

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE ! GET INVOLVED !



# ABATE of Northern Nevada



**North Meets South  
Ely, Nevada  
July 17th and 18th  
See Page 9.**



John Bland, President

June / July 2009

these are our elders and they have much wisdom to share. There have always been only a handful of members that do most all the work; I guess it will always be that way. We can not expect the same people to do most the work most of the time. Please, we need members to step forth and ask to become more involved. Let our elders know how much you appreciate them and what they have done. As a good, responsible citizen you should be involved in politics so to some degree. Because of my ABATE involvement I have become politically active. As president of the organization I know it is my responsibility to be involved, to set an example. It is very unlikely that I would have become a precinct chairman, a county delegate, a member of the Republican Central Committee, a lobbyist, a State MRF Representative if I wasn't an ABATE member. I have now been asked to run for county commissioner, we'll see. In the past, becoming politically active felt very uncomfortable, like maybe it was doing something

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2009 legislative session has come and gone and the helmet law remains mandatory in Nevada. Motorcyclists across the Battle Born State of Nevada united and fought gallantly to regain freedom of choice but loss once again to the spineless legislators who ignore statistics and facts to protect their political security. We live in a changing country, one that wants to take responsibility for your care, actions and decisions. Respecting personal freedoms and personal choice is becoming the political (old school) way of thinking. Citizens need to speak up and express their opinions or our legislators will continue on their merry way, taking our freedoms and increasing your taxes to give you more government promises. This process makes government larger and more powerful and

you, the citizen, weaker and more dependent on government amenities. Do you know how you catch a wild pig? If you don't, ask me, and I will tell you. ABATE has been successful in gaining recognition, and I believe respect, in our community as a political rights organization. We are involved in local and state politics and know many of our politicians on a first name bases. We have developed working relationships with our state motorcycle rights organizations. Our next step is to become more involved and active in the election process. We may not be able to change the minds of our legislators, but we can change our legislators! And that is what we must do. Legislators that have a history of voting in favor of increasing government's size over Nevada's citi-

zen's personal freedom need to be removed from office and replaced with those who respect and uphold personal rights. I see an internal problem in ABATE that must be recognized. All of our past ABATE leaders and most aggressive freedom fighters over our 30 year history have burned out and are no longer active. This is a terrible loss of knowledge and strength. I look back at my first legislative hearing and think about how much easier it would have been with help from someone who had prior experience. This is true with most of our efforts. I am seeing it once again, we have members that have given so much but are growing tired. We need these warriors to stay active to mentor our upcoming freedom fighters,

too controversial, maybe something my employer would not approve of. I know now that the most destructive thing you can do for our country is nothing. To be politically involved is our nation's only salvation. Without the checks and balances from citizen involvement, human greed for wealth and power will inevitably rule us. The shift is happening now as our national debt grows and government usurps power of our financial institutions and industries. I am proud of my ABATE affiliation, and my political involvement. Those that might question my involvement are wrong, they are selling our future because they are doing nothing, their heads are in the sand. Those that I worried about judging me are those that are to be judged. Their lack of involvement is inexcusable, and pathetic.

It's ok if the helmet issue is not yours, but what issues do you care about? Step forth and get involved, let it be known you have an opinion, a passion. Let it be known you care about our county, state our nation. I promise you, getting involved will make you proud.

The annual May Blessing of the bikes was bigger than ever with about 60 bikes in the park to hear Ozzie Jones's sermon. The open mike gave time to update everyone with planned summer activities. The POW/MIA Missing in America Project was discussed and became a huge success later in the month. Thank you POW/MIA members, Dorothy Minor and others for all your effort to assure such a successful event.

