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13TH ANNUAL BLUES MEMORIAL RUN

There will be changes to the run this year. Brunswick County Sherriff's Department will escort the poker run to 2 stops to draw cards, then to

the event site near Hickman's Cross roads for bike games, food, ice cold beverage and FUN!!!

The winner of the poker hand will receive \$150 cash and there will be a drawing of the remaining hands for \$50. The winner of each bike game will receive \$50. Even if you don't play poke you still have the chance to take home some cold hard cash! The fun will continue on into the night, after dark there will be a wet t-shirt contest. The winner of the wet t-shirt contest will be awarded the cash raised by the crowd.



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

3 - 8:00 Chapter Meeting

7 - 11:00 Motorcycle Skills course @ West Brunswick High

14 - Second Saturday Ride contact Jeff 443-4541 for time & destination

14 - State Committee Meetings

15- State Executive Council Meeting

17 - 8:00 Chapter Meeting

28 - 9:00 BLUES RUN & RODEO

31 - 7:00 5th Tuesday Dinner at Lodge \$5 per plate



ROAD CAPTAIN'S RAMBLINGS

Our Outer Banks Trip was a smashing success – 11 bikes, 1 truck, and 18 people. Every one had a good time. We even had a CBA first – we left 2 minutes earlier than our designated 7 a.m. departure time from George's Restaurant in Calabash. The 2nd floor balcony of the Salvo Motel quickly turned into party central, with our own "Miss Ellie" doing her impression of Last Comic Standing. Good time was had by all and another generation of CBA'ers have their own Salvo Motel stories to tell. Check out the photos soon to be posted on the web site. Jeff Sheppard will lead us on our July 2nd Saturday ride – probably to Easy Riders Rodeo in Wilson. Watch for details to follow.

When riding everyone should carry a fully charged cell phone. On that phone you should have at least one, if not two, ICE (in case of emergency) numbers. Emergency First Responders are trained to look for ICE numbers when operating at an emergency. It's nice to know it's there if you need it.

Till next time, Ride Safe,
Ride Smart,
Bob



Join NC Bike PAC
Put your money
where your mouth is!

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IN THE TRENCHES WITH DOC SKI

The House Transportation Committee will meet and consider SB 375 - Amend the MC Learners Permit on Wednesday 27 June 2007, at 11:00 am in room 1228 of the Legislative Building. I have met with Senator Rand's staff and have offered some compromise solutions to the Learner's Permit bill. They were receptive to our ideas and concerns, but... I do not know what the final result of our meetings will be.

They will review our materials, brief the Senator, and provide some recommendations. Senator Rand will make the final decision regarding the bill that will be considered by the Transportation Committee on Wednesday morning. I am hopeful they will offer an acceptable bill to the committee for consideration.

Although, I am hopeful the good Senator will favor our issues, I am preparing for a more bitter result. Right now I am organizing arguments against all of the issues we have voiced concerns about to-date (05 June blog). I am also preparing arguments against the mandatory MSF Rider Ed course being the only avenue to licensure for a motorcycle.

Read more at <http://docskivnv.bravejournal.com/>

RIDE SAFE

Finally Summer time! Lots more motorcycles are on the rode during the summer unfortunately so are issues of water.

First water issue is dehydration: While riding most folks don't even realize how much water the sun can actually evaporate from their body. Riding with a tank top because it's 'cooler' really increases the chances of dehydration on long rides. Solution, drink lots of water and wear a thin long sleeve shirt while riding. Make frequent stops in order to drink water, not soda or beer. Not only will the long sleeve help prevent the sunburn and fluid absorption, it could also be a safety factor in the event of an accident.

Second water issue rain: Hot days often mean afternoon thunder storms. When it begins to rain while you are riding pull over and allow the rain to wash the oil and 'gunk' off the road. The first 30 minutes of rain is dangerous to bikes as this is when the road is most slippery. If you travel any distance from home, make sure your rain gear is on your bike. In the summer, plastic suits such as the ones you can purchase from Wal-mart are hot and are not bike friendly. They can easily rip while you are riding or melt if contact with a pipe occurs. Suggestion: purchase a breathable suit such as Frog Tog. These suits are breathable and do not melt as easy as the 'plastic' suits. Frog Togs are not that expensive when compared to replacing the plastic suits after each use or even the rain suits offered at most dealerships.

While riding this summer remember to drink lots of water and be prepared for the rain.



Happy Birthday
Wayne, Tom, Cleve and Grant,

Happy Anniversary
Tome & Shirley

FOURTH OF JULY PARTY!!
Celebrate the fourth in style with Steve & Deb
Knox Saturday July 7 4:00 UNTIL.
Food, Fireworks, Kid crafts, Waterslide, Fishing,
Bring your own beverage & chair.
Fire works make Southport seem small!!!
More information contact Deb 754-2304

CBA STATE BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

It's voting time for the State BOD. Read the State newsletter for bio's on the candidates. The State Officers hold their office for 2 years. Voting will take placed in August.

Membership Notes

Membership renewals DUE in July: Jim Allard, David Burnette, Murdock & Allison Cartrette,, Lee & Lisa Hall, Mark & Michelle Hewett, Jason & Debra Hollis, Ract Lassiter, Terri Long, Robert & Elaine Molloy, Michael Standen, Jim Tyson, Kerry Young, and Paul Zittle Jr.

