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# ABATE of Northern Nevada



Assemblyman Don Gustavson will introduce the helmet bill in 2009.

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



John Bland, President

*February/March 2009*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am focused on one thing, getting Nevada's motorcycle helmet law changed. The Nevada legislature is in session and we have a helmet bill introduced again.

In our last ABATE newsletter I informed you that Bob Beers was going to introduce the helmet bill again for us but he lost in the election. This left us without anyone to introduce the bill. Bones (Southern ABATE President) was asking the legislators in Vegas to introduce it without any luck. Out of desperation, I made an appointment to talk to Assemblyman John Carpenter. I met with Mr. Carpenter and showed him statistics how Florida generated 3 billion dollars in five years by relaxing their motorcycle helmet law through sales, license, registrations, etc. I asked John if he would introduce the bill for us. John suggested that I contact Assemblymen Don Gustavson because he had introduced the helmet bill before. John Carpenter told me he would sign on as a supporter of the bill. I called Mr. Gustavson and asked him if he would introduce the helmet bill. To my surprise, he already had! I asked him if someone had asked him to introduce it and he said, "No, it's just a bill

I've introduced before and I have always supported it." Needless to say, there were some lifted spirits in ABATE North and South that day.

I have been in communication with Mr. Gustavson. The bill is BDR-735 (Bill Draft Request) and the actual writing of the bill is being done now. When the BDR is written it will then be given an AB number (Assembly Bill). At this time, I will see that everyone receives a "Call to Action" to write, call, email the members on the Assembly Transportation Committee and ask them to support the helmet bill. A hearing will be held in the Assembly Transportation Committee. Before this hearing, everyone must have already contacted the transportation committee members and asked for their support of this bill so that they will vote for passage of it.

We are going to be working hard to relay to the legislators the potential revenue that would be generated for Nevada if Nevada relaxed its helmet law. We have a financial crisis in this state and they need to take a serious look at this. Florida saw over 3 billion dollars generated in 5 years through increased motorcycle sales, registra-

tions, license, etc., after Florida relaxed its helmet law. This is such a simple way for Nevada to generate substantial revenue without raising taxes.

Attracting motorcycles to vacation in Nevada from California is very attractive for generating revenue. California has always been a motorcycle Mecca because of its weather and therefore a lot of motorcyclists live in California. I grew up in California riding motorcycles and when I got old enough to ride beyond the borders of my home town I soon realized there are few directions to travel because California is landlocked by the Pacific Ocean and Mexico. The ideal distance to travel in a day on today's motorcycle is between two and four hundred miles. Las Vegas is a perfect day ride from Southern California and can be done twelve months of the year. Reno is a day ride from Sacramento and the Bay Area. Rural Nevada is unique and very attractive riding for the out-of-state motorcyclist. California also has a mandatory helmet law that is feverishly fought. California has destroyed their own economy by over regula-

tion, welfare, and taxation. I hope that Nevada has learned, just because California does it, it doesn't necessarily mean it's right or that Nevada has to follow suit. I am going to work hard at getting it across to the legislators how attractive vacationing in Nevada would become to motorcyclists if the helmet law was relaxed. As you know, motorcyclists avoid riding to states that mandate helmet usage. I truly believe the revenue that California motorcyclists would generate through tourism for Nevada would be huge.

I am an avid reader of Chuck Muth. Chuck is a political consultant, blogger, and Journalist for "Nevada News and Views". Chuck is one of the most aggressive, outspoken writers for personal freedoms and limiting the size of government that I know of. I noticed a small advertisement at the bottom of one of his recent blogs for political consulting, it read: POLITICAL CONSULTING "Overall strategy, communications, message development, press relations, blogging, website, fundraising, direct mail, voter contact, and more." I emailed Chuck and asked him if ABATE could hire him to help work on the passage of the helmet bill. This is the response I received from Chuck:

"A number of years ago, I did a campaign training seminar for "bikers" at a conference in Denver. I think it may have been called "Meeting of the Minds"? While I didn't win the raffle for the hunting

knife, I thoroughly enjoyed buying the tickets. And any group of people who use the bathtub to ice down their beer are my kind of people!

So, yes. Absolutely, let's talk. It's a great bill and I'd love to help if I can."

