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January 2006

window to the rest of the world. Anyone can meet us, learn about us, and join us, because of your effort. Bud and Trudy manage our membership list and track incoming members and renewals.

Thank you John and Jenn Hobbs, for joining ABATE and stepping up to being some of our most active members and good friends. Jenn was recently elected ABATE's Christmas for Kids treasurer. John has expressed desire to become politically active during the 2007 Legislative session.

Thank you Susan DeShane, for being our historian, preserving and documenting our efforts, success, and wild parties.

And most of all, I want to thank all the rest of our 220 members for keeping your ABATE membership active. Without your membership we would have very little influence. Because of you, we are a large organization that can flex it's political strength when needed. You are the

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

ABATE of Northern Nevada impressed me in 2005! What a great performance. We were very active in our own community and made great strides in gaining respect and recognition here at home. We reached out beyond our state and are working close with other state and national Motorcycle Right Organizations. This is the kind of successes that will win us the respect that we need to open the doors of opportunity.

Vicky Andrus, president of Christmas for Kids, led us in the most ambitious delivery of gifts to families in need ever. Assisting 149 families with a total of 464 children was probably the largest number of gifts given in the history of the event. Connie Campbell's organization skills are becoming well known. Connie orchestrated the Parade of

Lights and our ABATE members managed the lineup and parade. When Connie and Vicky put their heads together watch out! It was their for-site and creative vision that suggested having the "Best of The West" conference in Elko in 2007. I'm going to take this opportunity to thank others that have given selfishly to our organization this past year.

Thank you, Deb Bonetti for doing such a knock-out job on the newsletter each and every month. It is no doubt our best tool for keeping us in touch with each other, letting others know what and who we are, and keeping every reader informed about upcoming runs and activities. These newsletters are posted on our website for anyone to read.

Thank you, Dale Andrus

for being our treasurer and my lobbyist partner. ABATE is in a strong financial position because of your commitment "and auctioneer skills". You have been successful in managing our funds in a way that has allowed us to have the money necessary to pursue our political agenda and at the same time saving for future activities. Thank you Dale and Vicky for your never ending support in all of ABATE's endeavors.

Thank you, "Norm" and Jacque Orr for "Christmas in The Night Time Skies," this is such a great event for our community and is our "ABATE's, Christmas for Kids" best toy generator.

Thank you, Bud Jacobsen for being our web master. This is our

numbers that make us strong, thank you for coming out when we need that extra body. You are what makes us powerful, your membership is truly appreciated.

2006 promises to be a challenging and exciting year, for ABATE of Northern Nevada. We are having an ABATE run to Arizona the third week of June to accept recognition for winning the "Best of The West" conference to be held in Elko NV the third weekend of June in 2007. We will be working hard preparing for the 2007 Legislative session. If I have learned one thing as a lobbyist in 2005 it is that you can't wait until a bill is introduced to try to get it passed, especially an issue as controversial as motorcycle safety, and helmet freedom of choice. Everything we do and all of our efforts year round have a purpose. We are educating our friends, family, community, state, and country, that ABATE is an organization that deserves respect. Our requests are not unreasonable. We are patriotic, freedom loving Americans that recognize the responsibility to express our opinion and be active in the legislative process. We will be talking with all the candidates running for office. They will know us by first name and will know who ABATE is, and what we want. We will know if they support our position or not and they will know if our membership will vote for them during election time. John Ellison has become a strong supporter of ABATE and has put me on the NACO, National Coalition of Counties, next board meeting to request their support for a helmet freedom of choice bill in 2007. This organization is made up of members of county commissioners from every county in the state. John E. believes this is the most powerful organization in our state and he thinks they will vote in favor of supporting a freedom of choice helmet bill. These are the kind of opportunities that will continue to come to us if we keep our wits and stay persistent. We must not tire. We are soldiers fighting to keep the freedoms that our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters have fought and died for overseas. It is our responsibility to fight on our homeland to protect them. I don't remember any freedom being taken away by a foreign county in my lifetime but our state legislators take hundreds away every session. It is our responsibility, as responsible Americans, to get involved. We are ABATE freedom fighters!

