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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A little voice in my head questions me now and then about my helmet freedom of choice involvement, and other things. I know there are bigger problems facing our world. They've almost got me convinced that we're doomed because of global warming. I'm sorry; I just can't get all worked up about the threat of warmer Elko winters. Vegas needing water is a big one too. If I lived there I'd be really concerned. How about that bird flu, serious stuff! I haven't mentioned it to Connie, but if someone dies of the bird flu here in Lee, we'll probably have to lob the heads off all her chickens. I'll have to find out how to properly dispose of the carcasses, incineration I suppose. Anyway, with all these really serious global problems why I'm I spending so much time and effort rebelling helmet laws? Fortunately, I don't have to spend much time explaining this to motorcycle riders, it's the non-motorcyclist that doesn't get it. Some folks that have no interest or knowledge of motorcycles have become aware of my active stance regarding this issue. To get non-motorcyclists to see the

rational of not enforcing helmet use is not easy, in-fact it's very difficult. I had a situation arise several months ago that was inevitable. I was trapped in a cage, traveling to Wendover with a peer, supervisor, and the "Big boss". We were discussing business, and then out of the blue the supervisor asks me "John, what's this entire motorcycle helmet thing about?" This felt like a set-up, maybe it wasn't, but I perceived it as one. At 75 miles per hour on Interstate 80 I didn't have many options to avoid the situation I was in. Sometimes I can be pretty witty with spur of the moment responses but most of the time it's several hours later or the next day before I've had enough time to mull a pointed question over and come up with that really good response. I know he is an avid hunter so I proceeded to explain the comparison of gun ownership rights and the personal freedom to decide when to wear a motorcycle helmet. I saw the "turd in the punch bowl" he became sarcastic and blurted out something about something that didn't pertain at all to helmets or guns. I then responded with some of those

unknown facts like, did you know that the helmet is only tested and approved for a 14 mile an hour impact, and 90% of traffic accident head injuries are in automobiles? I don't think he was impressed but my peer responds, "Don't be saying that, they'll be having us wearing helmets in cars! "At least he got the drift". What a great opportunity I had to have an educated, informative, conversation about my passion for motorcycling and my beliefs in American freedom of choice, and I blew it. Pissed me off! If I just could have mulled it over for a day or two before I responded I could have impressed the hell out of all three of them. I would have liked to have said "helmets suck man!" I bet that would have put another turd in the punch bowl.

It is unacceptable for our American government to take the position of being our mother in the land of the free. This is a lot bigger issue than "wanting to let the wind blow through our hair". This is our government telling us that we do

not have the ability, common sense, or judgment to make decisions regarding our own safety. It is unacceptable to be mandated to wear such an obtrusive safety device that may or may not protect your head and is known to cause serious injury or death in some types of accidents. The majority of motorcyclists are patriotic, freedom loving individuals that take pride in the opportunity to take control of their lives and take responsibility for their actions. Anyone who rides motorcycles knows that every minute they ride they are confronted with making continuous decisions regarding their safety. We ride in heavy traffic, rain, snow, ice and often travel at Interstate speeds. We take the responsibility to avoid accidents, or injury, all without the governments influence and with or without a helmet on. Yes, we know accidents happen, but the false sense of security a helmet provides the rider may ultimately cause more accidents than not wearing one and realizing just how vulnerable you are. We take this responsibility by choice. My success at riding motorcycles 40 years without injury has nothing to do with government mandated safety requirements, a little luck maybe, but not government thinking for me. It was my own judgment, not anyone else's, and I refuse to give anyone else credit. Motorcyclists are ultimately responsible for their actions and mandated safety devices have no effect on creating

good judgment. It is so dam hard to get across to the non-motorcyclist why we do not accept mandated helmet use. But imagine the social response if a bill was introduced, and passed, to enforce helmet use in an automobile. After all, that is where 90% of all traffic related head injuries occur. If the safetycrats really want to reduce the “public burden” of head injuries this is how it could be done. What’s good for the goose is good for the gander. The safetycrats are fast and firm to mandate helmets on motorcyclists but they wouldn’t consider wearing this humiliating, uncomfortable, obtrusive head devise themselves. It is bull shit! Helmets suck! And the whole issue stinks with hypocrisy.

