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A.B.A.T.E. OF NORTHERN NEVADA



John Bland, President

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June 2006

are registered
ABATE Lobbyists.

2. ABATE of N. NV. has over 200 members and is rapidly growing.

3. ABATE of N. NV. lobbied and spoke in support of SB151 during the 2005 legislative session.

4. ABATE of N. NV is aggressively preparing for the 2007 legislative session by working closely with existing legislators and candidates running for office.

5. Jim Gibbons has personally told me that if he is elected governor, he would sign the bill allowing adult freedom of choice.

6. Bob Beers has told ABATE of N. NV. that he will intro-

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Per our earlier discussions, it has become apparent that ABATE of Northern Nevada needs to use existing Nevada motorcycle publications as an avenue to orchestrate the freedom of choice fight. I have forwarded the following letter to Sindy Scarce, publisher/editor of the S Curve Magazine. This magazine is produced quarterly and distributed throughout the Western U.S, Canada, and Guam.

Dear Sindy,

I am writing you on behalf of ABATE of Northern Nevada.

We are aggressively preparing for the 2007 legislative session. This is an election year and now is the time to discuss freedom of choice with the candidates and get their commitment of support. It has also become apparent that Nevada motorcyclists have not been properly informed in the past of what they need to do to change this law and how to influence their legislators. I believe we can regain our freedom of choice regarding helmet use if we can orchestrate an approach that will let

Nevada motorcyclists know what they can do and when, this is our mission! I would like you to consider devoting a column in your S-Curve publication to "Support Volunteer Helmet Use". I would be willing to submit a monthly article updating Nevada motorcyclists regarding the status of our helmet law.

The following is a list of our recent accomplishments.

1. Dale Andrus, ABATE Treasurer, and I, John Bland, ABATE President,

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duce a helmet bill again in 2007.

7. Dawn Gibbons, candidate for Congress, is a friend of ABATE of N. NV. ABATE of N. NV., in conjunction with Dale & Vicky Andrus of Elko Trophy, will sponsor a fundraiser for Dawn Gibbons on Thursday June 1, 2006 in Elko.

8. ABATE of N. NV. has gained 100% support from Elko County Commissioners regarding volunteer helmet use.

9. ABATE of N. NV has requested the Elko City Council support volunteer helmet use.

10. ABATE of N. NV has requested that NACO, Nevada Association of Counties, support volunteer helmet use.

11. ABATE of N. NV has joined the Blue Ribbon Coalition, AMA, MRF, NV United Four Wheeler Association, of Las Vegas and supports the Elko Shovel Brigade.

12. ABATE of N. NV will soon be presenting our helmet freedom of choice agenda to the NV Confederation of Motorcyclists and asking for their support.

13. ABATE of N. NV will host the "Best of The West" conference in Elko, June 22-24, 2007.

We are very proud of our successes over the last several years and have concluded that our goal is to orchestrate Nevada's motorcycling community in a fight to modify Nevada's motorcycle helmet law.

I have been an ABATE member for 24 years. As president, I have become proactive and have worked hard to sort through the political maze. I have concluded we can win our freedom of choice if we educate the majority and apply enough pressure on our legislators. This will be done by motivating Nevada motorcyclists, getting to know our politicians, mass e-mails, letters, and a large physical presence during the legislative hearing.

I personally want to thank you for speaking during the 2005 legislative session and expressing your concern regarding AAA Insurance. As you know, there wasn't anyone present from Clark County on the video conference in support of freedom of choice. How did this happen? I know there are thousands of motorcyclists in the

Message from the President, Conclusion.

Vegas area that feel strongly about freedom of choice. I believe they were not properly informed. Educating and informing Nevada motorcyclists is our mission. All Nevada motorcyclists must be informed of what they can do and when it needs to be done.

Please consider allowing us to submit articles and information to the S-Curve publication to inform Nevada Motorcyclists regarding Nevada's helmet freedom of choice.

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Living on the Edge
By CJ

The summer activities are in full swing and events are happening right and left. On May 13, 2006, we had a great turnout for the Blessing of the Bikes. I counted approximately 32 motorcycles in attendance. Thank you to Bill Pennell for doing the blessing. The Elko Daily Free Press had a story and pictures in the weekend edition dated May 27, 2006. Free Press correspondent Laurie Robinson did a great job covering the event.

