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ABATE of Northern Nevada



*A.B.A.T.E.'s
2008 Calendar
Of Events is Enclosed*



John Bland, President

January-February 2008

rade route during the Parade of Lights. I'm sure the kids will be expecting to see our float again next year.

Connie is working on developing our ABATE 2008 Calendar of Events and it's going to be filled with great rides and activities throughout the year. The "Best of The West" conference will be held in Vancouver, Washington this year and "Meeting of The Minds" will be held in Denver, Colorado. Our annual Beatty run will be replaced with a "Southern ABATE meets Northern ABATE" at Mesquite's 2nd annual bike rally. Visit our website abatennv.org to see the ABATE Calendar of Events, read the newsletter, view ABATE event photos etc. AFLAC Insurance contacted me several

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's 8:00 p.m. New Years Eve. This promises to be a busy year for ABATE of Northern Nevada. We have made great strides over the last several years as a patriotic, freedom fighting, motorcycle rights organization. This is a presidential election year, it's important to get involved, get to know the candidates and vote. Nevada will use the caucus voting procedure for the first time. Many people are confused by this process; it concerns me how many people I talk to are oblivious to what they need to do to vote. Voting at your precinct on January 19th will take the

place of the primary election this year. I hope all of you know what your precinct number is and where the caucus for your precinct will be held. Connie and I will volunteer to be delegates for precinct 27. Every 50 registered voters per precinct are allowed one delegate. Presidential candidate Ron Paul has our support. His ideas are radical in today's world. As a constitutionalists, he believes government is to have limited and specific responsibilities. The power belongs to citizens of the United States and government officials are our servants. The Founding Fathers,

gave us the right to run the country by giving us the right to vote. If you don't vote, you are giving the politicians the freedom to do as they please with your wealth, freedom, and future. So please exercise your God given right to vote! Christmas for Kids was a great success again this year. Thank you ABATE members that donated your time and effort to continue this admiral community event. This is the second year ABATE/Christmas for Kids has filled a float with stuffed toys and handed them out to children throughout the pa-

Message from the President Continued.

weeks ago and informed me they have recently recognized ABATE as an association and AFLAC will offer discounted insurance rates to members. So, if you are a member of ABATE, you are eligible for reduced rates. A local AFLAC representative (Brandy) gave a presentation at our last meeting. Brandy lives in Winnemucca, she is a great person and available to answer any questions you may have. AFLAC is interested in paying us for some advertising space in the newsletter. This could be very helpful in defraying the newsletter printing and postage costs; we will discuss this more at our next meeting.

I keep thinking about a newscast I saw last night "If you watched football on television and ate potato chips over the weekend you may have helped the environment". My curiosity got to me so I had to watch more of the story. A potato chip factory somewhere is recycling the water it uses after washing the potatoes, it reuses the oil it deep-fries in, and recycles any rejected chips by shipping them off for cattle feed. This potato chip factory is awarded for its "Green Manufacturing" success. It's great to recycle and protect the environment but this type of hype bugs me. How about all the energy it took to construct this factory, keep it heated, and cooled, the petroleum consumed shipping to and from the plant. Recycling water and oil doesn't sound like it will save the planet much and that doesn't make eating deep fried potatoes in re-used oil any better for you. It's just another "make the public feel good" report. Yes, even manufacturers can be sensitive and good for the planet. I don't believe I have ever seen anything about the motorcycle being appreciated for being "Green Transportation". I guess the general public doesn't want to hear it, it's not vogue. Televisions and potato chips just makes everyone feel better, like a big yellow smiley face. Government and the general public refuse to acknowledge that the motorcycle solves many if not most of our world's transportation problems. The manufacturing of a motorcycle takes a fraction of the earth's resources compared to a car. Highway congestion is solved. The average motorcycle probably gets 50 or 60 miles to the gallon and small scooters get up to 100 miles. Car manufacturers have highbred cars now that might get 60 miles to the gallon. These little jewels are in the 30 thousand dollar range and flaunt both electric and internal combustion power plants. I am certain maintenance is twice the cost, there are two power sources to maintain and only the highly trained (expensive) mechanics will be qualified to service it. Connie and I had the opportunity to drive one of these mechanical wonders last year as a loner car when Connie had her pickup serviced in Twin Falls. The salesman made a gallant effort to sell it to me at a reduced price because it was used and five years old. It was OK, the typical cheesy new cheap new car type of construction. It was a little weird when the engine turned itself off at a stop sign and retarded when I stepped on the gas pedal. When we returned to the car dealer the salesman was anxious to get my opinion. I asked him if I could see the batteries, he opened the trunk and the trunk space was filled with a huge bank of batteries. I asked the salesman what the life expectancy is for the batteries and how much it costs to replace them. He didn't know the answer and hurried off to the office get the answers. In a short time he was back, he told me the batteries last about 5 years and it cost

