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The American Motorcycle Association (AMA) is applauding Congress for funding the first nationwide motorcycle crash study in almost 30 years. U.S. House and Senate conferees agreed to a compromise version of the \$286.4 billion transportation bill, which was passed by both chambers reauthorizing transportation spending through September, 2009.

The bill, which President Bush is expected to sign, includes nearly \$3 million for a study of motorcycle crashes. It specifies that the research grants be provided to the Oklahoma Transportation Center, located at Oklahoma State University. "After more than a decade of decline, motorcycling fatalities have increased in recent years, and those increases have prompted endless speculation about the reasons why," said AMA President Robert Rasor. "We're pleased that Congress agrees that we need answers, not theories. We're anxious for the study to begin, to help us understand how to prevent crashes and save lives."

"I'm happy we were able to include the provision providing grants to the Oklahoma Transportation Center for this important study," said Senator James Inhofe (R-Oklahoma), chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As most of you know, ABATE of Northern Nevada has submitted a proposal requesting MRF, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, to hold the "Best in The West" conference in Elko in 2007. This conference will bring into Elko some of the country's most active and influential motorcycle rights individuals to share information and ideas. Per our invitation, Carol Downs, MRF Conference Coordinator was in town last week to look at Elko's conference facilities. MRF will decide by the first of December if Elko will be the Best in The West conference location in 2007. Our ABATE membership really stepped up to the plate when asked to be present during Carol's visit. We had about 30 folks present during bike night to meet Carol. Dale Andrus gave Carol a ride on his bike in the Nevada Day Parade. What a great turn out with Elko Motorcycle Jamboree organizers and the Christian Motorcycle Association joining us. We need to remember to always invite these organizations to join us during our activities.

The letter I wrote Lorraine

Hunt, now running for Governor, was printed in the October newsletter. I forwarded Lorraine Florida's economic impact study for the first three years of Florida's amended helmet law. "Freedom of choice" has generated over a billion dollars into the state's economy. Since Lorraine is Chair of the Nevada Commission on Tourism I was sure she would be interested in these figures. I am disappointed Lorraine has not written back. Being raised in California riding motorcycles, I know motorcyclists would flock to Nevada to vacation and tour our state if they could escape the endless laws of Calif. and experience freedom of choice in Nevada.

Vicky Andrus, Christmas for Kids President, is already doing great things with Christmas for Kids this year. The Festival of Trees is a fund raising event that distributes its funds to other charity organizations. Vicky gave a presentation to the ECVA board requesting that funds generated by the Festival of Trees be granted to ABATE's Christmas for Kids. Vicky was successful, and ABATE's

Christmas for Kids will receive funds that will be made available for the needy during Christmas. Thank you Vicky and CFK committee, keep up the good work.

Congress has agreed to allocate \$3 million dollars for a nationwide motorcycle crash study. It has been 30 years since the last study was done. Thirty years ago there were very little statistics available regarding motorcycle accidents but a barrage of safety requirements were recommended and then enforced, including the federal mandated helmet law. I am nervously anxious to have another study done. I am convinced that if the study is not swayed by insurance company money or has a preset-agenda, that the results will show that education, and adults taking responsibility for their safety reduces accidents better than laws. The following press release was printed in the October AMA magazine.

Congress funding motorcycle study

Message from the President Continued.

“It’s an important step in helping to improve motorcycle safety.

“I was pleased to work with the American Motorcyclists Association to update these statistics,” said Rep. Sam Graves (R-Missouri), who introduced the motorcycle study language into the bill. “It has been over 20 years since we last studied what causes motorcycle accidents and now is the time to take another look.”

The last comprehensive study on the subject, commonly called the “Hurt, Report” after University of Southern California researcher Dr. Harry Hurt, was published in the 1970’s.

The AMA notes that the bill also preserves motorcycles’ access to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, and that it specifies that local governments will continue to be prohibited from excluding motorcycles from roads maintained with federal funds. In addition, the bill calls for motorcycles to be included in research in intelligent transportation systems, and makes available \$25 million to individual states for motorcycle safety training and awareness programs.

