



NNDA told trucking is 'glue' that holds economy together

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The Northern Nevada Development Authority was told on Wednesday the trucking industry is "the glue" that holds the economy together.

"Trucks drive the economy," said Paul Enos, CEO of the Nevada Trucking Association. "We are the glue that keeps everything together."

Enos told those at NNDA's monthly meeting in the Carson Nugget especially in Nevada, "ultimately, most

everything we have has to come on a truck."

Nationwide, he said 70 percent of goods arrive by truck.

"In Nevada, we're a little higher than that because we don't have the Mississippi River, don't have an extensive rail system," Enos said.

In Nevada, he said 92 percent of goods are moved by trucks.

But the relationship goes both ways.

"We only do well when all the other sectors of the economy do

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Polaris facility in Fernley; another NNDA site in Douglas County

475,000 square foot project slated for second quarter 2019 completion

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Polaris Industries has announced plans to build a facility in Fernley with the help of the Northern Nevada Development Authority.

NNDA has also announced another project for Douglas County.

The 475,000 square foot Polaris distribution facility in Fernley will provide additional distribution capacity, improve delivery speed and

customer service and optimize operations.

Groundbreaking on the \$46.7 million distribution center will occur later this summer, with completion slated for early second quarter 2019.

According to a press release from Polaris, Fernley provides a strategic location, skilled workforce and strong local and state support for economic development.

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LEADERS OF THE PACK



Motor deputy Joey Trotter does a stoppie on the CCSO's KTM dual sport motorcycle during a break in the action Friday afternoon at Mills Park.

Carson City's Trotter, Oregon officer win in Motor Challenge

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Carson City and Oregon motorcycle officers took home the gold last weekend at the 15th Annual Carson City Extreme Motor Officer Training Challenge.

Hillsboro Police Officer Darren Kangas won first place in the metric overall and Carson City Sheriff's Deputy Joey Trotter won first place in the Harley overall in the competition that brought law enforcement officers from across the country to Carson City to train and improve their motorcycle skills.

"It went very well, all of our riders had a blast this year," said Carson City Sgt. Earl Mays.

In the Harley overall, Trotter took home first place; Steve Lee, San Francisco Police Department, took home second place; and Kevin Cook, Carson City, took home third place. In the Metric overall, Kangas, Hillsboro PD, took first; Neil Black, Lafayette, California, PD, took second; and Joey York, Reno PD, was third.

More than 30 riders tested their skills against one another. Officers from Reno, Nevada Highway Patrol, San Francisco, San Jose, Oregon, Douglas County and Carson City were all present.

"The main reason we came is because (everyone's riding) is different," said Hillsboro PD Officer Scott Hanley. "Everyone does it differently so you can see how it is done other places and bring that experience home. You get to pick the brains of others and use it to do better."

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“Riding is a perishable skill, if you don’t use it, you lose it. It is very dangerous being in the saddle 40 hours a week, so the training is to make us on the bike quicker and safer.”

This is the first year officers from the Oregon police department have attended Carson City’s event and they said they were excited to see what some of their neighboring states were doing on the bikes.

“People say I am good, but then you come here and watch the guys who have been riding for 20 years and you see that there is just so much more to learn,” Hanley said.

Mays said this year, everyone’s favorite event was the 4-man competition as teams were picked randomly.

“You had different people and different styles of bikes to ride and you had to do it with strangers, but the feedback we got was really good with it,” Mays said. “It was fun to get to compete with people who you don’t usually.”

During the three days of training, the officers went through timed courses — used to test skills such as speed, braking, maneuvering and turning — an obstacle course, and other activities that simulate situations they may see.

“It is much more than just going around a bunch of cones,” Mays said.

For instance, in the timed course, the officers had to go up and over seesaws and curbs, make hairpin turns and avoid obstacles all while keeping control of the bike and doing it as fast as possible.

The weather did create some difficulties this year, as temperatures surpassed 90 degrees.

“It was very, very hot outside and the cotton flying around is terrible,” Mays said.

“But, our riders were looking good and we did everything we could to help keep them cool.”

The purpose of the event is to have riders from across the nation come together in a friendly competition to learn and improve their motor skills with other officers.

“It is three days of unfettered training where you don’t have to



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Despite coming off the teeter-totter on his final run, Darren Kangas of the Hillsboro, Ore., Police Department was the fastest ‘metric’ bike through the obstacle course this weekend at the Extreme Motor Officer Training Challenge.

worry about responding to calls you can just get out and do nothing but train,” said Carson City Deputy Gary Denham. “There are several instructors here that will help make you better and it is just good, solid training days.”

For these officers, training with the bikes is more than essential as riding a police motorcycle is no easy task.

“We have an extremely dangerous job,” Denham said. “No matter where you are, it is equally as dangerous, we all share that commonality.”