Renewals due in August: John & Barbara Albetines, Domenic & Dawn DeAngelo, Richard Nesbitt, Neal Palmer, David Rhodes & Jenny Bradley, and Don & Jo-Ann Wadsworth

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.

Safety Coordinators Report
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June was another month that Safety was our main subject as was May.

On June 2, we held our annual ASMI, Accident Scene Management Inc. class with 17 attendees. Carol & Bull Bullard used our members as their first Basic course recipients. The material was presented in a professional manner and the chapter members received valuable information that could possibly save someone's life.

Many of the members present had already completed both the Basic & Advanced training previously. Nine members attended for the first time.

On June 16, we held our annual Group Riding M.S.F. training course at our new lodge. Six members attended the classroom portion and were joined by a seventh member to conduct the on the road training portion. We proceeded to Leland to attend the "DARE" & Leland Police Dept. 2nd annual car & bike show. One of our members, Pete Larkin, won 2nd place in the touring class. The band was good, scenery was interesting, and all had a good time.

The Motorcycle Maintenance Workshop that was scheduled to be conducted on June 23, was cancelled due to insufficient sign ups for attendance.

Becky, your MSAP coordinator has posted the schedule for the Drivers Education summer sessions.

She conducted the session At Boiling Springs on June 14 by herself.

I realize that it is difficult for working folks to be in attendance as the classes start so early, but if any of you can at least show up to give her some assistance it would be greatly appreciated.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD:

African Country bans women from bikes: The Nigerian state of Kano has banned women from riding commercial motorcycles, according to the official News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), which warned that women who ride risk being arrested.

"The Sharia police, otherwise known as Hisbah committee, have concluded arrangements to commence enforcement of some aspects of the state's sharia law as passed by the state House of Assembly," the NAN said. The law bans women from riding commercial motorcycles, commonly known as Okada in Nigeria, and also bars Muslim Okada operators from carrying women on their motorcycles.

Other aspects of the Sharia law that would be implemented include the ban on alcohol consumption, hard drugs and prostitution, the commander said. Kano, one of 12 states in Nigeria's predominantly Muslim north that adopted the strict Islamic law in 2000, is the first to introduce segregated public transport.

Woman crashes while teaching dog to drive: woman in Hohhot, the capital of north China's Inner Mongolia region, crashed her car while giving her dog a driving lesson, the official Xinhua News Agency announced.

The woman, identified only by her surname, Li, said her dog "was fond of crouching on the steering wheel and often watched her drive," according to Xinhua. "She thought she would let the dog 'have a try' while she operated the accelerator and brake," the report said. "They did not make it far before crashing into an oncoming car."

No injuries were reported although both vehicles were slightly damaged.

Michelin Announces Motorcycle Tire Recall

To date, no accidents or injuries reported

GREENVILLE, S.C., June 15 /PRNewswire/ -- Michelin has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Transport Canada that it is recalling Michelin(R) Pilot(R) Power 2CT and Pilot(R) Power 120/70 ZR 17 (58W) front motorcycle tires with the "Made in France" markings in the United States and Canada. This recall involves these specific tires only and has no impact on any other Michelin tires. Related actions are under way in other countries.

An examination of these tires showed a possible defect in the tread due to a manufacturing irregularity. No cases of pressure loss have been reported and no accidents have occurred.

Because rider safety is the primary concern, Michelin has decided as a precaution to replace the 120/70 ZR 17 (58W) Michelin Pilot Power 2CT and Michelin Pilot Power front tires, which can be identified by the following markings on the sidewall:-- a "Made in France" label-- DOT 6UCW 980T or DOT 6UCW 979T Any consumer in the United States or Canada who believes they are affected by the recall should not wait to receive notification but should call Michelin Consumer Relations at 1 866 324 2835.

The company will be replacing all potentially affected tires in a comprehensive commitment to retrieve from the market any tire that does not meet Michelin quality standards. Replacement tires are available at no cost (including mounting and balancing) to consumers through participating Michelin(R) motorcycle tire servicing retailers.

About Michelin: Dedicated to the improvement of sustainable mobility, Michelin designs, manufactures and sells tires for every type of vehicle, including airplanes, automobiles, bicycles, earthmovers, farm equipment, heavy-duty trucks, motorcycles and the space shuttle. The company also publishes travel guides, hotel and restaurant guides, maps and road atlases. Headquartered in Greenville, S.C., Michelin North America (<http://www.michelin.com/>) employs more than 22,000 and operates 19 major manufacturing plants in 17 locations. About the DOT Code and Tire Identification Number: The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) markings serve as the tire's fingerprint and signify compliance with U.S. Tire Safety Standards. The DOT code can be found on the sidewall right above the rim printed in small type less than half an inch tall.

Make sure your tire is of the make and model: Michelin(R) Pilot(R) Power 2CT or Michelin(R) Pilot(R) Power 120/70 ZR 17 (58W) Then, look for a DOT code 6UCW 980T or DOT 6UCW 979T on the sidewall. If you are having difficulty identifying your tire's DOT code, please ask your local tire dealer to assist you or call Michelin Consumer Relations at 1 866 324 2835.



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!



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 !!!

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THE HOTTEST BARTENDERS IN TOWN !

KARAOKE !

. . . AND YOU CAN TAKE YOUR DRINKS OUT-SIDE WHILE YOU HANG NEXT TO YOUR BIKE !



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