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ABATE of Northern Nevada



**A.B.A.T.E.'s
3rd Annual Flea Market
March 1st at
Kimberly Nursery**



John Bland, President

February-March 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Nevada precinct caucus has come and gone. I am very pleased with the amount of ABATE involvement at our local precincts. The following ABATE members were elected delegates /alternates: John & Jenn Hobbs, Dale & Vicky Andrus, Leslie Andrus, Deb Bonetti, Connie Campbell and myself. Dale and I were also elected Chairman for our precincts. As chairman we ran our precinct meetings. Elected delegates from each precinct will now attend the March Elko County caucus.

This may seem removed from our motorcycle rights mission but it really isn't. The fact is; this is exactly what we need to be doing. We must become involved and intertwined in the political process locally, statewide and nationally so that we become a cog in the political wheel at

all levels. If we're going to influence and change the legislative system we need to be active in the political process.

A seminar was offered this fall at Stockmen's by a U.S. Constitutional scholar. It had become apparent to me that I was not as knowledgeable as I should be about the U.S. Constitution. We stomp our feet about how our freedoms are being taken away from us but few of us ever think about why we believe we have freedom. The fact is, the only reason we have freedom in this country is because of those very wise and blessed founding fathers of the U.S. Constitution. The seminar was on a Saturday, I try to avoid driving back into town on the weekend but I knew this was a unique opportunity that I shouldn't miss. Connie and I attended the class

and we are very glad we did. The purpose of the class was to learn a little about our founding fathers and understand the philosophy that drove them to create such a document. It is truly remarkable what they accomplished. I purchased a book at the class recommended by the teacher called "The 5000 Year Leap". After I read it I loaned it to Dale, Dale read it and now Deb Bonetti has it and is reading it. The book describes the ideals of the founding fathers in a very clear and understandable way. The author describes our country's beginning, how the colonists struggled to survive with the most primitive tools as they built Jamestown and a community. In a mere 200 years this country has advanced faster than any society in the

history of the planet. All this was made possible because of our Constitution. The Constitution gave the people the freedom and allowed them to explore, take chances and prosper in free enterprise with little government interference to hamper or restrict their dreams and creativity. Never before in such a short time frame have there been such advancements in medicine, education, technology etc. Under the constitution the people had the ultimate power; they elected county and state officials to carry out their desires. The Federal government has very few and limited responsibilities, one of those powers and responsibilities is to protect our borders from invasion and foreign attack. The Constitution was intended to be the law of the land, not a living document to be changed as the government wishes or sees fit to satisfy their greed for power. This has allowed those in high ranking positions in government to take the power away from the people, eventually controlling us with excessive taxes and mandating

Message from the President Continued.

our personal lives with unnecessary and excessive laws and regulations. The primary purpose of the Constitution is to keep the federal government restricted with a limited role. The founding fathers knew that human greed for wealth and power would eventually destroy the United States if left unchecked. Our Constitution has not been upheld by our government as the founding fathers had envisioned and stipulated. Their fears have come true; the people have become passive and have allowed government to usurp excessive power. The structure of this country's power has been flipped over. The federal government now has the ultimate power and states answer to the federal government, the people have very little power and are slaves to generate tax revenue for government venues. When you understand this, you can see why it is so wrong for the federal government to be meddling with such personal rights such as smoking, American Disability Act., gun control, seatbelts, , grazing rights, road closures, water rights, helmet enforcement etc. I read yesterday that a Mississippi legislator introduced a bill to make it illegal for a restaurant to serve an obese person food. This type of government meddling has got to stop! The founding fathers would be so disappointed in the American people for letting government get this far out of hand. These are all issues that require social attention but they can be resolved at the local or state level. The federal government has no place outside the responsibilities clearly defined in the Constitution. Be thankful you have personal rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. It is the people's responsibility to remind the government of these rights. So the next time you think your personal freedoms are being infringed upon, thank the founding fathers for the Constitution, because the only reason you have freedom is because of them. This is why ABATE's involvement in the caucus process was so important. It gives us the power we should have as citizens to elect the presidential candidate that has the platform we support. Ron Paul is my choice for President. Ron Paul has a long history of being a staunch constitutionalist. He believes in restricted government, securing our borders, abolishing the IRS, eliminating the Federal Reserve and backing our currency with gold to stop run-away inflation. Ron is a medical doctor and a military veteran. You can imagine Ron Paul is not liked by the status quo government establishment. They must be shaking in their boots. It is very obvious the controlled mainstream media is doing everything possible to keep Ron Paul's face and name out of the media. Ron's financial support is primarily through the internet where he is generating record breaking millions of grassroots dollars for his campaign. Not like his opponents that are getting their funding from the typical large corporation's and interest groups that are controlling this country and the politicians. Out of the eight original Republican candidates, Ron is one of the three Republican candidates left. Soon the media is going to have to recognize Ron's support and success. You Go Ron! See Ron's website at "Ron Paul 2008" and check him out for yourself.

On the lighter side, the 51 Pan is ready for the weather to break. I have replaced sprockets, chain, and clutch, dropped the frame 2", replaced the inner & outer primary with new chrome covers and chopped the front fender. It looks so good I can hardly stand it. Thank you Layne, owner of Kruzers, for all the patience ordering V-Twin parts for me. I encourage everyone to do your bike shopping and ordering of parts from Kruzers, you will get parts fast and cheaper than ordering them yourself. We are fortunate to have a bike shop in town with a great guy like Layne running it. Winter is a lean time for a bike shop, support Kruzers when you can.

