in attendance! The Public Burden tee shirts were a phenomenal hit. There was barely a person in attendance that did not ask where to get one of those shirts. I'd have to say the "beverage" donated by Deb Knox, the tees, and the wreath donated by Deb Allen were the big items of interest. Deb Allen went to a tobacco farmer and got some golden leaf tobacco, and got permission to pick some cotton from a field and did it... and took those items to a florist where a beautiful wreath was made, all nice for Fall... just like one that hangs in the White House. I believe Chuck Coulter, VP of the MRF purchased that one for his wife. It was truly gorgeous.

As you all know by now, unless you have been under a rock, there is a bill in congress, H.R. 5433 - "The Motorcycle & Motorcycling Small Business Protection Act, that we need to get to work to support. I have specifically been requested to get constituents of Sue Myrick (Can you hear me, Charlotte?) to give her calls and emails and letters. I am not thinking that emails alone will do it. Sue has supported us in the past, and she sits on some committees that would bode well for this bill if she were to sign on as a co-sponsor. Please contact her at 202-225-1976.

For the rest of you, we need your congressmen/women on board also! North Carolina needs to remain in the position of being one of the top states for communication with their legislators in Washington, D.C.!

I now have 74 names and addresses for independent bike shops and machine shops, salvage yards, etc. that cater to motorcycles. I will be sending out a mailing to these shops with information from the MRF about the EPA's proposed regulations, how it threatens these businesses, and what these business owners can do to help put a stop to this. Yes, we here at CBA/ABATE have been trying to get the word out but not all of them listen to us... so now they are going to hear it from the horse's mouth... the ones who put the bill before Congressman Barcia (pronounced "Barsha") and got him to sponsor it and make it REAL. Of course, I will make it clear that

without the paid support of the members of CBA/ABATE of NC, none of this work from our state would have been possible.

I encourage each and every one of you to join the MRF today! This is the organization that helped to defeat the 1987 "Superbike Ban" proposal in the US Senate. This is the organization that delayed, then weakened a national helmet law working from 1989 through 1991 (I was proud to be a part of the group that traveled to D.C. on YOUR dollars to work on that!); then repealed it in 1995 - making it a state's issue once again! Without this work, we could not even entertain ideas about changing our mandatory helmet law and while we still have not finished that fight, we've gotten VERY far and our opposition here in Raleigh has had to pull out all the stops to halt our progress, albeit temporarily.

This is the group that lobbied D.C. and made it unlawful for your insurance carrier to deny you medical benefits if you are injured while riding your motorcycle. And this is the group that is NOW fighting that same thing again because they discovered the big loophole Bill Clinton's administration put into the rewording of the new regulations TWO WEEKS before he left office!!!

This is the group that has made setting motorcycle accident prevention and safety a NHTSA priority instead of "safer crashing" (what an insane way to look at motorcycle education, eh?). This is the group that has managed to prevent road bans of motorcycles on certain lanes and highways, and imposed restrictions against NHTSA from lobbying in states against us for our helmet issues. This is the group that fought for two years and finally won a NGO (Non Governmental Agency) seat on the United Nations committed that is "looking at" global harmonization and that scary idea of a "universal motorcycle". There was not ONE person on that committee that rides. No rider input.. just declarations of policy. While none of us are proponents of the U.N., it only makes good sense to get involved with the committee - - how else to see what the heck they are doing???

All of this work is only made possible by keeping an office in D.C. within walking distance to the House and Senate. By paying a lobbyist of the first water, with experience (can you say NRA?) and connections who ALSO IS A RIDER. By having someone in that office at all times to answer phones, manage the office and many other tasks.

The costs are high, but the price of not having it is higher.

Our plate is still full. We have to continue to preserve the rider access to America's roads and highways. And make those roads and highways safer - - the ways to do this are outlined in specific programs that can be found on the MRF website. The fight to protect our health care coverage comes up every year. We MUST rein in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration... this group is working FOR us, paid FOR BY us, and is not doing as they are set up to do. They are supposed to be focused on their primary task of accident prevention, not what we are wearing on our bodies and our heads.

There is NO OTHER organization that is devoted specifically to street riders. As the tri-fold says... "Ride with the Leaders - Become an MRF Volunteer Today". Won't you please join the MRF today and help the ONLY motorcyclists rights group that is dedicated to street riders ONLY working on Federal and Global issues for YOU? Annual membership is \$25.

