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Greeting fellow FREEDOM fighters,

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the membership on behalf of myself and your new cabinet, for your vote of confidence in us to lead alongside the membership, this great organization into 2014/2015.

The primary agenda of this new cabinet is to do our very best to get ALL of the members more fired up and involved in the process of Fighting for our rights and safety.

We seem to have all gotten bogged down in writing new bylaws and policies and procedures in an effort to minimize drama in the organization. In doing so, many members I fear have lost site of the reason we are all joined together here. That reason is clearly stated in our preamble.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO GUARD THE RIGHTS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS; TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF LAWS THAT WILL HELP OR HINDER THEM AS MOTORCYCLISTS; TO PROMOTE SAFETY, RIDER EDUCATION, BROTHERHOOD AND FREEDOM FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS.

I plan to do my very best to attend each of your local meetings at least once in the coming years, to work WITH every member in ways to get this train back on the tracks that have been built by so many passionate folks that have sacrificed blood, sweat, tears and so much of their personal lives in an effort to keep our way of life alive.

There are so many brilliant minds in this organization, from the oldest members to the newest members. And I truly believe that with us all working TOGETHER, we can come up with a lot of ways to get each other more involved and prove to be more fruitful in all of our efforts listed in our preamble.

I realize and respect that everyone has joined this organization for their own reasons, whether it be your rights and safety, Brotherhood, you had nothing else to do, or you thought this was a charity organization. Every single member is an asset and is needed to keep our way of life a reality.

Charity starts at home, and if we are not putting on events or focusing our efforts on ourselves to fund what we were founded to do, we will steadily wither away. As I said in the beginning of this letter our primary agenda is to get us all more involved. Through such things as: legislative fundraisers to help facilitate and ease personal and financial burdens for our members to be able to attend orchestrated lobby day efforts and seminars to further our knowledge and strengthen our resolve; donating to our own state PAC Fund so the organization has the funds to keep us moving forward stronger ; and by stopping every stranger you may see on a bike or in a grocery store to inform them of the real ongoing fight we are at the forefront of everyday on their behalf, and signing them up to be a part of it. We WILL propel ourselves into the future as a much stronger unit and show the world we truly care about our rights and who we are.

I, like so many amazing people with great minds before me, have stepped up to do this job because we all believe in what Freedom of Road Riders stands for. Won't you come out of the shadows, step up too, along side of us and lets get this thing done TOGETHER!

Bill "Treetop" Duncan
Chairman Freedom of Road Riders

LOCAL 1 - WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 5765, 9642 Old Hwy 40, Odessa 64076****Contact: Rebel 816-850-4511 or Dallas 816-690-4200**

Hello all,

Rebel here.... looks like I'm back in the saddle, while Mel takes some much needed R&R.

Hope all of you are staying warm out there - we've had a few real nice days, but lately those are few and far between. Man, I'm already ready for spring.... As I type they are saying we are expecting snow today and tonight..... oh, hooray.

Local 1 is doing well, as always, not much to report on there. We do have a few new officers adjusting into their new positions. (Especially Me!) Thank you to all of them for stepping up when needed.

I want to personally give a big welcome to our new Local 9 in Kearney! Great to have you!

District 4 is having our annual "Crockpot Cookoff" on January 18th. It's in a new location this year. The new AM Vets in Knob Noster off of 50 Hwy. I know it's quite a drive for you District 4 folks, but the food is definitely worth it! For more info check out the flyer in the January Freedom Press.

Not much more to mention for this month. So have a good one - then have another!

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

LOCAL 3 - TRUMAN LAKE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1:30 p.m.****VFW Post 4197, Rt Tt, Osceola, MO****Contact: President: Dean Singleton 417-808-0286 or****Vice-President: Myron Duskin 417-309-0423**

Howdy Local #3,

This is a lil informal but I being new to the position will get better at this. By the time most of you will have read this Christmas and New Years will have past as well as our Local #3 new year ride which went well, cold but well. I hope everyone had a great holiday this year.

At the meeting we went over our usual highlights and discussed future fundraisers and rides to come. Not too much other then we all decided to try and make it to the Garrison funeral as they had requested a motorcycle procession to lead the hearse. Other highlights included a shout out to Ray and Darla for their efforts to help a family for Christmas, several of the local members pitched in on their own also. If I have missed anything please feel free to let me know and I'll do my best.

Ride Hard or Stay Home
Turk

LOCAL 5 - SOUTH KANSAS CITY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 1829 at 5904 Crystal in KCMO.****Contact: 816-454-9470 or the VFW Post 816-921-2222**

Greetings,

Officially, Rebecca Hanzek is the Activities Chairperson and I will remain the Legislative Chairperson. Shelly and Dale complete the cabinet. We are going to rely on the Dist. 4 reps and all Locals in the District to help pull off Octoberfest.

Trips to Jefferson City will be Feb. 18 and March 5, 2014. I will NEED 25 or more people to commit to ride in order to get a large bus and then the only excuse for not showing would be death. If 10-15 commit then we can rent a van, less than that we will carpool.

Try to attend events happening around the State so check out your calendar of events and plan to support other Local events.

The Happy Birthday Doug Cornett, February 15, PJ Phelps, February 17, and Liz Doolittle, February 27. Doug & Cindy Cornett have an

anniversary February 19

Go meet our local go to: forrlocal5@shutterfly.com. It includes a calendar of coming events and photos of members and events. Steve Fifer is our webmaster and you can send him photos and event dates by emailing him: Sbfifer1@yahoo.com.

If you have any info to include or suggestions for the newsletter just drop me a line aallmon@kc.rr.com or 816-536-1647.

Abide!

LOCAL 6 - ST. JOSEPH**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 12:30 p.m.****American Tavern, 1001 N 3rd St, North End of St Joe****Dan Harmon 816-387-1095**

As I write this the snow is blowing and it is beyond bitter cold outside. Hopefully everyone is staying warm and safe. Everyone I have talked with lately has PMS... parked motorcycle syndrome. Spring can't get here fast enough. I know of at least one member that got a motorcycle for Christmas. Dennis Petty was high enough on the nice list to receive a 1989 Sportster 883. Congrats to him.

Our December meeting brought new member Martin Ray. Welcome Martin.

Memorial patches for Brother Jesse Trump are available for free thanks to 'Big John' Eidenshink. If you haven't got one, see Dan Harmon.

We need our members to be on the lookout for a place to hold our winter bike show. The Elwood Community Center has more than tripled the cost for the use of the building. The new place will need to be big enough to hold at least 50 bikes and have a door wide enough to get the bikes in. A kitchen would be nice but not necessary. Contact Dan Harmon or Jim Cross if you know of a building

Our 2014 Local 6 Officers are as follows:

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Newsletter – Sheila Etherton

District Representative – Tim Etherton

Our calendar is pretty bare for this month. Our meeting will be February 16th at the American Tavern at 12:30. Hope to see everyone there. Till then hunker down and wait out the winter. Let me know if anything is going on out there. sheethrn@yahoo.com or local6forr@yahoo.com, (816)284-9653

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LOCAL 7 - LEBANON

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ 4 p.m.
Ollie's, 12940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536
Contact: Robert 417-426-5627

Well it being December there wasn't a whole lot of riding going on but it started out nice. The first Sunday of December the temp was in the 60's. I rode to Springfield. Now most years I would of rode in the Springfield Toy Run but this year they scheduled it on the 2nd weekend and the weather was so bad it was cancelled. Well it is winter time and there has been little or no riding to report. But Guy found a day to ride to Bourbon (a 250 mile ride) to shake off the winter blues. Beaver got to spend time with son Tyler who is back in the states from Afghanistan.

