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A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada



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John Bland, President

December 2006

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sorry if I sound like a broken record about changing Nevada's helmet law, but if we're going to be successful, it's going to take an ongoing, relentless effort. I have learned from other successes in my life that if you want something, you need to focus on it, obsess over it, and if you do, it will likely become reality. (Like females and motorcycles etc.) I have a theory that everyday thousands of opportunities cross our paths. If we are interested in a subject or issue you will notice when something related to it comes up in conversation, or you read something that touches on the subject etc. These become doors that open opportunities to take us closer to our subject of interest and eventually success. This is why it's important to me to continue with my writing, talking and listening about helmet laws. We are putting the puzzle together. We have studied ABATE's history. We have connected with other Motorcycle Right Organizations to share knowledge. We have worked to expose our organization and beliefs to our community and local/state officials. We are beginning to understand why insurance companies, legislators, NHSTA oppose freedom

of choice. This is a big project, and changing Nevada's helmet law is going to take a lot of work, but I truly believe it can be done. Our biggest challenge right now is to organize the motorcyclists of Nevada to write, e-mail, and be present during the 2007 legislative hearing to show legislators that there are too many voters that want this law changed for them to continue to ignore it. The fact that the helmet bill received more comment on the 2005 Nevada Legislative comment web site than any other of the thousand plus bills introduced tells me there are enough people who want the Nevada helmet law changed. That is why our mass contact list that Lesli Andrus is compiling is so important. When the legislators need to hear about helmet opinion from the voters, we will have everyone on the mass contact list write, call or be present. Our goal is to organize this activity, when the legislators need to be informed, they will hear from everyone on our list. We will tell them in unison that we want Nevada's helmet law changed to allow voluntary helmet use. We want to enjoy the same freedom as the majority of the Union.

ABATE of Northern Nevada has developed a multi faceted approach to changing Nevada's helmet law. This is very productive and powerful. In preparation for the 2007 legislative session we will use the legislative system in the way it is designed to be used. Obeying the law and going through the formal legislative process to change law. Bob Beers will introduce our helmet bill again this year. We are gathering new facts and information to present to the legislators. I would like to have some of our war veterans speak to the legislators about the importance of respecting American freedom. We know changing legislation is a long cumbersome process.

Dale Andrus, bless his sole, has taken on another front. Dale is opposing the enforceability of Nevada's helmet law. Dale rode his bike this summer with a do-rag until he got his sought-after ticket. Dale's position is that Nevada's helmet law requires protective head gear but says nothing about a helmet. Dale told the officer that he was wearing pro-

TECTIVE headgear. Dale explained to the officer that his do-rag protects his head from wind and sun-burn. The officer took offense to Dale's position and became rude and abrasive to Dale. Once the officer realized Dale was recording the conversation the officer became apologetic. Too bad, Dale recorded the conversation with the officer and will share it with the judge. I forgot to mention that the officer wrote Dale up for the wrong helmet statute. Dale was ticketed for manufacturing of helmets not wearing of helmets. This is great stuff! When you see Dale thank him, thank him for not being intimidated by this unjust law, for taking this assertive stance for freedom. The legislators have been ignoring or turning a cold shoulder to us for 30 years. Dale is putting the ball in the legal systems court where they cannot ignore it. Our local jurisdiction is now forced to review the law and think about it. They are going to have to confront the fact that helmets are not designed for their intended use. They are only designed for a 14 mph impact, it breaks necks and kills users, and helmets are not approved by NDOT as the laws refer to. If they look a little deeper they should conclude that the helmet is not the safety devise it's cracked up (no pun intended) to be. Is this fun or what!

Deb Bonetti has taken her own path of action. Deb has been in contact with Chuck Abbott, Nevada's Department of Transportation and Public Safety.

Message from the President Continued.

Deb has been asking him about the \$100,000.00 grant money that was allocated to Nevada for motorcycle safety. Deb has been asking him about how this money will be spent in Nevada. Thanks Deb, these folks need to know we are concerned about these funds and how they are spent.

As you recall, Rocky Gonzalez has offered to set up a conference call between NHTSA and ABATE of Northern Nevada. I sent the following letter to Rocky.

ABATE of Northern Nevada

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Frank Rocky Gonzalez
Public Information Officer
Nevada Highway Patrol

Dear Rocky,

Thank you for the opportunity to hold a conference call with NHTSA. For 30 years NHTSA has taken the stance that mandatory motorcycle helmet use is the first defense to protect motorcyclists from accident injury. For 30 years Motorcycle Right Organizations have taken the position that education, and accident prevention is the answer. I don't expect one conference call to change history, but communication and the willingness to be understanding should be productive.