May 20, 2006 was a good day to Clean Up, Green Up, Elko. We had a large group of ABATE members helping out, Marvin Orr, Bud Jacobsen, John Bland, Leslie Andrus and kids, Connie Campbell, Bill & Deb Bonetti, Diane & Bill Hartsock, Dale Andrus, Susan DeShane and Bruce & Mary Dempster. We cleaned up garbage on the parking lot and surrounding area of Elko Trophy and did a massive clean up around Bill & Deb's new shop on South Fifth Street. By the way congratulations goes out to Bill & Deb Bonetti on their new building, and John Glen & Courtney Worline on 5th Gear Motor Sports, out by Gallagher Ford. We wish all of you much success with your endeavors.

May 26, and Memorial weekend came around fast, along with the annual Run-A-Mucca. Dale and Vicky Andrus went over to Winnemucca on Thursday night. Vicky hauled the ABATE merchandise and booth equipment over in their pick up. John Bland on the other hand got a late start on Friday morning getting to Winnemucca. Many of you may recall the "choppa" John purchased at Run-A-Mucca last year, and the break down in Golconda routine. Well he

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2006 Blessing of the Bikes



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The following is a letter Connie sent to the Humboldt Sun Newspaper regarding Humboldt County Commissioners' lack of support of voluntary helmet use. Thanks Connie.

Winnemucca Convention Authority
Run -A-Mucca Committee

ABATE of Northern Nevada would like to take this opportunity to congratulate your success with the Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally. We have attended the event since its inception.

ABATE is an acronym for A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education. We are a political motorcycle organization aimed at protecting the rights of all motorcyclists; concerning laws and restrictions pertaining to motorcycle riders.

As you are aware motorcycling events such as Run-A-Mucca are a great way to bring tourists and revenue into a community and to the state. To that end we would like to see even more motorcyclists choose to travel and vacation in the state of Nevada at other times of the year. One of Abates' goals has been to amend Nevada's helmet law and make it similar to 30 other states in the union. We encourage the use of helmets, but feel an adult over the age of 21, should have the right to choose when the use of a helmet is appropriate. In our on going effort we have asked for and received support from many county commissioners and organizations with letters of support directed to the Nevada Legislature for the 2007 session. Recently in Carson City at the NACO, Nevada Association of Counties, we asked for support from all county commissioners in Nevada. A change in this law could and would have a huge impact on tourism in the state of Nevada, especially in the north eastern part of the state where we are boarded by two states Idaho and Utah that do NOT have helmet restrictions. Elko County Commissioners unanimously support adult voluntary helmet use and realize the financial benefits for the state if more motorcyclists chose to travel through Nevada instead of avoiding it because of helmet mandates. It would only make sense that Humboldt County Commissioners John Milton and Tom Fransway would have supported this issue considering the financial benefits Winnemucca has received from their own motorcycling event. These commissioners voted against voluntary helmet use and this reflects a lack of respect toward American freedoms and an individuals basic personal rights. Since they lobbied against a letter of support at NACO, we have to wonder, do they really represent or respect the hard work and efforts of their constituents in bringing such events to the state and specifically small communities such as Winnemucca. We would ask that you question them on their motives concerning this issue.

Sincerely,
ABATE of Northern Nevada

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

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

Welcome and Thanks to the Following New and/or Renewed Members:

Dan & Brandie Allen	Kathy Troutman
Ken and Eva Wellington	Jamie Moe
T.A. and B.J. Silva	Bill & Nancy Larsen
Don Gantenbein	Johnny & Dallas Cunningham
Leo Cormier	Ken Weight
Dwayne Bratten	Todd Turville

Vicky Andrus won the 50/50 Drawing at the May Meeting and donated it all back to ABATE. Thanks Vicky.