This past year Local #7 members lost loved ones, we will always remember them. And now we look toward the New Year with anticipation that this will bring everyone a better year.

Remember spring isn't far off. Usually some of us from the Local make it to the Leather & Lace event held by Local 30. Hopefully we will be there again this year. Next event is the Freeze Yer Buns Run held every year the first Sunday in March, details next newsletter.

That's all
 Ride on: Geezer

LOCAL 8 - CHILLICOTHE

Meetings: 1st Sunday @ Noon. Carry-in Dinner, 1 p.m.
(call for info - location varies)
Contact: 660-646-4197 or 660-646-8905

Greetings from Local 8:

BRRRRRRRRRRRRR! Just back from our monthly meeting. 14 brave souls faced the cold. Too bad more people couldn't be there to vote on the location of Spring Fling. We had a 1 vote difference for Peanut Barrel. So it will be the same as the last two years.

Our officers for this year are as follows:
 President Pete Wooden. Vice President Glenda Ely. Secretary Meredith Alexander. Treasure Glenda Ely. Treasure and Membership Glenda Ely. Legislative and CC rep. Layne Shady. Alt. Leg. Jeremy Romsburger. Alt. CC Louise Reasoner. District. Meredith Alexander. District Alt. Misty Shady. Sergeant at Arms Layne and Misty Shady and Ronnie and Michele King. Road Captains Mark Brown and Layne Shady. Product Line Misty Shady. Historian Lorie Brown. Safety Carl Hanes.

We will have Spring Fling committee meetings at 11 a.m. before each regular meeting. Any one wanting to help make decisions about this event show up and give their input.

Our Cabin Fever Party will be on March 22 at Minsters. This is a great time to unwind and get over the winter blues. I think everyone will need that this year.

Keeping Warm,.
 Foxy Gma



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LOCAL 9 - KEARNEY

Meetings: 4th Tuesday @ 7 pm
Meeting locations vary - call for info
Contact: Rob Hull 816-550-8162

First things first! There was an in the last newsletter. Kathi Brundage was mistakenly left off the list of officers and representatives so I'd like to personally apologize and recognize her as our Historian. She will be documenting our Local and our events. Sorry about that Kathi!

During December we delivered Christmas presents to a family in need, dropped off more than 2,600 cookies to over 400 Veterans, delivered meals to 6 families, and wrapped approximately 30 presents.

Great job coming together as a local to reach out to our communities!

On top of that flurry of activity, we voted on and had patches made for our local, celebrated a birthday together, met members of Locals 29 and 47, helped raise money for the Garrison family, and still had our individual holiday gatherings with our families.

Whew! What a month!

Upcoming Events

January 10: Legislative Meeting (Jefferson City)

January 11: F.E.W. Meeting (Jefferson City)

January 12: F.E.W. Meeting (Columbia)

January 14: District 4 Meeting (Bates City)

January 28: Monthly Meeting (Rob's house)

February (Date TBD): Pool Tournament (FatBoyz, Kearney)

April 29: Motorcycle Awareness and You Rally

September 25-28: Meeting of the Minds



LOCAL 10 - JEFFERSON CITY

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
Twin Bridges Bar & Grill, 3 Miles South of Jefferson City on Hwy 54 & Junction CC
Contact: Dale Thomas 573-694-0074 or Denise Taylor 573-353-4127

It has been awhile since I have been able to put something in the Freedom Press because I have had major computer problems, switching between my desktop and Dale's laptop. Naturally we don't have the same operating system or programs. I will do my best to make the situation work until I can either get a new desktop or this one totally refurbished! WITH THAT BEING SAID - PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING DATE AND TIME BACK TO THE THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. SAME PLACE! THIS WILL START WITH OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!

Since we had to reschedule our annual Christmas Party / Meeting that was scheduled for Saturday December 21st (due to inclement weather) to Saturday January 18th I will unveil the new Officers for the upcoming year in the next Freedom Press. Hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

I hope you marked your calendars for our Leather & Lace dance and silent auction that will be taking place Saturday February 15th. (Please refer to the attached Flyer).... Hope to see you all there! You will not be disappointed.... The band is FANTASTIC and the STAFF AT TWIN BRIDGES BAR & GRILL always go above and beyond to cater to this event! Did I mention the food is always good, no matter what your order!

For all of you Facebook people, keep checking FORR - Local 10 Facebook page and Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) - Local 10 group page for upcoming events and just news in general. I do my best to keep the pages updated with events, photos and files. If you would like to be added to the group, send me a request and I will get you added as soon as I see your request.

LET'S RIDE!!

Denise Taylor
 taylord34@embarqmail.com

LOCAL 11 - SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Meetings: 4th Sunday @ 3 p.m.
Carthage Family Restaurant, 125 N Garrison Ave, Carthage
Contact: 417-793-4899

Hello from Local 11

Not much going on around here, we are all looking forward to Leather and Lace coming up. Hope to see you all there.....they are a blast!!!!

We are trying to get it together for our spring Rally and hope it is dryer than last year's. No one drowned or got hurt but it made me ponder my mortality, I have decided that when I die I want to go like my uncle did...peaceful and in my sleep not screaming and crying like the others in the car he was driving.

Will be glad when the weather is more agreeable for riding.....way too cold for this old man.

Hope you are all safe and well.
 (Pa) Les, Local 11 editor

**LOCAL 12 - GLASGOW**

Meetings: First Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.
Fish Beak Saloon, 1st St., Glasgow
Contact: 660-631-7324 or smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com



Greetings again to all our friends out in FORR-land from your brothers and sisters in local 12, Glasgow. I am afraid this column begins with a heavy heart as Local 12 has lost one of its' members, Woody Foster. Woody was one of our newer members and I didn't know him really well but do remember him as a very enthusiastic and fun guy. He will be sorely missed by all of his brothers and sisters in local 12 and we wish him Godspeed on his way to Harley Heaven.

We haven't had a meeting since our last newsletter so I thought I would cover another chapter in the history of local 12. Most of you are familiar with our Firecracker Classic party, poker run, bike show, and field meet but what many of you may not know is that the history of the Firecracker goes all the way back to the year 1984, the year I was elected Central Committee chairman.

Gloria and I were living in Kansas City at the time and spent a lot of time working the winter and early spring bike shows. We saw all kinds of riders at our booth and, while we had success attracting a lot of them to the organization, there were two groups that eluded us: touring riders (especially Gold Wing riders) and sport bike riders. My fellow state officers that year were Mike Cox, state vice-chairman, B.L. McDonnell, state secretary and treasurer, legislative coordinator Tom Pauley, and state safety coordinator Tony Crowder.

We discussed ways of attracting the touring and sport bike riders to our ranks and agreed that our regular parties weren't doing the job. I came up with the idea of a new type of event to try to get them to an FORR function and recognize that our organization held a lot of benefits



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Leather & Lace Dance

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for them, too. The event was to be a poker run, but one with several new ideas that had never been tried in the state before.

