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Central Committee Meeting

American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Rd.
Jefferson City, MO 65101-2839
(573) 636-2311

Central Committee Meetings are at 10:00 am on the 2nd Sunday of the odd numbered months of the year,

**Next Central Committee Meeting:
November 11-12, 2023**

ONLY current membership Central Committee Representatives can conduct business during scheduled Central Committee Meetings. Please be sure your membership is current.

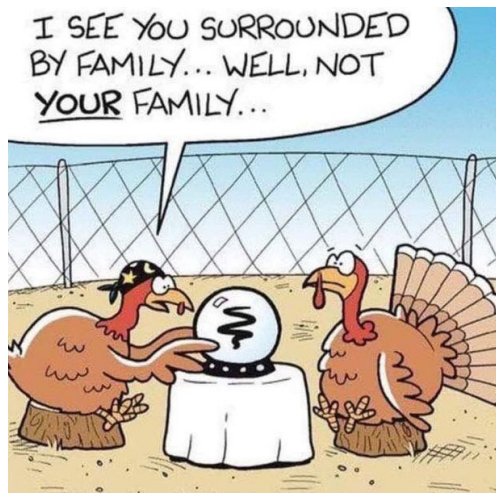
Committee Meetings are the Saturday before the scheduled Central Committee Meetings.

Saturday Committees

Membership 12:00 pm
Legislative 1:00 pm
PAC Rally 2:00 pm
FEW Seminar 3:00 pm
Motorcycle Awareness 4:00 pm
Open Officers Meeting 5:00 pm

Scheduled Central Committee Meeting for 2023 is as follows: Nov. 11-12

'New' 2024 Central Committee Meeting Schedule
Jan. 6-7 • Mar. 9-10 • May 4-5
Jul. 13-14 • Sept. 14-15 • Nov. 9-10



FORR® LOCAL 14's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY/SILENT AUCTION
12/2/2023

VFW POST 4052
3109 Franklin Ave
LEXINGTON, MO 64067



DOORS OPEN @ 6PM

\$10 PER PERSON OR \$15 PER COUPLE
Silent auction, door prizes, food and drink available


BRING CASH, OUR VFW POST DOESN'T HAVE AN ATM AND THEY DO NOT TAKE PLASTIC

Side dishes are appreciated and always welcome


**Live Music with
The Highway Band**

Contact Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243 and leave a message

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The Freedom Press



- IMPORTANT -

By now those of you that received your October issues of *The Freedom Press* by mail have noticed that the front and back cover was 'mis-printed'. Just to be clear, this was to no fault of ours.

To try to make things right I would like to have all of you that would like replacement covers to please contact your CC rep, or myself and let us know.

*****Please do so before the November CC meeting.*****

They will be on hand at the CC meeting, so that your CC Reps can take them back to your local meetings for distribution to you.

So sorry for the inconvenience, but this was something beyond our control.

Rebel

Central Committee Meeting #262 September 17, 2023

Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc. Central Committee Meeting was held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the American Legion Post #5. Jefferson City, MO. Corporate officers present were Chairman, Ken Lewis, Vice Chairman, Joe Karr, Corporate Secretary Amy Allmon, Treasurer Kathleen Karr, Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator Tricia Ruby, Product Line Manager Shelly Payne, Sergeant at Arms Tim O'Connor, Membership Coordinator Kerri Lewis.

Chairman Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and read the Preamble to the By-Laws of the organization. The assembled Central Committee Representatives recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

The following Central Committee Representatives answered the roll call read by the Corporate Secretary:

Location	Local	Count	Vote	CC Rep
Lee's Summit	Local 01	34	1 Vote	Tim O'Connor
Macon*	Local 02	46	1 Vote	James Willam
Truman Lake	Local 03	58	1 Votes	Sasha Bowen
South Kansas City	Local 05	73	1 Vote	Duane Copowycz
St. Joseph	Local 06	132	2 Votes	Larry Gilpin
Lebanon	Local 07	72	1 Vote	Charlie Pilcher
Chillicothe	Local 08	64	1 Vote	Layne Shady
Jefferson City	Local 10	125	2 Votes	Marla Wallace
Southwest Missouri	Local 11	58	1 Vote	Jake High
Glasgow	Local 12	63	1 Vote	Absent
Mexico	Local 13	79	1 Vote	Will Davis
Lexington	Local 14	68	1 Vote	Donna Hilburn
Branson	Local 15	172	2 Votes	Les Morris
SEMO	Local 16	42	1 Vote	George Reutzel
Dexter	Local 20	40	1 Vote	Mary Reeves
St. Louis	Local 24	59	1 Vote	Tricia Ruby
St. Charles County	Local 25	84	1 Vote	Mark Roloff
Maryville*	Local 26	40	1 Vote	Absent
Waynesville	Local 28	66	1 Vote	Merel Johnson
North Kansas City	Local 29	41	1 Vote	Jim and Donna
Springfield/Nixa*	Local 30	59	1 Vote	Absent
Central Missouri	Local 31	72	1 Vote	Charlie Dowell
Highway 50 West	Local 33	65	1 Vote	Roy Hoard
Golden Valley	Local 35	47	1 Vote	Rod Huff
Cameron Crossroads	Local 41	13	1 Vote	Stephen Gallus
Franklin County	Local 42	27	1 Vote	Absent
Members at Large	Local 00	68	0 Vote	
Total		1,792		
Corporate Sponsors		6		

* Vote suspended due to financial reports

* Vote suspended due to member total less than 10

Opened with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Locals. Local 1 made a motion to approve the minutes, Local 11, 2nd. The Motion passed unanimously with no discussion. Please place phones on silent or you will be charged \$1 to the PAC fund. There is CC representative in the room that was named in the minutes in 1981 and is still representing their Local, Charlie Pilcher.

Chairman – Ken “Squirrel” Lewis - Nothing to report.

Vice Chairman – Joe “DC” Karr - Nothing to report.

Department Reports

Treasurer – Kathleen “Duchess” Warner

I placed a letter on the website on The Freedom Press page and I am not sure a single person has read it. Gmail delivery problems

with The Freedom Press and other emails. Gmail did a large update a couple months back and it has caused massive problems. It is not something that we as FORR can fix. Gmail users need to do the current upgrade to correct the issue. You will need to contact Google Tech Support to correct the issue and follow the directions on the website or in The Freedom Press from Google. Another issue is sending financials by email, trying to be helpful by accepting them by email if the original paperwork was mailed. Multiple problems with Gmail accounts, Locals not mailing the required paperwork, and USPS is very unreliable, therefore I cannot accept the financial reports by email. Late reports of just 30 days will not cost the Local their vote but many have missing reports from February and March.