Call me for an application if one is not in this issue of our newsletter, or go to <http://www.mrf.org> and join from there. You can also always give Beverly Waters, office manager, a call at 202-546-0983 and get information or join through her.

Think about it. The work goes on... but the money dries up quick. We have over 100,000 registered motorcycles in this state, and we have exactly 40 members in our state - - FORTY memberships to the MRF. That includes sustaining memberships from CBA/ABATE chapters Carteret-Craven, Charlotte, Chatham, Raleigh, Randolph, and our Newsletter Editor is a member even... It's all for YOU.... Are you helping? We came within 9 days of having to close the MRF office this year due to lack of funding. Please, please join the MRF... It can only help you help yourself in the long-run. Something I consider a true American idea!

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One Member Speaks Out

Change happens. No matter what you look at today, it has changed drastically since yesterday. Motorcycles are no exception. From the dominance of brit bikes in the 1960s to jap bikes in the 1970s to the American bikes of today. We have gone from points ignition, kick starters, and drum brakes to electronic ignition, push button starters, and disk brakes.

What is ahead of us? Well in the near future a variety of new technologies may be showing up. Such as head-up displays, puncture-resistant tires, "smart headlights," and even air bags. All of these products are at least under consideration now, and

some are in the production pipeline. These products are considered safety devices. The problem we face in even exploring these technologies for motorcycles is that they tend to attract the attention of those on the outside who want to apply a quick fix to the problem of motorcycle accidents. We've seen this approach many times in the past, from lawsuits seeking to force manufacturers to install leg protectors on motorcycles to a concentrated campaign to ban sport bikes in the late 1980s (remember that?) to mandatory helmet laws.

Some of the new technologies although still in their infancy, could be helpful in the future to rid-

ers. But only if these technologies are allowed to develop without some SAFETY ZEALOT seizing upon them as the "cure" for motorcycle accidents, leading to more mandatory laws enforced on motorcyclists until an outright ban of bikes happens.

Will the CBA be ready to fight these safety nazis or will we still be fighting amongst ourselves? Just a thought.

Ed Judge
Cycle Sorcery Mechanic
Charlotte Member

Motorcyclists To Get Safety Signs From City

10-9-02
By SUE SCHULTZ, Staff Writer
News and Record

HIGH POINT – Darlene Kimsey has been riding a motorcycle for about eight years.

The Trinity resident is the vice-president of the High Point Chapter of the Concerned Bikers Association and say that not a week goes by she doesn't hear a story about someone in a motorcycle accident.

"The public needs to understand that with the rise of riding, we are out there," Kimsey says of motorcycle riders throughout the area. "Riding isn't just a recreational thing anymore, but a mode of transportation."

And like other vehicles, Kimsey says motorcycle riders also need protection while they are on the road.

After almost a year of lobbying the city, Kimsey says High Point will be the first city in the nation to put up signs reminding motorists to share the road with motorcycles.

About a year ago, Kimsey went to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to see about getting some signs posted along roads and streets throughout the state reminding motorists to share the road with motorcycles.

When the state rejected the proposal, Kimsey went to High Point.

After a letter to the city council, and several meetings with the city manager and city transportation officials, Kimsey was able to identify four city streets where the signs were needed.

Based on city streets where a high volume of motorcycle accidents occur, signs will be posted along Brentwood Street; Elm Street; Washington Drive; and Old Winston Road.

The city is expected to put up about four signs on each street.

Work on the signs is expected to begin sometime after the International Home Furnishings

Market, Phil Wylie, director of the city's transportation department said Tuesday.

Once the city erects the signs, the transportation department will monitor accidents on the streets to see if the signs have an impact.

In 2001 in Guilford County, there were three motorcycle accidents that killed three people, and another 122 accidents that injured 143 people. By way of comparison, in 1993 there were two fatal

motorcycle accidents that killed three people and 64 accidents that injured 117 people.

While state transportation officials haven't approved signs for state-owned streets, Kimsey says they will be watching the project in High Point.

"If we can show that the signs have an impact on reducing the number of accidents, the state may consider the signs" Kimsey said. "I am hoping it is something that will catch on."



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Together, we lobbied Congress on the major issues threatening motorcyclists today – from training and highway safety, to the specter of health care benefit denial, to the threat posed by the Environmental Protection Agency to our freedom and safety as motorcyclists. Thanks to CBA/ABATE of North Carolina and the other SMROs who met this challenge and went well beyond the call of duty, we have established a firm beachhead for our rights.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, please accept our best wishes and support in your continued efforts, as well as our congratulations and thanks for a job well done!