Remember: AAA Insurance lobbies against adult helmet freedom of choice in Nevada and throughout the country. If you believe in freedom of choice do not become an AAA policy holder, if you are, burn your AAA card and change to another company ASAP. It's OK for AAA to encourage helmet use but it's not acceptable for AAA to lobby against adult freedoms. AAA Insurance does this for corporate monetary gain under the guise of protecting us. We will stop protesting AAA Insurance when they stop lobbying against our freedom of choice!

Happy New Year!
John Bland, President

Living on the Edge

By: CJ

WOW, the month of December has flown by. It has been a busy time for ABATE members. Here is a synopsis of what I know took place in December. On Friday December 9th some of us attended the CMA's Holiday dinner at the VFW Hall. It was a nice evening to visit and renew old friendships. Thank you CMA for the invite. December 10th brought us the Parade of Lights, which we organized for the Downtown Business Assn. Thank you to John Ellison, Charlie Myers and Mark Smith for serving as judges for me and thank you to all of you who showed up in the freezing cold to help with the line up. The parade was the biggest one yet and it all went off very well. Later on in the evening of the 10th, after we thawed out, we enjoyed some good food and drink at the ABATE Christmas party held at Elko Trophy. We raised approximately \$463.00 for ABATE on the auction held at the party. Part of the money raised came from the re-auctioning of the ABATE Christmas tree from the Festival of Trees. It had been donated back to us from the original buyer Dave Huckaby. Thanks again Dave! The tree was purchased this time by Wayne Bawden.

Shopping, sorting and bagging toys dominated the entire next week. We were able to give toys to 446 children. The toy distribution was held at Performance Yamaha on December 17th. We had a lot of fun that day and everything went quite well thanks to Vicky Andrus and all her hard work with the Christmas for Kids project. A giant thank you also goes out to Johnny Cunningham for being Santa that day. We received great press coverage during the month of December with all of our activities. I believe the community now has a pretty good idea of who we are. Thank you Carol Petrie for the coverage and photos during our activities. Well Christmas arrived about a week early at the Bland/Campbell household. John purchased Bill & Deb Bonetti's 1973 Harley Davidson Flathead Trike. I didn't think we could squeeze anything else in the garage? Although, it has turned out to be quite a source of entertainment around Lee, everyone including neighbors and friends has taken a ride on it. John Bland is indeed obsessed with old motorcycles and cars, it's a good thing he can keep them all running. 2006 looks to be a busy year already. Mark Falsetti, ABATE of Indiana is working on artwork for a logo for Elko's 2007 Best of the West Conference. We will have an opportunity to preview the logo before it is confirmed. The suggestions I submitted to him were using the shape of the state of Nevada, the ABATE logo and MRF logo, also having a motorcycle depicted. It will be interesting to see what he comes up with. According to Carol Downs from MRF they need to have the logo done by June at the 2006 Best of the West Conference in Prescott, Arizona.

I would like to welcome some new members to ABATE of Northern Nevada. Tony & Dayle Everts, Tony is the President of CMA and Rich Weber, Elko Motorcycle Jamboree President. Leslie Andrus, Wayne Bawden, and John Hoffman have also joined. Thank you also to those of you who have renewed your membership recently. We appreciate your support.

Happy 2006!



Bill Hartsock at the Parade of Lights



Wow!! Look at all those fuzzy faces



Happy Faces at Toy Day!
Photo by Carol Petrie



Santa's Elves at Performance Yamaha
on toy distribution day. Photo by Carol
Petrie.

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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

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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 _____

Datte _____

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Date _____ Rcvd\$ _____ By _____

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS ELECTIONS

The following people were elected at the December 8th Meeting:

Vicky Andrus – President

Vice President: Jacque Orr

Secretary: Trudy Whetton

Treasurer: Jenn Hobbs

Vicky can be reached at Picture This 777-7955

Thank you.

Got this from Dale Andrus, who got it from Rick Stednitz, who got it from,well, you know how the e-mail thing works. enjoy.

> ZEN AND THE WISDOM OF LIFE

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> 1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me the hell alone.

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> 2. It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.

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> 3. Sex is like air -- it's not important unless you aren't getting any.

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> 4. No one is listening until you fart.

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> 5. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

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> 6. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away, and you have their shoes.