The following is a suggested conference call itinerary:

Why have motorcyclists taken such a strong opposition against a mandatory motorcycle helmet law for so many years?

-Government's role regarding the mandating of apparel.

-Respecting American personal rights.

During the 2005 legislature the bill SB151 was introduced to amend Nevada's helmet law. This bill received more support and voter activity than any other of the 1,000 plus bills introduced. Why?

The motorcycle helmet is a safety device that is not designed, tested, or approved for its intended use. The helmet is known to increase neck/back injury and even cause death.

Motorcyclists and the general public have not been properly informed that the motorcycle helmet is only designed, tested and approved for a 14mph impact.

Motorcycle helmet manufactures should be held responsible for not properly informing the user of its limited effective use and known risks. Shouldn't the state or helmet manufacturer be liable for a mandated helmet caused injury or death? This would be similar to lawsuits now in place against tobacco manufactures and gun manufacturers.

All motorcycle helmets are manufactured overseas to avoid lawsuit.

The majority of highway accidents related head injuries are in automobiles. Helmets are not required in automobiles because they restrict vision and hearing. Has NHTSA ever tested the effectiveness of helmet use in a car? What were the results?

Motorcyclists are being discriminated against. All motorists, moped riders, bicyclists, pedestrians, horseback riders, snowmobiles, etc. are susceptible to accidental head injury.

Motorcycle Rights Organizations have been instrumental in the development of rider safety programs. It is our desire that NHTSA focus on accident prevention, not accident survival. Motorists are not properly educated about the vulnerability of a motorcyclist. Motorists need to be made aware, and educated to watch for motorcycles.

DOT does not approve helmets. The present helmet law is not enforceable and is not being enforced.

Recommendations to reduce motorcycle accidents and injuries:

Message from the President Continued.

- Approximately 50% of all motorcycle accidents in Nevada are riders that do not have the required motorcycle license endorsement.
- Stricter fines for drinking and driving on our highways
- Educate the public about the importance of sharing our roadways with motorcyclists
- Appropriate penalties for automobile drivers that cause injury or kill a motorcyclist
- Motorists should not be allowed to use a cell phone while operating a vehicle

It is important not to deny Americans the personal freedoms we have been asked to fight and die for. The ability to take responsibility for our actions, to take risks, is the essence of our nation's success. The helmet is too obtrusive, awkward and questionably effective to mandate its use. (End of letter)

You have all heard that motorcycle non-helmeted head injuries would be a "social burden" because of the increased medical cost to society. This is hogwash! First of all, about 80% of highway accident head injuries are in cars, because there are more cars than motorcycles on the highways. Motorcyclists are just as likely to have insurance as any other licensed motor vehicle operator to cover their medical costs. If you grew up in this country you and your family have paid a great deal of taxes. A percentage of these taxes are what pay for any medical expenses that the state may have to pay if someone, or their insurance, is not able to pay. This fund is referred to as the state "indigent fund". The real "social burden," is illegal immigrant health care costs.

The following article was in the 11/16/06 Elko Free Press.

RAND: Illegal immigrant health care cost \$1 billion

American taxpayers spent about \$11 per household in 2000 to foot the bill for health care of adult illegal immigrants, according to a Rand Corp. study. The research, published in the November/December edition of the journal Health Affairs, put the cost at \$1.1 billion nationally for the health care of illegal immigrants between the ages of 18 and 64. It put the cost in Los Angeles County at about \$204 million.

One last thing, ABATE of Northern Nevada has decided to do something a little different this year for our community during Christmas. Christmas for Kids will be giving gift certificates to our local deployed military families to use during the holidays for their children. After all these are the families of true Freedom Fighters. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John Bland, President – ABATE of Northern Nevada



Veteran' Day Parade Photos

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It was
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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. (source unknown)

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

More Photos of Warmer Days



Tunes at Banbury's



BBQ at Mike Gerber's with Jim and Dawn Gibbons

ABATE Members: Several months ago there was an e-mail going around which stated as follows:

>Subject: Fw: crazy senators >Date: Thu, 26 Oct 2006 17:19:19 -0700

> **The following senators voted against making English the official language of AMERICA:** *(There was a long list of senators including the name of our own: Reid(D-NV).*