Our annual ABATE Beatty Run was great as always. We had good participation with eight bikes in Eureka Thursday night for the Keyhole bash. I think it has something to do with being cooped up during winter for 6 months that primes us for the first spring ride. I'm talking about letting your hair down, getting down, on the ground, in the bar, all night, into morning. Just some good old, small town, watermelon crawl is what I'm talking about. The next day, sometime late the next morning we set out for Tonopah. From Tonopah we stopped for a short visit in Gold Point, if you've never been to Gold Point, it is a must. I can't even describe the place; you've just got to see it to believe it. After a couple of days in Beatty everyone headed back to Elko but me, and I proceeded west, to spend the next week on a 1,700 mile road trip on the 51 Pan. I am pleased to say without the expected mechanical challenges. The first night I stayed in Lee Vining. The next day I went over Sonora Pass because Yosemite Pass was still closed by winter snow. From Sonora to Mariposa, found old friends there and stayed the night. From Mariposa to Merced, visited my parents graves and then to Dos Palos to spend the remainder of the week with my brother Jody. Jody has a 45 servi car and we trailer it to a bike shop called "45's forever" in San Jose just for kicks to see what the shop as about. We got some good tips and got it running by the next day. By the end of the week Yosemite pass had opened so I rode back to Lee Vining and spent the night again there. Friday afternoon I met up with Connie at the Run-A-Mucca event. Connie is writing for Thunder Press now and her first assignment was to cover Run-A-Mucca. It was a great trip, I found it both interesting and entertaining how many times another motorcyclist would come up to me at a gas station and tell me my bike was leaking oil. What am I suppose to say? It's supposed to leak oil, or I'm sorry? I have concluded that the presence of oil and grease is a good thing, certainly nothing you should apologize for.

John Bland - ABATE Northern NV President, MRF State Rep.

**National Ride To Work Day is Monday, June 15, 2009**

**For More Information**

**Contact Ride to Work Day, a 501 c4 nonprofit organization, at:**

POB 1072, Proctor, Minnesota, 55810 USA

<http://www.ridetowork.org>

**CLASSIFIEDS:** Send emails to: [debodyna@frontiernet.net](mailto:debodyna@frontiernet.net)

For sale: 1997 Suzuki Intruder 1400, custom seat, crash bars, road pegs, saddle bags, 8123 miles, \$2500 Call Tom 934-1563

Corner entertainment center, light oak, real wood and oak plywood, not particle board, holds up to 43" wide tv, storage underneath, \$200 OBO 778-3633

2007 Kawasaki Vulcan 500, has windshield, backrest and saddlebags, custom mirrors \$5400 778-3633

Bare Escentuals Bare Minerals powder makeup, new unopened, Have several colors and mineral veil \$15 each 778-3633

2 adult saddles used very little, 1 kids saddle, assorted horse tack, make offer. 778-3633

**I have decided to go in a different direction. I want to ride now, not in two or three years it would take to finish this project. Thank you. Matt Lauborough 388-2811 Cell** 1982 Low rider swing arm frame with clean open Utah title. Frame is absolutely original and the hd number on the frame matches the title! never cut , raked or modified. Includes original swing arm, an extra chrome swing arm and early style wide glide front suspension with 16" front spoke wheel and excellent tire. Have lots of other parts, barrells, new Kieth Black pistons & rings, 5 gallon tanks, 2 front fenders, rear shocks, dash & speedo, lot's of other parts, to much to list. Check out pics. I have more pics on request. I do not have an engine or transmission. Some engine stuff like the barrells in the pics, pushrods etc. Oh yeah, the rear mag does not go with it but I am acquiring a nice spoke wheel to match the front. PLEASE serious inquiries only.



*Blessing of the Bikes  
Rodeo and BBQ*



Two Ladies Pushing Kegs!!!!  
Motorcycles Optional in This Event!!!

DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT  
YOUR RIGHTS  
JOIN A.B.A.T.E. TODAY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Jr. Membership (16 & Under) \$5.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW/RENEWAL**

**SINGLE**

**1 Year \$20.00**

**COUPLE**

**1 Year \$30.00**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**(SINGLE) \$250.00 / (COUPLE) \$375.00**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that all benefits become effective upon receipt of my membership card. I agree to hold harmless A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada for any accident that may occur at A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada sanctioned events.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments, Suggestions, Problems or any way you can help A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada

\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Applications to:  
A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada  
P. O. Box 1566  
Elko, NV 89803  
[abatennv.org](http://abatennv.org)