First off, we were going to run six separate routes from all over Missouri to one central location in Glasgow. Local 4 had hosted a very successful field meet there the previous year and Glasgow was also my home town, where I knew bikers were always welcome. We had routes from K.C., St. Joseph, St. Louis, Columbia, Springfield, and Joplin. The second new idea was that we were running a Las Vegas style poker run, where a different game was played at every stop. 5-card stud poker, 7-card stud, blackjack, craps, and, at the last stop, roulette.

We were using roulette wheels that had been beautifully crafted for us by Frank Spatz, a local member from K.C. Frank did an absolutely outstanding job on the wheels, which would have looked great in any big casino.

The final new wrinkle, and a very big one, was that while we would offer 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plaques to the winner of each route, the overall state winner would get \$500 cash. This was unheard of in state motorcycle circles and presented no small investment for the then 3-year old organization of FORR. We caught some flak on this one. There was also one local president who decided their local would schedule an event on the very same day and, in his own words, f@*k the state! One major ass-eating phone call from me fixed that problem and we had our exclusive date set: 4th of July Sunday, 1984.

All of the state officers worked very hard on this project but I must give special credit to our state vice-chairman, Mike Cox, for working his butt off to make this event a success. It would take a tremendous amount of coordination to make this all work and Mike set it all up for all six stops. As the big day approached, we realized that we would need a phone set-up to know how many riders were coming from each stop and what to expect in Glasgow. There were no cell phones in those days and we asked the local Casey's store if we could use their phone for six very short phone calls to give us the attendance report. The manager of Casey's, to put it mildly, was very snotty to us and informed us we were not welcome in her store.

In 1984 there was a Sinclair gas station located right across the street from the present day Beckett's Restaurant and, though they were normally closed on Sunday, agreed to stay open to accommodate the coming crowd. Even better, they allowed us to use their phone for our purposes.

Sunday dawned hot but sunny with no rain anywhere in the state and our hopes ran high. As the phone calls started coming in from the starting sites, we realized we had hit a home run with the bases loaded. A HUGE crowd was coming from all the starting points. We had made arrangements with the American Legion in Glasgow to vend our beer and provide an honor guard for all the veterans that were coming. This was especially appropriate in Glasgow because there were many WWII veterans in the Legion and at least one WWI veteran. We had a P.A. system set up for announcements throughout the day, where attending clubs could announce their own events, another way of making friends with them.

We also used the P.A. for one more purpose: we announced how

rudely we had been treated by Casey's and recommended that anyone needing gas, cold drinks, or cigarettes go to the Sinclair gas station downtown, which had provided us with our much-needed phone service. For beer and package liquor, we recommended that they go to Lanham's Package Store out on North Highway 5, just up the hill from Kuemmel Park, where the first Firecracker Classic was being held. I don't believe a single bike stopped at Casey's that day.

When the huge crowd arrived, the roulette wheels began spinning and the Legion did a land office business in beer sales. Kuemmel Park is blessed with abundant shade trees and we even had a nice breeze to break up the heat. When we finally got the scores tallied, we had the honor guard bring up the colors and American flag and we played the National Anthem (as performed by the University of Missouri marching band). I actually saw bikers with tears in their eyes at the majesty of it all. We had drawn 660 participants to the tiny town of Glasgow.

Our big winner was a lady from the Springfield route, who immediately signed up in FORR. The highlight of the day for me, however, was when the president of one of the Kansas City Gold Wing clubs came up to me, shook my hand, and said "I would have never believed your organization would have had the class to pull off an event of this majesty and magnitude, until I saw it happen today." I thanked him profusely, then accepted his money and membership application.

When the last bike left that day, we were all on an unbelievable high. The Glasgow American Legion had broken all records they had for beer sales, they were unbelievably proud of the reception they received from the crowd, and FORR had made a friend for life. The Glasgow Police Dept. had been most gracious, giving us a walkie-talkie to contact them in case they were needed, and, since we never did, they never once entered the park. Sinclair had an absolutely fantastic day selling gas, pop, and snacks, the Lanham Package Store had a record day, and FORR was on the map for good as one of Missouri's first class motorcycle organizations.

Oh, there was one unhappy person: after the Casey's district manager heard about the outstanding day all the other merchants had, and after hearing about the shoddy treatment we got from the Glasgow Casey's manager, she was summarily fired the very next day. Next year, when we held the second Firecracker Classic, you could barely see the Casey's sign for all the "Welcome, Bikers!" signs surrounding it.

So that's how the first Firecracker Classic was planned and originated. It took a tremendous amount of work from a lot of people but I still think the unsung hero was Mike Cox, our state vice-chairman. About the only time I see Mike anymore is at Oktoberfest but I still remember the tremendous job he did for all of us that year. If you happen to see him, you should give him a huge "thank you" for a job very well done.

Upcoming events:

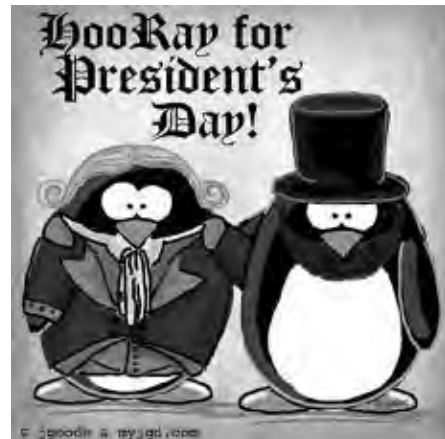
- Jan. 5th- Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow, 3 pm.
- Feb. 2nd-Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow, 3 pm.
- Mar. 2nd-Local 12 meeting, Fish Beak Saloon, Glasgow, 3 pm.

If you have news you would like to see in the newsletter, call me at 660-631-7324 or e-mail me at smokeystrodman1952@gmail.com or see me at the meeting. Until next month.....be free, Smokey

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LOCAL 13 - MEXICO**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 3 p.m.****Audrain County Courthouse Community Room in Basement****Contact: 573-291-1465 or 573-881-7410**

Happy Valentine's Day to all My Brothers and Sisters,

Our new officers have been elected and are as follows President BL McDonnell, Vice President Jeff Cupp, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Web Master and Newsletter Valerie Taylor, Treasurer Laura Williams, CC and Leg. Rep. Raymond Palmer, Alternate Greg "Half Breed" Mullanix, Chaplin and Safety Officer Bill Weldon, Sgt. of Arms Rock Palmer, and Event Coordinator Kim Archer. Unofficially, some of us think Half Breed should be the Master of Ceremonies for our Local. He had everyone laughing so hard at our Christmas Party some of us were almost rolling out of our chairs. Although many were dearly missed it was a great time. Many smiles and laughs were shared. We would like to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication this past year. I would like to personally thank Dee Herdeg for showing me the ropes, letting me shadow behind you and reintroducing me to FORR. I have met some incredible people from all over the state through FORR since arriving to Missouri. People who have not only shown me the true meaning of friendship but have treated me as if I were family with their kind words and support during my recent loss. I can't begin to thank you all enough it has meant more to me than you'll ever know, again thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We are looking forward and planning on adding a few new events this year as well as keeping the traditional ones. I will keep you up to date on them. Being our meeting isn't until after my dead line for this newsletter, I am not able to give dates or times at this time. Be assured they will be fun and we are very excited about this. Our hope is everyone will be just as excited and will plan on attending. I would ask that all who can attend do so and show your support. We are making these changes to get people involved again and to bring back the family feel of years past. Also this year we are talking with other Local's to plan around each other's events. We're doing this to promote more Brother and Sisterhood between our Local's. We have to support each other in every way possible in order to grow stronger relationships. I can't think of a better way than to go to each other's events, not to mention we'll get to ride outside of the usual roads and see new things along the way.