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> 7. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

- > ZEN AND THE WISDOM OF LIFE, Continued from Page 5.
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- > 8. Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
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- > 9. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was worth it.
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- > 10. Don't worry--It only seems kinky the first time.
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- > 11. Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
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- > 12. There are two theories about arguing with women. Neither one works.
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- > 13. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
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- > 14. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Great one, thanks Dale and Rick.

Photo by Carol Petrie



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Santa and Jacque

Photo by Carol Petrie



Photo by Carol Petrie



Santa Hard at Work

<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

Motorcycles for Sale:

1987 Honda Magna, VF 700 C
4 Cylinder Shaft Drive, Water Cooled, Excellent Runner – Great at picking up Harley Parts and dodging tarantulas. Call Connie 738-3414 Days; 744-4570 Evenings.

1973 Harley Trike, Runs and Drives, Needs TLC. Clean Nevada Title SOLD to Mr. John Bland.

(From Honda's Website -Author Unknown)
World News > News Release

Motorcycles September 8, 2005

Honda Develops World's First Production Motorcycle Airbag System

TOKYO, Japan, September 8, 2005 - Honda Motor Co., Ltd. today announced it has succeeded in developing the world's first production motorcycle airbag system. The new system, which can help lessen the severity of injuries caused by frontal collisions, is to be made available on the new Gold Wing motorcycle scheduled for release in late spring of 2006 in the US.

Honda Motorcycle Airbag (deployed)

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(Well, what do you think about air bags on motorcycles? Please send your comments to debodyna@frontiernet.net. I'd like to publish your comments in February's newsletter. Can't wait to hear from y'all.)

California Needs Help In Modifying Its Lid Law

We'd sure appreciate SIGNATURES on our 'Online Petition'. There are two (2) petitions...

1.) The 'California Residents' petition is specifically geared for folks who live in California. <http://www.petitiononline.com/SB969CA/petition.html>

2.) The 'California Tourists' petition is specifically geared for folks who live in other states that might one day wish to visit the Golden State, helmet free if they choose. <http://www.petitiononline.com/SB969US/petition.html>

Thanks for all your help and your dedication to our cause.

~splatt, Assistant State Director, ABATE of California, www.abate.org

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This Is A Very Important Issue For Motorcyclists Across The Country

'We have been set up for a screwing, which was clearly a result of undue influence from the Insurance Lobby. Your Group Health Care Insurance provider cannot deny you coverage because you ride BUT they can refuse to pay any benefit claim if you are injured in an accident on your bike. We have an opportunity to correct this injustice RIGHT NOW. There are two bills in Congress (House and Senate versions) to close this loophole.

Follow the directions and let your guys in Washington know that there is broad support among their constituents to pass this legislation.

Go to <http://www.AMADIRECTLINK.COM> In the left column, top item, click on AMA RAPID RESPONSE CENTER The next screen will show (4) four ACTION ALERTS. Click on the one for the HOUSE INTRODUCES HEALTH INSURANCE BILL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS. Use the scroll down bar immediately adjacent to the text and fill in your name and address information. Fill in your name in the box labeled 'Your Closing:'.

Finally, click on the 'Send Message' box.

This will go to the Congressman in your District. It knows who he (she) is from your address. Go back to the ACTION ALERTS screen and repeat the process for the one titled 'SENATE INTRODUCES HEALTH INSURANCE BILL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS'. This will go to your Senators. Note that there are instructions for editing the AMA text if you care to change anything or add your own comments. If you choose to do so, keep it clean and polite.

Tim O'Rielly (from www.CycleQuest.com January 3, 2006 Issue)

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Please send me your thoughts on
Motorcycle Airbags. See Below.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A.B.A.T.E. Meeting January 12th, 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
- ABATE run to Prescott Arizona third week of June to attend the 2006 MRF conference and to receive recognition from MRF for hosting the 2007 "Best of the West" conference in Elko.

LET'S TAKE A POLL

PLEASE TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT AIRBAGS ON MOTORCYCLES. LOOK AT THE ARTICLE ON PAGE 7 AND SEND ME AN E-MAIL (PREFERABLY ONE I CAN REPRINT) WITH YOUR COMMENTS. WOULD YOU BUY A MOTORCYCLE WITH AN AIR BAG? TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY THINK. Send your comments to debodyna@frontiernet.net. Thanks