Total Company Balance \$128,202.48.
 State Accts. Balances: August 31, 2023
 GENERAL FUND: beginning \$6,876.46 ending \$9,832.34.
 PAC FUND: beginning \$61,900.06 ending \$61,111.56.
 RIDERS ED: beginning: \$22,421.02 ending \$ 27,237.21.
 AWARENESS AND MEMBERSHIP Marketing: beginning and ending \$5,664.06.
 GIVEAWAY: Beginning \$7,830.42 ending \$17,585.42.
 MEETING OF THE MINDS: Beginning \$3,740.30 ending \$4,240.32
 HOMECOMING: Beginning \$13,545.43 ending \$11,451.77.
 DONATIONS: Local 24 - \$600.24, Meeting of the Minds, Local 6 - \$2,500, PAC.

Local 1 made the motion to accept the financial report as corrected and Local 11 2nd the report. Passed unanimous voice vote.

The Giveaway account needs a definite seed amount for further Giveaways and that will determine the amount moved to the PAC Fund.

We need to take the time to think about the way we vote, what we spend money on, and what we do to survive. When we broke up the general office, I took up all the slack. I also took on Webmaster. Rider's Education was responsible for \$8,000 of the General Office salary, PAC responsible for \$8,000 and General Fund for \$8,000. Money in the accounts does not mean we are rich. We need to reinstate general office and Amy has expressed an interest and if anyone else is interested.

Kerri took over membership and there were issues with the computer so the membership dues chart is current through May and amounts will be updated for November.

Secretary –

Membership Report July- August 2023

Memberships Processed:

July Total	7 New Members	22 Renewed Members
Life Members for July -		
*Life Maint –		
August Total	4 New Members	12 Renewed Members
Life Members for August - 1		
*Life Maint –		
Life Members - 1	11 New Members	S34 Renewed Members

July – August - 2023

45 TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS PROCESSED

1792 Total Membership
(Increase of 31 members)

446 LIFE MEMBERS

Webmaster – Duchess

The sanction form on-line is still not allowing the user to attach the flyer to the form and will not send without it, Duchess will investigate the problem.

Would like to include a photo archive page (PG only please), please forward to webmaster@forn.net. Please try to label it with event, subject, year, or approximate year.

Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator – Tricia Ruby – Awareness booths important, at local Bike Nights. Spread the word and include the plug the \$3,500 D & D insurance policy.

Legislative Coordinator – Joe Widmer – Profiling resolution will be presented in the House by Rep. Chapple and in the Senate by Sen. Moon. Unknown where driver's education bill is headed this year attempting to secure a sponsor. We need to keep a watch on legislation that would return that helmet to your head. We will need membership to assist in fighting off any attempt to put the helmet

requirement back into law. December 1 is the prefilling deadline, and we need to determine what we wish to file. There will be most likely driver's education bills, lighting bill is still out there but on hold. A bill for lane filtering is possible, not sure it's a good idea to lane filter in Missouri.

MRF – **Amy Allmon** – At Homecoming myself and Laura sold some giveaway tickets for the Corn Hole set built by Doug Hilburn and a concrete garden bench and made \$200 for travel expenses to MOTM 2023 in Harrisburg, PA. Emily Smith from Local 25 has stepped up to attend this year. \$2000 is in the PAC budget for MOTM. The FEW Seminar needs to reinstate their sustaining MRF Membership. We need to work on the PAC budget for next year. Everyone should be a member of the MRF come next year to show our support for their constant vigilance.

Mid-South Mile – **Roy “Cowboy” Hoard** – The MILE began in 1992 when representatives from Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma met in Joplin Missouri. The goal was to share techniques, strategies, and enthusiasm. Focus of the MILE: legislative topics, rider safety, History of women in motorcycling and other national and international issues. Texas joined in 1997 and Louisiana hosted their first MILE in 2019. It will be October 20-22, at The University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, MO room rate \$95. Items for basket that are Missouri made please hand off to Tami, she is Site and Basket Coordinator for the MILE.

Riders Education – **Beth Clark/absent** – We had an accident on a 3-wheel course. The rider is fine but \$6,600 of damage to the Ryker. That is the reason we have insurance. The site manager has agreed to stay on for \$4,000 and then the coordinator would schedule the classes and insurance, etc. It does not allow students who sign up at the last minute to complete the E-course after the riding course. The State of Missouri does allow students to take the e-course after the riding course but then must come back after the class to complete the written test. Riders Education would like to set a policy that you must complete the e-course prior to the riding course. Beth will no longer be able to coach, coordinate and site manage. She is willing to train. Amy is thinking of taking on that along with the general office manager.

Membership Coordinator – **Tricia Ruby** – Read a letter from a member of her Local. They stated they have seen a decline in the Local and State involvement. It seems that as soon as the Helmet modification law was passed the Locals mind set is “Our work is done, let's party”. FORR's work is not done and only a small number of members are doing way too much. Covid has seemed to spawn a culture of laziness. It's not fair to rely on the same people to hold the officers' positions. How can we get new members if we are not changing with the times. We need to do more awareness booths, fairs, etc. Maybe auto-renew memberships or pay ahead of time. Logistics issues so we can investigate some of that but would need a by-law change. Maybe coordinate with other motorcycle groups and riding clubs for events in your area. Consider partnering with another Local nearby for personnel to man the booth.

COCI Liaison – **Ken Lewis**. COC meeting is November 18, at the Tiger Shrine Club 2315 N Stadium Blvd Columbia, MO 65202 at 1pm. Jim Fitzimmons has an interest in attending. Shaggy attempts to encourage members to attend NCOM meetings as well.

Product Line – **Shelly Payne**. Contact her (660)251-3904 or photobyshelly@yahoo.com. New designs are available. Keychains, Beanies, T-Shirts, Multicolor hoodie options, Jewelry. Still working on the FORR Store Page for the website logistics for payment, shipping, etc. Attempting to get access to do screen printing on t-shirts and possibly embroidery logos on shirts, etc. Thanks for your patience.

The Freedom Press – **Michelle “Rebel” O'Connor**. Gmail accounts seem to be receiving the digital issue of The Freedom Press email since none were returned.

FEW Seminar – **Trisha Ruby and Kerri Lewis**. Theme for 2024 “Back to the Future”. Confirmed date March 9, 2024. We will rope off the silent auction area while we are setting it up. YOU CAN WAIT UNTIL READY, ONLY THE LAST BID COUNTS. Need volunteers for a discussion panel of new and old members and how we can merge our strengths to grow the organization. Need volunteers to teach classes. Turn in your baskets when you arrive with a list of items in the basket. We will not open the doors prior to completing our set up. Award nominations will be limited to 15 and received by January CC meeting. You must “sell” the individual nominated; 2 sentences will not cut it. You must remember most likely we do not know the person very well or at all. Buck stops here award nominations are due by October 1 and go the Roy Hoard ranchodeluxe1@hughes.net. Games and ducks as always. We need feedback, please complete the surveys. Also, photos of brothers and sisters lost in the last 2 years. Please include name, Local and when they became a member if available. Email to Kerri or Trisha.

