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ABATE of Northern Nevada



Assemblyman Don Gustavson will introduce the helmet bill in 2009.

Thank you
Assemblyman Gustavson.
ABATE members can visit the Nevada Legislative website to review BDR 735



John Bland, President

December 2008 / January 2009

has been a success for as long as I can remember. We get a great turn out from all the different motorcycle clubs and organizations in Elko. This year our spoof phrase was "Go Green- Ride a Motorcycle". After all, most of the greenies stomping and raising cane about saving the environment are driving cars that get less gas mileage than our motorcycles. It's high time we get some recognition for being so environmentally astute. We also made our virgin voyage to the Mesquite Thunder Fun Run. The route we took through rural Nevada and Utah was just what I needed, Connie got first in the weenie bite and I took second in the slow race. As always, the Elko Motorcycle Jamboree was the third weekend of June. Connie and I can honestly say we didn't help much this year. Most of you know we are the founders of the event and got a bad case of burn-out about the fourth year. That year the event was held hostage to "police state" mentality, with snipers on roof tops and swat teams marching with machine guns

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good by 2008, hello 2009. Old man time waits for no one. ABATE of Northern Nevada had a busy and productive year. Our presence, therefore respect, continues to grow not only in our community, county and state, but throughout the country. I am proud of our members. Our organization is made up of voting Americans that know that it is the responsibility of a good citizen to be politically active. Our political involvement reflects the core values of ABATE. As President Kennedy said, "It is not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country". The economy, big bailouts, concerns about terrorism and environmental challenges are all creating a bigger and more powerful government. The truth is; bigger government equates to the loss

of personal rights and freedoms. You can be assured that our constitutional rights are seldom, if ever, considered when decisions are made at a United Nations convention. Our challenges are many, and often overwhelming. Our option is to do and say nothing, like so many others. As we know, this is not an option. I'm looking over our 2008 event calendar. We held our first Telescope Bowling Alley, pool tournament on January 17, 2008. This was a good event, it filled the need for finding a warm place to meet for bike night, it generated funds for our treasury and we attracted a group of young folks that challenged our pool skills, and then, at the end, whipped our butts out of the purse money. The owner of ----Telescope Bowling Alley, Jon Karr enjoyed

the event so much he has asked us several times to hold it again, I think we will. Our annual flea market was held on March 1st. It's a good event with great potential to become better. John Glenn of 5th Gear Power Sports has donated a truck load of new truck accessories that had been left from his former business to sell this year. Mike Gerber has offered to let us have the event in the parking lot of his new real-estate office on Idaho Street across from Maverick. This will give us great exposure to everyone in town. What's that saying? "One man's trash is another man's treasure". Believe me, there will be enough trash—I mean treasures for everyone! May brought the annual Blessing of the Bikes. This gathering

through the event. We are discussing the idea of ABATE hosting the first Elko Motorcycle Hill Climbs. There will be further conversations about this at our meetings in the near future, after the dust from Christmas settles.

Connie, Mike Gerber, Norm Orr and I made the voyage to Sturgis in August. My effort to make the round trip from Elko on my 51 Pan got me a page in Thunder Press. That was almost worth hearing the repeated, "If you break down one more time I'm going to kill you" from Connie. We had a great turnout for our Labor Day campout in Hagerman Idaho later in the month. There were about a dozen bikes that rode up, camped out and made it to the Sun Valley Car Auction.

Dale and I attended the Meeting of the Minds in Denver Colorado in September. I wish every freedom-loving motorcyclist would attend at least one Best of the West or Meeting of the Minds event. It will affect your heart and soul. To be surrounded with the most passionate and dedicated freedom fighters in the country is a truly an honor, to care about motorcycling and not ever attend one of these events is a crying shame.

It is December 7th and ABATE of Northern Nevada is in full swing with Christmas for Kids. Bill Hartsock has taken the reins as President and is doing a tremendous job. Thank you to the ECVA, Barrick Gold, Newmont Gold, P&H Mine Pro and Wal-Mart for the generous donations to Christmas for Kids. We'll plan a party for ABATE members after the holiday madness is over.

2009 is a legislative year. Bob Beers was going to introduce our helmet bill again this year but lost in the election and is no longer a legislator. We are desperate to find someone else to introduce our helmet bill. Bones, Southern ABATE President, is asking the legislators in Vegas without success yet. My hope is that the some legislator will listen to us and recognize the potential revenue that would be generated for Nevada by relaxing Nevada's helmet law. My fear is that they will proceed as usual and just raise our taxes to slow the financial hemorrhage they've created for us.