Dale and I had a unique opportunity to sit down with Jim Gibbons in his motor home during his campaign stop in Elko several weeks ago. We drove into the Red Lion parking lot and there’s Gibbons motor home / billboard. As we approach the rig, his wife Dawn Gibbons who is running for a seat in the senate, and who we spent an evening with last month during her campaign fund raiser, trots up to me a gives me a big hug. I assure you, Dawn and Jim Gibbons know who ABATE of Northern Nevada is and what we stand for. Dale and I were treated like old friends and were invited into the motor home. Jim made small talk with us for awhile until a few more people joined us. Jim then spent the next half hour telling us what he believes are the issues facing Nevada. As we were preparing to leave I introduced myself to Jim as the president of ABATE of Northern Nevada. Jim’s response couldn’t have been better. Without me saying anything about motorcycles or helmets he said, “I ride, and I think helmet use should be a personal choice.” Wow! Jim Gibbons is likely to become our next governor and he believes in personal choice. This is an opportunity that we must make the best of. Do you realize how much easier it would be in 2007 talking to our legislators about helmet reform if their boss believes in freedom of choice.

California just lost a freedom of choice bill that was introduced there. I have been e-mailing “Splatt” with ABATE of California, who is a very active freedom fighter there. We shared our frustrations and he has concluded the same thing I have. We need to find out who the individuals and/or organizations are that oppose freedom of choice and expose them and their motives. These opponents have been very successful in influencing our legislators and the general public across the nation for years. We need to develop a list of these people and get to know them. We need to understand why they go to such great lengths to protect us. I have my theory. It’s a result of good intentions gone bad. A government study was done in the 70s to determine how our highways could be made safer, a good idea. At our expense this study has created countless government bureaucrats that have since worked hard to prove to us the need for their existence. The insurance companies love these mandated safety regulations that can be used to control, manipulate, and intimidate the masses while stuffing their bank accounts. The insurance industry is as crooked as a dog’s hind leg, always trying to convince us that we need them to protect us, at a cost of course. It’s become an out of control greed driven industry, designed to make us believe we can’t survive without them. They drain us of our wealth and personal freedoms under the guise of protecting us, what a scam. John Bland, President ABATE of Northern Nevada.

Living on the Edge

By CJ

As I sit here sipping hot coffee and looking out my kitchen window to see snow and a temperature of zero, I long for riding season. We all complain how fast the months go by, and January is almost over. Winter has been reasonable this year, not as much snow as last year, and I have seen a few motorcycles about town on the good days. I look at my Sportster in the garage, which by the way is getting hard to see, since John's motorcycle collection is crowding her out. I dream of that first ride of the season when the sun shines on my face and a warm wind blows my hair, at least until I get off the reservation and have to put a helmet on. Winter gives us a time to read, occasionally look at our one TV channel and reflect on the helmet issue.

Recently I came across an article in the AMA magazine (Feb. 2006 Pg. 22). The article is titled "Health Care Denied." The story goes on to say that a coal mine in Galatia, Illinois has notified its employees that their insurance coverage will be terminated immediately- without warning- on any motorcycle related injury to them or their dependants.- Now talk about discrimination! In light of the recent coal mine deaths in Virginia, I can't help think how absurd this employer is. Apparently it's ok to die in a coal mine, because of their unsafe practices and violations, but good heavens, let's not ride a motorcycle since it *might* cause bodily harm. What about sky diving or skiing? Well I have once again come to the conclusion that insurance companies are the root of the problem. They have the most monetary gain from this ridiculous situation. I'm sure they are making loads of money off the coal company and potentially will not have to pay out claim money to motorcyclists that are mowed down by cars, trucks or SUV's. Insurance companies hope it will put less bikes on the roadways. What an idea. NOT! If federal and state governments want so badly to protect us why don't they protect us from insurance companies and all their scams. This type of agenda is a huge threat to the American worker and motorcyclist. Be aware of how easily this kind of situation happens, don't just stick your head in the sand and think someone else will fight the battle. Stand up for your personal rights and freedoms, become an ABATE FREEDOM FIGHTER! For more information on this story or to express your opinion visit the AMA Rapid Response Center at www.AMADirectlink.com