Upcoming meetings for February and March will be held at the Audrain County Courthouse on the third Sunday@3:00 pm in the community room in the basement, we will be posting signs to direct you. Please plan on attending if you can and support your Local 13. By being at the meeting you are brought up to the minute with what the Organization is doing on the door steps of Jefferson City and what we as a Local are doing to bring back members and push forward. Local 13 will be hosting a Hospitality room at Demo Days in Hannibal, this year it will be held on the first week-end in March. We hope that everyone who has the time to be involved will be there. This is a time to let your voices be heard and from what I understand it's a pretty good time. This year we will be serving Gumbo which Half Breed so kindly volunteered me to do. Which I must say was completely my fault for saying I had a good recipe, so everyone please keep your fingers crossed that I get the recipe right for that many people. We also known for our Irish coffee. In the past Local's 24 and 25 have come to assist us with this event. We would welcome their support again along with any other Local's that would like to attend. For more information you can contact me at taylor.valerieLocal13@yahoo.com. Also I'd like to wish Terry Archer a Happy Birthday on February 4th We love you Brother may you have many more to come.

Enjoy life to the fullest each day and above all Stay Free,
Valerie Taylor

Secretary for Local 13

If you have anything you'd like to see published, comments or concerns please contact me at:

taylor.valerieLocal13@yahoo.com or feel free to call me @ 573-291-1465

LOCAL 14 - INDEPENDENCE**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 2 p.m.****VFW Post 3976 on Kentucky Rd. in Sugar Creek, Mo.****Contact: Joe Widmer 816-709-3618**

"Winter complains at the newfound light, a reminder Spring is less than two months away."

Local 14 and Double 00 brothers and sisters, are you sick of this weather yet? I know we aren't eating nearly enough bugs around our home. As cold as it is, I doubt any bugs survived. Coldest weather in 20 years? Thirty-five degrees BELOW Zero? Bah!

February will see us with the usual hustle and bustle of the Missouri General Assembly doing what they do so well-playing nanny and trying to take away more of your freedoms. With your help, we will endeavor to persevere in Jefferson City. You may be interested in knowing this is an election year for the entire House of Representatives in Missouri. We will work on having candidates to our local meetings for question and answer sessions. I hope to have legislative information available soon but it will not be in time for this newsletter. Keep an eye on our Facebook pages for more current legislative information.

We should have In Memory patches available for Ken Brady and Pockets Langley by our next meeting. See our product line manager for updates. Our local t-shirts have been a big hit and if you don't have yours, make sure you check them out. They are first class, union-made in America.

We have nominated new officers but will be filling secondary positions at the next local meeting, i.e., Newsletter Editor, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, etc. Maybe you think you'd like to fill one of these positions? Maybe you just want to be asked? Maybe you just want to help? In any case, we welcome your input and your support. The names of your new officers were announced in the January newsletter or you can come to a meeting and find out. We are all looking forward to the 2014 riding season and are wishing we were eating bugs NOW!

There has been a lot of activity in District 4 including a new local, Local 9 Kearney. Welcome to FORR, all ya'll. We are excited to get to know you and can't wait to ride with you.

Our local article has to be turned in for February's newsletter at this time which will not give me a chance to report on January's FORR @ FEW Seminar. With certainty, I will have a report for the next article centering on the seminar itself. This is FORR's yearly training session and the planning committee has invited a Greybeard Panel. I will be sure to attend this breakout session so we can stay up-to-date with the old-timers and report to you on the mood and attitude of our oldest Life Members. Local 14 alone has nearly 20 life members in those esteemed ranks, and they certainly have their own opinions. Our seniors or life-timers have much to teach us and can save us a lot of time and effort by virtue of their history in motorcycle rights in Missouri. Just like our parents and our parent's parents, they deserve to be listened to and abided by when current decisions and planning take place.

By the time of this reading, there will be motorcycles nearly ready to hit the Spring highways. For the moment, all we can do is hunker down and polish the chrome again, take a long winter snooze and dream of the road less traveled and that's where we will go when the Sun returns to our hemisphere.

Dream of eating bugs,
The Scooter Tramp



LOCAL 15 - BRANSON

Meetings: 3rd Monday @ 7 p.m.
 Location Varies - Call for info
 Contact: 417-334-0775

Hey everyone,

First want to thank everyone for a very FUN Christmas Party this year. We had it in a building of The Ramada Inn. It was decorated by about 5 members lead by Barb, Cindy, Darla, Lou, Ron and Ziggy. We had a blast! The band was AMAZING!!!! It was The Third Degree band, Terry the drummer is one of our members and I don't think there is a song that they can't play! We danced ALL night long! The food was provided by The Outback with appetizers and desserts by our members. There was a ton to eat!!!! Our first official business was awarding members with the Ambassador Award for exemplary dedication and hard work over a period of years in our Local. The new Ambassadors are Terry Cobb, Phil Foster, Chris Hensly, Melinda Lawhead, Monique Lloyd and Betty Mears. Also a husband and wife team have been awarded the Engineer of Freedom, Cindy and Les Morris. Congratulations to all, we are very proud of you!!!! The weather had been very cold and it snowed the day before, so not as many came to the party as usual. We did miss the ones that didn't make it out, but it was party as usual for the ones of us that came!!!! Thank you Monique for the amazing picture collages at the party, and running around as usual with her camera the entire Christmas party. We love you Mo!



We started the New Year off with our annual New Year's Day ride. We had 50 bikes. The weather was helpful, a balmy 40 degrees. We rode from The Veterans Museum parking lot in Branson to the Ragin Cajin in Branson West and had chili. I love starting off the New Year on the bike surrounded by friends!!!!



So starts business as usual for 2014.
 Business meeting at Charlie's Steak House Branson - Jan. 20th
 BS meeting Rowdy Beaver Branson - Feb. 4th
 Both start at 7 pm.
 Remember you can get updated information on our Facebook page.
 Hope to see you soon, Lou

LOCAL 16 - SEMO

Meetings: (Call for meeting info)
 Contact: Whitey 573-768-2524 or Lisa 573-450-9901
 Email - forrlocal16@gmail.com

LOCAL 16 POWER HOUSE WOMAN

Karen Neal

When the idea of a Power House award was first suggested, many of the women of Local 16 came to mind. There is one among us that stands out with her unending energy and dedication to seeing each and every event is completed in the best way possible. That woman is our Local secretary, Karen Neal.

Karen took over the duties of secretary shortly after joining Freedom of Road Riders. In her monthly reports she manages to express the business of Local 16 as upbeat and positive. It would be impossible for her to do this any differently because upbeat and positive is how she lives her life.

Attitude isn't the only quality that sets Karen apart. In 2012 the Local made plans to host a "garage sale". Unfortunately the date fell at a time when the membership was unable to give full participation. While many would have cancelled or given up on the idea, Karen proved quitting is not an option on her watch. She worked this event alone.