> >>> (email continued)**Now, these are the senators who voted to give illegal aliens Social Security benefits. Regardless of political party, these politicians need to be defeated in 2006, 2008 or 2010, whenever they come up for office. They are grouped by home state.** *(Again, the list of Senators included our own: > Nevada . . .Reid (D).*

The e-mail asked for everyone to forward it on to everyone they knew. I don't like doing this unless I know for sure that the contents of the email are true, so I got on Senator Reid's official website and asked him to explain to me if the above allegations were true. I asked him if he did indeed vote against making English the official language of America; and simply whether or not he voted to give illegal aliens Social Security benefits. I ended in saying, "A simple yes or no answer will suffice." While I appreciate the time and effort he (or one of his aids) put into his response, I just don't understand why he couldn't simply and truthfully answer "yes" or "no". This is what he wrote back. After you've had a chance to read the response, let me know what you think. Enjoy everyone. Deb Bonetti P.S. It goes on to page 11.

November 8, 2006
Mrs. Debbie Bonetti
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Dear Mrs. Bonetti:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the English language and Social Security benefits for illegal immigrants. I appreciate hearing from you.

As you know, the Senate recently passed an immigration reform bill (S. 2611), and this debate raised questions about our national identity and heritage. During consideration of S. 2611, two amendments were offered to articulate the sense of the Senate about the use of English in our nation. Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) offered an amendment (S.Amdt. 4064) to declare English the national language and to provide that government services and documents are only provided in English. Senator Ken Salazar (D-CO) proposed an alternative amendment (S.Amdt. 4073) to declare English the common and unifying language and to allow the government to continue to protect out public health and safety by ensuring critical workers would be able to communicate with individuals who are still learning English.

I have always believed that learning to speak, read, and write English is the foundation for a successful life in the United States. Surely no one disagrees about the importance of English to integration or to full participation in our culture. However, I have serious concerns about the impact of Senator Inhofe's amendment. The amendment is in direct contradiction with a number of federal laws and requirements that protect our nation's public health and safety by ensuring that police officers, emergency health workers, and other critical services that protect our communities are able to communicate with persons who are still learning English. If enacted, this amendment could create barriers that keep our police officers from gaining information to prevent crimes, threaten our public health by keeping people with infectious diseases from getting treatment, undermine the integrity of our elections, and limit the ability of non-English speakers to learn English. Millions of those who could be affected are citizens, and many are native born. Not one single person would learn English as a result of the Inhofe amendment.

New citizens in the United States must learn the necessary skills that will allow them to contribute to and participate meaningfully in the American democracy, but we must ensure they have the opportunities to learn these skills to integrate in our society. We can and should encourage this learning process by placing emphasis on improving our elementary and secondary education systems and adult education system for adult English language learners. While I voted against Senator Inhofe's amendment, which ultimately passed by a vote of 63 - 34, I did support Senator Salazar's amendment, which recognized that English is our nation's common and unifying language but did not endanger our public health and safety. Senator Salazar's amendment passed by a vote of 58 - 39.

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Living on the Edge

By CJ

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas shopping is now in full swing. My thoughts have turned to obsessing about what I may have eaten or will be eating in the next few weeks. The holidays are certainly different when you're an adult. It seems as a child your birthday and Christmas will never arrive. As an adult it all arrives too soon, bringing with it far too many pitfalls to worry about; what to buy for gifts, do you eat a plate of cookies or a can of See's Toffee? Was Thanksgiving dinner full of cholesterol, enough to clog my arteries or raise my blood pressure? Well I'm stressed already. Why is it men are not stressed during the holidays? I dare not elaborate on that question for fear a hoard of angry biker guys hunt me down and force feed me a giant box of See's Nuts and Chews. Instead I wander out to John's shop to see what the boys are up to over this holiday break. First off I think I will change their names to protect the innocent. John Arlen Ness Bland and Jesse James Osterhout are hard at work remodeling the Honda Choppa, old school style. That means you don't order parts out of a silly parts catalog you create parts with scrapes of metal laying around or you scab off other motorcycles that may also be lying around. The only things these two are obsessing about is whether or not they can get away with those illegal ape hangers or how comfortable that nut bust'n seat they made will be. Well that proves my point. I think I will try to calm my nerves by reading some biker poetry from the book, "Wild Bill's Culture Corner" by "Wild Bill" Rogers, the Alaskan Biker Poet, here are a couple samples of his work:

A Gas Cap Made of Chrome

**It started out so simple, a gas cap made of chrome.
I put it on my bike as soon as I got home.
I dropped the old one in the corner, it struck the floor with a clank.
Than I sat back admiring the new cap a top my tank.
The tank I must admit looked a little dull and drear
So I resolved to change that tank and the fenders front and rear.
The tank and fenders went into that corner on that night
And thus began a pile of parts that reached my ceiling height.
The new tank and fenders and of course my new gas cap
Made the rest of my bike look remarkable like crap.
Custom Chrome had promised "*Fast relief from boring bikes*"
So I ordered parts from Arlen Ness, Nostalgia and the likes.
I ordered a new Evo from Rivera Engineering
Retiring my old Shovel even though it was endearing.
Then my frame, it had to go 'cause the Evo wouldn't fit.
So I got a custom frame and an engine mounting kit.
The buckhorns didn't have the look that I was looking for
So I bought a set of drag bars (they were just a little more)
New levers, braided cables and a solo Corbin seat,
Wheels, brakes and tires and my project was compete.
Custom paint, custom chrome, some parts off the shelf
Made my old motorcycle a reflection of myself.
I swung my leg over lighting up that big V-Twin
Then rolled her out the shop door and took a little spin.
I hadn't left the shop in days so I stopped and checked my mail.
But what I found inside that box made my face turn pale.
I'd been using lot's of plastic, you know the credit kind.**

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Every time I ordered parts they didn't seen to mind.
But now the bills were in and it was time to pay.
Which left me little choice...I sold the bike that day.
Returning to my shop I opened my last beer
My eyes wondered over to the corner with a tear.
I realized what I had in that giant pile of scrap
Was a complete motorcycle...with an old gas cap.

Parts Upon My Mind

It wasn't too long ago
I was out for a little ride
I started having problems
so I pulled off to the side.

My bike was blowin' smoke,
it felt like the belt was slippin'
So I figured that old band was slack
and I needed new rings on my piston.

I got her started and hit the road
even though my bike was lurchin'
Then off I went in a staggered sprint
for the parts I was a searchin'.

It wasn't too far down the road
I saw a Harley sign,
So I set her on the kickstand
with parts upon my mind.

This place looked kinda' different
there were paintings on the wall.
It didn't look like a motorcycle shop
but like a gallery in a mall.

I told him for that bike of mine
I was searching for a belt and rings.
He said "That won't be a problem,
for a Harley we have lots of things!"

He took me to a glass case,
and it was lined with felt.
Then said "You'll find the rings here
and over there you'll find a belt".

I gazed inside and all I saw
was jewelry and the like.
There wasn't any parts in there
that would fit upon my bike.

I looked up and told this guy
this ain't what I'm lookin' for.
He says with glee "What else do you need
from this full service Harley store?"

We have everything that you could want
when you're out on your bike for a ride.
There's silver belt buckles and coffee cups
and leathers of the finest cowhide.

We have Harley pins and Harley gloves
and even Harley toys.
There's also a line of Harley cloths
for little girls and boys.

Over here there's Harley jewelry
of the finest Blackhills gold.
On that rack you'll find
leathers that look real old!

Over in that corner
you'll find our designer sweaters
And all of them are designed to match
our Harley Davidson leathers.

We have books and cards and stationary
and even Harley ties,
A wide selection of T-shirts
of all colors to match your eyes.

We have all of the accessories
to make him or her a fox.
And if you're into music
There's even a Harley jukebox!

We have bumper stickers, pewter mugs
and Harley tennis shoes.
If you really want to look the part
there's the temporary tattoos.

And on that night that you just might
not want to ride alone,
We have a fine selection
of Harley Davidson cologne!

Then with his nose in the air
he said in a fashion lofty;
"We also carry Harley beer
and even Harley coffee."

When he finished with this tirade
my blood began to boil.
I inquired rather loudly
"Where's the sparkplug's and the oil?"

It was then that he looked at me as if I were
some kind of freak
And said "This isn't some parts store this is a
Harley Boutique."

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
ABATE members!*

NEWSFLASH!!

We now have BDR
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tective Headgear
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written and intro-
duced by our friend
Bob Beers. Please
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([bobbeers@bobbeers](mailto:bobbeers@bobbeers.net)
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BIKERS SUE CHP Santa Cruz, California. "Recently" a small but determined band of California bikers filed a lawsuit to stop the enforcement of California's 14 year old motorcycle helmet law for adults. Leading the charge is nationally known Appellate Lawyer Wendy Lascher who will be prosecuting the action against the California Highway Patrol. Supporting the effort are many individual motorcyclists and ABATE of California, a statewide motorcyclist's rights organization.