Yours for the Right to Ride,

Tom Pauley
Tom Pauley
President

Tom Wylid
Tom Wylid
Vice President – Government Relations

How To Get Things Done Administratively—A MOTM Session

I have to say, this was a great seminar. Time and again, I saw things pointed out that shows our organization is headed in the right direction. Different things were pointed out like how to get involved in your state's Governor's Highway Safety Program. Well, we're doing that. It was also mentioned how to be more effective by putting a person in place for jobs like disseminating information; we are doing that too. It was mentioned that an organization should have a method for members to get

answers, a set chain of command so to speak. We have that too. While I enjoyed this session, I have to say I really feel CBA/ABATE of NC has all the areas covered that were discussed in this seminar. Darlene Kimsey is starting a television show soon and that was an idea greatly lauded. I think this session was geared more towards groups that are new.

Cindy

NOTE FROM EDITOR: I also attended this seminar. It only supports the fact that we are heading in the right direction. Sometimes when we are wondering if we are doing the right thing, seminars like this confirm our direction and let us know that we are definitely on the right track. CBA/ABATE of NC is gaining national recognition through efforts of our hard-working legislatively minded members.

Chapter Letters

Brunswick

Friendly greetings from Brunswick County Chapter! We have had a great couple of months. Many of our members went to the Cherokee Survivor Rally that was held in September. What a great trip. We had 7 sites next to the river, cooked out and gathered under the community tarp for a friendly poker and gabsession. People this is what it's all about. Talk about brotherhood in the making. The best part was getting to know the people who you deal with every month on a more one on one basis. We all work together on events and go fight for the

cause but to quote the constitution preamble #6 "to foster a sense of brotherhood, sisterhood and cooperation between all motorcyclists". Conversation among our group was great but when we met another biker they would ask what CBA stood for and there we were with great stories to tell.

We are looking forward to the bike show on October 26. See the details in the Full Throttle Magazine. Hope everyone rides safe.

Kaye Mattingly

Carteret/Craven

Hello from all of us in the Cart/Crav Chapter CBA/ABATE. We have had a really good year as far as staying busy goes. It seems as though I have just been elected as President of this chapter and it is already election time again. My how time flies.

We have had bike washes, food sales, poker runs, and trying to keep all informed as best as we can. Our membership is continuing it's *Cont. on Page 15*

Internal Affairs

Newsletter Guidelines

If you know of a business you think might like to advertise, please email stateinfo@atmc.net and request that a media kit be sent. You must provide full address and contact person for each location. Ad prices have changed. Check Nov./Dec. issue for new pricing.

Chapter event flyers will be featured in newsletter only if submitted in a timely fashion. You may email, fax or mail them to me at 910-575-5993 or 1760 Ocean Haven Road SW., Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469.

The deadline for article submission is the last day of each odd month. Beginning in January this deadline is firm!

Chapter letters will be limited to 175 words and are to be submitted in the following basic outline:

- Upcoming events
- Meeting updates
- Important News
- Comments

All chapters not reporting will be identified as non-responsive. Chapter letters are the responsibility of the secretary.

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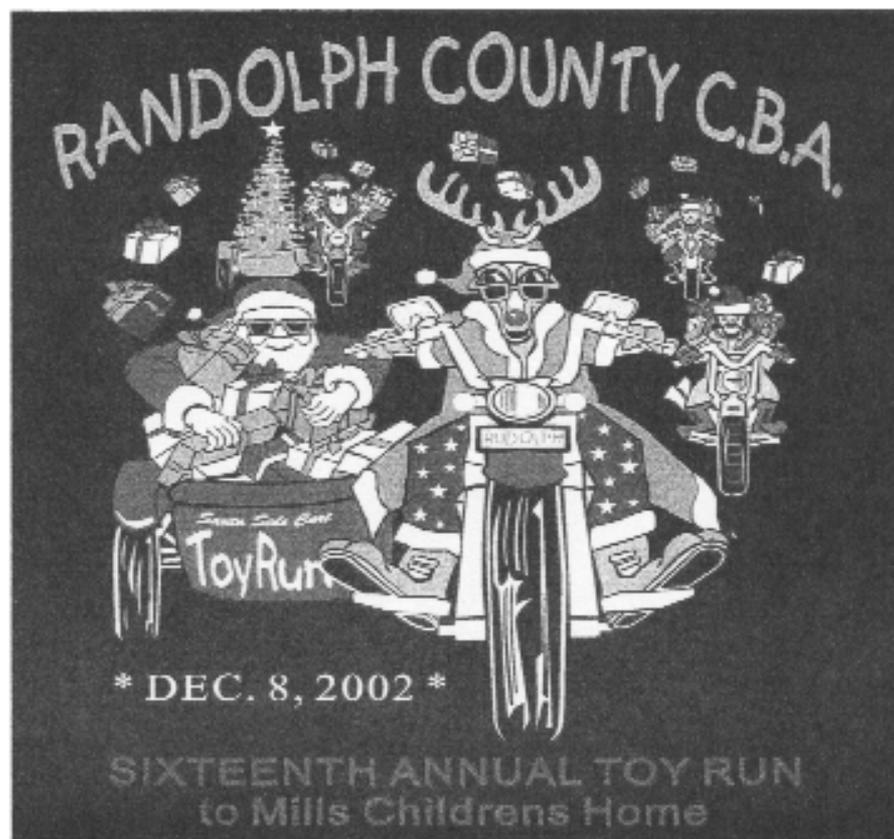
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Joy's Wild Ride