Since then she has stepped up to conduct our meeting when the president and vice president were not available. She has shared her creative abilities on numerous occasions when the need for an extra bit of imagination is necessary to make our events special.

We've wondered how to best express our gratitude to Karen for all she does for Local 16. It is an honor to recognize her as the Power House of our Local.

Thank you for all you do Karen from all of Local 16!

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LOCAL 19 - KIRKSVILLE

Meetings: First Saturday @ 6 pm
Golden Eagle Hospitality Room
Contact: 660-988-1708

Hi Everyone!

FORR Auction is right around the corner! By the time this newsletter arrives it will be past. Wanted to thank C.M.A for running the front gate. Thanks to all who donated their time and items. No use in adding any more info at this time.

F.E.W. Seminar will be 1/11/14. We will be honoring Jo Ann "Joni" James for "Power Woman" of our local. Way to go Joni!

Local 19 had elections for officers 12/7/13. Terry "Klon" Smith remains president, John Eichemier—vice president, Doug Years-CC representative, Melinda Hamilton Lewis—secretary/treasurer, Sharon Trueblood—motorcycle safety, and myself Nancy Eichemier for newsletter. As of 1/4/14 Chris ----web master. Position for road master remains unfilled. If anyone is interested, talk to a board member.

Welcome to our new members-12/7/13 Billy Bauchman. Billy won the \$25.00 door prize and donated it back to the local. Thanks Joni for the snacks at the meeting. 1/5/13 Chris and Blair Long become new members. Thank you Chris for steppin up to be Web Master

Thanks goes out to our members Steve and Susie King for hosting "Freeze Your Buns Off Run" 1/1/2014. We all took off at high noon and road the distance of the temp-17 very cold miles! The hot chili and cold beer following was great. It was fun. Gonna half to do it again next year!

Next monthly meeting will be at Action Cycles 2/1/14. Come on out to see what's happening!

Ride Safe! Nancy

LOCAL 20 - DEXTER

Meetings: Last Sunday @ 1 p.m.
Eagles Club on Hwy 25
Contact: Mona Morgan 573-718-0428

Greetings 2014

Happy birthday to all that have celebrated and will be celebrating also Happy Anniversary Thank you to those that have renewed and welcome to new members.

This year our local has decided to concentrate on getting back to the roots of our organization. We have many young people that have shown interest in FORR

not just our local but some others and we have been evaluating what kind of example we have been setting for them which honestly hasn't been a great one especially when it comes to safety.

There are some uneducated folks that on a whim purchase scooters and small bikes for their children that have no idea what it takes to ride the kid wants a bike so let's buy him/her one then when the child is injured or worse let's sue somebody that will teach them to sell us a bike

with us not knowing how to ride or instruct them the proper way to ride. What kind of message are we passing along when most of our events are centered around drinking? The first big change is that we will be joining two other organizations to have a Spring Rally without alcohol the entire weekend will center around safety and rider education I will keep everyone posted on dates location etc. we hope this will become an annual event a family weekend of fun and education.

Local 20 will be looking for locations to have events that don't involve drinking establishments that is not to say we will never have an event at one but not like it has been in the past it is time to gear our attention to the riders of the future as we grow older it is our responsibility to ensure that our ideals live on.

So until nest time.....Keep it Between the Lines
 Mona (Motor Mouth) Morgan - L20

LOCAL 21 - ELDON

Meetings: 3rd Saturday @ 1 p.m.
Contact: Dan @ 573-898-2291

LOCAL 23 - LINCOLN COUNTY

Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 11 a.m.
Main Street Cafe, 145 Main St, Old Monroe, MO 63369
Contact: 636-665-5004



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LOCAL 24 - ST. LOUIS**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****VFW #3944, 10815 Midland Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63114****Contact: Ken Lewis (314) 546-1624**

Greetings and salutations! Wow what a month we have had.

We have new locals officers that have stepped up and they are off to a running start.

At the December 2013 meeting it was decided to move the February 2014 local meeting to the 11th of the month, same time same place just one week earlier.

Why you ask?

The 18th of February is the day that Local 24 along with 25 and 42 will be riding the short bus to the big Jeff City to introduce our smiling faces to them and let them know that it would be really nice if they would support motorcycle friendly legislation that comes to the floor. Hopefully we can get them to play nice this year.

I don't know who all has signed up since the last newsletter so that will be taken care of next month.

On a personal note I would like to give a big warm and fuzzy to local 24 member and my Nephew Andrew Mullins for Graduation the auto tech program at UTI.

The Local 24 St. Pat's day dance will be held on march 22 more information as it becomes available.

Put the date on your calendar find something green and come out and play IRISH with us. You will have a mighty fine time, food, drink and games will be on the agenda for the evenings festivities.

LOCAL 24 also has the big kick off to the summer coming in April, the Local 24 Blessing of the bikes and Rev. Bud Ball memorial date and place will be at a later time.

Support the locals in our area and across the state, also support other motorcycle organizations in the area so we can spread the word about local 24 and what the greatest MRO in Missouri is all about.

Do something nice for someone and keep your stick on the ice. See you TUUUUEESSSSDAAAAYYYY!

Rat

LOCAL 25 - ST. PETERS**Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 313, 200 Main St., Olde Town at 4-way stop in St. Peters, Mo. Contact: 636-299-3268**

Hello All,

No snow, but friggid cold weather awaited the riders for our Annual Freeze Out Or Not Ride on New Years Day. The rider who won "Furthest Rider" was Bob Choate. Bob is the Vice President of the Widow Sons Sublime Knights. Also, the new president of Local 24 Kenneth Lewis and his wife Kerri may have not rode the furthest, but coming in from Florissant racked up over 120 miles by the end of the day.

2 passengers under the age of 16 were also on the ride, past president of Local 25 (Brian Lundy) brought his grandson Alex who rode with him, and mine and Lisa's son Devin "Lil' Rascal" rode with me. Devin is quite the little dedicated biker, he hung in there for over 40 miles before opting out for mom's warm car.. he was our "Youngest Rider" at the age of 7.

Our upcoming events are...

- Saturday June 21 The Bear Run
- Saturday July 19 Save The Ta Ta's
- Saturday August 16 The Local 25/ ABATE Rodeo
- Saturday October 18 Local 25 Leaves In The Breeze Ride

Some safety hints for riding in cold weather...

If you are out riding in this cold weather make sure you check your tire pressure. Air shrinks in colder weather which decreases your tire pressure and most accidents which occur are caused by low tire pressure.

Also, as temps rise and drop watch out for patches of "Black Ice" these spots may look like only wet patches on pavement, but can really be dangerous frozen layers of thin ice. As you are cornering, coming in contact with one of these patches can quickly slide you into oncoming traffic in the opposing lane.

Another hint.. On dry pavement your front brake will give you 75% of your stopping capacity, but on damp, wet, or snow covered roadways, your rear brake should be your first choice when applying your brakes. Using your front brake on slick surfaces will cause your front end to slide out on you. Of coarse you can begin to apply your front brake once your bike has slowed down, just remember your rear brake is your friend on possible slick surfaces.. use the rear brake first, then your front.

If you have anything you would like me to include in the March issue of the Freedom Press, please call it into me before February 5th.

