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### Moving Wall

Saturday November 3rd members from Brunswick and Columbus County CBA met at HB Spokes in Longs SC to ride as a group to the Vietnam Memorial, Moving Wall located at Broadway at the Beach Myrtle Beach SC. There were 20 bikes a car & a truck with about 32 people in attendance. After visiting the Wall, members ate lunch, had a nice ride and enjoyed the day of camaraderie. *(Photo is only a portion of attendees)*

### DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

**4 - 8:00 Chapter Meeting**

8 - 10:00 Brunswick County Motorcycle Enthusiast Toy Run

6 - MSAP

15 - 7:00 Strutski's Christmas Party

18 - MSAP

25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you for your time, service and dedication as 2007 officers of Brunswick County CBA.  
Your service and commitment is greatly appreciated!



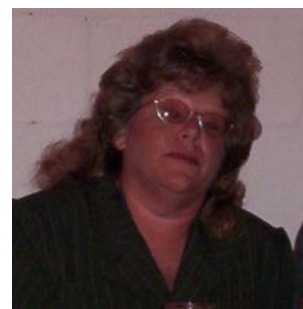
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Brunswick CBA Christmas & Awards Party will not be held. The awards will be given to recipients at a Chapter meeting in January. May each of you have a happy & safe holiday.

Open Invitation  
Steve & Amanda Strutski will be hosting a Christmas party December 15 at their home  
2805 Seashore Road Supply  
BYOB, set ups will be provided.  
More info call 842-2932

### Membership Notes

**Membership renewals DUE in December :Ronald Knight, Jim & Kay Knot, Bill Pfeffer & Sue Moriarty, and Wayne Smith**

Renewals due in January: Wayne Barr, David Coulter, Tom & Shirley Driver, David & Nora Milliken, Tal Mooney, Sid & Susan Morrison, Jerome & Shawna Munna, Calvin Whitley, Paul Zittle, III

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

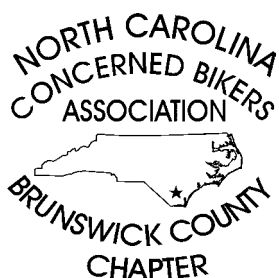
#### IN THE TRENCHES WITH DOC SKI

Keep informed on what's happening with legislation, read Doc's legislative blog at:  
<http://docskivnv.bravejournal.com/>



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Freedom's Voice is published monthly, deadline for submission is the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Bring your photo's articles and advertisements to the meeting or e-mail [wmooney@atmc.net](mailto:wmooney@atmc.net).

## Safety Coordinator's Report Sterling Page

The Cape Fear Community College is now scheduling the B.R.C. ( Basic Riders Course ), classes for attendance in December. If you have an interest in attending the course, call Debra Giles at 910-362-7175 to get your request in as soon as possible. If you have already attended the B.R.C., and are interested in attending the E.R.C (Experienced Riders Course), call Debra Giles to put your name on the list.

Most insurance companies will give you a discount on your Motorcycle Insurance policy after completion of either course.

Just a reminder- As of Oct. 1, 2007, the motorcycle learner's permit expires six months after it is issued. ( It was 18 months ) The fee for the permit is \$10.00 and the fee for one additional renewal of the learner's permit is \$50.00. This allows you one year, with the renewal, to get your endorsement. After a year expires, no learner's permit will be available.

We have been hearing stories about bikers being stopped by the police and proper licensing being verified. If you don't have a valid Learner's permit or an "M", motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license, you will be in trouble if stopped.

Because of this, it is expected that there will be a high demand to attend a B.R.C. or E.R.C. class in order to avoid having to take the D.M.V. skills test.

If you have proof of the class completion, then the D.M.V. skills test is waived.

You still have to pass the D.M.V. written test.

Last weekend I had a student from Longs, S.C. in my B.R.C. class. The state of South Carolina will not accept the B.R.C. completion card if completed in N.C.

The reason that the young lady attended my class was that she couldn't get enrolled in the S.C. class, as there are no openings. She made the decision to attend the N.C. class to receive training to make it easier for her to complete the South Carolina D.M.V. skills test. By the way, she passed. So, if you are not legally licensed to ride a motorcycle, you might want to consider these options.



**CHROME**  
Wont help if you can't ride!!



### **DO YOU KNOW: WHO SAID IT?**

“Great minds discuss ideas,  
average minds discuss events and  
simple minds discuss people.”

Answer to Novembers Do You Know :

Steve Strutski

Winner: Jeff Sheppard

## 2008 OFFICER TRAINING & AWARDS BANQUET

November 17 the 2008 Officer Training Seminar & Awards Banquet was held at the Randolph County CBA lodge in Asheboro. Wayne, Becky, & Jocelyn attended representing Brunswick Chapter. Deb & Steve Knox and Doyel Hayden also attended. Officer training was very informative. Many awards were given to deserving chapters. Gaston County received Chapter of the Year. Brunswick received an award for 13 years of dedicated service, Legislative champions, and MSAP chapter of the year. Jocelyn received an appreciation plaque for her dedicated service to the State CBA. Dinner was served, and Rep. Farwell of Randolph County spoke. Entertainment was provided by a Barney Fife impersonator.



### NORTH CAROLINA'S CURRENT HELMET LAW IS IN EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2008

#### The current standards dictate:

*"The operator of a motorcycle, and all passengers thereon, must wear safety helmets of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles."*

The NC DOT has declared (in writing) that the Commissioner does not approve helmets (Gardner, Jan 2007). Therefore, any type of helmet that you wear on your head is appropriate and legal in North Carolina. This legal standard has been upheld in the North Carolina courts, several times (i.e., NC v Barker; NC v Ruddock; NC v Boger).

During the 2007 legislative session, North Carolina's elected officials voted to change the existing helmet law.

#### The new standards dictate:

*"The operator of a motorcycle, and all passengers thereon, must wear on their heads, with a retention strap properly secured, safety helmets of a type that complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218."* **To be taken into effect January 1 2009**

Recently, overzealous Law Enforcement Officers in a variety of locations across North Carolina, have begun to write citations for violations of the law that does not take effect until next year. Or, to infer that the current statute requires DOT FMVSS 218 helmets.

**These citations are NOT enforceable. DO NOT pay the \$100 fine.  
PREMATURE ENFORCEMENT**

In response to the premature enforcement of the new standards, CBA/ABATE of NC's Helmet Citation Defense Project has developed a portfolio of materials to assist riders in preparing a legal defense against these illegal citations.

**Do NOT pay the fine for an ILLEGAL ticket.**

We are **NOT** attorneys but we are **FREEDOM LOVING BIKERS** experienced in the preparation of the materials needed to defend against oppressive helmet laws. We want to lend our support **YOUR** defense efforts. **JOIN US! Go to court and fight this abuse of authority.**

For more information, or to get involved in the activities of the CBA/ABATE  
of North Carolina's **Helmet Citation Defense Project**  
Contact: Super-Susan at 828-855-0677 or Doc Ski at 919-266-2653  
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