Homecoming – **Joe “DC” Karr**. How did everyone enjoy Homecoming? IT WAS HOT. After the event there was a discussion that Paul is going to build a pond with a beach and possibly use the pontoon boat sitting behind the stage as like a party barge or a bar. The Quonset hut that was added is not going to work as the bar/beer garden. He asked about a permanent structure for a bar in the center of the area. If FORR would buy materials, he would build the structure. Waiting for Paul to produce the numbers. It was discussed that we should consider a long-term lease with Paul if we fund the structure.

261 – attendees	Bike Give Away
Income – \$14,950.24	Income - \$12,252.99
Expenses - \$13,498.47	Expenses - \$5,892.49
Profit - \$1,451.77	Profit - \$ 6,360.50

We had a new vendor coordinator, and we threw her to the wolves. Not her fault! We as the cabinet need to develop position descriptions or SOP for Event committee Staff. Chairman, Vendors, Bands, Security, and work schedules. These need to include the duties and responsibilities for each of these positions.

Old Business – None reported.

New Business – Cabinet submission for 2024-2025: Joe Karr L-11, Chairman, Jim Fitzimmons L-12, Vice Chairman, Amy Allmon L-5, Secretary, Kathleen Karr L-11, Treasurer. Only submission.

By-Law Change proposal for Article 2.2A change the annual membership dues from \$25 to \$30. The full text is printed in this issue of The Freedom Press on page 8. Presented by Local 11 and the justification is the cost of operating the MRO has increased. The motion from Local 11 is to send the proposal to print in the Freedom Press motion second by Local 24. Discussion, call the vote. Roll call vote to send to print: Yes – 22 and NO – 3. Motion passes.

Events Coordinator - Linda Hawkins - Need events by February, if possible. You CANNOT wait until the last minute for sanction form and flyer approval and the insurance check needs to include Form 101 and the correct amount for insurance. Information is needed for the renewal quote. She just needs a general list for the year for the quote.

Insurance Prices
 1 day event \$95
 Multiple day event 500 or less \$175
 500 plus \$235
 Additional Insured \$100

All dates for CC meetings for next year.

Good of the order/Connections

American Income Life contact Aaron Bronson, (816) 853-4304.

Local -3 – Not Rally September 23

District 4 – Oktoberfest – October 6,7,8 in Grain Valley, MO

Local 14 – Pool Tournament at the Hideaway October 28

Dist 4 and many other areas– Toy Run November 4-5

Local 14 – Christmas party December 2

MID South MILE – Oct 20-22

Local 11 – Halloween Bash Oct 21

Local 16 – Christmas Party Dec 1

Local 25 – Pool Tournament Nov 18

Rock Palmer celebration of Life Nov 4 in Centralia

Dragon still has Animal memorial patches since he was the founding member, and everyone should have one.

Bones Parker passed away last night.

A motion to adjourn was made by Local 11 and 2nd by Local 1 motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Next meeting

**The CC meeting will be November 12, 2023
 at American Legion, 1423
 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City.**

Proposed ByLaw Change
presented at the September 2023 Central Committee Meeting

IS Condition:

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ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

2.2 The amount of annual membership dues shall be set by the Central Committee. The first annual dues shall be payable and submitted in full with the application. Future annual dues shall be due and payable on the anniversary date of the member's admission to the organization. Membership dues shall be non-assessable, non-transferable, and non-assignable.

2.2A Membership dues shall be \$25.00. The Central Committee treasury shall retain \$20.00, and the Local treasury shall retain. \$5.00. Effective 1-1-2006

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FORR®, Inc. endorses and supports these ideas:

Membership

Membership Dues	\$25.00 annually
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PROPOSED UPDATE:

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2.2A Membership dues shall be **\$30.00**. The Central Committee treasury shall retain **\$25.00**, and the Local treasury shall retain. \$5.00. Effective **XX/XX/XXXX**

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Membership

Membership Dues	\$30.00 annually
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Justification:

Costs of operating a MRO organization has increased: additional expenses to support lobby efforts, fuel, hotel and general business expenses has seen its greatest increase in years. Costs of membership has not been updated to reflect those expenses in 17 years. Everyone feels the impact of cost-of-living increases, this organization is not immune to that impact. Increasing the membership fee will help offset that rising cost.

Check out your heading for your local to make sure all of the contact info has been updated and get the changes back to me. Thanx, *Rebel*

Local 1 – Lee’s Summit (March 1980)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. - Location Varies
 Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dragon 816-547-4906
 Facebook: FORR Local 1

All is well here at Local 1 – Everybody ready for the FALL time of year. It's a good time to get all of those things done that you blew off during the Summer months.

By the time you read this Octoberfest will be recent history & we're probably still putting things away! As usual we had a BLAST!!! The weather was totally PERFECT! (See pictures in this issue somewhere). **Huge** thanks to all of you that helped in keeping things rolling before and after. It is **SO** appreciated. Things this year were a bit crazy coming up to it, but all was good.

Next up is our District 4 Toy Run & Local 14's Christmas party and Silent Auction. Check out the events calendar on the back page and flyers for more info.

Our next meeting is November 19th @ 1pm. at Andale Amigos in Holden, MO. (Off 58 Hwy on the East side of town, behind M&M Motor Sports).

Too much to do and so little time, so as I always say... Have a good one then, have another!

See ya, **Michelle 'Rebel' O'Connor #7157**



2023 Not Rally...

Local 1 campsite!

Thanks to L-1 Pres. Bootstrap & Roscoe (His sidekick - pup) for representing Local 1.

Local 2 – Macon (November 2020)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of the month 5:30pm
 Contact: Pres. Chris McCurley 660-973-5557
 Facebook: FORR Local 2

Local 3 - Truman Lake (March 2013)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:00 p.m. Chopper Stopper Grill & Bar, Roscoe, MO
 Contact: John Bowen 417-321-4090
 Facebook: FORR® Local 3

Hello all,

Just to catch ya'll up, our meeting time has changed from 1:30pm to 1:00pm at the same location (Chopper Stopper in Roscoe Mo.) make sure you come join us. Remember if you have concerns or ideas, we don't know them unless you bring it to the group.

We have a new treasurer for our local her name is Kimmy (not sure if its spelled correctly) Linda and Jerry are now writing these for the newsletter so remember if you have anything you need added to the newsletter let us know (preferably before the 1st of every month.)

We've had a few new members join in the last two months so welcome to all of them (remember you're never too new to step up, give your opinion, ideas, or to just volunteer to help out, everything is appreciated.)

