

# Legislative Update for Chatham County CBA – September 2011

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## NC State Issues:

**H 105 MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH** – Designates the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. This bill was introduced at the request of and is actively supported by CBA/ABATE of NC. Introduced by Keever, Fisher. Filed: 2/15/11' 5-4-11: Passed 1st reading, referred to Rules **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**H 166 PURPLE HEART MOTORCYCLE SPECIAL PLATES** – Authorizes DMV to develop a special motorcycle license plate for Purple Heart recipients. Introduced by McGee, Folwell, Killian, Spear. Filed: 2/22/11. 5-4-11: Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, passed Transportation, now in House Finance committee **No change this month– no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**H 392 MODIFY MOTORCYCLE HELMET REQUIREMENTS** – Repeals the requirement that a person who is eighteen years old or older wear a helmet while operating a motorcycle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area. Introduced by Hastings, T. Moore, McCormick. Filed: 3/16/11 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 5-4-11: referred to House Transportation **No change this month– no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**S 187 - Outlaw Red Light Camera Systems** - Sponsor East (R - Stokes/Surry/Yadkin) 5-4-11: Passed Senate, in House Rules committee. **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**S 355 - MASONIC SPECIAL PLATE/MOTORCYCLES** – Authorizes DMV to produce a motorcycle plate for civic clubs such as the Jaycees, Masons, Kiwanis, Optimist, Rotary, Ruritan, and Shrine. Introduced by East. Filed: 3/16/11 Passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading, referred to Finance: 3/17/11 **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

**S 480 – Bill title: “Let Those Who Ride Decide”** Provides helmet choice for people 18 and over. 5-4-11: Sent to the Senate Rules commit. **No change this month – no action possible until the 2012 session.**

## Federal and international issues:

**8-10-11: Bath, England: Motorcycle helmets protect riders** but they may also contribute to hearing loss, say researchers at the University of Bath and Bath Spa University in England. The study, Aeroacoustic Sources of Motorcycle Helmet Noise, revealed the biggest source of noise for helmeted motorcyclists is generated by airflow over the riders' helmets. Even at legal speeds, the sound can exceed safe levels, more than enough to cause serious hearing damage. The study has been accepted for publication in Journal of the Acoustical Society of America.

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**8-19-11: NEW REPORT REVEALS THAT 1 IN 7 DRIVERS ARE UNINSURED** - Summer is the time for road trips, long motorcycle rides and making those daily back-and-forth trips to run household errands. Chances are drivers will not be involved in a vehicle accident during these travels, but everyone likely will be involved in at least one motor vehicle accident in his or her lifetime. Across the United States, chances are roughly one in seven that a driver is uninsured, according to estimates released in April from the Insurance Research Council. The economic downturn is thought to be a major factor in the increase of uninsured motorists, with approximately 13.8% of U.S. drivers being uninsured in 2009 despite laws in most states requiring drivers to maintain minimum coverage. In a new study, “Uninsured Motorists, 2011 edition,” the IRC estimates the percentage of uninsured drivers countrywide and in individual states for 2008 and 2009 based on the number of uninsured motorist insurance claims versus the number of bodily injury claims. In 2009, the five states with the highest uninsured driver estimates were Mississippi, 28%; New Mexico, 26%; Tennessee, 24%; Oklahoma, 24%; and Florida, 24%. The five states with the lowest uninsured driver estimates were Massachusetts, 4.5%; Maine, 4.5%; New York, 5%; Pennsylvania, 7%; and Vermont, 7%. The moral? Protect yourself by making sure you're fully covered, with Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist coverage included in your insurance policy!

**Awareness is our best defense. Please stay involved legislatively.**  
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## Interesting Quotes

**"The fruits of life fall into the hands of those who climb the tree and pick them."** - Earl Tupper (1907 - 1983) American business person

**Stop complaining about what you're not getting, and start creating what you want.** - Dr. Phil McGraw (1950 - ) American psychologist, TV host

**Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will and his personal responsibility.** - Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) German medical missionary Nobel Peace Prize winner

**Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.** Mark Twain (1835-1910) American writer

**The key to success is for you to make a habit throughout your life of doing the things you fear.** Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) Dutch painter first career: art salesman

**Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.** Raymond Chandler (1888-1959) American novelist and screenwriter

**A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.** Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965) British prime minister during WWII

**Fight for the right to live in freedom!** Paul McCartney

**Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.** Thomas Paine

**A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.** G Gordon Liddy

**Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. ....James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)**

**Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. ....Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown Univ**

**No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.....Mark Twain (1866)**

**Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you. ....Pericles (430 B.C.)**

**The man who does things makes mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all -- doing nothing.- Benjamin Franklin**

**The way to get started is to stop talking and start doing.** - Walt Disney (1901-1966)

**There ain't no rules around here. We're trying to accomplish something.** Thomas Edison (1847-1931)

**Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.** - Thomas Edison

**Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?** Frank Scully (1892-1964) American newspaper columnist

**Deal with the world the way it is, not the way you wish it was.** John Chambers (1949 - ) CEO of Cisco Systems

**We have a solution for war. It is to expand the sphere of liberty.** - Rudolph Rummel

**Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.** - George Bernard Shaw

**Ya gotta believe.** Tug McGraw (1944-2004) Major League Baseball pitcher (Mets/Phillies)

**The time is always right to do what is right.** Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968) civil rights leader

**I didn't see the motorcycle ..... is not an excuse, it's a confession!** - Biker Quote

**Historical knowledge is indispensable for those who want to build a better world.-- Ludwig von Mises**

**I know the price of success: dedication, hard work and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen.** F.Wright

**Life is all about ass - either you are covering it, kicking it, kissing it, trying to get it, or acting like one!**- Author Unknown

**The world can only be grasped by action, not by contemplation.** Jacob Bronowski (1908-1974)

**The world does not have a suggestion box. [www.RegisterAndVote2004.org](http://www.RegisterAndVote2004.org)- Ad Council Billboard**

**Victory belongs to the most persevering.** Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821) French general and emperor

**Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.** Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States (1911-2004)

**We want to be free to ride our machines without being hassled by the man!** Peter Fonda - The Wild Angels 1966

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**If you have no enemies, you have no character. Taking a stand always creates opposition.** Paul Neuman

**You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it.** Margaret Thatcher (1925 - )

**Constantly talking isn't necessarily communicating.** Jim Carrey - Canadian actor

**Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. -- Oscar Ameringer**

**The world belongs to the energetic.** Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) American writer and activist

**It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.** John Baptiste Molière (1622-1673)

**The greatest glory of a free-born people, is to transmit that freedom to their children.** William Havard (1710-1788),

**The only thing that separates successful people from the ones who aren't is the willingness to work very very hard.** Helen Gurley Brown (1922 - ) Editor and writer, Cosmopolitan magazine

**In the beginning of a change, the Patriot is a scarce man, and brave and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs them nothing to be a Patriot.** Mark Twain

**Time is limited, so I better wake up every morning fresh and know that I have just one chance to live this particular day right, and to string my days together into a life of action, and purpose.** Lance Armstrong (1971- ) US cyclist, 5 time winner of the Tour de France, cancer survivor