March forward ABATE Freedom Fighters, it's a new year filled with challenges.
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!
John Bland-President

p.s.: There has been substantial progress since the writing of the President's Message:

ABATE Members,

Assemblyman Don Gustavson will introduce the helmet bill and he has many years of experience with introducing helmet bills. The bill can be found as a BDR 735 on the legislative web site. Dennis Nolan is no longer Transportation Chair. John Carpenter told me he will sign on as a supporter to the bill and Governor Jim Gibbons has told me he will sign it into law if we can get it to his desk.

John Bland

News From Southern ABATE—Nothing Submitted Check out www.abatesnv.com for information pertaining to our Southern Friends.

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FYI:

Here's NRS 486.231. Protective headgear and glasses: Standards; when use required.

1. The Department shall adopt standards for protective headgear and protective glasses, goggles or face shields to be worn by the drivers and passengers of motorcycles and transparent windscreens for motorcycles.
2. Except as provided in this section, when any motorcycle, except a trimobile or moped, is being driven on a highway, the driver and passenger shall wear protective headgear securely fastened to the head and protective glasses, goggles or face shields meeting those standards. Drivers and passengers of trimobiles shall wear protective glasses, goggles or face shield which meet those standards.
3. When a motorcycle or a trimobile is equipped with a transparent windscreen meeting those standards, the driver and passenger are not required to wear glasses, goggles or face shields.
4. When a motorcycle is being driven in a parade authorized by a local authority, the driver and passenger are not required to wear the protective devices provided for in this section.
5. When a three-wheel motorcycle, on which the driver and passengers ride within an enclosed cab, is being driven on a highway, the driver and passengers are not required to wear the protective devices required by this section.

9. How does a helmet get added to NHTSA's approved helmet list? DOT or NHTSA does not "approve" motorcycle helmets, thus, there is no list of "approved" helmets. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has the statutory authority to issue Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) applicable to motor vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment, including motorcycle helmets. The law establishes a self-certification process in which the motorcycle helmet manufacturers certify that their products are in compliance with FMVSS No. 218, which establishes minimum performance requirements that the products must meet. NHTSA enforces the standard by randomly selecting and purchasing motorcycle helmets from the marketplace and testing to the requirements of the standard at independent test labs. (from NHTSA's website)

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www.AMAdirectlink.com
www.motorcyclists-against-dumb-drivers.com

If you have a favorite website, send it to me and I'll post it. Thanks, Deb

*Christmas for Kids Parade of Lights 2008
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Subject: 2nd travel advantage email

Dear Fellow ABATE of Northern Nevada Supporter:

If you are one of the many ABATE NNV supporters that visited ABATE of Northern Nevada 's new travel website last week, we want to say, "thank you". By all indications, this new service is a BIG hit! And, why not...

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I admit, I've already gone to the website, searched out a few tropical locations and done a little "daydreaming" about relaxing on a sandy, secluded beach.

Of course, the website also has everything you need for business - air, hotel and rental cars.

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Feds Consider New Helmet Standards

Recently, it was reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) that the US DOT is contemplating some new requirements for motorcycle helmet labels, as well as testing methods and tolerances. The federal government rulemaking process requires that the proposed new rule be made available to the public for a period of time to allow the general public offer comment.

The MRF has submitted comments on the proposed changes to current standards and is encouraging you to do the same. Read the full MRF comments on the internet by visiting www.regulations.gov and search for Docket number NHTSA-2008-0157-0001 or by using this link.

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=NHTSA-2008-0157or>
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Contact the President-elect on Transportation Secretary Appointment

This is a time of year when motorcyclists' rights move to the back burner for many riders. This is understandable with the weather in many parts of the country not being conducive to motorcycle riding. Throw in the fact that we are coming off of a long election cycle and with the holiday season upon us, and one's attention can shift elsewhere.

Despite the reasons stated above, this should not be a period of hibernation for us. Currently, President-elect Obama is in the process of naming his cabinet members and White House staff. Most of those appointments have nothing to do with motorcycling. Several cabinet level positions do, however. Most notable would be Secretary of Transportation. It is not too late to let President-elect Obama know our feelings about

what type of person we would like to see named to that position.

It may not be a bad idea to also thank President-elect Obama for his vote in the Senate against the "Lautenberg Amendment." That amendment, offered by the New Jersey Senator during the last re-authorization of the interstate highway funding act, was an attempt to pressure states into passing mandatory helmet laws. Don't be surprised if we are fighting such legislation again next year. It is not too early to start raising that issue.

What better place to kick-off our lobbying efforts for 2009 than by contacting the President-elect of the United States of America? An easy way to get a message to the President - elect is through his transition team's web-site. Please don't delay, as the process is well under way.

President-elect Obama's Web site:

<http://change.gov/> Contact page. Write your comments here:

<http://change.gov/page/s/contact> Michael Kerr MRF Vice President

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- Check the Website for upcoming events. www.abatennv.org
- Bike Nite every Thursday. Watch for e-mails or check the website for location. Every Thursday at 6:00, except for meeting nights, of course.
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