Hi everyone, I thought going to Raleigh was about the "wildest ride" I have ever encountered. I was wrong. The "campaign trail" tops it in so many ways. I can hardly wait for the January state meeting so I can share with you, in person, some of my experiences. I've talked to a lot of people, including professionals, who have worked very hard to help me with this "fight".

It's interesting when I think about how things were, when I first started going to Raleigh on behalf of the motorcyclists of this state. I truly felt like we were going in up there as "the underdog". And in a lot of people's eyes, I know we were looked at as being one of the lowest kinds of "life-forms". After 7 years we have made a lot of progress in changing their perception of the riders in this state.

Then came this campaign. It didn't take me long before I was right back to feeling like the "underdog" again. Since Nye has been there so long & he's got what seems like, unlimited resources, everybody has got him picked as the winner on Nov. 5th. But thanks to a handful of individual members in this organization, I now know that we'll be winners no matter how this election turns out.

The Republican Caucus held a candidate seminar on Sept. 13th. & 14th. in Raleigh at the state headquarters. I attended & we were all advised that between then & the election, all candidates should be doing 5 mailers. I spoke with them about it after the seminar and asked them if I

could only do one, which one was the most critical. They told me the most important one is the one mailed out right before the election. Thanks to the hard work of Hollis & Debbie Sweatt at the Anchor in Brunswick Co., I'll be able to order my mailers & get them out in time.

To be honest with everyone I have a lot of mixed feelings going on about this endeavor. I'm glad I decided to follow through with this campaign, but at the same time, I'm really disappointed that I didn't get the support I needed from more of the motorcycling community in this state. If it had not been for the individual members' efforts in the Brunswick Co. chapter & the bikers in that county, I would not have had a campaign at all.

I have to start by thanking Sherry Hand for her ability to motivate people into action. If not for all the previous years of her hard work on the legislative front, I know the bikers down there would not be as organized as they are now. Tracy Beck & Sherry held a back-yard barbecue before I even got back from Raleigh, to raise money for my campaign. Natalie found out I was coming down to Brunswick, called Sherry, & they put together a fundraiser for me at Natalie's business in a matter of what seemed like minutes. And then Jim & Peggy Burns made a very large contribution to my campaign, ensuring that I'd be able to order my yard signs.

Vinny Neumann voluntarily started me a web page, as well as bringing me an iron to Raleigh. (there's a story there for another time) Mike & Cindy Hodges

donated more than just money, as well. (I'm just glad they're the only ones who really saw the kind of shape I was in going into this thing)

David "Ditch" Gore was the first C.B.A. member to donate to my campaign. He, along with Mike & Cindy, have shown me the kind of friendship & patience I needed, to get myself fully into this campaign.

I came home from Raleigh ready to get started & found I had contributions waiting for me in the mail. I could hardly speak to Jim Barker on the phone when I called him to thank him for his contribution. I guess I got a little overwhelmed & the tears started flowing. I had been so worried in Raleigh about everything & it sure was nice to see that what I was attempting hadn't been forgotten by my brothers & sisters in C.B.A.