The petition asks the court to issue an injunction against the enforcement of the helmet law. The suit stems from an earlier decision by Santa Cruz County Judge Michael Barton finding the law unconstitutional as applied. Over the past almost decade and a half California's helmet law has seen conflicting decisions by almost every trial court where motorcyclists have appeared. Most of these citations have been given to bikers who were wearing helmets. There have been convictions of bikers for violations as bizarre as a citing officer finding the labeling letters on a helmet a 1/16 of an inch too small. Over the years the helmet law has been the recipient of two separate State Appellate Court decisions and one Federal Court decision by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Even with the weight of these many decisions behind them the bikers contend that the California Highway Patrol and its allied agencies are still misapplying the law. Last August Judge Barton agreed and, at the end of a struggle as old as the helmet law itself, found Aptos activist Richard Quigley not guilty and found the helmet law unconstitutional as applied by the CHP and other police agencies involved. For information contact Wendy Lascher (805) 648-3228

Senator Reid's response continued from Page 6.

With regard to Social Security, I strongly agree with you that illegal immigrants should not be eligible for Social Security benefits under any circumstances. As I see it, anyone who is in this country without legal authorization should certainly not receive Social Security benefits or other taxpayer-financed cash welfare. In fact, during debate on the Senate immigration bill, S. 2611, I sponsored an amendment (S.Amdt. 4175) calling for strict enforcement of a prohibition on any such benefits for illegal immigrants. Unfortunately, my amendment was blocked by a procedural maneuver and did not receive a vote.

While I believe illegal immigrants should never receive Social Security benefits, I do have concerns about proposals to drastically cut or eliminate Social Security benefits for American citizens who have paid Social Security taxes in good faith. This is largely why I reluctantly could not support an amendment offered by my good friend and colleague from Nevada, Senator Ensign. His amendment, though frequently mischaracterized as a limitation on the receipt of Social Security benefits by illegal immigrants, actually would not have adversely affected illegal immigrants at all. Instead, based on a close reading of the amendment, the only people harmed would have been American citizens and others who are in the country entirely legally.

I was particularly concerned that the Ensign amendment would have greatly harmed many entirely innocent widows and children who are American citizens, and whose deceased spouse or parent, who also may have been a citizen, worked and paid taxes in compliance with the law for much of his or her life in the United States. The Ensign amendment would have made many such widows and children, who did nothing wrong, completely ineligible for Social Security survivor benefits. This would have forced many of them into poverty and led them to turn to welfare programs, at taxpayer expense. In my view, this would have been a mistake, and many senators from both political parties agreed. In the end, the Ensign amendment was tabled by a vote of 50 - 49.

Unfortunately, it appears unlikely that the House and Senate conference committee will take action this session to reconcile the differences between S. 2611 and H.R. 4437, the enforcement-only bill passed by the House last year. I hope that the President will exercise his leadership to urge the House to negotiate with the Senate, and to craft a comprehensive piece of legislation similar to the Senate bill as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me. For more information about my work for Nevada, my role in the United States Senate Leadership, or to subscribe to regular e-mail updates on the issues that interest you, please visit my Web site at <http://reid.senate.gov>. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



*HARRY REID
United States Senator*

HR:js

ABATE members,

Newsflash! We have exciting news on the helmet bill! Per our request, our friend Bob Beers has gotten a Bill Draft Request BDR/798 to repeal the protective headgear law. This is the first step in the legislative process for 2007. Our campaigning during elections is paying off for us. We have taken some great steps with our politicians in the on going effort to repeal Nevada's helmet law. As some of you may know Dale received a ticket recently for riding without his helmet. He posted bail yesterday and has a court date set for January 9, 2007 at 2:00pm. We have our very own Quickley here in Elko and we applaud his stance!

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Stuffed Animals at the Parade

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **A.B.A.T.E. Meeting December 14, 2006**

(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.)

- **Parade of Lights, Saturday December 9th, Decorate the float at Last Chance Auto Body 1:00 P.M. Line-up 4:30 Potluck afterwards at Elko Trophy. Bring Food and Drinks.**

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- **Bike Nite has been cancelled due to lack of participation.**

Call Deb at 738-6015 If you'd like to list your event here.