We had our N.O.T. RALLY which was a good time (until mother nature crashed the party with tornado warnings and a down pour from hell LOL) the winners of the dice run were high hand BIG SIS (Lana Bowen) low hand was a tie between Duke and Jerry but was ultimately won by Jerry with a tie breaker roll, thank you to locals 1, 11, 35 for coming out to support us.

Until next time be safe out there and keep the rubber down and the chrome shiny.

Linda and Jerry



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Local 5 - South Kansas City (June 1981)

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 3 p.m. VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO. (816-921-2222)

Contact: Amy Pres. 816-536-1647 or Duane Copowycz VP 816-217-1812

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders, Inc. Local 5 South KC

Greetings,

Emily and I have returned from Meeting of the Minds and as the host for the 2024 Meeting of the Minds, we need to increase our members to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. We are also adding a Meeting of the Minds 2024 committee meeting to the Saturday agenda prior to CC meetings. I need firm commitments of volunteers for the event, September 19-23, 2024, at the St Louis Renaissance Hotel. I know sometimes stuff happens, but I will need 30-50 folks to work the hospitality room, registration, auction, and timekeepers/runners. All Freedom of Road Riders are invited to attend the seminars and the only cost to you would be hotel room (if needed) and Saturday banquet.

I hope I see you at Octoberfest and the toy run coming up. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the District Toy Run since I will be out of town. But I still have donations that will be included.

Nominations for officers will be done at the November meeting. We will need some volunteers because I need to concentrate on other positions for the next year and we still have open positions. We also need to send the CC Representative the final donation to meet out State obligation for 2023.

Continue to Pray for our country and our leaders, **Amy "Sunshine" Allmon**

Local 6 - St. Joseph (March 1982)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m. VFW Post #1668 at 821 N. 4th Street, St. Joseph, MO 64501

Contact: Dan Harmon 816-387-1095 or Newsletter: Editor Christine Bell queenbwitch@hotmail.com 913-645-1570

On September 10th there were 4 members who met up with ABATE of Kansas District 11 and rode out to Nortonville, Ks. to pay respects at the grave side of a fallen member.

On September 13 we had 16 members go to Bikefest at Bagnell Dam

On September 17 we had our monthly meeting with 27 members present. Our next meeting will be on October 15.

On September 23 we had 3 members ride out for a special grave side service in St. Joe. It was a placement of a military head stone for a veteran of the Mexican War, Pvt. Edward S. Raymond who served from 1884 - 1886.

On September 30 we had 37 people come to the Year End Hog Roast, had a beautiful evening with a huge bonfire and a stunning full moon.

On October 1 there were 3 members who joined up with the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association in Atchison, Ks. for a lunch ride to Rulo, Ne.

Sending our deepest condolences to Ronnie Gilbert on the loss of his mother who passed on September 23.

Christine



Local 7 – Lebanon (January 1983)

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.

T'S Redneck Restaurant in Lebanon, MO.

Contact: Donald Goertz 573-586-7271

Well, I missed the bug on band-aid ride on Oct. 1st Bert won he had a bug on his band-aid what he won I do not know but congratulations Bert. Myself and my daughter Angie rode to Milwaukee Wisconsin and seen the Harley factory and the Harley Museum. Also, the beach / light house and other things. Also, along the way we stopped in and visited with the American Pickers we got to meet some of them, good ride.

October 28th will be the Halloween bash at Buckhorn. Set up will be Friday evening and Saturday.

We had our monthly meeting October 1st we had a good turn-out 27 bodies were there. We talked about a lot settled on a little the only I can confirm at this time is the Halloween bash and our toy run which will be NOVEMBER 5TH at American Legion there will be a lot to eat and we can visit with friends we only see at the toy run. Kickstands up at 1:00 p.m. Come on down and ride with us.

Thats all I got for now, ride safe.

Sir Robert

Local 8 – Chillicothe (March 1986)

Meetings: (call for info - location varies)

Contact: 660-247-5713 or 660-973-3907

Facebook: FORR Local 8

Local 10 - Jefferson City (March 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Twin Bridges Bar & Grill 4205 Rt. CC, Jefferson City, MO

Contact: Pres. Kip Loveall 573-999-0005 or Secy. Julie

Loveall 573-645-7106 Treas. Jo Romano 573-514-0889

Safety. Gary Smith 573-424-4539

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® (FORR) Local 10

Local 11 - Southwest Missouri (February 1984)

Meetings: Please watch posts on our Facebook page for meeting dates as they may change due to scheduling conflicts

Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1321 S. Main, NW Door, Joplin MO

Contact: President - Mike Mort @ (417) 396-3691 or

Vice President – Shawn Pilcher (497) 200-2495

Facebook – Freedom of the Road Riders Local 11

Happy Fall Ya'll!

Hard to believe we are already into October!

There are still some events for several locals coming up. Be sure to check them out and support as you can. Local 11 has our Food and Toy drive on November 4th. You can find events and meeting information on the public page.

Get out and ride in this beautiful weather while it lasts. Hope to see some of you soon! Much love from Loco 11!

Brandy



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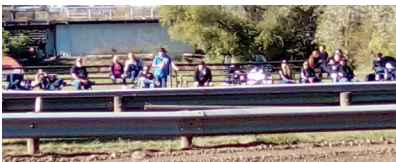
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Local 12 – Glasgow (April 1994)

Meetings: 2nd Sunday @ 3:00 P.M. Location Varies Times may vary for special circumstances...check Local 12's Facebook page for exact times.

Upcoming meetings: Oct. 14 Jay and Patti's and
Nov. 12 The Dobbins in Slater Contact Tami Adcock
660-631-6530 Susan McDaniel 660-631-6024
Facebook Freedom of Road Riders Local 12

Hey Local 12: Our last meeting was held at Johnnie and Laura's, with 20 members present. Laura's name was drawn for the incentive pot. She returned her winnings to the pot. It was great to have Boz at the meeting. Looking good Boz! Another Firecracker Classic is in the books. It was a great rally despite the rain on Saturday. We had a good turnout with several locals represented, including local 35 and local 14. We want to thank local 13 for providing the security. Those guys were great! And thanks to all the local 12 members for all of the work before, during and after the rally. We also want to thank all of our sponsors and Beckett's for providing the beer garden. And thanks to both bands. They were awesome. Also, thanks Tony Knoll for bringing your tractor to move the tables. We had a lot of door prize winners at the rally. Jim Hayworth won \$240 in the incentive drawing. And our local 12 president, Johnnie Adcock, took home \$75 dollars with the high hand in the poker run. The poker run was a good success with 28 bikes.

Unfortunately, most of the biker games had to be cancelled due to weather with one exception...we awarded the slow race to Boz Lanning because we knew he would have won it.

Till next time.. keep riding and keep safe.