The individual members of a few chapters have truly been a "life-saver" for this campaign: Brunswick Co. chapter, Chatham Co. chapter, High-Point chapter, Andrea & Charlie Hodges from the Buncombe chapter, Jim & Gloria from the Carteret/Craven chapter, Sam Nobles from the Columbus Co. chapter, not to mention the non-chapter members, as well as persons who aren't even members of CBA. Even "Fast Fred" from the S.C. A.B.A.T.E. & Sons of Liberty, sent me a contribution.

I wish all of you could have been there to see the individual members of the Brunswick Co. chapter in action, the night they put my signs together. They worked like a well-oiled machine.

I have to thank Debi Knox & her daughter Candace for all their hard work, in getting my cards ready for me to take to my campaign functions. If not for her willingness to work long hours into the night, I wouldn't have had enough cards at a couple of "appearances".

I learned something else this weekend that I need to share with all of you. If you need any advice on how to put together an event to raise money for the "legislative front", you need to contact Hollis & Debbie Sweatt at the Anchor Lounge in Brunswick Co. With very short notice; they put together one of the best fundraisers a person could hope for, and as I stated earlier, if not for their efforts, I wouldn't be able to get my mailers out in time for the election. I think all the "Freedom Fighters" in the county were there.

To the individuals who have helped & supported me through this, I could never find the right words to truly show my appreciation. I love you all from the bottom of my heart & I know I could not have done this without you. There have been some very "down times", but there have been some times when I was so overwhelmed I could hardly contain myself. I will never forget what each of you has done to help me/us, get through this "one-of-a-kind ride". No matter how this election turns out, the motorcyclists of this state will be winners in more ways than I can explain right now.

Cotton, I don't have the words to tell you how much, what you've done for me, has helped me keep going through the scary times. You are my rock.

I have to send out one more "Special Thanks" to someone who's been there through it all, my husband-Ray Barbour. I'm sure there's been a few times when he felt like throwing me out of the truck, but he hung in there with me through all of my "fits". (Some of you have witnessed them also, & you know how I can get) I can't help it, I just worry about everything. If everyone had one-fourth of his commitment, I would win this campaign overwhelmingly.

But don't forget, no matter how this election ends, we (the motorcycling community of N.C.) will come out winners! Thanks again to all of you, who have helped in any way, to see that "one of our own" stepped into the political arena. I love you all.

Ride safe,
Joy

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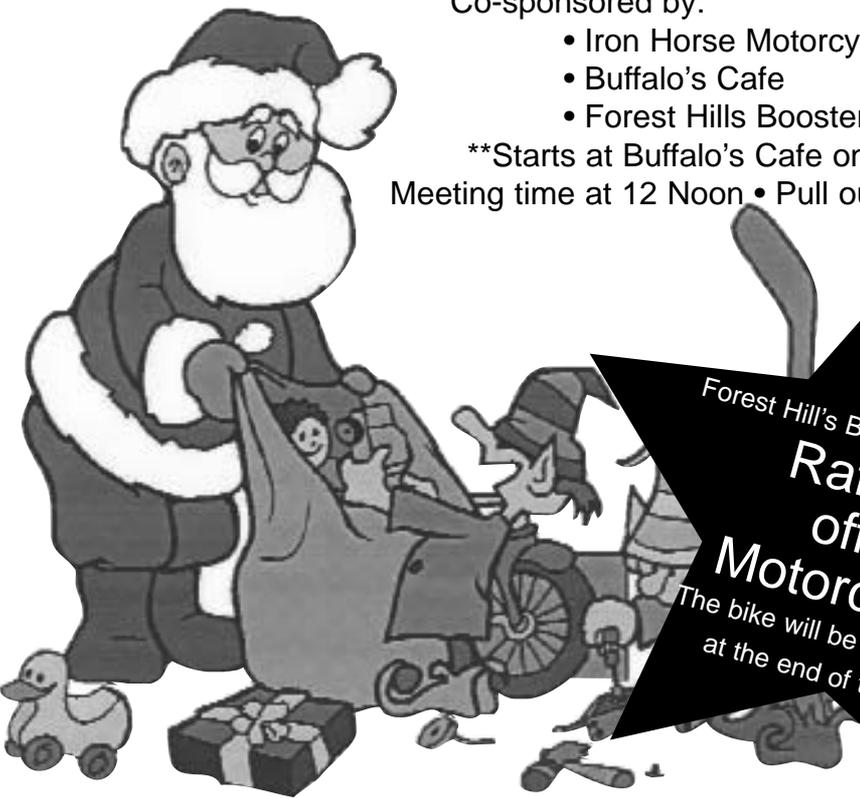
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Cont. from Page 13 growth and hopefully we can keep it growing. We have been busy trying to get our H-D raffle tickets sold, and as we do that we explain what our association is all about and it has seemed to spark some interest. We have also been trying to get out to other clubs and organizations functions and support them and hopefully get them to support us.