Off-highway motorcyclists and ATV enthusiasts will benefit from the transportation bill as well, through \$370 million in gasoline taxes earmarked for the Recreational Trails Program.

I’m very interested in this study and will keep you informed as the study progresses. I’m curious to see how other MRO’s will be commenting on this study. The end results of the study should confirm what we have been saying all along, that education and adult freedom of choice is the most effective way to address motorcycle safety issues. Or it could cement a wall of regulation that would start the erosion of personal freedoms we have fought so long for.

My 78 Shovel received its first complete engine rebuild this summer. I’ve owned and ridden the bike for 30 years and have put over 200,000 miles on it. I have rebuilt the top end three times. This was the first time the crankcase had been out of the frame. Richard L. DeShazo, owner of RD’s Custom Cycle did the rebuild for me. The bike runs smoother and has more power than ever. The complete rebuild was under \$2,000.00 and has a 90 day warranty. Richard called me last week to make sure I was pleased with how the bike was running. Richard is a certified Harley mechanic that owns his own shop. RD’s is a one man shop, the only person that will work on your bike is Richard. Therefore, Richard, takes sole responsibility to satisfy his customers. I recommend RD’s for anyone looking for a more personal type shop and an alternate to the typical Harley Shop experience.

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John Bland, President
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John’s Choppa at the River Street Festival in September



Aux. Headlamp for the Honda Choppa

Living on the Edge By CJ

A sincere thank you to all of you that came to bike night on Oct. 17, 2005 to meet Carol Downs from MRF. I also really appreciated the great turn out for the Nevada Day Parade. I feel confident that we did all we could to convince Carol to bring the MRF Conference to Elko. I also want to thank Tom Lester from the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority, and Pam Case Marketing Director at the Red Lion for all their efforts in showing Carol what is available for conventions in Elko. We will know at the end of November if we get the conference in 2007.

The Nevada Day Parade was lots of fun. Thank you to Dale Andrus for giving Carol Downs a ride in the parade. It was nice to have several motorcycle organizations come together. Thanks also to Dale and Vicky for the Nevada State Flags. We do need to figure out a way to get these parades to move faster. A word of warning, do not ride behind John Bland when he is on the "Honda Choppa" unless you need a fresh coat of oil.

Congratulations go out to John Bland for being published in the new book Antique Motorcycle Club of America, Fifty Years of Fun, published by Turner Publishing Co in Paducah, KY. This is a coffee table quality book. It features old photos of both his mother Dorothy and father Joe Bland on motorcycles in their day and a story written by John featuring a color picture of him on his prized 1947 Indian Chief. He has a copy of the book and I'm sure he will bring it to our next get together. Way to go Pres!

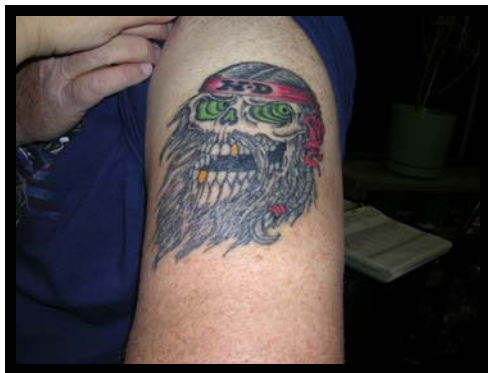
On Oct. 17, 2005 John and I hosted one of the best ABATE parties. This one will certainly give us something to talk about all winter. Everyone and I mean everyone enjoyed, sang and danced to the Karaoke tunes. As usual we had enough food to feed a small army, including John and Kelly's fresh killed roosters. Dale Andrus and Trudy Whetton captured the trophies for the best tattoos. John Bland showed us all his break dancing moves, and low and behold, neither Vicky or I sustained any injuries requiring Band-Aids or stitches, I think we will have to make this party a yearly event in case you missed it.