Office Use Only

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Rcvd\$ \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://www.mrf.org)  
[www.bikernation.us](http://www.bikernation.us)  
[www.ldrlongdistancerider.com](http://www.ldrlongdistancerider.com)  
[www.lets-ride.com](http://www.lets-ride.com)  
[www.nevadagop.org](http://www.nevadagop.org)  
[www.thereidworld.com](http://www.thereidworld.com)  
[www.dambikers.com](http://www.dambikers.com) (good jokes)  
[www.harleylovers.proboards56.com](http://www.harleylovers.proboards56.com)  
[www.CycleQuest.com](http://www.CycleQuest.com)  
[www.AMAdirectlink.com](http://www.AMAdirectlink.com)  
[www.motorcyclists-against-dumb-drivers.com](http://www.motorcyclists-against-dumb-drivers.com)

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



**NEVADA'S PUBLIC SERVANTS**

Gov. Jim Gibbons  
 State Capitol Building  
 Carson City, NV 89710  
 Phone: 775-684-5670

Sen. John Ensign  
 U. S. Senate  
 Washington, D.C. 20510  
 Phone: 202-224-6244  
 Fax: 202-228-2193

Sen. Harry Reid  
 U. S. Senate  
 Washington, D.C. 20510  
 Toll-Free Phone:  
 1 (866) SEN-REID (736-7343)  
 Fax: 202-224-7327

State Sen. Dean Rhoads  
 P. O. Box 8  
 Tuscarora, NV 89834  
 Phone 756-6582  
 Fax: 775-756-5544  
 Drhoads@sen.state.nv.us

The Honorable Dean Heller  
 1023 Longworth Washington, D.C. 20515  
 (202) 225-6155

Assemblyman John Carpenter  
 1091 Dotta Drive  
 Elko, NV 89801  
 Phone: 738-9861  
 Fax: 775-738-4593  
 jcarpenter@asm.state.nv.us

\*\*\*\*\*

Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea  
 P. O. Box 97  
 Eureka, NV 89316  
 Phone: 775-237-5300  
 Fax: 775-237-5100  
 pgoicoechea@asm.state.nv.us

**ELKO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Elko County Courthouse  
 571 Idaho Street  
 Elko, NV 89801

Charlie Myers  
 934-8118 or 738-4746  
 charlesmyers@citlink.net

Sheri Eklund-Brown  
 738-5612 or 738-4773

John Ellison  
 738-6284

Demar Dahl  
 752-3806

Warren Russell  
 753-4723

**Participate in the High Mileage Contest. Send Connie your name and motorcycle mileage and \$5.00. Awards will be given at the end of the riding season.**



**Brandi Snyder**  
 District Sales Coordinator  
 Writing #CV443  
 An Independent Associate Representing Aflac

5330 Grass Valley Rd  
 Winnemucca, Nevada 89445  
 775.623.2106 office  
 775.421.5386 cell  
 775.623.9509 fax  
 brandi\_snyder@us.aflac.com  
 aflac.com



**Picture This!**  
 Custom Framing & Art Gallery

**Dale & Vicky Andrus**  
 Phone 775-777-7955  
 Fax 775-738-5123

**418 Commercial St.**  
**Elko, Nevada 89801**



**Marvin Orr**  
 Owner

2223 North Fifth Street  
 Elko, Nevada 89801

Ph: (775) 738-8011  
 Fax: (775) 738-7358




**Dale & Vicky Andrus**

**418 Commercial Street**  
**Elko, Nevada 89801**

**Phone: 775-738-5568**  
**Fax: 775-738-5123**  
**Email [elkotrophy@wirelessbeehive.com](mailto:elkotrophy@wirelessbeehive.com)**

LASER ENGRAVING  
 CORPORATE AWARDS  
 CRYSTAL AWARDS  
 NAME BADGES  
 TEAM TROPHY'S  
 RUBBER STAMPS

Take a Step Back in Time...