Since I'm venting, it is interesting how the media persuades the masses. Last week as I listened to the Today Morning show, while getting ready for work, I stopped to look at the mention of the International Bike Show going on in New York City. It featured examples of custom bikes, all the major manufactures, Harley, Yamaha, and Honda. Of course they mentioned the air bag for the Honda Goldwing. Everyone on the show thought that was a novel idea. Then a helmetless custom bike builder rides across the plaza about 20 yards with a co anchor on the back of the bike with a helmet on. Katie Couric exclaims "I hate motorcycles." "I think my co anchor should be glad to have a helmet on." At this point I'm aggravated and wish I could reach through the TV and wipe that perky attitude of her face. It's no wonder the unknowing public has a negative perception of motorcycles and their riders. I guess that's reason enough not to watch much TV.

Well now that's off my chest, I would like to encourage anyone with unwanted Christmas gifts or garage clutter to get yourself a booth space at the upcoming ABATE Flea Market Sat. Feb. 25, 2006 from 8am – 4pm. inside the Kimberly Nursery's greenhouse. It only costs \$25.00 for a space and you keep all the money from your sales. What a deal. Reserve your spot now as space is limited. This event is open to anyone.

Well finally after a year, the Honda has sold, thanks to Deb Bonetti putting it on e-bay. It only took a day and half and a fellow from Exeter, California purchased the bike. He will be picking it up this weekend. He has owned a Magna before and is quite excited to have it. I am happy it now has a good home. Thank you Deb! Our next monthly meeting is Feb. 9, 2006 at Round Table Pizza, hope to see all of you there. Have a great Valentines Day, be good to your sweetheart. I have to go now and see if my chickens still have heads!

Photos from Summer 2005 – Banbury’s
Hot Springs – Remember when it was warm?
Riding Season Is Almost Here – YEAAAAH



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AMA Expresses Outrage Over Reinstatement Of Janklow's Law License

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - January 5, 2006

The American Motorcyclist Association has expressed its outrage over a decision by the South Dakota Supreme Court to reinstate the law license of former Congressman Bill Janklow, who was convicted of felony manslaughter in the traffic death of a motorcyclist in 2003. The state Supreme Court ordered on January 5 that Janklow get his law license back on February 15. Janklow, 66, a former four-term South Dakota governor before he was elected the state's sole congressman, lost his right to practice law when he was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign in the death of motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55.

Scott was killed in August 2003 when the car Janklow was driving ran a stop sign on a rural road in South Dakota at a speed estimated at about 70 mph, charging into the path of Scott's motorcycle. Janklow could have faced up to 11 years in prison for the multiple charges. But in the end, a South Dakota judge sentenced him to only 100 days. In addition, he paid fines and fees of \$11,000, lost his law license, resigned from Congress, was put on probation and lost his driver's license for three years.

In 2004, another court ruled that Janklow could escape financial liability for Scott's death under a congressional immunity statute. Janklow said that he was returning home from an event related to his duties as a congressman at the time of the crash. 'Motorcyclists across the country are shocked, outraged and dismayed that a convicted felon would be allowed to get his law license back and practice law,' said Edward Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations. 'This sends the message that there are few consequences for the death of a motorcyclist. It's a sad day not only for the Scott family, but for all riders,' Moreland said.

Because it involved a federal lawmaker, the Janklow case drew national media attention. But the AMA has seen dozens of cases in other states in which car drivers get off with light fines, and often no jail time, even after facing felony charges for causing the deaths of others on the highway.

In response to that dangerous trend, the AMA founded its Justice for All campaign, designed to increase penalties for those who injure or kill vulnerable road users. For more information on that program, go to www.AMADirectlink.com/justice.

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Check Out these Websites:

www.bikernation.us
www.ldrlongdistancerider.com
www.nevadagop.org
www.thereidworld.com

I'll add more next month.

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

<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

Classifieds:

Nothing Submitted

Doesn't Anybody Have a Motorcycle or a Trailer they want to sell??????

E-mail me, and I'll list it for you.