Message from the President, Continued.

\$5,000.00 to replace them. The point I'm getting at is how the government, the media, insurance companies and do-gooders are telling the majority half truths to sell an expensive gismo that appears to be environmentally wise and good for the planet. I think we should have some bumper stickers made like: "Motorcycles are Green" "Save our natural resources, ride a motorcycle" "Gas is not expensive if you ride a motorcycle" "Reduce consumption, ride a motorcycle" "Save the planet, ride a motorcycle" "Automobiles are destroying the environment, ride a motorcycle".

"GO GREEN, RIDE A MOTORCYCLE"

John Bland – President, ABATE of Northern Nevada

From: John Bland [mailto:JBLAND@elko.k12.nv.us]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 2:35 PM
To: historicleenv@frontiernet.net
Subject: Paul

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL...RON PAUL

* "I don't think you should give (illegal aliens) citizenship. They're working. They're not doing harm. They came under those conditions. They broke the law. They shouldn't get any subsidies. In a practical sense, you can't have an army big enough to find them. Nobody knows how many of them there are. How can you round up 12 million, if there's 18 million? You don't even know where to go. That's not a practical answer. But, that doesn't mean the federal government should put a mandate on the State of Nevada to educate them, give them college education, give them free medical care, and go on and on. Then give them citizenship. I don't think they've earned it."

* "Nuclear waste isn't the only waste we have in the world. The people who produce the waste are responsible for it. The businessman is responsible. The industry is responsible. The state is responsible. The federal government is not responsible to find one waste site in one place and then direct it. It's not fair, and it's not constitutional."

- GOP presidential candidate Ron Paul on Jon Ralston's "Face to Face," 12/13/07

**Come Play Pool at Bike Night
Every Thursday at 6:00
(Except for Meeting Nights)
Telescope Lanes**

*Christmas
2007*



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Signed _____

Date _____

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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)

Check Out these Websites:

www.mrf.org
www.bikernation.us
www.ldrlongdistancerider.com
www.lets-ride.com
www.nevadagop.org
www.thereidworld.com
www.dambikers.com (good jokes)
www.harleylovers.proboards56.com
www.CycleQuest.com
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

*More Photos from the
2007 Christmas Party*



2008 ABATE of Northern Nevada Events

Jan. 2008

1/3 bike night
 1/10 meeting
 1/17 start pool tournaments
 1/24 play pool/bike night
 1/31 play pool/bike night

Feb. 2008

2/7 play pool/bike night
 1/14 meeting
 2/21 play pool/bike night
 2/28 play pool/bike night

March 2008

3/6 play pool/bike night
 3/13 meeting
 3/15 flea market
 3/20 play pool/bike night
 3/27 play pool/bike night

April 2008

4/3 play pool/bike night
 4/10 meeting
 4/17 play pool/bike night
 4/19 finale pool tournament
 4/24 bike night
 Laughlin River Run