Per my request Chuck forwarded a proposal and ABATE has hired Chuck Muth and his Citizens Outreach organization to work on passage of Nevada's helmet bill. Chuck asked what our budget was and I told him we could afford \$2,500.00 and that I wanted him to concentrate on getting the bill out of the Senate Transportation Committee. I told Chuck that I thought if we could accomplish this it would generate enthusiasm with other motorcycle rights organizations and they may help with additional funds to take it the rest of the way through the legislature. I forwarded this to Southern ABATE and by the next day I received an email that Southern ABATE was forwarding \$1,250.00 to split the cost. Then a couple days later I received an email from Rick, the President of the Northern Confederation asking the clubs in the Confederation to consider contributing \$1,000.00. This kind of response is fantastic! I am so enthusiastic about our approach and progress this session. We are truly one with Southern ABATE and we have a very good relationship with Rick, the President of the Northern Confederation. At all cost, I will not jeopardize these relationships; we need each other to be successful.

I will keep everyone informed with short emails as the helmet law progresses. When the bill is written and assigned an AB number it will be time for everyone to call, write and email the Transportation Committee. You doing this is the only way the bill will pass! Please, please do this when the time comes or all this effort is for nothing.

We need to get as many people as possible to Carson during the hearing. This shows the legislators voters want this bill passed. We are going to be car pooling from Elko to Carson. Our new ABATE member Tyler Gunter has offered the use of a motor home. We will need a van if we can find one to rent. I already have about 30 people who have expressed desire to go. We are also working on getting a teleconference set up at Great Basin College so that you can attend from Elko if you can't go to Carson. Remember, they typically only give us about one or two days notice before the hearing, so get prior approval from your employer to take the day off with short notification. I find that most employers will support your involvement in the legislative process. It's perceived well to be a politically active citizen. Remember, this is not a helmet issue. This is a helmet law issue!

John Bland- ABATE President, Northern Nevada

Breaking News: Several ABATE members participated in the Elko Co. Republican Central Committee meeting. Please congratulate ABATE members Charlie Myers, who is the new Chair for the party and John Bland who was elected as a Member at Large for the Central Committee! Go Freedom Fighters!

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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.
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**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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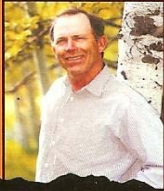
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From: John Hobbs [mailto:jfhobbs@hotmail.com]  
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Can More Freedom Solve Modern Day Problems?  
Part 1 – The Economy  
By: John Hobbs

The idea of constitutionalism is nothing new, more like a lost art. It was the ideology behind the creation of the most free and powerful nation in the world. Though at the beginning America did not exactly have the power of wealth, it did have the power of liberty. Looking back through the smoky glass of history, sometimes it is difficult to decipher truth from perception. Most cultures like to modify their history and teach the approved version to mold the perspective of society. The uncut, unrated, directors cut is available to those that want to do the work but it does take time and in order to embark on your journey of truth you need to know the truth is needed.

We teach a history rich with freedom, bravery, and sacrifice. It is justified; however we may not know that we have become somewhat less free, brave, and maybe not willing to sacrifice as much. Progression away from these things has anesthetized us from the stark differences of the world our forbearers created and the one we live in today. With this progression we have lost our nations might in all matters. Where it has brought us today has placed us on the door step of a modern world with a tarnished image.

Every dark step in our history involves the loss of liberty and involves a transfer of power from the people to a larger centralized government. Every bright spot in it has our hero who tries to regain some of that lost freedom without seeming to radical for his or her time. Quickly thinking of such a hero makes me think of none other than Ronald Reagan. Although those bright periods shine their rays on the White House, they are short lived and trumped by the dark clouds that follow. These dark clouds actually shadows of a growing socialistic centralized government.

We face problems today that were probably unthinkable in the year 1787 but that does not mean old solutions cannot solve new problems. It does not mean words of wise men, which could create such a free world, are less wise. It does not mean we can expect greatness from men today who are arrogant enough to believe they can find answers in ideas that damage the very fabric of our free nation; the greatness only comes in the ability to fool the masses. The problems we face today are because of those striving to dream up solutions only for a place in history, at least the approved version of it.

The economy is a problem far too extensive for me to explain to you in nothing less than a book. Straying from the Constitution has created this problem, along with society grooming us to believe it is alright to consume beyond our means. The government has aided in this effort to reduce sacrifice by creating loans and by creating legislation. In regards our forefathers, they prescribed to the School of Austrian Economics. The core of Austrian Economics are in the US Constitution and sadly we no longer adhere to it. It states that our currency shall always be backed by none other than silver and gold. It states that congress shall have the power to issue currency and set the value of it, it no longer does either.

