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NO MORE MAILING OF NEWSLETTER

On March 20 during the Chapter Meeting, a motion was made, had a second and passed to stop mailing the chapters newsletter, Freedom's Voice and the funds used to print and mail the newsletter shall be used to place an ad in the Brunswick Beacon. The newsletter will still be available on the website, www.brunswickcba.org. A post card will be mailed to current members as a reminder of major events.

The newsletter has been good source to inform the membership of events and activities. However, only chapter members and about 40 clubs, which include other CBA chapters, receive Freedom's Voice by mail. With the same amount of money used for the newsletter to reach about 140 people an ad in The Brunswick Beacon could reach over 17,000 people.

As the Editor and Printer of Freedom's Voice, I can honestly say I will not miss making the time to print, fold, staple, label, stamp and mail 140 news letters. Locating information and Editing Freedom's Voice will continue. Hopefully by placing the ad in The Brunswick Beacon our CBA Chapter will grow due to the direction from the add to our Web Site.

Becky Mooney

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

3 - 8:00 Chapter Meeting

7 - Motorcycle Maintenance **RESCHEDULED** to June 23

14 - 2nd Saturday Ride Leave lodge 8:00 am

14 - State Committee Meetings

15 - State Executive Council Meeting

17 - 8:00 Chapter Meeting

25 - MSAP at North Brunswick High, leave Lodge 3:00

Lodge Party

The 7th Annual Lodge Anniversary Party was held on Saturday March 17th. Which also happened to be Saint Patrick's Day. Everyone in attendance wore green or got pinched by an over zealous bar keeper,. It was quickly pointed out to her that she didn't have on green, she rounded up some green beads and adorned them. Everyone enjoyed the day eating from the 15 entries of the Chicken Bog cook off, cold beverages, and games. Joe did an outstanding job emceeing the event as well as filling the air with a variety of music from his MP3 player.

There were 3 judges with a difficult task of deciding who had the award winning chicken bog. When the chicken bog judging sheets were tallied, Cheryl won first place, Nora placed second and Cleve placed third. Participants and spectators had fun with the bike and people games. Marilyn and Sterling showed everyone how to hang clothes on the line taking the trophy. It was said, "One would think Marilyn had never seen a dryer the way she hung the clothes up so fast." The slow race was won by Paul . The bar tenders, Jocelyn, Pam, Tracy, and Cheryl let everyone see that they know how to work together and won the 4 man ski team. The plunger game was won by Strutski and Amanda, no description is needed for that game. Melody and Jim showed everyone she knows how to handle the balls in the pick-em-up put-em-down game. All in all the 7th Lodge Anniversary Party was a successful event with many happy faces who want to attend the 8th Annual Lodge Anniversary Party.



RIDING TIME

Some people are saying "Finally riding weather is here." When you dust the cob webs off of your bike make sure to take a few extra minutes to be safe by checking and correcting the following: Check the tires for cracks as well as the air pressure. The air pressure in the tires can change dramatically with the changes in the weather. Check your for rust on cables and the drive chain, remove rust & lubricate cables and chain. Make sure fluids are topped off. There could be a slow leak in the fluid lines that you just didn't notice when you stored the bike. This is a good time to change the oil & filter and coolant. While setting over the winter debris can deposit to the bottom of the tanks.

Remember the most important thing of all, when you get on your bike and go for a ride, WATCH OUT FOR THE IDIOTS, they are NOT watching out for you!!!

Becky

Membership Notes

Membership renewals DUE in April: Jill Carter, Ken Clark, Richard & Carol Humphrey, Woody Knox, Ellie Page, Dean Smith, and Joseph & Rebekah Stanley

Renewals due in April: Jerry Adkins, Sam B. Edwards Jr., Leo & Candie Macon, and Pam Parker

Please remember to renew in your renewal month to renew with the \$5 discounted rate. Memberships who lapse over into the month past renewal month will have to re-join at the new member (single or couple) rate as well as lose their continuous membership status. Lapses in membership can affect your eligibility to serve as local and state officers as well as eligibility to become a lifetime member.



Road Captain's Ramblings

On March 3rd, 13 bikes with 17 people went on a Flyer Run to publicize our Anniversary Party. We rode down to Murrills Inlet and worked our way back, hitting as many "biker friendly" establishments as we could. A good time was had by all.

The following Saturday, March 10th under threatening skies we kicked off our 2nd Saturday Ride with a ride to Moore's Creek Battlefield. 9 Bikes, and 10 people rode 200 miles, as we took the "scenic" route there and back. Again, a good time was had by all.

Our next 2nd Saturday Ride on April 14th was scheduled for Charleston Heritage Bike Week. However, that bike week was abruptly cancelled. We will now be going to Kinston, NC for a Biker Bash Benefit for Dave Galloway and Mike Murphy of MSEP. There will be a \$20 admission fee for this event. We will be leaving 8 a.m. sharp from the Lodge.

Several people have inquired about having some rides on Sunday. I know people have to work on Sat. and Sunday is the only time they have to ride. Although they won't be regularly scheduled, I will try to have some Sunday rides. Watch the Web Site, Brunswick Beacon, CBA Rides e-mail for info. I will try to post it as early as possible.

Finally, the Outer Banks overnight trip is set for June 8, 9 and 10. If you are interested in going, please sign up as soon as possible. We are now in the process of making motel accommodations.

Til next time,

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, Bob G.