Patti B

Local 13 – Mexico (January 1987)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 pm

For Meeting info or Membership

Call: President Chad "Dump Truck" Gardner @ 573-253-8742 Or Terra Hanon @ 573-721-7211

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders® Local 13

Local 14 – Independence (September 1989)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

VFW Post 4052 - 3109 Franklin Ave, Lexington, MO 64067

Contact: Donna Hilburn 816-665-7243

Facebook: FORR® Local 14

Hello brothers and sister, Hope everyone is safe and well. Summer is over and fall is here. Be safe out there! Pool tournament is Oct 28. sign in is 5:00 to 6:00pm, starts at 6pm, held at The Hideaway Bar & Grill, 68 SE 180th Rd. Warrensburg MO 64093..... Halloween Costumes are optional.....flyer is out.

L14 is getting ready on our annual Christmas party as well, Dec 2nd.

Our next meeting is October 15. Be safe out there!!!!!!!

Steph "Puff" Foulks

Local 15 – Branson / Tri-Lakes (May 1991)

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.

Call for information Contact: Cyndi Barker 417-339-1679

Facebook: FORR Local #15

Local 16 – SEMO (December 1984)

Meetings: Call for Information

Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or George 573-270-7494

E-mail: forrlocal16@gmail.com

Facebook: FORR Local 16

No, I did not 'forget' to submit a newsletter last month. There were simply forces outside of my control conspiring against my efforts to do so. It was a long holiday weekend! My tractor decided it hated me! Drake ate my draft! My grandmother was rushed to the hospital (they saved the baby!) I had a flat tire! It was too hot! There was a fire! (**Continued on next page**)



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(Continued from previous page) It was raining! There was a flood! There was a blizzard! I was abducted by aliens! I had COVID! IT WASN'T MY FAULT! - The good news is Local 16 carries on regardless of my personal hardships/ shortcomings.

Cathy is in the process of making some rather unique 'flags' for the annual Capture the Flag Competition. They should be ready for next year's competition and could possibly be unveiled at the FEW Seminar. Believe me, once you see them, you will have to have one and that is all I will say about that.

Our next event will be the annual Toy Run on Sunday November 5th at the Cape Eagles. Sign – in from 12pm – 1pm, Ride leaves at 1pm. Admission is (at least) one toy & one non-perishable food item.

Our annual Christmas Dance will be at the Perryville VFW. The doors will open at 7pm, the band "Still Standing" will play 8-12. As in previous years, there will be plenty of fun and prizes to go around. There will be an 'Americana' theme flag giveaway, the tickets should be available by the Toy Run. Bri will be putting together one, (at least), of her signature wreaths. Mike has donated a .40 cal. Smith & Wesson Auto that will be available in a 52 card format giveaway to those in attendance. There will be a giveaway for 300 Win Mag Rifle. Tickets should be available for the rifle in time for the Toy Run. And, of course, you will have to pass the usual background check to obtain either the pistol or the rifle.

Thanks to all within Local 16 that make it all happen so we can continue to fight the good fight. And special thanks to George for going the extra mile(s) to represent Local 16 and keep Local 16 informed and educated.

Local 16 meetings are scheduled for 7pm at the West End Tavern and Grocery in Frohna on the 4th Friday of the month.

With respect to all,
Martin King of Pocahontas

P.S. (I lied about having had the COVID)

Local 20 – Dexter (September 1985)

Meetings: Last Saturday @ 2PM

The Tin Can 24 N. Locust St., Dexter, MO

Contact: Robert Reif Jr 573-421-4780 / rreifjr@bpsnetworks.com

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 20 Dexter

Greetings Local 20,

Sorry it's been a while since I've had a chance to write a newsletter. I have been laid up after having surgery and had to go thru Rehab. Now that I'm out and about I'll try to get everyone caught up. On Sept 30 after our Monthly meeting the Local put on a Medical Expense Benefit with food and a Silent Auction for 2 members that are having medical issues with the expenses. We didn't have a great turnout but good enough to help out the members out some.

At our next meeting on October 28 the local will be having nominations for Local 20 officers. We also be setting a date and place for our annual Christmas Party. We are also looking for a new meeting place because we are getting some younger members and the places that we are now holding our meeting are not real, happy about allowing these younger members in after a certain time and with some of our events they last longer than they are allowed. So, during your outings keep a eye out for a decent place that we can keep up so we can hold our meetings and our events, we cannot afford a whole lot per month.

So please, everyone stay safe in your travels an hopefully we will see you at our next meeting in November, we'll let everyone know the date cuz next month has Thanksgiving and we will have to move the meeting to another Saturday. Till we meet again Ride Safe and keep it between the Ditches. **RRR**

Local 24 - St. Louis (October 1986 / Closed 2006 – reinstated January 2009)

Meetings: 2nd Wed @ 7 p.m.

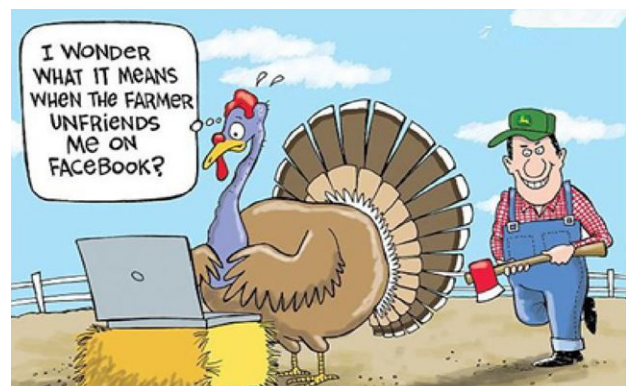
Amore Pizza 450 Rue St., St. Francois, Florissant, MO

Contact: Kerri Lewis 314-546-1624

Greetings. Nominations for 24's cabinet will have just happened by the time you will have read these words. We here at 24 really appreciate all that our mostly unchanging cabinet members do. Thank you all for your hard and relentless work!

Summer has ended and I anticipate what, second only to spring, I think is the greatest time to ride. The cool weather and changing of the leaves can be breathetaking out in the boonies. Go ride when you can! Terra and I do!

The Rat Run was last weekend. I'm enclosing a few pics of some older machines that I saw at Shirley's. An unknown year stunningly beautiful FLH Shovelhead, **(Continued on next page)**



(Continued from previous page) Unknown year "45 Trike, and a 1941 Indian Scout of which I had the pleasure of meeting the man that owns it and got to hear/smell it run. It's times like these that I just wanna KICK myself for letting those old bikes go...

I don't have much to report on behalf of our local. So here is another installment of TALES FROM THE ROAD.....