The economy problem is nothing new to some people. For some they could see it coming as far as 15 years ago and they warned our government. These radical economists as they were seen then are now in the spot light in every major American media outlet, in some cases daily. Now we turn to them and want to know what caused this and why didn't anyone listen to you? Why isn't anyone listening to you now? Those same people who called them radical are the ones being asked to the White House to hammer out a solution, not the few who could see the problem before hand. I may be dense at times but it does not take a brain surgeon to realize this problem is not going to be solved.

A brief run down on the solution is this. We return to a Constitutional Dollar to return value to our money and stop its decline. We abolish the Federal Reserve, which is a board of private bankers in a private firm. We return the power of issuing money and setting value there of to Congress. Consequently we have the Federal Reserve to blame for the issuance of every dollar of the 750 Billion dollar bailout spent so far. The treasury allowed the Federal Reserve to recommend the institutions to lend to and how much they should receive. Furthermore we must leash government from further creating inflation with their bailouts and artificial stimulus. The market has to loose its inflation and drop to where it should be. This move is going to hurt, but it will hurt far less than if we hold and increase that inflation.

Our forefathers had a great fear of banks controlling our nation's money. Many things have changed in this world but what does remain the same is the greed of bankers for wealth and power. Remember the saying power corrupts but absolute power corrupts absolutely? It is why we are supposed to have a body of representatives of free men and women who control our money. Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the Ameri-

can people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around [the banks] will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered. The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people, to whom it properly belongs.”

Legislation has become a very large factor in the crippling of our export portion of our economy as well as the manufacturing. With the creation of the WTO (World Trade Organization) comes the pressure on American legislators to lower the tariff burden on imports to the United States. The WTO had used their unholy marriage of nations to scare US legislators into crafting bills and voting to their satisfaction. The losses in revenue from such bills were compensated with raised taxes on American businesses. Another prime example is NAFTA, (North American Free Trade Agreement) which has effectively removed American made products and transplanted them in Canada and Mexico. These organizations not only tighten the noose on our economic freedom but they threaten our nation’s sovereignty. A sovereign nation does not curtail its legislation to the will of foreign nations, especially at an economic loss.

Ronald Reagan once said that he had come to believe that the income tax was un-American. Not only was it un-American but according to the constitution, illegal. According to the constitution taxes must be proportional. This means a certain price per unit, like whiskey being let’s say charged one dollar per every gallon. The Federal Government does have the authority to tax profits, but profits are in no way income. Income is something traded for a service provided; you earned no profit but rather made a trade. Nowhere in the tax code is there a law stating that a person must pay taxes on his or her income. Mainly because the practice under the constitution is illegal. However if it is an applied practice, it is implied that you must pay. Reagan found that lowering taxes increased revenue to the Federal Government, due to increased spending and collecting taxes from such spending.

This is only the tip of the ice berg and a small taste of what economic freedoms we have lost as a nation and as individuals. What our current administration plans to do is still wrapped in a handsome package with a bright bow. We are given teasers to what this plan is but we never have a clear idea until actual legislation is written. From what we are told we should expect something a lot like FDR’s policies but with a little green trimming. It is very important to note that there is a huge distortion in history behind our great depression. These policies prolonged the great depression and had it not been for WWII we would have seen more of the depression. We threw money at the banks in the 1930’s and it worked as well as it did last year. During this next administration you will see how well the rest of the policies worked in the 30’s. You could however take that journey beyond the Smokey glass and see things clearly for yourself. Listen closely to the modern day fanatics who talk about Austrian Economics and the Constitution, you will find they are a little more sane than those trying desperately to find their page in history. You will find that those few will lead us into an ideology on economic freedom that is possible to obtain if we so choose.

Can More Freedom Solve Modern Day Problems?

Part 2 – The Economy

By: John Hobbs

The dark unapproved version of history has a way of shielding us from the truth of, how did we get to where we are today. Without knowledge of its existence the idea that a long progression of either mistakes or sabotage is unfathomable. With only a shined and polished version of history where we are today seems to be a fluke. A horrible tragedy that we couldn’t possibly see coming and we could have done nothing about. The names of people like Ron Paul, Thomas Sowell, and Peter Schiff changes this approved version of history to an extent. We must now amend this perception to allow the idea that it may have been possible to see this on the horizon longer than we believed. That possibly this problem could have originated as far back as fifteen or twenty years ago. Many like these three examples I have produced would disagree. They would submit that this problem has been in the making since before our great depression in the 30’s.