IN THE TRENCHS WITH DOC SKI

Our Red Light Bill is in the drafting department getting prepared for introduction by Representative Crawford. I received a note from Rep Crawford's Legislative Assistant asking if we still want to submit the bill. She has been communicating with the NC DOT, and they have reported that they can calibrate the "inductive loop sensors" to enable them to detect a motorcycle. The method of getting the loops calibrated is to contact the DOT site and report the problem (<http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/traffic/TMSSU/SMS/motorcycle.html> - 9.1KB) .

I responded that In some cases, the calibration process does not work, and motorcycles are still not detected. I also advise his office that I would gather some evidence to demonstrate the ineffectiveness of the DOT site in being able to correct the problem...

So what does that mean to us? It means all Y'all gotta go get your friends and colleagues out to:

1. find a light that does not detect a motorcycle, report it to the DOT web-site and then:
2. go out later and determine if it is still not detecting motorcycles, and, finally
3. if it still does not detect a motorcycle, report it to me so I can present it to the Representative.

We need to get on this ASAP... Bills need to be introduced early in the session, and Rep Crawford will submit the bill, but he needs us to support him by providing evidence that the system is not working. We can't all argue in committees for the bill's passage, but we can all find evidence of whether the calibration of sensors is effective or not.

If all the detectors that are calibrated can detect motorcycles after calibration, then we have no justification for the law (in the eyes of the lawmakers) and this is a non-issue that does not need a law.

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Put your money
where your mouth is!

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Safety Coordinators Report Sterling Page

Bob Shanafelt, a neighbor and friend of mine, has assisted our chapter a number of times in recent years. He has been one of the victims at our previous ASMI classes. Volunteering to lay on the cold asphalt under a motorcycle partially dressed, sometimes in drizzling rain was a generous act. Some of you might recognize him from his attendance at the ASMI wrap up session.

He was very fortunate that the recently purchased defibrillator was available on January 8, 2007, otherwise Bob would not be alive today.

Our chapter has some major goals this year and I would like to add another item to the list. I am suggesting that our chapter purchase a portable defibrillator to have available at our lodge as well as any events that we sponsor.

After purchase, classes would be offered to familiarize members with the application of the defibrillator in combination with First Aid as well as CPR to further educate us to save a life.

Remember to post your calendars for:

June 2, . 8:00 A.M.-- 5:00 P.M The Basic ASMI (Accident Scene Management Incorporated) training will be conducted at the lodge.

Cost \$20.00 per person (normally \$45.00)

Open to the public, so bring your friends. If you have already attended, come again. You can never receive too much knowledge in action that can be taken to save a life.

For tips on maintaining your motorcycle:

June 23 11:00 A.M. Motorcycle Maintenance Workshop

R & B V-Twins {Hwy. 179 Shallotte }

Please make an effort to attend chapter meetings, events, and training classes. Members are sacrificing their time for your benefit, and they deserve your support

Name this person:

First Governor of the independent state of North Carolina.

On February 27,1776 led 1,100 Whig troops that ambushed the Tories and upset the British plans for invasion at Moore's Creek, N.C.

For his efforts he became the hero of the Revolution.

Became Brigadier General in 1776, later to command all North Carolina Militia.

Chairman of the committee to draft a state constitution which was adapted, following the Declaration Of Independence by the Continental Congress.

If you had attended your Road Captain's second Saturday ride on March 10th, you would know who this famous North Carolina resident was.

If you can't answer the question, call one of the members that attended the movie at the Moore's Creek Battleground.

Thank you Bob G., it was great.

Submitted by one of the attendees of the 200+ scenic and informative ride.

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLE CONVENTION

NCOM is being held at The Hilton in Charlotte this year. The Hilton is full. There are overflow rooms available at the County Inn (704-549-8770) at the same rate. Actually it's a better deal, breakfast is included! They will be running a shuttle to and from the Hilton. If anyone calls the Hilton 800 number you WILL NOT be directed to call the Country Inn. If you call the Hilton direct 704-547-7444 you will or should be transferred or instructed to call the Country Inn. When you call the Country Inn you will need to say that you are booking a room for the NCOM convention.

Thanks

Darlene

I SAW YOU

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I saw you, reading the map as you drove down the road. But, you didn't see me, squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

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

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

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

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

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

A person with friends and a family.

But, you didn't see me.



Look who celebrated Saint Patrick's Day!
Above, Bob & Gloria with green visors.
Below, Greg in his little green hat.



Boneyard Bike Night at Cody's Pub

What: Bike Night

Who: Amy J

When: Every Friday

Where: Cody's Pub, 6485 Carolina Beach Road, just 1 1/2 miles south of Monkey Junction

Join the BONE at Bike Night - now at Cody's Pub !!!

BURNOUTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED !

FREE MECHANICAL BULL RIDES !

THE HOTTEST BARTENDERS IN TOWN !

KARAOKE !

***. . . AND YOU CAN TAKE YOUR DRINKS OUTSIDE
WHILE YOU HANG NEXT TO YOUR BIKE !***

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
CONCERNED BIKERS ASSOCIATION/ABATE OF NC, INC.
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION
(This application is for new memberships only)

NAME (S) _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE +4 _____
PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____
OCCUPATION _____ AGE _____
MAKE/SIZE OF MOTORCYCLE _____ MILES PER YEAR _____
ARE YOU AFFILIATED WITH OTHER MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS? Yes No
If yes, name _____

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? Yes No

I UNDERSTAND BY SIGNING MY NAME TO THIS APPLICATION THAT I AM SEEKING MEMBERSHIP INTO A GRASSROOTS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FORMED TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS.

SIGNED: _____

RECRUITED BY _____

_____ \$25.00 annual individual membership \$35.00 annual couple membership

Chapter Affiliation _____ (or) you may join as an "At Large"

Mail your completed application with payment made to:

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