

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE ! GET INVOLVED !



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



*Don't Forget the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation Best of the West Conference is Being Held in Elko June 2007. Please Call Connie at 744-4570 to volunteer. We need at least 15 volunteers from A.B.A.T.E. to make this event a success.*



John Bland, President

February 2007

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's 6:30 p.m. Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> and I just got a phone call from a very excited Dale Andrus. We now have an official bill to repeal Nevada's motorcycle helmet law, the bill number is SB49. All our work over the last three years is coming to a crescendo. We have an opportunity to have personal choice regarding wearing of a helmet in Nevada this summer. Yes it's true; SB49 will repeal Nevada's helmet law! Now for the hard cruel facts, the reason Nevada still has a helmet law is because the motorcyclists have never united when the call to action was needed.

Our legislators will not change Nevada's motorcycle helmet law unless they are made aware of the fact that there are a lot of voters in this state that want this law changed! **NOW IS THE TIME! YOU MUST CONTACT THE MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE! YOU MUST CONTACT THEM BY PHONE, LETTER, OR EMAIL AND GO THE LEGISLATIVE SITE AND VOTE ON THE OPINION POLL!** If you feel the helmet law is excessive government. If you want to have the choice to ride your motorcycle

with or without a helmet you must call, write, or email members of the transportation committee **NOW!** Politely tell them that you believe in personal freedoms and that you are asking them to support SB49. This bill will give Nevadan's the right to decide whether or not to wear a helmet when operating a motorcycle. Do not postpone doing this! We only have a few weeks to contact them be for it goes to the hearing. It is up to you now.

I don't know what else to say or do to impress upon you the urgency for

every freedom loving Nevadan to contact the transportation committee now. The future of Nevada's helmet law is up to you. Dale and I can introduce the bill, we will talk to the legislators, but the only thing that will get them to support and pass this bill is to hear from you, the voters! The legislators must be convinced that there are a lot of Nevada citizens that want this law change. If this bill does not pass, and you did not make the effort to contact the transportation committee, it will be your decision to wear a mandated helmet.

If you would like Nevada to be a freedom of choice state, please contact the following transportation members tell them to support voluntary helmet use and to support SB49. The easiest

## Message from the President Continued.

The easiest way to email them is to go to the legislative site [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) click on Senate, click on General Information, click on 74<sup>th</sup> session members addresses. Go to each of the following Transportation members and click on their email and send them a message to support SB49 for voluntary motorcycle helmet use. If you prefer to call them on the telephone that is just as good.

### Transportation and Homeland Security Committee Members:

Dennis Nolan – Chair, [dnolan@sen.state.nv.us](mailto:dnolan@sen.state.nv.us) 775-684-1421

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If you remember, I asked ABATE of Nevada members several months ago if they had the energy and passion to become the leading Nevada motorcycle rights organization. The response was overwhelming in support. Well now we are, you should be proud of our members and organization. We are at a very important time in ABATE of Northern Nevada's history. We have led the way to changing Nevada's helmet law this session. Please do not let our organization down at this very critical time. Please write, call, or email the above Transportation Committee members.

Go to the legislative site [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) and look at the comments on our bill. Our bill has, by far, more comments than any bill introduced to date. This is very powerful. Dale and I will be able to use this during our lobbying and during the hearing. We will tell them they need to look at their own opinion poll, and see what the voters want. **FREEDOM OF CHOICE!**

John Bland – President, ABATE of Northern Nevada

## Living on the Edge

By CJ

Winter oh winter, when will you go away? Ok so one or two of you town dwellers have ridden your motorcycles for a short distance, but it is not quite riding season yet. I heard an interesting tidbit on TV the other day. It was about the date of January 25, being the bluest day of the year, blue meaning depressing. Why that day, you say? Because by Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> you probably have broken your New Years resolution and all the Christmas bills have arrived and of course it's the middle of winter. Well now that's just great, the media can now tell us when and what to be depressed about.

It's February now and the groundhog DID NOT see his shadow, so according to legend it will be an early spring. I think I like the groundhog theory as it could get us closer to riding season. I find it interesting how these two scenarios can have such an effect on the masses. I'm hoping that you (ABATE members) and others will try to influence the Nevada Legislators and Transportation Committee as well. Log on to [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) and vote on SB49 and let these legislators know we are not satisfied with the status quo and maybe as Nevada motorcyclist's we can influence the lawmakers.

Remember it is February and the month of romance according to the commercial advertisers, so don't forget your loved ones. You might want to run out and buy some chocolate and flowers or even some sort of lingerie; at least it will keep you occupied until riding season...

P.S. Don't forget the ABATE Flea Market on March 3, 2007 and I still need commitments from volunteers for the MRF Conference.



Look at All Those Toys!!



Dale and Rail



Connie found a Froggy Hat!!!