Ho, Ho, Ho, Christmas is right around the corner. ABATE has been asked by the DBA, Downtown Business Assn., to help with the Parade of Lights as part of the Snowflake Festival on December 10, 2005. They will need help with the line up at Sherman Station and walking the parade route to keep the children away from the moving vehicles. The parade route is from the Sherman Station to the Court House on Idaho Street. The DBA has also agreed to make announcements and have toy collection boxes available for Christmas for Kids, that night. Great job this year Vicky with Christmas for Kids.

Till next time-



Phil, the Karaoke King



Dale's Winning Tattoo



Trudys Winning Tattoo



Carol Downs from MRF and John as he opens up his birthday present.

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[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

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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS IS UNDERWAY

Great News! Christmas for Kids has been chosen as one of the organizations to be funded by the Festival of Trees. YAY. There is a meeting on **November 8th** at 2:00 P.M. at the Convention Center and Christmas for Kids representatives must be present. Please come if you can. On **November 16th** we will meet at 6:00 P.M. at Picture This and Elko Trophy to prepare decorations for the ABATE and Christmas for Kids tree to be set up at the Convention Center on **November 28th**. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE FESTIVAL OF TREES, PLEASE.

Sorting of toys has already begun. About six ABATE members showed up at the meeting on **November 2nd** to sort approximately 300 stuffed animals already donated. Some of them need mending and/or cleaning and have gone home with two or three ABATE members to be made ready for giving. We will again meet on Wednesday, **November 9th** to sort the mended toys, decorate them with ribbons and bows, and make them pretty for giving. Please come help, it's lots of fun.

Saturday, **November 5th** we will meet at Picture This and Elko Trophy at 2:00 P.M. to decorate the toy collection boxes. We will be putting them at WalMart, Wendy's, the Elko Federal Credit Union, Last Chance Auto Body, and Al Park. If you know of another business that would like to collect toys for us, please let us know. We need a volunteer(s) for each box. All you have to do is periodically check on the box and collect the toys.

John Glenn of Performance Yamaha has volunteered his building for toy distribution on the 17th of December. Thanks John. We still need a building to sort and bag toys.

We will put applications for toys out on **November 10th** with a deadline date of **November 30th**. The applications we get will then be checked for double dippers with other organizations. Accepted applicants will be mailed a postcard on **December 6th** that entitles them to pick up their toys on **December 17th**. We would like to have the children present at pickup time so they can pick out a special toy for themselves (stuffed critters) and receive a candy cane from ABATE and Christmas for Kids members.

December 3rd is Christmas in the Nighttime Skies at Kimberly Nurseries. **December 4th** through **14th** toys will be sorted and bagged for distribution day. We will need some shoppers for items requested but not donated, particularly teenager items.

We are hoping to help children in Owyhee, Battle Mountain, Wells, and Ely also.

A complete schedule for Christmas for Kids is located on the back of the newsletter in chronological order. Please come help as often as you can. In years past we have sacked as many as 250 bags of toys. It's a lot of work for only a handful of people. If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Andrus at 777-7955.

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**Christmas for Kids Needs your
Help.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A.B.A.T.E. Meeting November 10, 7:00 P.M. Round Table by Raley's
(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. at the Scoreboard until further notice. Everyone is Welcome.
- November 5th 2:00 P.M. at Picture This – Rewrap Toy Collection Boxes. Volunteers Needed to Check and Empty Boxes.
- November 8th 2:00 P.M. Meeting Regarding Festival of Trees at the Convention Center
- November 9th 6:00 P.M. Bag and Seal More Toys at Picture This and Elko Trophy
- November 16th 6:00 P.M. at Picture This – Prepare and Gather Ornaments for Festival of Trees
- November 28th – Set up the Tree for Festival of Trees – Volunteers Needed
- November 29th Through December 2nd – Sort and Bag Toys
- December 3rd – Christmas in the Nighttime Skies at Kimberly Nurseries
- December 4th Through 14th – Schedule TBA – Shopping, Sorting, Bagging, etc. Volunteer Shoppers Need.
- December 8th – A.B.A.T.E. Meeting at Round Table at 7:00 P.M.
- December 10th – DBA Downtown Snowflake Festival
- December 17th – Distribute Toys – 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Place TBA

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Nevada Day Parade



Dale Andrus and Carol Downs