John Bland,-ABATE NNV Pres/State Delegate/Lobbyist/MRF State Rep. and a good guy

Message from Dock - President, ABATE of Florida

"This has been a tough year on the motorcycling community. We have the National Transportation and Safety Board practically demanding a national helmet law and the Secretary of Transportation saying on CNN that we are the cause of health care going up and NHTSA doing their typical falsifying on motorcycles and statistics but never add in the human factors. Make no mistake about it, our lifestyle is under attack. Are we going to let them keep sending us to funerals or are we all going to finally pull together and fight the unjust treatment? Now is the time for all rights groups to band together and plan a strategy that will put these organizations on the defense, not the motorcycling community.

Message from Bones:

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Davis - Public Works
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2008 8:47 AM
To: Mike Davis - Public Works
Subject:

Hi Debo,

I do have a few items that you might mention. 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.

My son-in-law Curt Bruder was riding along when this dip-stick in a blue pick-up hit him from behind. He and my 15 year old granddaughter were knocked to the ground and received minor scrapes and bruises. When this officer of the law shows up, Curt was standing in a parking lot (private property where the cops can't write you a ticket for an accident) the helmet that he was wearing was laying on the ground and both of his hands were bleeding

Mike Davis

From: ellisonelectric@frontiernet.net
To: hddude98@hotmail.com
Subject: FW: Do you know the Preamble for your state?
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2008 15:50:41 -0800...

Nevada 1864, Preamble We the people of the State of Nevada, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, establish this Constitution...

A.B.A.T.E. of Northern Nevada's 3rd Annual Flea Market
Saturday March 1, 2008 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Kimberly Nursery's Greenhouse / \$25.00 per space
For more info, call Marvin @738-8011
Or Connie @777-4668 or 744-4570 evenings

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

*January 2008
ABATE Meeting*



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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
January 2008 ABATE Meeting*



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, Denver, 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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12 February 2008

ATTENTION MOTORCYCLE HELMET MANUFACTURERS - The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has learned that last week the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced a request for comments from all motorcycle helmet manufacturers. You may be thinking, "Here we go again;" however, this time NHTSA isn't really on a witch hunt for a helmet law. This request for comment is purely a legal obligation under - get this - The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. According to that law, any time the federal government requires a motor vehicle industry manufacturer to display a label of any kind, the feds are then required to inquire every three years into any financial hardships the manufacturers may have incurred by the requirement to include the label. What does that have to do with motorcycle helmets? Well, you know that little oval DOT sticker on the back of FMVSS 218 compliant helmets? That's the label required by law and therefore falling into this odd category usually reserved for large auto and commercial vehicle manufacturers. Essentially the request for comment goes out to the audience of approximately 45 helmet manufacturers in existence today. Of course, anyone can comment on the required request, but unless you are producing helmets for sale in the United States, there really is no need to comment on this issue. The request for comment can found by searching the Internet for NHTSA docket number NHTSA-2008-0023.

ABATE OF OHIO - I recently had the privilege to represent the MRF by attending ABATE of Ohio's annual winter legislative seminar. The event, held in the Buckeye State's capitol city, was by all accounts a successful and fun weekend. The event was widely attended by some of the most passionate biker activists around. Speakers from all over the country presented loads of useful info. Thanks to everyone at ABATE of Ohio for putting up with this lobbyist for the weekend.

COMING TO DC - Now is the time to seriously consider making a trip to DC to talk with your legislators about motorcyclists' rights issues. The busy spring lobby season will be over before you know it if you don't act soon. Please contact the DC office if you are even considering a trip to DC in 2008. E-mail Jeff Hennie, MRF VP of Government Relations, at jeff@mrf.org for all scheduling information.

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PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS - By now it is safe to say that just about everyone in the country is well informed about the heated presidential race this November. This race is significant for a number of reasons, including the fact that it's the first time a woman and a minority are in the race and they are not the same person. It's also the first race in over 50 years in which neither a sitting president nor vice president is in the race. In addition, the top three candidates are sitting senators, and we haven't elected a sitting senator to the oval office since John Kennedy in 1961. Although this race is stacked with differences between the top candidates, giving pretty much everyone out there a reason to vote and a candidate to vote for, there is one sparkling similarity between all of the top candidates. When the United States Senate passed the last highway bill in 2005, an attempt was made by Senator F. Lautenberg to attach a national helmet law onto that must-pass legislation. The MRF, with the help of state motorcyclists' rights organizations (SMROs) and motorcyclists nationwide, was able to help stop that amendment from passing, and it's to the praise of Senators like McCain, Clinton, and Obama who all voted against the national helmet law. So whatever side of the political pasture you are sitting in, know this: all of these senators have gone on record opposing national helmet laws and standing in defense of states' rights to govern themselves. That's an otherwise bright spot in a presidential race that's sure to get much more ugly before it's over. * * * * *

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**Freedom Is Not Free ... We Need Your Help To Continue
Quigley's Quest**

By Tony 'Pan' Sanfelipo (email: pan@mfhupy.com)
Fellow Biker Rights Advocates and Freedom Fighters,

There is important constitutional helmet law litigation, originally brought by Richard Quigley that requires your support for it to succeed. It is set for trial in May 2008 in the same California courthouse where Quigley obtained the judicial opinion that the California helmet law was unconstitutionally vague as applied. The present litigation, if successful, will build on that victory now to defeat the California helmet law on the same constitutional due process grounds. We anticipate, furthermore, that the appellate decision resulting from the case will also assist freedom fighters across the nation to defeat their helmet laws.

The purpose of this correspondence is to request your help to properly fund the trial. We urge you to pass the hat, dig deep, and send your checks to:

'Judicial Fund'
c/o Abate of California
10240 Seventh Avenue
Hesperia, CA 92345

You can also donate online using the PayPal 'Make a Donation' button on this web page: <http://tinyurl.com/2rbvk8>

(from CycleQuest.com 'The Sidecar' - A Newsletter for Bikers
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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: March 13th (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 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