It was about 2003. A January morning. Temperature of about 26 degrees. I lived in St. Charles. I worked at a transmission shop in North St. Louis County. I had a perfectly good little hot rod 1978 El Camino that made really good heat. But of course, I rode my 1979 FLH. Her name was Gladys. After all I was only 41 years old. A mere pup! Back in those days, I rode whenever possible. Now I ride when I can. Anyway, as I was saying... I managed the shop and was the guy that built all of the transmissions. So, while the owner of the company was slobbering on his pillow, I was opening the shop. In the same parking lot was a Jiffy Lube. The two store fronts faced one another. I rolled up on Gladys and as I was looking down at the pavement putting down the kickstand, a voice behind me said, "I guess you think you're some kind of bad ass riding that motorcycle in this weather!" I turned to look and see what kind of a jerk would say such a thing to such a hardcore MF'er such as myself. Standing in front of the Jiffy Lube was a tall thin old dude smiling. I smiled back and we walked towards each other and shook hands. Now this was a pretty long time ago and I'm sure I won't get all of the facts right but it'll be pretty close and there were only two people there and I'm pretty sure this old timer is dead by now so you'll just have to take my word on the following account. He walked straight to my bike and gave her a look over. He said that it looked like it gets ridden hard and put away wet. Pointed out some questionable wiring... I immediately informed him of course that he was pointing out roadside repairs and that as long as they hold up, they're gonna stay. (pride) The man obviously knew what he was looking at. He told me that he was, I think, 88 years old. A spry son of a gun this man was. He then went on to tell me about his 1950 Panhead. Ah, the glimmer in this man's eye whilst talking about his beloved Panhead... He bought it brand new in '50. Had it when he met his wife. Still has it, he says. The wife told him about 6 or 7 years ago that it was time to get off of that bike and sell it. You're too old to ride she said. So, did he? Hell no! That was when he put a side car on it. But now even the doctor agrees. It's time to stop riding the Pan. Damn, it hurt to see and hear this guy saying this. So of course, I tried to buy it. Nope, not for sale. About this time, his truck was done at the Jiffy Lube. We said goodbye and shook hands. What a man. I think of him often. Especially around this time of the year. I only can hope that I can do as much...

WATCH OUT FOR THE 4 WHEELED CELL PHONE LOVING MULTI TASKING IDIOTS. REMEMBER, YOU ARE INVISIBLE TO MOST CAGERS THAT ARE ON THE ROAD WITH US.

Rob & Terra



Local 25 - St. Charles County (November 1986)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:00 p.m. St Charles Music House

Contact: Casey Singleton 660-924-1693

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 25

Welcome to Fall!!! I didn't make the last meeting as I was in Pennsylvania with Amy at the Meeting of the Minds. I have to say, I recommend that everyone go to at least one of these. It was very informative, as well as fun. I met a lot of great people. With that being said, I want to remind everyone that next year's MOTM will be in St. Louis, Sept. 19-23, 2024. We will need all the help our FORR family can provide. And we need to work on raising as much money as we can for this event, it ain't cheap to put on one of these conferences, so we need all the help we can get there too.

I heard that the plans were finalized for the Leaves in the Breeze poker run, and all stops have volunteers!!!! WOO HOO!! Great job everybody!! I also understand that had Artie Doerr been at the meeting, his pockets would have been a little fuller. Better Luck next month!! By the time this comes out the poker run will be done or close to it, hopefully a good time will be had by all. Next will be the pool tournament, still working on baskets, if you need to get ahold of me, send me a message in fb or telegram or just call or text 636-384-6940.

Just got back from a Spyder Rally in Oklahoma, it is a fun little rally with great people. The roads are beautiful, and they plan lots of nice rides, that you can go with the group or on your own, whatever makes you more comfortable. We had a good time and Dave is getting more comfortable on his Spyder.

Well until next month, enjoy all the riding days you can before it gets too cold!!!

Later, **Emily**

Local 26 – Maryville (February 1990)

Meetings: 1st Tuesday @ 6p.m.

Breaktime @ 1517 E. 1st St., Maryville, MO

Contact: Kathy Rice 660-582-1742

Facebook: Local 26 Freedom of Road Rider

I think the way to summarize this riding season is that it's been a year of new experiences.

We visited new places to eat in our 60-mile radius of Maryville. Some of them were great, others not so much. I can honestly say we traveled new roads and took routes to destinations which I had not traveled before. GPS is a wonderful thing.

We tried new things such as the gun giveaway which allowed Local 26 to have money to contribute to the Central Committee. A big thanks to Al and Phyllis Mott who ran this endeavor for us.

A big thanks to the faithful who show up to our Tuesday night Eat N Rides. You're the glue which keeps us together. And thanks to the new people who have joined us for one or more rides this summer. It's great to see new faces and share our love of riding and eating.

We also tried Saturday informal rides to new destinations plus our favorite, the Freedom Rock® by Greenfield, IA. We scheduled one or two a month through the summer.

Unpredictable weather or should I say predictable rain hampered several of our rides.

Finally, this fall and the photos. The large group, over 33 motorcyclists, is our last September Tuesday ride to El Rey Papi's in Stanberry. There are El Rey Papi's in Stanberry, Savannah and King City. If you're up our way, try them out. We've had great numbers, over 20 for each ride in September.

The other group photo is our Saturday morning breakfast ride to Toot Toots in Bethany, October 1. It was a great idea and a pleasant change from riding home in the dark. Again, thanks to the Motts and Angela McIntyre for the suggestion. We're going to try more of these rides

The final photo is our Vice President Milt Sovereign, October 3, celebrating with us for his 85th birthday. We went to Junction Cafe in Bedford, IA and they served him their "world-famous" strawberry shortcake for his birthday. He said we're making a tradition of this since his 80th birthday was spent with us at Junction Cafe. We're looking forward to many more.

Respectfully submitted, *Kathryn Rice, Local 26 president*

**Local 28 – Waynesville** (March 1990)

Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.

Pulaski Shriners Club.

Contact: President Mike "Bama" Roser, VP Wes "Yeti" Ellzey, Sec./Treasurer Mayra Preble 573-765-5309

Membership Marta Bruno, CC/Freedom Press Merel Johnson, Shrine Club 573-774-5454

Facebook: Local 28 Freedom of Road Riders

Local 29 - Kansas City North (February 1988)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.

Boozers Bar, 1100 State Highway B, Liberty, MO 64068

Contact: Nancy Martin 816-309-2566 or Paul McCormack 816-560-5359

Facebook: FORR Local 29

Local 30 - Springfield / Nixa (January 2007)

Meetings: 3rd Thursday Starting promptly @ 7 p.m.

Foxhole Bar and Grill 2350 N. Clifton Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

Contact: President – David Hall 417-241-1230 or Vice President – Brandon Barber 417-837-9001

Facebook: FORR Local 30 Springfield/Nixa MO

Local 31 - Central Missouri (December 1990)

Meetings: 2nd Thursday @ 7p.m.