Here are the responses I got to the motorcycle airbag poll. Thanks to those who took the time to respond. Enjoy, debo

A crash air-bag on a motorcycle is another reflection of the bazaar mentality to protect everyone. I have said many times, "Were will it stop?" I believe the safety Nazis won't stop until we tell them enough is enough! Government telling American adults that it is law to wear crash armor such as a helmet to operate a vehicle on public highways crosses that line in my opinion. Don't you think the insurance companies are looking at this and thinking air-bags might be a good device to be mandatory on all bikes? You know what really bothers me? People who don't ride motorcycles will say, "why not, anything to protect those motorcyclists." An air-bag would have to do a lot more than protect me from a nose bleed in a 5 mile an hour head-on before it would be any interest to me. If those Japanese engineers would sharpen their pencils this airbag could also be used as a flotation devise. You know, like the seat cushions in an airplane. All they need to do is look up NHTSA crash statistics and they would probably find how many motorcycles have crashed into the ocean. If the air-bag could also be used as a spare tire we would all put it to use sooner or later. I'm traditional, the flesh colored air-bag would need to be changed to black, I want mine to have a 1/2" white wall.

John Bland, President-ABATE of Northern Nevada

Ok Here goes. If you are that scared of being on a motorcycle, then you should stay off it and in your cage. I guess that there are a few motorcyclists that think that helmets can save your life, so they will also believe that an air bag will also save their life. Great selling point for Honda. Some asshole in D.C. will think this is good NEW LAW material. More Freedoms taken from us. Later Dale

Well, well... pretty soon one will have to dress like a hockey goalie just to leave one's house. Air bags have already been redesigned from their original version because it was determined that they did more damage than the accident itself when deployed at slower speeds. Now, when you realize (as Honda evidently didn't) that there is nothing behind you to keep that airbag (deploying at how many miles per hour?) from blowing you right off the back of your bike...I predict, at the very least, a large increase in broken asses.

It's odd that THEY (we know what's good for you) design a helmet that will protect you at speeds equivalent of a 10', 14' drop, then put a propulsion system on your bike that, when it deploys as you're heading over the ol' handlebars on impact, will probably launch you an additional 20' into the air. In the plus column, if there is a semi on the other side of the car that you hit, you'll most likely clear it rather than be splattered all



over it's side.

Seriously, I wonder how many people will be more critically injured, or die, before THEY realize that airbags on motorcycles are beneficial in about .0001% of all crashes but will make things much worse in the other 99.9999%.

I'm glad I don't ride a Honda. " Norm"

My thought on airbags is " just another method for the transportation committees and other organizations to put controls on how we ride, drive or commute based on what THEY think is safe for us. I find it hard to believe that any designer or engineer for a motorcycle company, that rides, would even think of creating such a thing. Short and sweet.... its BULLSHIT!!! Bud

hi, i think most honda riders should be rideing trikes, so it will save serious hospital visit by having air bags for those folks on two wheels. as always ron Orlando

We can see where it could help some from hitting the windshield in a head on, but wouldn't buy only for that feature. It seems that most people are thrown from the bike and that it wouldn't be a "sought out" feature on a bike.

Kufelds

how about using air bag for a launch pad, or a space tire or a tube for tubing in the snow. Or pulling over and taking a nap using it as a pillow. Only an idiot would put an air bag on a motorcycle, pretty stupid.

Hartsocks

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Another one from Rick and Dale –

One day a florist goes to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replies: "I'm sorry, I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week" The florist is pleased and leaves the shop.

> Next morning when the barber goes to open there is a thank you card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to Pay his bill the barber again replies: "I'm sorry, I cannot accept Money from you; I'm doing community service this week." The cop is happy and leaves the shop.

>Next morning when the barber goes to open up there is a thank you card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door. >

>Later a Republican comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies: "I'm sorry, I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week." The Republican is very >happy and leaves the shop.

> Next morning when the barber goes to open, there is a thank you card and a dozen different books such as "How to Improve Your Business" and "Becoming More Successful.">

>Then a Democrat comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies: "I'm sorry, I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week." The Democrat is very >happy and leaves the shop.

> The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there are a dozen Democrats lined up waiting for a free >haircut.>And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between left and right.