I stress the history behind the failure of our economy for two reasons. One reason being is that in the real history you will find unconstitutional transfers of power. A transfer of power from the people to our government, to foreign government, and to the banking industry. Second reason being that today like any other day we write one more page for the history books. In order to maintain the approved version they must sell you on it and shield you from stark reality. If you do indeed choose to take a look and find the facts, you will realize there are over looked facts today. I have touched briefly on things like NAFTA and WTO in my last column. Foreign agreements like this and organizations like the World Trade Organization do more than steal our sovereignty as a nation. It pinches off the very life blood of our nation. In accordance with the constitution we as a nation are supposed to be putting most of the burden on foreign imports with tariffs. Can you imagine the United States if a majority of the Federal revenue was brought in this way? Without a large burden being placed on domestic business we leave them free to innovate and grow. We eliminate the need for federal funding on research in certain fields when we allow companies to operate free of the chains of taxation.

There exists the argument that if we do not bend to the will of foreign power we will find ourselves in a costly trade war. I submit exhibit A to the readers, this evidence is our current economy which is primarily a service industry which thrives on Americans buying imports. This smoking gun is a strong exporting economy being shoved out of the country to please other nations. It is a wealthy nation being robbed into poverty so that struggling countries could set up shop without having to pay rent. It is apparent today that avoiding a trade war has cost us dearly.

We have done a great job of increasing prosperity to the world at our own cost. Our government has received compensation for bending to the will of these foreign powers. A global welfare program which may fund special interest projects but does little for our economic situation. Now we are seeing what happens to foreign nations when they have robbed us to the point where our consumers can no longer consume. We had once a chance to remain a strong and wealthy nation with a free economy. We have put our sovereignty and free market principals on the sacrificial alter to please the all mighty global gods. Turns out those were false gods; turns out we should have had more faith in our own might instead of being afraid of them.

We have now a better glimpse of the gift from the Democrats to our angry economy. I know previous sacrifices to the gods have had disastrous outcomes but let us see what this new gift looks like. From the wrapper the gift resembles an FDR style approach with a nice little green bow on top. If you choose to look back through the dark recesses of history you would shudder at the sight of this package. We would all be looking for that exit door, the one with the handsome placard that read WWII. It is opening the gift however that makes matters even worse. You will find this is something completely different than what we expected. It in essence is a gift to the sweethearts of the democrats. A gift that comes only once in awhile and simply says I love you and let us stay together for at least 8 years.

I find it hard to fathom how sending money to A.C.O.R.N. will put some value into our destroyed dollar. I am not sure how money the Smithsonian protects millions of jobs in the country. I do not see how money spent on contraceptives puts the might back into our industry. I am at a loss to realize the impact the money going to the Endowment of the Arts has on us at all. The list goes on and on. The threat of economic collapse still exists and the Democrats choose to insult the public with a bill not designed for Americans or America. This bill was tailored to fit the frame of their king alone.

When do we address the causes of our economic collapse? We have an unconstitutional dollar which is not standing without a lot of help. We have effectively shipped out our manufacturing economy to seek refuge from our own taxation. We have replaced it with a store front for imports that can only survive when we feel free to spend. They can only stay open when the dollar buys something. This sort of industry lasts only as long as we do not miss our own strong exporting economy. We have perpetuated our problem with inflation by propping it up and by not allowing deflation.

Take into perspective the history of choking the life out of a free economy and you can see where the loss of freedom has damaged us. A dollar free from corruption and entrusted to the people would maintain value. A business model free from legislation would be free to prosper or make room for a better business. Industry free of the heavy burden of federal revenue would be able to fund its own research and expand. A people free of an unconstitutional direct tax on their incomes could afford taxation from their respective states. The people could afford a proportional tax on goods purchased, increasing spending and adding revenue to the federal treasury. A free market allowed to fluctuate would not house dangerous inflation. Freedom and sovereignty is our salvation.

We sit at the bedside of the grand old party. We once defined ourselves as protectors of the constitution and liberators of a former free market. Do we mourn for the party it's self or the ideology that it once was? Most of us still apart of that dying body hold on with broken nails with hope the life signs return. There exists in this body a cancer which will lead us further from our founding principals. With this cancer comes the idea that those of us holding on to the idea that more freedom can solve our economic problem are radical. They say that surely we can spend our way out of this problem, only do it differently than the Democrats.

These two columns are nothing original or nothing most of us haven't heard. The tone does not stray to far from someone along the lines of Congressman Paul or the columnist Thomas Sowell. It is Republicanism 101, and a common sense approach to our economic salvation. It leaves no room for my own ideas, just my own way of putting the words together to convey the same message. It is common sense written down in the constitution and in many other writings from our founding fathers. It is idea of a country strong and sovereign, being replaced with the idea of a large centralized government catering to the world powers.