We do need to give Joy Barbour a big congratulations on running for a seat in the House of Representatives. We all need to pull together to try and get her a seat. It will be a giant step for all of us to have one of our own working for us. We have been getting the word out to all other Clubs and Organizations so we can try and get her some support. She works very hard to keep us updated on the happenings in Raleigh. We can all benefit from Joy. Good luck Joy!!

Well that's about all there is to report from our area, till next time ride safe and enjoy.

Mark "RATDADY" Ratliff
Prez. Cart/Crav CBA/ABATE

High Point

Hello again from High Point,

First I like to welcome our newest member Bonnie Wright, that puts us currently at 35 members, O.K.

I forgot to submit a newsletter last time so I'll try to keep this short. As you know the H-P chapter hosted the state meeting, this past July 20th. If you came I hope you enjoyed the food and entertainment. The H-P members really worked their butts off. Thanks again ya'll. We haven't had a lot going on here since.

The M/C awareness sign in High Point looks like its going to be a reality, the city manager has agreed to put 13 signs up along the roadways in HP final destination is still being worked out. Hopefully this will eventually go state wide. The signs that will go up, will have a picture of a motorcycle and bicycle with the slogan "Share the Road". I'd like to thank Darlene Kimsey and the HP chapter for pushing the

Chapter Letters (cont.)

awareness issues. This is something I believe needs a lot of attention.

We're having a chapter group ride on 9-22-02 to Stations Inn at Laurel Springs, NC at the park-way off Hwy 18. If you've never been you are missing out its a really nice biker friendly bar & grill with a motel.

We are getting ready for nominations for chapter officers. Should be interesting.

Ride safe. Ride free until next time.
Darryl Wrenn

Raleigh

When someone says Raleigh, I'm sure all of you think of the Legislature. I know Joy Barbour does! This is her "home away from home"! Raleigh Chapter is proud of Joy and her dedication to CBA. The Legislature finally passed the budget this week as I write this letter. Can't say they are prone to make quick decisions! We must get out and vote this fall if we want to put a boot in some of their behinds!

The Raleigh Chapter had two members that went down this year, and we had a great benefit run for them in June. We raised over three thousand dollars for Wayne Miller and John Fitts. We had lots of help from our great friends from Christian Motorcyclists Association. CMA is always there to help us with anything that we do. Thanks Guys! John Fitts, one of the downed riders we helped, is a long time member of CMA and CBA.

Our Chapter also had its 2nd Annual three Chapter event with Granville Cty. and Chatham Chapters on September 28th. This was a fundraiser for the Chapters. Our Chapter is focusing more on legislative issues. We used to do one benefit ride after the other for organizations such as Interact and Ronald McDonald House. Now we focus on our Downed Riders Fund and our annual Christmas For Kids event. Our Chapter does not have a large membership to work with. The members that we have, however, are some of the best!

As always, if you are in Raleigh area, stop by one of our meetings! We keep them short and sweet, while getting the business at hand done right!

Gail Rumler/Raleigh Secretary

Union

Hi from Union County...

It is about to be cold weather again, are we ready? (yes) We are ready to slow down some. It has been a very busy summer, going all the time. We have our new Officers for 2003: Prez-Aaron (Seed) Tedder, Vice Prez. Bernie Mitchell, Secretary Linda Stedmon, Treasurer Jan Tedder, MSA Todd Graham, Road Captain Ken, LC. Cotton Tedder. Congrats to the new officers. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. Come join our Toy's for Joy run on December 8, 2002. We would like to thank Bernie for the great party he gave, and the fireworks for the kids, it was a blast...

Till next year,
Jan Tedder

Chapters Not Reporting

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Chatham
Columbus
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Tar River Basin

Chapter Secretaries:
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Advance Notice!

There will be a First Aid & CPR class held on February 22 at the American Red Cross in High Point, NC. Each chapter is requested to send two members to this class. There will be refreshments and lunch will be provided. The class will be an all day class so members that need motel info please contact me and I will send you the info. I will need to know what members plan to attend so that we can have an accurate head count for the instructors.

Russell Johnson
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