As always remember ... Leather UP & Rubber DOWN

Rascal

LOCAL 26 - MARYVILLE**Meetings: 3rd Tuesday @ 7 p.m.****(Call for info location varies)****Contact: 660-582-4599**

Greeting from the frozen NW of Missouri.

As I write this, the day began as a brutal -14 with a nice little wind added just to make it exciting. It may get up to 1 this afternoon. Still it could be worse. It didn't snow again. Don't you just love winter in Missouri. Sorry to you folks in STL that just got 14 inches.

I don't have much to report on the Local 26 front. Nothing much happened at the last meeting other than announcements and arrangements being made for the upcoming FEW Seminar and the Meeting of the Minds. Both of which will be over by the time you read this.

We will be discussing the Eat & Ride schedule for the coming year at a special session in the near future. Nothing is ever really set in stone, so if you have suggestions for someplace new, please contact your officers so it can be reviewed and considered. We hope to have destinations in place before it gets warm enough to actually go somewhere.

I trust most of you were good this year or at least discrete enough that Santa was fooled and you got lots of goodies for your ride at Christmas. Since most of us don't think riding in single digit weather is any fun, now is a good time to brave the cold in the garage and put on the new pretties. Personally, I got some new stuff that I'm looking forward to showing off at the next group ride. Now, I just need to get it all mounted. Procrastination may be an art, but it isn't always your friend.


Looking forward to warmer weather and blue skies. So far only have the blue sky part.

Safe Journeys,

Harold

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LOCAL 27 - SAC-OSAGE**Meetings: 1st Wednesday @****El' Rodeo, 306 E Jackson St, Bolivar, MO 65613 417-777-7020****For more info contact: Pres. Olin Meadors 417-399-1374; V.P. Jacque Miller 417-646-8460**

Hey there guys this is Olin the president of Local 27. Hope this finds you all doing well and staying warm.

This is the beginning of a new year. Things haven't been as well as we would like for them to be, 2013 was hard on us all some took deer down, some took themselves down to keep from hurting another brother, some are no longer with us. I hope that 2014 ends on a better note for all of us.

With this being a new year and me as the new president I hope I have the support of all my members and fellow locals. With that being said I am asking for some idea's to get FORR better known for what we do, not for what we are known as. Yes we are a bunch of biker's! We need some idea's for fundraisers. I'd like put our name all over. Not the camp nasty name (that stays's on the rally side LOL) Lets get back to what the real purpose of FORR is about. Lets put the brother back in brotherhood let the past remain in the past and move forward.....Olin Meadors Local 27

LOCAL 28 - WAYNESVILLE**Meetings: 1st Friday @ 7 p.m.****Pulaski Shriners Club.****Contact: President Larry Wheeler 573-586-7291, Vice President Steve Lincoln 573-337-9417, Shrine Club 573-774-545**

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that this is the beginning of a great and wonderful year for all of us. As I was struggling to come up with a topic to write about, I decided to go out to the Missouri General Assembly site and see if there was anything new out there. Well, lo and behold, there sits SB604, filed on 3 December 2013. It is a motorcycle helmet bill. Nothing new – right? We have been fighting these battles for a while. I was not going to bother reading it like usual. But, this time, I decided to open it up. So, there sits the amendment to allow residents of Missouri to ride with no helmets. Looks good, right? That is what I thought, until I read further. You can ride with no helmet only if you have had your license for two years, you have proof of health insurance for \$50,000.00 for personal injury, AND you have a special license plate. If I buy a car, I do not have to have personal injury protection coverage in the amount of \$50,000.00. If I buy a four wheeler, I do not have to have personal injury protection coverage. If I buy a boat, I do not have to have personal injury protection coverage. So, why are they trying to introduce a bill that would force me to have personal injury protection coverage in the amount of \$50,000.00? The effective date of this bill is 28 August 2014. I guess this bothers me just a little bit because it



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seems almost discriminatory. At the same time, there is another bill out there that would allow riders of enclosed three wheelers to be exempt from the helmet law, with no exceptions in the bill requiring \$50,000.00 of personal injury coverage. Whatever your opinion, please remember to get involved and let your representatives know how you feel. Stay involved in the system.

Notes from this month's meeting:

Taz, the out-going president, thanked everyone who participated throughout the year and supported him and his cabinet during his tenure. He also awarded the Chief Engle 110% award to Sue Miller. Sue participated in every Local event throughout the year. Stop by and thank Sue for all of her hard work and efforts the next time you see her!

Sue Miller told everyone that there had been no meeting for the Freedom Rally in December. She also said that at the next Local meeting, she would have shift schedules for the Freedom Rally. Be sure to sign up for shifts. She would have more information at the next meeting.

The weather was perfect for winter riding on 1 January 2014 for the Polar Bear Run. There were 19 bikes and over 25 people who braved the elements, and possibly their hangovers, to make the run. I applaud everyone who made it. They had a good time with good company!

**LOCAL 29 - NORTH KANSAS CITY****Meetings: 3rd Sunday @ 1 p.m.****American Legion Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire, KCMO****Contact: Paul McCormack 816-505-0526 or****Bob Neal 816-809-7184****Facebook: FORR Local 29**

Our December meeting was only an election of officers. We conducted that business and then went in-mass to the fundraiser for Randy "Joker" Garrison and family. It was a successful fundraiser with several thousand dollars raised. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Garrison family in this time of tragedy of the loss of the two young children in the horrible fire.

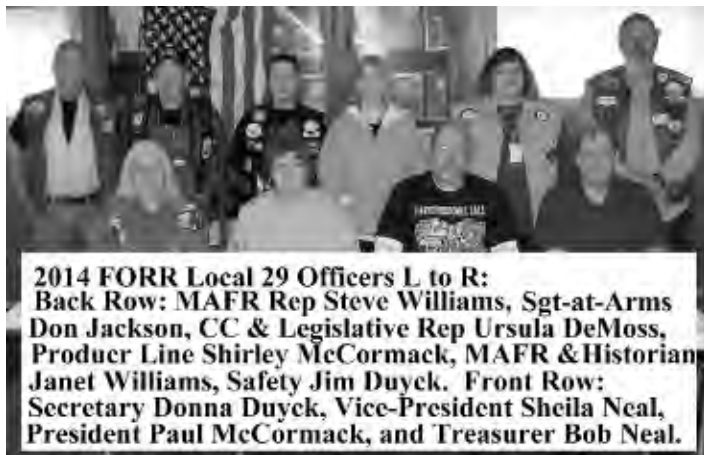
The following officers were elected to lead Local 29 in 2014: President: Paul McCormack; Vice-President: Sheila Neal; Secretary: Donna Duyck; Treasurer: Bob Neal; CC Rep: Ursula DeMoss; Legislative Rep: Ursula DeMoss; Newsletter: Bob Neal; Sgt-At-Arms: Don Jackson; Safety: Jim Duyck; Product Line: Shirley McCormack; District 4 Activities Rep: Ursula DeMoss; MAFR Reps: Steve and Janet Williams; Historian: Janet Williams; Chaplain: Connie Kephart; Assistant Chaplain: Jim Hodges; and Social Secretary: Jackie Smith. Good luck to our officers as they lead us into the year.