May 2008

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
 ABATE of NNV goes green

5/1 bike night
 5/8 meeting
 5/10 Blessing of the Bikes/ABATE poker
 run
 5/16, 17, 18, Mesquite Run
 5/22 bike night
 5/24, 25, 26 Run-a-Mucca
 5/29 bike night

June 2008

6/5 bike night
 6/12 meeting
 6/13,14, 15 Best of the West/Vancouver, Wash.
 6/19,20, 21 Elko Motorcycle Jamboree
 6/26 bike night

July 2008

7/3 bike night
 7/10 meeting
 7/17,18,19 ABATE summer run & rodeo/Round
 Mountain, NV
 7/24 bike night
 7/31 bike night

Aug. 2008

8/1-9 Sturgis Rally
 8/14 meeting
 8/16 Ryndon poker run campout
 8/21 bike night
 8/28 bike night
 8/29-9/1 Labor Day campout, Idaho

Sept. 2008

9/4 bike night
 9/11 meeting
 9/18 bike night
 9/25-9/28 Meeting of the Mind, Den-
 ver, Colo

Oct. 2008

Start working on Christmas For Kids
 10/2 bike night
 10/9 meeting
 10/16 bike night
 10/23 Poker tournament for CFK
 10/30 bike night
 10/31 Nevada Day

Nov. 2008

Make decisions on CFK
 11/6 bike night
 11/8 Veterans Day Parade
 11/13 Meeting
 11/20 bike night

Dec. 2008

Christmas For Kids
 12/4 bike night
 12/6 Parade of Lights
 12/11 meeting
 12/13 ABATE Christmas Party
 12/18 bike night
 12/25 Merry Christmas

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Christmas Party at Elko Trophy 2007

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ABATE members, I am very excited about Ron Paul running for U.S. President. I encourage all of you to keep your ears open when his name is mentioned and become familiar with him. Go to his website, Ron Paul 2008.com and check it out. I have never sent a dime to a presidential candidate before in my life, I just sent \$100 to Ron Paul's campaign. If you are not registered to vote or if you are considering changing to the Republican party please do it before Wednesday December 19th so that you can attend the January 19th caucus meeting. You can register on-line per the instructions below. Ron Paul believes strongly in upholding the U.S. Constitution and personal freedoms. Ron Paul publicly stated during his Elko visit that he objects to government mandated motorcycle helmet use! I was shocked, to say the least, to hear this from a presidential candidate. John Bland

Presidential candidate Ron Paul supports Freedom of Choice!

Ron Paul made a public appearance in Elko, Nevada several nights ago and the following article was on the front page of the ELKO DAILY FREE PRESS. He also repeated his disapproval of government mandating motorcycle helmet use during his presentation. I was there, I heard it myself! This is huge. Can MRF endorse Ron Paul?

John Bland - NV Rep.

Ron Paul brings libertarian message to Nevada

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY - Associated Press
Friday, December 14, 2007 10:38 AM PST

LAS VEGAS - Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul questioned the need for mandatory seat belt and motorcycle helmet laws, and the Food and Drug Administration in a speech Thursday to anti-aging doctors. The Texas congressman, who preaches strict adherence to the U.S. Constitution, said each was the result of excessive government intervention and regulation that restricts Americans' freedom of choice. Paul said wearing a seat belt or a motorcycle helmet "may well be good advice" but should not be mandatory. "Once the government gets control of paying the hospital bills, then they want to control our lives," he said. The federal government's regulation of health care and drug safety allows the pharmaceutical industry's lobbyists to have outsized influence, Paul said.