The idea for a free nation was written down. Unless we return to those principals the idea of a free and sovereign nation will be forever lost behind smoke colored glass of history. Perhaps it is not too late to adhere to some words that are just as wise today. The words of men that knew the stark difference between servitude and freedom. Men who understood what matters in government would strip us of a free nation by the greed of men. Men who were far more brilliant in the matters of currency and the economy than anyone we can find today. Men can solve little today but freedom can solve our economic trouble.

## ABATE of Southern Nevada

### The World According to Bones II

I've got a little news flash for you all, my counterpart John Bland, the President of the Northern Chapter of ABATE had a message to deliver to his people and I would lacking in my responsibilities to you if I didn't pass this along. This is a portion of the newsletter that Northern ABATE put out this month,

"Something that was very interesting was that Harley Davidson's CEO and an AMA representative were on the committee to discuss motorcycle rights issues. It became apparent that the EPA has pressured Harley Davidson to have a computer chip in their 2009 bikes that will not allow any alterations of any component that will affect the performance of the bike. That includes exhaust, fuel electrical etc. If any of these components are altered or customized, the computer chip will not allow the motorcycle to start. It will be necessary to take the bike back to the Harley shop to correct the alteration and reprogram the computer chip. This is Harley's response from mandates that were developed at the United Nations EPA level. Yes, this is where we are, I am sure that all vehicles will soon have similar computer restrictions. If this does not concern you, I don't know what in the hell will! Wake up folks or it's going to be too late. This is being done all in an effort to protect our environment, so we're being told." John Bland

These are our brothers and sisters in northern Nevada that have been doing this ABATE thing longer than I have and they are having a hard time convincing you that this new legislation is on the tips of the legislators tongues. Awhile back, I warned you about up coming legislation that would start to make things illegal like altered frame, bars, and exhaust systems. Well, now there getting closer and you had better pay attention before you have your motorcycle taken away. You already know that whether you're a Republican, Democrat, or Independent, the government wants to take away your rights as a free society and make sure that you are in line with their way of thinking. The elected officials want larger government more spending and a society that is willing to blindly pay for their crap. How long is it going to take you to finally stand up and fight for what you believe in and what is important to you and your way of life? I can only tell you what is in the future as it starts to develop and hope that you give a dam about new rules and regulations aimed specifically at you.

The M.R.F. (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) in Washington D.C. is fighting this on a national level and I'll bet that out of the 250 plus members in Southern Nevada we don't have 10 members in the M.R.F. These lobbyists are fighting for all your rights on the National level to keep being overpowered and having to comply

Message from Bones, continued.

with some bullshit law that some dumb ass congressman or woman (sorry Ms. Parker I didn't want to sound gender bias) came up with while they were on the crapper. These people keep taking your money and screwing you over because being a small faction of the general population you can't seem to get yourself organized. What do you think would happen if the government came along and decided to put a helmet on everyone's head that was in a car? I tell you, there would be lobbyists from here to Maine crawling up their congressman's butt screaming about how the people won't stand for it and they will be voted out of office if they are not impeached first. The reason it won't happen is the lobby for the automobile industry can't be bought by some penny ante helmet company that wants to double their sales.

You people need to take the extra effort to talk to your friends and family and have them view the side that we are on. I know that Harley people don't like to talk to Honda people who don't like to talk to the people in the dirt, and on and on. You can't begin to realize what a powerful voting force we could be come if you would forget about who rides what and who rides where. I don't give a dam if you ride a Schwinn if you feel the way I do about motorcycle rights then we are a team, both on the way to organize everyone else that thinks like we do. There is a common goal that we are trying to achieve here, and that is to be able to make the same choices that 30 other states do every time they go for a ride, **RIDE FREE!** I am not anti helmet I am anti law. So if you can put your biases away and look at the guy on the other bike as a brother or sister in a cause that is important to you both, you might just be able to sit down and find out that the thing you have in common is the love of the ride. There are over 50,000 registered riders in this state and maybe 300 are fighting for all the rest. Most of them don't even know about whom we are or what we do let alone what a M.R.F. is. I would like to think that you are all intelligent people and would want to promote things that will better our cause through better communication. JOIN the M.R.F. today, get busy and talk to the people that you ride with and let them know what they face in the near future. Do it before it's too late.