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rode it back to Winnemucca this year; although he had a slight mishap at the stop light in Spring Creek, when overflow oil coated his back tire and he did a one eighty thru the intersection. Our neighbor Jim was behind him on the trip to Spring Creek and witnessed the whole incident. He described it as a ballet in motion, (he thought he was showing off) John spinning in a circle with the choppa on it side, John clawing to get on top of it and eventually stopping and up righting the bike. Luckily John was not hurt and only a few minor contusions on the choppa, nothing a little bailing wire and a grease rag couldn't fix. He did finally get to Winnemucca on Friday afternoon.

I left on Friday night after work with Bruce & Mary Dempster. It was beginning to get obvious on Friday that the weather was not going to be good. It rained and even snowed all day on Saturday. Most of the vendors didn't even open up. At the ABATE booth we hung up our banners and displayed our poster about the Humboldt County Commissioners (See letter) and called it good. It was just too cold and wet and the weather kept the crowds away. The traditional "burning of the bike" took place on Saturday night, but instead of the usual backing away from the flames, the crowd huddled as near to the fire as possible trying to stay warm and then it just down poured and everyone scattered. On Sunday morning we checked out the bike show held in the parking lot of the Flying Pig Restaurant. We were hoping for some break in the weather so we could all get home. It was not to be a pleasant ride home as I was not prepared for such wet and cold temperatures. I didn't bring rain gear, as it was all lost in John's saddle bag last fall never to be found again, no long john's either. I was trying to pack light as I had to carry my own luggage on the way over. The now infamous choppa has no saddlebags, no front fender, and no windshield. This posed somewhat of a concern for John, knowing we would be riding in rain and hail. Never fear, the ever resourceful John Bland and his newly purchased roll of silver duct tape to the rescue. John and Bruce created quite a wind screen out of the duct tape between the handlebars of the choppa. Now he wants to carry my luggage, bunged precariously on the front of the choppa, and at this point he also has no headlight, it went out the night before. All of this preparation for the ride home was captured in photographs by the local reporter from the Humboldt Sun newspaper. John refused to give the reporter his name, so I thought I would try and help out by divulging their names and hometown. John Bland and Bruce Dempster, I'm looking forward to seeing your pictures in the Humboldt Sun right above the caption, "preparing for rain," one hundred and one uses for duct tape! Yes the ride home Sunday was cold and miserable, but we all arrived safely. I thank all the ABATE members who braved the weather and helped with the booth at Run-A-Mucca.

The MRF, Best of the West Conference in Prescott, AZ., is only a couple weeks away and we have a large group going to it. Everyone is welcome to attend and ride along. We still need members to help at the ABATE booth during the Elko Motorcycle Jamboree, please give me a

More Blessing of the Bikes Photos

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a call or e-mail if you can help for a few hours. We will have bike night at the city park throughout the summer unless I e-mail everyone otherwise. Remember this is an election year and ABATE is a political organization. If you are not registered to vote, please do so, Dale Andrus can register you.

Overthinking it.....The light's red. You're in the right lane waiting for traffic to clear so you can turn. What's the best lane position to be in? In this case, the center of the lane, with your right turn signal on. Too far left, and right-turning cars behind you might try to squeeze by, thinking you're going straight. Too far to the right, and cars behind you planning to go straight might try to squeeze through. AMA Magazine June 2006 Page 20.

<http://www.politics1.com/nv.htm>

WHO'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR?

[Kenny Guinn (R)* - Not Eligible to Seek Re-Election in 2006.]

Bob Beers (R) - State Sen. & Accountant

Jim Gibbons (R) - Congressman, Ex-State Assemblyman, Attorney, USAF Veteran & '94 Nominee

Lorraine Hunt (R) - Lt. Governor, Ex-Clark County Commissioner & Banker

Jim Gibson (D) - Henderson Mayor

Oscar Goodman (D) - Las Vegas Mayor & Attorney (potential candidate)

Phil Satre (D) - Gaming Executive (potential candidate)

Dina Titus (D) - State Senate Minority Leader, College Professor & Author



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Coast to Coast Biker News. Easyriders June 2006

ABATE OF FLORIDA RELEASES FINANCIAL IMPACT OF HELMET LAW RELEAL:

On February 6, 2006, James "Doc" Reichenbach II, president of ABATE of Florida and chairman of NCOM, released the following economic impact report covering the five years since Florida modified their mandatory helmet law to exclude most adult riders.