The following was submitted by Cathy Graves and was edited for length: In November members from three locals joined forces to provide the 26th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the teens in emergency shelter at Synergy House. 'The house' was established in 1970. Synergy Services has grown exponentially since then. It is a non-profit organization meeting the needs of teens, children and area families in crisis by providing emergency

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shelter and many ancillary services. Please visit synergyservices.org to learn more and about what you can do to help with prevention and healing. On any given night no fewer than 2,000 teens are homeless in Kansas City. Some of them are served by Synergy House. Many of these teens have never experienced what we often take for granted like a family Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. We served over a dozen children and some a couple of counselors. This years' combined effort by members of Locals 29, 47 and 9 was unprecedented. From this year's meal there remained many leftovers, so another meal and then sandwiches were available for later. The teens need to know someone cares and are always surprised that we do. Great job, everyone! Heartfelt thanks for all the donations and participation that made for another great Synergy House Thanksgiving Dinner. It has been suggested we may be able to cover delivering a fine meal to both Synergy House and Safe Haven next year, separately. Safe Haven is the Women and Children's emergency shelter under the Synergy Services umbrella. Challenge put out there. I believe we have the heart and numbers to make it work.

With that happy report I will close. To learn more about Local 29 visit our Facebook page FORR Local 29.



2014 FORR Local 29 Officers L to R:
Back Row: MAFR Rep Steve Williams, Sgt-at-Arms Don Jackson, CC & Legislative Rep Ursula DeMoss, Producer Line Shirley McCormack, MAFR & Historian Janet Williams, Safety Jim Duyck. Front Row: Secretary Donna Duyck, Vice-President Sheila Neal, President Paul McCormack, and Treasurer Bob Neal.

Not Pictured: Chaplain: Connie Kephart; Assistant Chaplain: Jim Hodges; and Social Secretary: Jackie Smith.

LOCAL 30 - SPRINGFIELD/NIXA

Meetings: 3rd Thursday @ 7 p.m.
Logan's Roadhouse, Battlefield Rd
Contact: Mark 417-887-2923

Happy New Year to all of our FORR family and friends. May 2014 bring you and yours a year full of health, wealth and happiness. I'm going to work on keeping these updates short and simple this year. I heard through the grapevine (interpreted 'Facebook') that some of our folks in the Springfield area got together yesterday and took their first ride of 2014. Braver souls than I in the cold, however cold or not I was in the office on the first holiday of the new year and unable join them regardless. Ah, downfalls of working in the medical field.

As you're all marking your calendars with upcoming events, please remember to scratch in our 26th Annual Leather and Lace party on Saturday, February 8th, 2014. Doors open at 7 pm. Reminder, this year we have changed the location and it will be held at the American Legion Post 676. The address is 5484 W. Sunshine Street, Brookline Station (actually Springfield with Brookline mailing address), MO 65619. This is at the intersection of James River Freeway and Sunshine Street. You're not going to want to miss this one. Live dance

music by Samalama, giveaways, silent auction, appetizers, and full bar with outrageous draft specials! We will have local phone numbers available for a safe ride home and you can stay at one of five or more motels within a five mile radius. Hope to see you there!

Our meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at Logan's Roadhouse on Battlefield Road in Springfield. Come join us for dinner at 6, meeting at 7, or both. Again, I look forward to seeing some of you soon.

Ride happy, ride safe~
 Christine S.

LOCAL 31 - ROLLA

Meetings: Last Friday @ 7:00 p.m.
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LOCAL 33 - HWY. 50 WEST**Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 1:00 p.m.****AM Vets on Hwy. 50, Just East of Knob Noster.****President - Bo Smith 660-441-0625**

As I sit here and write this we've just made it through another rough patch of weather with lots of ice and snow, slick roads and yep accidents to go along with the slick roads. Some of those accidents could have been avoided if drivers had just taken the time to pay attention, slow down and leave a little extra room. But does the fault of the accident always fall on the other driver. Well sometimes. But, sometimes the fault lies on us as well. We could have slowed down to give us more room, or we could have changed lanes to give us more room, or Get where I'm going. Sometimes its up to you to make yourself safe no matter what the other driver does. Keep this in mind as we approach another riding season. We preach watch out for motorcycles but sometimes we just have to watch out for ourselves.

The local has some really important and fun dates we'd like for you to write down on your calendar so here goes:

February 15 - Moose chili cookoff and 9 ball tourney - we need to make this one a good one considering the pool table and shuffleboard table went through hell and came back to once again unite us around its edges.

February 16 - Local meeting

February 18 - Capitol Crusaders Day

March 15 - Crock pot cookoff and shuffleboard tourney

April 6 - April Fool's Poker Run

Memorial Day Weekend - Mid America Freedom Rally, Buckhorn, MO

June 21 - Got Lost Run - Make plans now to join us on a terrific ride and make some wonderful if not down right funny memories to share around the campfire.

July 27 - \$1,000 Poker Run

Labor Day Weekend - Mid Missouri Motorcycle Rally, Sedalia, MO

September 6 - Dice Run

October 4-6 - Octoberfest

October 12 - Adopt a Family Color Run - We're trying something new here.

I know there's some events, meetings, etc that I've left off but we'll talk about those as the year goes on.

I'd like to thank everyone from the local and surrounding community that has helped us during 2013 following the fire at AmVets and its rebuilding process. It's been a challenge but I think it's also been a blessing because its make the local and its members stronger and tighter than ever before. Let's never forget that we are family and while we may not always agree with each other's opinions we will Always respect and honor each other. On that note I've got some interesting news to share with you all. Granny has been hiding a big secret from all of us. She's really in the witness protection program hiding from some very nefarious and low life individuals. Our dear sweet Granny is really the infamous Auntie Farty. So now you know the rest of the story.

I'd like to leave you with a quote from Harry Truman to ponder until we meet again down the road - *"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit"*

Kathy

LOCAL 35 - GOLDEN VALLEY**Meetings: 4th Saturday @ 3 p.m.****Members take turn hosting at their homes****Contact: Pat Green 660-351-3373**

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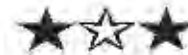
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How is everyone. Hope every one has a wonderful 2014.

Almost forgot to send in the newsletter, so here it is Sunday and all kinds of cold outside and all I can think about is motorcycles. The sound of motorcycles sound a hell of a lot better going by my house than the sound of those snowplows. If winter is any thing like summer it'll be gone in no time.

Will have more on the elections of new officers for 2014 in next newsletter. Not a lot going on here in north Missouri. I think every one went to Colorado to start the new year right. Keep those Watch for Motorcycles signs out all winter so people won't forget we're out there somewhere.

Hope every one had a good time at the FEW seminar. They are very informative and a lot of fun. Haven't heard a bad thing about any of them. You do an excellent job of putting this together and for that THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

The Christmas caroling was a lot of fun, but next time we need to take some one who can sing and knows the words to more songs than just the one about the red nosed reindeer. To all my FORR family out there may 2014 be the best yet. Thank you for caring about my freedom. GOD BLESS

PEACE and LOVE
STEMS

LOCAL 42 - FRANKLIN COUNTY**Meetings: Last Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.****Pacific Eagle Small Meeting Room in Pacific, MO****Contact: President - Kenny Williams 314-221-7164**

Hello Everyone,


I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe New Year! Please join me in welcoming two new members, Tonya Kakouris and Jim Kalter!

I know this is the February Newsletter but I have to tell you, we had our Christmas party Dec. 29th and it was a blast, the next time any of you see Debbie Mitchell (Biker Deb) ask her what gift she stole during the rob your neighbor gift exchange...too funny.