I also wanted to let all you people that think that this is an exercise in futility and we won't succeed, there is a band of bikers in the state of Missouri that goes by the name of 'Freedom of the Road Riders' and they have success in their attempt to take out a senator in this election. It seems that past Senator Chuck Graham, a staunch advocate of the Missouri helmet law, was defeated in the last election through some pretty clever thinking on the part of the Freedom of the Road Riders. Chuck decided that the election for his seat was so secure that he would put little effort into his campaign. Apparently Chuck thought that his years as a state Senator put him back in the saddle again, but he was wrong. This group of dedicated riders who were stopped by Chuck in the last session to repeal the helmet law, when he announced that if the bill came before the house he would filibuster the bill into non existence, much like our friend Senator Nolan. I don't have the whole story yet but they took out a newspaper ad about chuck and it did the trick. His opponent was voted in with the help of these freedom riders and now their chances of succeeding have been greatly increased and all it took was team work and a good idea.

I just want to say in closing that if we don't get a Senator or an Assemblyperson to introduce our bill this session we will be on the back burner for the next two years. The deadline to have someone introduce the bill is **Thanksgiving!**

See you at the next meeting.  
BONES

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2009 ABATE Calendar of Events
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Jan. 2009

1/8 bike night  
 1/15 meeting  
 1/22 play pool/bike night  
 1/29 play pool/bike night

Feb. 2009

2/5 play pool/bike night  
 2/12 meeting  
 2/19 play pool/bike night  
 2/26 play pool/bike night

March 2009

3/5 play pool/bike night  
 3/12 meeting  
 3/14 flea market  
 3/19 play pool/bike night  
 3/26 play pool/bike night

April 2009

4/2 play pool/bike night  
 4/9 meeting  
 4/16 play pool/bike night  
 4/23 finale pool tournament  
 Laughlin River Run  
 4/30 bike night

May 2009

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month  
 5/7 bike night  
 5/9 Blessing of the Bikes/ABATE poker run  
 5/14 meeting  
 5/22 bike night  
 5/22, 23, 24,25 Run-a-Mucca  
 5/28 bike night

June 2009

6/4 bike night  
 6/11 meeting  
 6/18, 19, 20 Elko Motorcycle Jamboree  
 6/25 bike night

July 2009

7/2 bike night  
 7/9 meeting  
 7/16, 17, 18 ABATE summer run & rodeo/Round  
 Mountain, NV  
 7/23 bike night  
 7/30 bike night

Aug. 2009

8/1-9 Sturgis Rally  
 8/13 meeting  
 8/20 bike night  
 8/27 bike night  
 8/29 IOOB Pig Roast

Sept. 2009

9/3 bike night  
 9/5,6,7 Labor Day Campout, Idaho  
 9/11,12 Morrodders Car Show  
 9/5, 6, 7 Labor Day campout, Idaho  
 9/10 meeting  
 9/17 bike night

Oct. 2009

Start working on Christmas For Kids  
 10/1 bike night  
 10/8 meeting  
 10/15 bike night  
 10/22 bike night  
 10/29 bike night  
 10/31 Nevada Day

Nov. 2009

Make decisions on CFK  
 11/5 bike night  
 11/11 Veterans Day Parade  
 11/12 Meeting  
 11/19 bike night

Dec. 2009

Christmas For Kids  
 12/3 bike night  
 12/10 meeting  
 12/12 Parade of Lights  
 12/17 bike night  
 12/31 bike night

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **A.B.A.T.E. Meeting: February 12th at Elko Trophy 6:00 P.M.**

(A.B.A.T.E. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 P.M.) We change the meeting place from time to time, so watch for emails announcing the place.

- Check the Website for upcoming events. [www.abatennv.org](http://www.abatennv.org)
- Bike Nite every Thursday. Pool Tournament at the Telescope Lanes every non-meeting Thursday until further notice. 6:00 P.M. to ????
- Up and Running: [www.nvabatetravel.com](http://www.nvabatetravel.com). If you need to book travel arrangements, do so through [www.nvabatetravel.com](http://www.nvabatetravel.com).
- **POW MIA Chili Feed/Auction 2/21 at the Red Lion 4:00 P.M.**  
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**"The battle for bikers' rights is not about patches, parties or poker runs. We fight to protect the freedom and promote the interests of American motorcyclists ... to defend our right to choose our own modes of transportation, attire and lifestyle ... to deter and defy discrimination against us ... and to vanquish those who violate our rights or right-of-way."--Bruce Arnold**