**The Two Olde Crows**

19th Century American Country Primitives & Needfuls

**Eva Wellington**  
 656 Court St., Elko, NV


**Barb Wellington**  
 775-777-7575



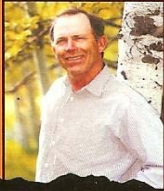
**Cortney Worline**  
 phone: 775.738.8933  
 fax: 775.738.9763

**HONDA**  
**YAMAHA**  
**KAWASAKI**  
**KTM**  
**SUZUKI**


420 30th St. Elko, NV 89801



**Mike Gerber**  
 Owner/Broker



775.777.ELKO (3556)  
 mike@elkonevada.net 775.934.8131 Cell 775.777.3239 Fax



**DALES GUNS**


Class 1 Firearms Dealer

**DALE ANDRUS**  
 418 COMMERCIAL STREET  
 ELKO, NEVADA 89801

Phone: 775-340-5128  
 Fax: 775-738-5123  
 E-mail: [dalesgun@hotmail.com](mailto:dalesgun@hotmail.com)

Pistols ~ Rifles  
 Shotguns ~ Ammo  
 and Gear

Discount Guns  
 Free Quotes



**Welcome New and Renewed Members:**

Paul Satonin, TA and BJ Silva,  
 Fred Virgil, Tina and John Adams  
 Sherry Harris, Jody and Cathy Atkin  
 Rick and Diane Stedtnitz  
 Ed and Vicky England  
 Trudy Whetton  
 Dallas and Johnny Cunningham  
 Marvin and Jacque Orr

Thank you. We're happy to have you on board.

**Many Thanks to the newsletter sponsors. Please support those merchants that support ABATE. If you'd like to advertise in our newsletter, please contact Deb at [debodyna@frontiernet.net](mailto:debodyna@frontiernet.net) for rates. Thanks.**

There's not much in news this month so I decided to share a bunch of photos with you. These photos are from the Blessing of the Bikes in May. Hope you enjoy them.



# North Meets South Run

There is a block of 10 rooms held for ABATE at the Historic Hotel Nevada in Ely for July 17th and 18th. To reserve a room call 1-775-289-6665.

Please get this information to everyone. Rooms must be reserved one week prior to the 17th. We can use the hotel parking lot if we want to have a motorcycle rodeo, we are open to your suggestions about activities.

Don't wait to reserve your room. The hotel has a lot of rooms available beyond the 10 reserved but don't wait to make your reservation, it would be great if we filled the hotel with ABATE members. Hope to see you there.

More Photos from the Blessing, BBQ, and Rodeo in May.



2009 ABATE Calendar of Events
-------------------------------

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  
 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 Possible Ryndon Run and BBQ

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

**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE ! GET INVOLVED !**

A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada  
P. O. Box 1566  
Elko, NV 89803

John Bland and Connie Campbell 744-4570  
E-mail [historicleenv@frontiernet.net](mailto:historicleenv@frontiernet.net)  
Dale Andrus 738-5568  
E-mail [hddude98@hotmail.com](mailto:hddude98@hotmail.com)  
Lesli Andrus 777-7955  
E-mail: [leslide@msn.com](mailto:leslide@msn.com)

Webmaster: Roger Leeper [roger@outofmymind.info](mailto:roger@outofmymind.info)

Membership Coordinator: Connie Campbell

Newsletter Editor: Debbie Bonetti  
[debodyna@frontiernet.net](mailto:debodyna@frontiernet.net)

A.B.A.T.E.'s Website: [www.abatennv.org](http://www.abatennv.org)

**Christmas for Kids, Inc.**

Bill Hartsock – President

Vicky Andrus – Vice President

Connie Campbell – Secretary

Jenn Hobbs – Treasurer

ABATE of Southern Nevada: [www.abatesnv.com](http://www.abatesnv.com)

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

**North Meets South  
Ely, NV  
July 17th and 18th  
See Complete  
Details on Page 9.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **A.B.A.T.E. Meeting: June 11th, July 9th 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. Watch for e-mails announcing the place.**
- **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).**
- **North Meets South Run July 17th and 18th. See Page 9.**

E-mail Deb at [debodyna@frontiernet.net](mailto:debodyna@frontiernet.net) If you'd like to list your event here.

**"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**