Check Facebook for meeting location or call

Mike Thompson 12080 County Rd. 8010 Rolla, MO 65401; Debra John, 573-647-0129

Facebook: Local 31 Central MO

Local 33 - Hwy. 50 West (March 1999)

Meetings: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 1:00 pm

Location: AM Vets on Hwy. 50 just East of Knob Noster, MO

President: Roy Hoard 660-527-3395

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders Local 33

Hey FORR Family, we are now into November and still been having pretty good riding weather. Some of our October weather was similar to August weather...hot and humid. Octoberfest was probably the warmest it has been for years.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 7PM - 11PM Celebration of Life for Ronny 'Rock' Palmer Public - Event by Melissa Palmer and Raymond Palmer. This is being held at I.C. Billiards 2022, 121 N Hickman, Centralia, MO 65240

What to Expect- We will be celebrating the life of Ronny 'Rock' Palmer. Disengaged Band will be playing from 8PM - 11PM. Come have a PBR for Rock! Facebook has the post on it for this, so let them know if you are able to attend.

A Memorial ride will be planned in the beginning of the summer of 2024 for Rock Palmer.

I still have "In Memory of" patches for Rock Palmer. If anyone wants one, please get in touch with me. If we have any left, Cowboy will bring some to the November CC Meeting.

November 5, 2023, Local 33 has their Toy Run. Meet at AmVets at 12:00 noon and bring 1 gift for a boy and 1 gift for a girl.

Thanksgiving is this month, and I am thankful for many things including Family and weather for Motorcycle Rides

What 's the most musical part of the turkey? The drumsticks Ba dump Ba...

As always, Ride a lot, Be safe and Enjoy the wind in your face!

Karen 'Susie Q' Ryan - News Editor

Local 35 - Golden Valley (July 1996)

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 2 p.m.

Eagles, 723 N. 3rd St., Clinton, MO

Contact: President David Roberts Nelson 660-492-7493

Facebook: Freedom of Road Riders ® Local 35

Hello 35 and all Freedom of Road Riders! The year is still flying by! Be November before we know it! Crazy! Hope everyone had a great time at the District 4 Octoberfest Rally in Grain Valley! Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to put it all together!

Had a few Local 35 members capture Local 12's flag at the Firecracker Classic Rally in Glasgow Mo back in September!


Local 35 would like to welcome our new member, Mike Walker! Looking forward to getting to know ya!

We are planning our Local 35 Christmas party December 3rd at the Eagles in Clinton Mo. We will start setting up at 3:30pm and eat at 5:00pm. This will also be our November monthly meeting and our Election of officers will also be the same evening.

Once we get the buisness out of the way we will enjoy some great food, drinks **(Continued on next page)**

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If you have any questions, please call President David Nelson at 660-492-7493 or myself V.P Rod Huff at 660-233-9944!

Happy November Birthday's to Jennifer Nelson, Leslie Koller, and also, to my lovely wife Angie Huff! Hope you all had a great day!!!

The money in the Incentive pot for our next meeting will be going up! Wes lams your name was drawn but you missed out on winning some cash at our September meeting!

Well, everyone that's all I have for now! Please be careful out there and I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Free, ***Rod ***



Local 41 - Cameron Crossroads (January 2002)

Meetings: 1st Thursday @ 7 p.m. @ Dino's Diner
Contact: Steve Gallus 816-449-0876 or Mike Sims 660-425-8340
Facebook: FORR® Local 41

Hello, fellow Bikers!

Had to get this newsletter to Rebel before our meeting. The weather is changing to that Fall stuff that tells us to get where you are going before the sun sets. We have had some great days for riding. I have taken advantage of those days. Homecoming was great, just a little hot. Got a couple of things the local has to discuss at your meeting. Otherwise, there's not much going on.

Short letter, so till next letter.

RIDE SAFE AND RIDE FREE

Later, **Steve G.**

Local 42 - Franklin County (July 1999)

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 10 a.m.
Roadhouse 100
2763 Hwy. 100, Gray Summit, MO
Contact: President, LaDonna Miller 636-259-6194
or Gary Piontek 636-288-6136
Facebook: F.O.R.R. LOCAL 42 FRANKLIN CO.



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If a Local, District or Freedom Rally is more than 3 months behind then they cannot vote on the CC floor.



Hey all you Freedom Lovers,

My favorite event is coming up this weekend and we have been getting everything ready for District 4 Octoberfest. This was Rebel and my first FORR event and where we joined back in 1992. We were told that it is the best party in the Kansas City area, by OX, and that we just had to be there. It's hard to believe it's been over 30 years ago, but like they say time sure fly's by when you're having fun. We have met some of the best people and made lifelong friends over the years, and sadly we have lost some good friends along the way, including OX. But we keep pushin on because it is just so much fun. We have been a part of planning this event for at least 25 of those years starting in 1994 when Indiana (aka Larry Barnhart) talked me into being Local 1's district rep. So if you didn't make it this year be sure to look for pictures in this or the next issue.

District 4 toy run will be the first Sunday in November, 11-5. Starting at Local 5's meeting place, VFW Post 1829, where they will feed us breakfast before we start on the run to the Sunshine Center where they will feed us lunch. We will be watching the KC Chiefs play in Germany that morning starting at 8:30am while eating breakfast. Kickstands up at noon so we should be able to watch the whole game before leaving.

As I always say
Keep Pushin On

*Tim "Dragon" O'Connor
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Motorcyclist Advisory Council Being Established!



Monday morning, after nearly two years of delay, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the initial steps to establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). In November of 2021, Congress passed, and President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Included in the law was reformation of the MAC.

The MAC will coordinate with and advise the Secretary of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including motorcycle and motorcyclist safety; barrier and road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

As stated in the announcement, "The MAC seeks to have a fairly balanced membership with expertise in motorcycle and motorcyclist safety, highway engineering, and safety analysis." Of the 13 seats open on the MAC, "One shall be a representative of a national motorcyclist foundation." The Motorcycle Riders Foundation looks forward to putting qualified candidates forward to fill not only this designated seat but other seats on the board as well.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2023. If you would like to read more about the MAC, its mission, and its membership click here to read the full announcement from the Federal Register.

The MRF would like to thank all lawmakers in Washington D.C. who fought for the creation and establishment of the MAC. Special thanks to the 13 Members of the House of Representatives who sent this letter to USDOT in May.

The MRF will share more news on the MAC, its membership, future hearings, and findings in the coming months.

As always Ride Safe and Ride Free!