**A.B.A.T.E. Christmas Party  
December 2006**



Dallas and Trudy



John Bland and Connie Campbell



Dale and Vicky Andrus



Marvin and Jacque Orr

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

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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

### More Christmas Party Photos



Susan DeShane



Photo of All the Guys

Vote Now!!!!  
Go to [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)

On the right side of  
the home page

Click on Opinion polls

Type in SB49

This will bring you to the page

Where you can vote FOR SB49

You can also type

In a message if you'd like.

Please state your opinion

But be respectful. ABATE

needs you to do this now,  
please. Your opinion and vote

are very important to

Passage of this bill.

Thanks

It's Real Easy to email our legislators

Go To:

[www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)

Session Info

Choose 2007 Session

There You Will Find:

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If you want to email a certain

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Find the Legislator you want to email and

click on the legislator's email address.

## NEWSFLASH!!

We now have SB49  
to repeal the Protec-  
tive Headgear law.

This bill was  
written and intro-  
duced by our friend  
Bob Beers. Please  
send him an email  
([bobbeers@bobbeers](mailto:bobbeers@bobbeers.net)  
[.net](mailto:bobbeers.net)) thanking him  
for his help.

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Dale has been  
keeping the  
website updated with  
current information.  
Go to [www.abatennv.org](http://www.abatennv.org)  
for the most current  
information on  
events and  
SB49

**A.B.A.T.E.**  
**Motorcycle Organization**  
**of Northern Nevada**

**Flea Market**

**Location: Kimberly Nursery's  
Greenhouse**

**Date: Saturday March 3, 2007  
8:00am – 4:00pm**

**Cost: \$25.00 per space**

**Contact any ABATE  
Member for an application or  
Call Vicky Andrus @ 777-7955  
Or 777-7901 evenings**



**BIG BEN WON'T PROMOTE HELMETS** Ben Roethlisberger, the Super Bowl XL winning quarterback whose June 12th motorcycle accident made worldwide headlines when a car turned left in front of him, says he won't be promoting helmets any time soon.

Following his release from the hospital after undergoing facial reconstructive surgery, the Pittsburgh Steelers star released a statement saying that; "If I ever ride again, it certainly will be with a helmet," immediately raising hopes among pro-helmet law advocates that he would barnstorm the country making speeches and filming public service announcements to promote helmets. But don't count on it.

In an exclusive interview with "Good Morning America," the quarterback told Robin Roberts why he wouldn't become an advocate for helmet use:

"I don't think that that's my place," he said. "You know, I think that some people feel that, you know, I probably should be doing that and being a big advocate for that. But for me, you know, I'm going to let people make their own decision 'cause I think that's what it's about...So I don't think you'll see me doing any kind of billboards or advertisements."

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com)

**Christmas for Kids, Inc.**

**New Officers are:**

**Maria Cammarano, President**

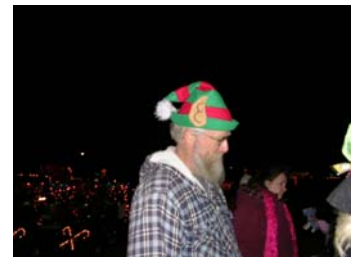
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Dale Andrus Behind Bars!!  
I need money for the bail  
Dale fund!!!!!!!



Here's Bill all dressed  
Up for the parade.

# CHILI FEED

The Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Elko Association is holding an All-You-Can-Eat Chili Feed March 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Red Lion Inn starting at 6pm. Cost is \$5 per person and children under age 5 are free. Bring the whole family and enjoy some of Elko's finest homemade chili! There will be an Auction Starting at 7pm. All proceeds go to helping The POW\*MIA Elko Association accomplish their supportive goals. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jennifer Shrider at (775) 397-2734. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Agriculture & Livestock Journal, January 2007

Nevada Senator Dean Rhoads Previews The 2007 Legislature

"When appearing in person to testify isn't possible, the second most important thing any average citizen can do is to write brief, concise, personal letters either in support for or opposed to proposed legislation. Personal letters provide hard copy, signed, individualized evidence and may impact the passage or defeat of a bill. Form letters and phone calls usually have little effect on whether a bill passes or fails. In person testimony and personal letters are a key ingredient to passing, changing or defeating legislation."

The is valuable information Mr. Rhoads has given us today. So Freedom Fighters, write those personal letters to the Transportation Committee members asking them to support SB49.

John Bland

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*Jenn Hobbs – Treasurer*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **A.B.A.T.E. Meeting February 8, 2007**

(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.)

- Check the Website for upcoming events. [www.abatennv.org](http://www.abatennv.org)
- Flea Market March 3rd. See the enclosed flyer.

**Dale's Helmet Ticket was Dismissed.  
The Officer Cited Him for the Wrong Statute.  
Way to Go Dale.**

- Bike Nite has been reinstated to prepare for the Legislative hearing.  
Watch for e-mails or check the website for location.  
Every Thursday at 6:00.

**Happy Valentines Day!!**

**Go Online Now And vote for  
SB49 See How on Page 6**

**ABATE needs Auction Items  
For the MRF Conference  
In June. Please Contact  
Connie 744-4570 for  
More Information**