“During a shift, I will have people pull up beside me and say you have the best job in the world, and I do, but you don’t understand things like in the summer you have 100 degrees coming down through your helmet,

200 degrees off the asphalt and 300 degrees coming off the motorcycle so you just sit for 10 hours feeling like a moldy quesadilla.”

Denham said the camaraderie between the officers is one of the best parts of the competition.

“You get to reunite with close friends from around the country,” Denham said. “You make so many good friends during these training sessions.”

“You see the other motor officers who started at the same skill level as you and you talk and connect, and as the years go on you see each other at competitions and reunite and see how each other has progressed. It is pretty awesome to be able to watch people get better and take it to that next level, it’s like ‘look at how good you’ve gotten man!’”

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Polaris said the 37-acre site offers the company access to its strong dealer and customer base in the West. At full capacity, the site will employ up to 100 people.

“Polaris’ Aftermarket, PG&A businesses delivered nearly \$2 billion in sales last year and we expect that upward sales trajectory to only continue,” said Steve Eastman, president of Aftermarket, PG&A at Polaris. “As we build this multi-brand distribution center, we are incorporating the best of each business to create an optimal facility that will create a competitive advantage for our businesses and help us meet the demands of our dealers and customers for years to come.”

The Polaris facility was

first announced in May after The Governor’s Office of Economic Development approved tax abatements to bring Polaris and other companies — including Axion and Fulcrum Sierra Biofuels — to Northern Nevada.

It will mark Polaris’ first distribution center in the western U.S.

“The city of Fernley welcomes Polaris to the community, who was recently named one of America’s best large employers,” said Fernley Mayor Roy Edginton. “As a global powersports leader, this opportunity is a great fit to the community, and will provide the residents of Fernley with employment opportunities. Polaris will provide a boost to economic development.”

Gov. Brian Sandoval said the facility underscores the state’s growing status for

logistical operations.

“Strategically located within a one-day drive time to 10 major U.S. cities, the Silver State is within reach of 60 million consumers and five major U.S. ports servicing the Pacific Rim,” Sandoval said. “We welcome Polaris to the Nevada family and look forward to its future success.”

The Fernley distribution center, the company’s first multi-brand distribution center, will eventually serve Polaris, Transamerican Auto Parts and Kolpin customers. “We welcome Polaris Industries to the Sierra Region,” said Robert Hooper, Northern Nevada Development Authority president and CEO. “The company’s selection of Fernley for their new distribution facility is a significant addition to the city, Lyon County and Nevada.

BLM hearing to discuss using vehicles in wild horse management

Nevada Appeal staff report

The Bureau of Land Management will conduct a public hearing to discuss the use of motorized vehicles and aircraft in the monitoring and management of wild horses or burros on public lands in Nevada. The hearing will be held Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, in Carson City.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive information and public comment on the use of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to inventory wild horse or burro populations and the use of helicopters to gather and remove excess animals. The hearing will also consider the use of motorized vehicles to transport gathered wild horses or burros as well as to conduct field monitoring activities.

An annual public hearing is required to comply with Section 404 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The BLM proposes to use a helicopter, fixed wing

aircraft and other motorized vehicles to conduct population surveys on herd management areas and obtain seasonal distribution information for wild horse and burro herds throughout Nevada.

Also proposed is using a helicopter to assist in gathering excess wild horses and burros on HMAs and complexes throughout the state during the coming year. The actual number of areas where gathers or population surveys will be conducted will depend on a number of factors including funding. The hearing will also cover the possible use of motorized vehicles to transport gathered wild horses or burros as well as to conduct field monitoring activities.

For information, call John Axtell at 775-885-6000. If you can’t attend the hearing, written comments must be mailed to the BLM Carson City District Office, attention: John Axtell, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City 89701 and must be received by close of business Tuesday to be considered.

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well,” he said.

Enos said in Nevada, the trucking industry is dominated by small businesses. Of the 3,320 trucking companies, 90 percent operate fewer than 10 trucks.

He said the golden age of the trucking industry took off when the federal government deregulated the industry in 1980 — a bill he said was authored by Nevada’s U.S. Sen. Howard Cannon and signed by President Jimmy Carter.

With deregulation, Enos said retailers and manufacturers no longer had to have a huge plant to keep a large inventory on hand. After deregulation, he said truckers were able to bring businesses products and materials as needed in a day or so.

That, he said, greatly reduced costs for retailers, manufacturers and other businesses since they no longer had to maintain huge inventories.

Enos said the industry is especially important in Nevada because, “we are geographically blessed.” The reason, he said, Nevada is a one day drive from just about 95 percent of west coast locations.

As a result, he said major trucking companies are among the companies located in Nevada.

The biggest problem the industry has, he said, is finding drivers.

“We are always trying to find new drivers,” he said.

But even as automation and self-driving vehicles are being developed, he predicted that there will always be a driver in the big trucks on U.S. roads.



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