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06NR02 - Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces new electronic EPA questionnaire

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#06NR02 - Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces new electronic EPA questionnaire

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has created a web based, online version of the survey about the impact that the new EPA emissions rule will have on the custom motorcycle industry and individual riders.

The new rule aims to enforce the Clean Air Act by reducing the number of exempt custom motorcycles that small shops can build and individual riders can own. The rule also drastically reduces tail pipe emissions for all motorcycles effectively making carburetors a thing of the past and electronic fuel injection and catalytic converters a mainstay.

The survey originally ran as part of an article in the February edition of American Iron magazine. The survey was an idea that came out of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation government relations department and the good folks at American Iron liked the idea so much they ran it as a full page. The principle behind the survey was to obtain feedback from custom shops and their customers to determine real numbers of how many shops and bikes are going to be affected by the EPA rule.

Rather than ask shops and motorcycle enthusiasts to send information to the EPA, Congress or any other government organizations, The Motorcycle Riders Foundation agreed to act as the clearing house of the valuable information. The MRF gives full assurance that the information will only be used to help motorcyclists fight the EPA and not for anything else. In fact the survey guarantees absolute anonymity of all who take the time to fill it out.

The survey results began coming in via fax and US mail and the overwhelming volume of results prompted the MRF to develop an online version. The more surveys the MRF receives, will strengthen the case that this new rule should not stand or get stricter.

Please take the time to fill out the online survey today and help the MRF in Washington, DC fight the EPA on your behalf.

In addition to the questionnaire, if you would like to join the MRF when they meet with EPA or the Small Business Administration on this important issue please contact the MRF in the Washington DC office at 202-546-0983 or by email at dad@mrf.org.

The EPA survey can be found at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=98991669717>

Other States Need Your Help

There is a poll on-line about the South Carolina attempt to pass legislation that allows motorcycles to turn left on red when the stop-light sensor doesn't detect a Motorcycle. North Carolina is considering this issue in the upcoming long legislative session in 2007. As you can see from the results below, bikers are losing this poll (1317 to 3002). Please go to the website below and support Carolina bikers by voting yes for turn left on red. www.WRAL.com - Survey Popup <http://www.wral.com/surveypopup/news/6273364/detail.html>) doc ski * * * * *

'Should motorcyclists in Florida be required to wear helmets by law?' click the **'No'** radio button and then click 'Cast Vote'. This is IMPORTANT. We need your help. Please do it now! Thanks! Bruce Arnold Go to <http://www.baynews9.com/ViewerCenter.html> Reprinted from the Sidecar, Cyclequest * * * * *

On The Lighter Side

A monkey is sitting in a tree smoking a joint, when a lizard walks past, looks up, and says to the monkey 'Hey, what're you doing?' The monkey replies, 'Smokin' a joint, come up and have some.' So the lizard climbs up the tree, sits next to the monkey, and they smoke a few joints.

After a while the lizard says his mouth is 'dry' and he's going to the river to get a drink. The lizard climbs down the tree and staggers over to the river to get a drink of water, but he is so stoned, he leans over too far and falls into the river.

A crocodile sees this, swims over to the lizard and helps him to the side. Then he asks the lizard, 'What's the matter with you?' The lizard explains to the crocodile that he was sitting up in a tree with a monkey smoking pot, got too stoned and then fell into the river while taking a drink.

The crocodile says he has to check this out, and wanders off into the jungle. He finds the tree where the monkey is sitting finishing up a joint. The crocodile yells up to the monkey and says 'Hey!' The monkey looks down and says, 'SHITTTTTTT...Dude! How much water did you drink?!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- A.B.A.T.E. Meeting February 9th, 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.
Watch for e-mails from Connie announcing the place
- Feb. 25, 2006 ABATE Flea Market
- April 28th, 29th, & 30th 2006 Beatty Run
- May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
- May 13, 2006 Blessing of the Bikes
- May 26th, 27th, & 28th 2006 Run-A-Mucca Rally
- 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 14, 15, 16th 2006 Taylor Canyon Run
- September 1, 2, 3, and 4 Banbury's Hot Springs Hagerman, ID