"There's a revolving door between FDA and the drug industry," he said. "If we truly believed in free markets and truly understood the Constitution, quite frankly, I don't believe we would even have an FDA." The comment won loud applause from the group gathered at The Venetian hotel-casino for the 15th Annual Congress of on Anti-aging Medicine and Regenerative Biomedical Technologies. Paul is a long shot for the Republican nomination but has found significant support, with help from the Internet, for his anti-war, anti-Washington message. The platform has particular resonance in Nevada, a state with a strong libertarian tradition. Nevada will be among the first states to caucus, but it has received little attention from GOP candidates. Paul is running radio ads in the state, and has drawn larger crowds than any other Republican contender.

Message from ABATE of Southern Nevada

From: [Mike Davis - Public Works](#)

To: [Debo](#)

Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 8:56 AM

Subject: RE: newsletter

Hi Debo,

I do have a few items that you might add. First of all I would like to mention that in the case of Bruder vs.. The city of Las Vegas where a citation was issued for 'NO HELMET' to my son-in-law, after three appearances in court, was dismissed. Not only did the idiot cop that wrote the ticket not show up, but the District Attorney had no information on the ticket. I guess that a win is a win no matter how you get it.

On another subject, I am expecting a good turnout for our meeting with the crew from Northern Nevada, everyone down here is looking forward to having a great time. (Thanks Bones)

From: reps-bounces@mrf.org [mailto:reps-bounces@mrf.org] **On Behalf Of** Jim Korte
Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2007 8:12 AM
To: springer_1990@yahoo.com
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Subject: [Reps] How To Catch A Wild Pig

For all you Freedom Fighters, A story we can relate to!

There was a Chemistry professor in a large college that had some exchange students in the class. One day while the class was in the lab the Prof noticed one young man (exchange student) who kept rubbing his back and stretching as if his back hurt.

The professor asked the young man what was the matter. The student told him he had a bullet lodged in his back. He had been shot while fighting communists in his native country who were trying to overthrow his country's government and install a new communist government.

In the midst of his story he looked at the professor and asked a strange question. He asked, ' Do you know how to catch wild pigs?'

The professor thought it was a joke and asked for the punch line. The young man said this was no joke.'You catch wild pigs by finding a suitable place in the woods and putting corn on the ground. The pigs find it and begin to come everyday to eat the free corn. When they are used to coming every day, you put a fence down one side of the place where they are used to coming. When they get used to the fence, they begin to eat the corn again and you put up another side of the fence. They get used to that and start to eat again. You continue until you have all four sides of the fence up with a gate in the last side. The pigs, who are used to the free corn, start to come through the gate to eat, you slam the gate on them and catch the whole herd.

Suddenly the wild pigs have lost their freedom. They run around and around inside the fence, but they are caught. Soon they go back to eating the free corn. They are so used to it that they have forgotten how to forage in the woods for themselves, so they accept their captivity.

The young man then told the professor that is exactly what he sees happening to America. The government keeps pushing us toward Communism/Socialism and keeps spreading the free corn out in the form of programs such as supplemental income, tax credit for unearned income, tobacco subsidies, dairy subsidies, payments not to plant crops (CRP), welfare, medicine, drugs, free medical, etc. while we continually lose our freedoms - just a little at a time.

One should always remember 'There is no such thing as a free lunch! Also, a politician will never provide a service for you cheaper than you can do it yourself.

Also, if you see that all of this wonderful government 'help' is a problem confronting the future of democracy in America, you might want to send this on to your friends. If you think the free ride is essential to your way of life then you will probably delete this email, but God help you when the gate slams shut!

'A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have.' Thomas Jefferson

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**Freedom Isn't Free
Join A.B.A.T.E. Today**

**Pool Tournament
Thursdays at 6:00 at the
Telescope Lanes on Silver Street**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **A.B.A.T.E. Meeting: January 10th (See the complete schedule on Page 6.)**

(A.B.A.T.E. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M.) We are changing the meeting place so watch For emails announcing the place.

- **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. . Until further notice, Bike Nite will be at the Telescope Lanes. Don't be a fool, come play pool.**

E-mail Deb at debodyna@frontiernet.net If you'd like to list your

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