*Amy Allmon
&
Emily Smith*

*pictured
at this years*

*Meeting
of
the Minds*

Well, Emily and I have returned from the 2023 Meeting of the Minds in Harrisburg, PA. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has made a few adjustments to their membership options adding an auto-renewals on annual memberships. As the host for the 2024 Meeting of the Minds, we need to increase our members to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. We are also adding a Meeting of the Minds 2024 committee meeting to the Saturday agenda prior to CC meetings. I need firm commitments of volunteers for the event, September 19-23, 2024 in St Louis Renaissance Hotel. I know sometimes stuff happens but I will need 30-50 folks to work the hospitality room, registration, auction and timekeepers/runners. All Freedom of Road Riders are invited to attend the seminars and the only cost to you would be hotel room (if needed) and Saturday banquet.

Have you been following Facebook? Did you notice that BMW has halted ALL sales of new and used motorcycles as well as parts and repairs for Internal Combustion Engines. They will now only have electric bikes. The goal is to remove ALL motorcycles from road usage and this is just the beginning. We need your help and support. Go to [MRF.org/federal-legislative-issues](https://www.mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues). Send letters to your Senators to support the Internal Combustion Engine S. 2090. Fight for your right to repair support HR 906. Scroll down and input your name and address and the software will send letters to your Representatives and Senators. If you have questions contact me, Kat Fox, Chris McCurley or our new MRF assistant rep Emily Smith from Local 25.

If you are an Independent Motorcycle Repair/customization shop the MRF now has the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Network that focuses on independent dealers and custom bike builders that are critical to industry. Please join the Network and share with your local shops.

We must remain vigilant regarding our rights.

*Amy Allmon
MRF Missouri State Rep*

Animals Tracks

A little something to think about...



The Central Committee Meeting

All forms used by Freedom of Road Riders®, Inc., for its business, such as sign-in sheets, petitions, surveys, printed giveaway tickets, etc., should contain at least one of the following printed boldly in the letterhead and displayed boldly and un-obscured on the form somewhere: (1) FORR®, (2) Freedom of Road Riders®, or (3) the Winged Wheel logo. These forms should be used only for the organization business. These forms shall not be used in conjunction with any other organization for promoting their events, unless FORR® is co-sponsor of said event. In order to protect people's privacy any names or addresses collected on any of these forms shall not be used as a means of a mailing list. *(Adopted July 2003)*

The Treasurer will prepare a report comparing the proposed budget to actual income and expenses at each Central Committee Meeting. *(Adopted January 2001)*

The Treasurer shall maintain the custom of displaying a chart of Local donations at each Central Committee meeting. *(Adopted November 1997)*

The minutes of the Central Committee meetings will be published on plain paper in The Freedom Press. *(Adopted July 1997)*

The legislative report may be withheld upon request. *(Adopted November 2005)*

Central Committee Representatives' names and addresses may be sent to each CC Representative upon request. *(Adopted January 1997)*

Each Central Committee meeting is limited to four (4) hours, holding as much as possible to the published agenda, and keeping the announcements outside the meeting time. *(Adopted July 1996)*

FORR®, Inc. severed all ties with NCOM and AIM, and will not align itself with any legal service of that type in any way. *(Adopted July 1995/ Revised September 1996)*



The Price of Apathy

by Mark Buckner

Executive Director, Motorcycle Riders Foundation

As patriotic Americans, we often talk about the price of freedom. We talk about the sacrifices required to protect our rights and about those who came before us, people of integrity who oftentimes gave everything they had in pursuit of an ideal; of a country and a way of life where our children and grandchildren can grow up proud to be Americans, unapologetically embracing a system of government that many other people in the world would love to have. We talk about our service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, and we are thankful to live in a country that allows us to live our lives as we

please, to enjoy the freedom provided by our Constitution, to be able to participate in what laws are passed and which ones aren't, and to teach our values to future generations.

In the motorcyclists' rights world, we also talk about guarding against undue government intrusion into our lives and warn against the influence of mainstream media propaganda aimed at tearing down some of our most basic and cherished beliefs. When you get right down to it, that's why the motorcyclists' rights movement exists. It's where we started and why we still fight for our rights at every turn. As past MRF President Karen Bolin once said, "We're in the freedom business."

Now consider the price of apathy, of seeing what's around us, knowing that some of what's happening is wrong, and doing nothing. Doing nothing, of course, is taking the easy way out. In many cases it's the old 'not in my backyard' philosophy of 'If it doesn't affect me directly, why should I worry about it?'

The challenges facing motorcycling today are among the most serious ever, and those challenges are – like it or not - in everyone's backyard. The MRF and our partners in state motorcyclists' rights organizations are fighting for the right to repair our own bikes, without being forced to have services that we could easily manage ourselves be performed by dealerships charging exorbitant rates. We're fighting to protect consumer choice through a strong aftermarket, ensuring that we have access to the vast number of options on parts the aftermarket gives us, parts that are many times better and cheaper than what we'd get from the OEMs. We're fighting to keep unsafe software being used in autonomous, self-driving cars and trucks from being tested on our nation's roadways and killing bikers in the process. We're fighting to keep our ability to buy fuel that won't destroy our engines, as will be the case if gasoline with 15% ethanol becomes our only choice. We're fighting to preserve internal combustion engines, rather than being forced to buy electric vehicles at a time when neither the battery technology nor a sufficient charging infrastructure to support such vehicles is in place. We're fighting to prevent unfair profiling of motorcycle riders. And the list goes on.

So, what price apathy? A riding public that chooses to ignore the threats to motorcycling while sitting idly by, expecting others to do the hard work of protecting our rights and our lifestyle, is arguably the biggest threat we face. Ask yourself: Should we, through our actions, control our own destiny? Forge our own futures? Or should we sit back, foolishly believing that the government knows best how we should run our lives and hoping for the best. There are roughly 8 million registered motorcyclists in America. If even a small percentage of that group were to join with the MRF and our partners in our mission to preserve motorcycling, imagine what we could do. Then imagine what will happen if the vast majority of those 8 million riders choose to do nothing.

Since 1987, there's only been one organization exclusively devoted to protecting the rights and lifestyle of street riding motorcyclists in the halls of Congress, and that's the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. To those of you who are already members of FORR and the MRF, thank you. You've already proven that you're committed to helping protect and preserve motorcycling. That said, we still need your help.

All of us have friends who are not members. **If you're not an MRF member, please help us by joining. If you're already a member, please renew your membership each year, and of equal importance, please sign up one of your friends as a new MRF member.**

The price of apathy is the loss of freedom, an open invitation to tyranny, and – without a strong MRF - could well be the end of motorcycling as we know it.

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- 4 / L11 - Food Drive
- 5 / Dist 4 - Toy Run
- 5 / L15 - Motorcycle Run
- 5 / L7 - Toy Run
- 18 / L25 - Pool Tournament

DECEMBER

- 1 / L16 - Christmas Dance
- 2 / L14 - Christmas Party & Silent Auction
- 4 / L11 - Food Drive,

District 4 Toy Run 2023

Date: November 5th 2023

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