- 278,331 new motorcycles at an average of \$10,000 each = \$2,783,310,000
- Sales tax on motorcycles at 6% = \$166,998,600
- Registration fees for motorcycles = \$10,047,749
- Change of title = \$8,280,347
- Total = \$2,968,636,696

"This is almost \$3 billion in five years that has been put into the economy of the State of Florida, and this is a low figure as it doesn't include antique motorcycles or mopeds that are licensed in Florida," said Doc. "Over \$180 million went directly into the state treasury for the general fund, and this does not include the tourist money that has increased because of Florida being a freedom of choice state. In the past five years over \$2.5 billion has been spent at Bike Week and Biketoberfest."

(This is exactly the point Dale Andrus testified to at the 2005 Legislature.)

Taylor Canyon Run and Rodeo

All Motorcycles Welcome

**Sponsored by A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada
July 14, 15, 16th**

You must be 21 to attend this event

**Entry fee: \$10.00 per person
No checks accepted**

**Entry fee includes live music, insurance and rodeo games.
You must sign an AMA waiver and wear a wrist band to attend this
event. No exceptions!!!!!!!**

Cash prizes for rodeo games, 50/50 raffle

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Or visit: www.abatennv.org**

Taylor Canyon Resort is located 42 miles north of Elko. Take Mountain City Highway 225, 26 miles to Lone Mountain Station; then left on Highway 226 approximately 17 miles to Taylor Canyon. You can't miss it

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"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." Theodore Roosevelt 1907

Dale Andrus is now a field registrar. If you are not registered to vote, please contact Dale Andrus and register to vote today.



A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada will be holding a special election at the June 8th Meeting. ABATE will be voting for a new secretary to replace Debbie Bonetti

Bill Deletes Bike Handlebar Restrictions-South Carolina

Associated Press

<http://www.charleston.net/stories/?newsID=88212&ion=stateregion>

COLUMBIA - Bikers could legally drive a motorcycle with high handlebars under a bill that received key approval Tuesday in the House. The measure would delete state restrictions on motorcycle handlebars. State law currently outlaws handlebars more than 15 inches higher than the biker's seat.

The issue was one advocated by the bikers' rights group A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE) of South Carolina. **CycleQuest.com 'The Sidecar' - A Newsletter for Bikers May 23, 2006**

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2006 Elko County Election Dates

- May 1 First day to file declaration of candidacy
- May 12 Last day to file declaration of candidacy
- May 23 Last day candidate can withdraw name from ballot
- July 15 Last day to register to vote by mail or at an agency
- July 25 Last day to register to vote in county clerk's office
- July 29 Early voting for primary election begins
- Aug 11 Last day of early voting for primary
- Aug 15 Primary election
- Oct 7 Last day to register by mail or at an agency
- Oct 17 Last day to register in the County Clerk's Office
- Oct 21 Early voting begins
- Oct 27 Nevada Day, no early voting
- Nov 3 Last day of early voting
- Nov 7 GENERAL ELECTION

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**Dawn Gibbons Reception
Thursday June 1, 2006
Bike Nite 5:30 to 7:30 at
Picture This & Elko Trophy**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A.B.A.T.E. Meeting June 8, 7:00 P.M. Round Table by Raleys
(A.B.A.T.E. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at the Round Table by Raley's.)
- Bike Nite is Every Non-ABATE meeting Thursday at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is Welcome.
Unless you receive an e-mail otherwise, we will be at the Elko City Park by the Museum. June 1st Bike Nite is at Elko Trophy and Picture This.
Bring your own food.
- June 11th, 2006 Pediatric Brain Tumor Charity Run
- June 15, 16, 17, 18th 2006 MRF Conference, Prescott AZ
- June 16, 17, 18th 2006 Elko Motorcycle Jamboree
- July 7, 8, 9 Mean Mountain Run Mammoth Lakes
- July 14, 15, 16th 2006 Taylor Canyon Run and Rodeo
- September 1, 2, 3, and 4 Banbury's Hot Springs Hagerman, ID