By the time you read this the F.E.W seminar would have come and gone so I just want to say that it was great seeing everyone there and probably pretty sure that Kenny and I had a blast....lol

Don't forget that February 18th is Capitol Days I hope to see everyone who's available go. I have only been able to make it once but I had a good time and learned a lot and I hope I'm able to make it again this year.

We have our 15th annual Leather and Lace Dance coming up March 29th, If anyone would like to donate anything for door prizes or giveaways



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that would be great! Please contact either our president Kenny (Ditch) Williams or our events coordinator (Krazy) Carl Holeman. Any member who wants to check out tickets please contact Kenny.

Here is a list of our upcoming events for February and March 2014:

February 18 - Bus trip to the Capital with Local 24

February 23 - Local 42 Meeting at the Pacific Eagles @ 3 pm (This is an important meeting to discuss L & L we need as many members as possible to show up)

March 23 - Local 42 Meeting at the Pacific Eagles @ 3 pm (This meeting will also be important to finalize work schedules for L & L)

March 29 - LEATHER & LACE DANCE Doors open at 7 pm.

We had a change in an office position - our Secretary Kim Ross had to step down and Gloria Weber was appointed Secretary.

That's all I got this month, stay warm everyone!

Until next month...HOLD PLEASE

Paula

LOCAL 47 - SOUTHERN PLATTE COUNTY**Meetings: 3rd Saturday, 11:00 am****Dirk's Bar & Grill, 8132 NW Prairie View Rd, KCMO 64151 (also known as Platte Woods area)****Contact: Russell 816-699-9309 or Jack 816-591-2497**

Glad to be back in the swing of a New Year and getting out in the FORR community.

We would first like to congratulate Russell Felts on becoming a new Missouri Assistant State Rep of the MRF. We would also like to thank all of last year's officers for their hard work, dedication and heart given to FORR, as we welcome in the new officers for the New Year. All officers were accepted as nominated. We look forward to working with each and every one to make this year bigger and better than before. In time of need family and friends don't always have to be blood.


Our L47 FORR Family came together for two of its own this past month. First for the tragic loss sustained by the Garrison family, over \$3,000 was raised to help pay for the funeral and other expenses with the help of Locals 29, Local 14 and Local 9. Immense thanks to everyone who chipped in and helped with this fundraiser. Second an unnamed active and very deserving FORR community member was in need and would never ask for help, so Local 47 donated \$100 and then we passed the hat for a total \$215 and some miscellaneous items as a small Christmas gift to help where needed.

Local 47 also discussed putting together a committee to help cook for the Anniversary Run on April 19. All help and ideas welcome.

Make your resolution to attend and stay active this year with your Local. Look forward to seeing everyone in February.

Lynn Crowley

L47 Newsletter Editor



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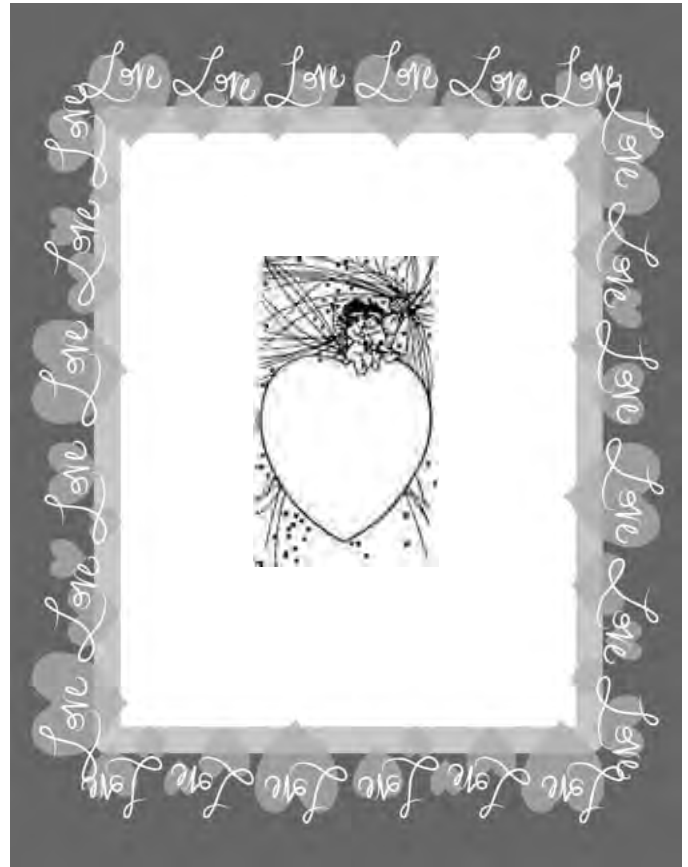
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Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

HELPFUL BIG NOSES ARE WELCOME!

Q. Rod, I don't wish to stick my big nose in where it doesn't belong, but I thought I might have some information that could be helpful to the individual (Rod wrote about him in November's column "Turnip Blood" article) battling the medical bills from his accident. I was an insurance agent/broker for 40 years during my working career and became fairly familiar with the terms and conditions of auto insurance policies in this country. One of the things which I did not see mentioned in your article is the Under insured Motorist coverage on almost all auto insurance policies today. It is almost always purchased and can carry limits from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000 or more. This coverage is an optional coverage but I cannot imagine a motorcycle rider who would opt not to carry this coverage. This coverage would cover his medical expenses up to the limit he selected when he purchased his policy. Although I am not familiar with Indiana law, it is also possible that he might have two policies covering this occurrence. One would be his motorcycle policy and the other his automobile policy, if they are insured on separate policies.

I would assume that this avenue has already been explored, but since it was not mentioned, I thought it might be worth mentioning just in case this young man and his legal counsel had overlooked this possibility.

Sincerely, Thomas J. Alfrey

FORR - Missouri

A. Tom, I could not have said it better. I liked the way you emphasized "I cannot imagine a motorcycle rider who would opt not to carry this coverage." Thank you for raising awareness of the dark secret of many riders who sabotage themselves for the sake of a few dollars. Even though most car owners buy the optional coverage, many bikers do not. Unfortunately many riders ride naked - without under insured motorist coverage. Below I have set forth articles from a previous column that may help us in dealing with this "dark secret." Thank you; ride safe and insured. Rod

RUN OVER? WHAT TO DO WHEN THE LITTLE OLD LADY WITH BLUE HAIR DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY YOU?

Q: Rod, I was run over by a person with low insurance limits. Do I have to settle for those limits? The insurance company says the person who hit me does not have any more money. What do I do? A.B.A.T.E of ILLINOIS MEMBER.

A: Believe it or not, Mrs. Smith can drive down the highways of this country and is only required to have minimal insurance limits. Even though she may not be able to hear, see or think, as long as she has a driver's license and the state required minimum insurance she is free to run over you- as long as she doesn't do it on purpose. Minimum state insurance requirements can be as little as \$10,000.00. Try to get a broken leg fixed for that. But even if the insurance limits are \$100,000.00, what do you do when your hospital bills are over \$100,000.00, your lost wages are over \$25,000.00 and you have a permanent limp and other disabilities that adversely impact your life?

You have a serious case so you should have legal counsel as you have entered the big league of legal issues. A good lawyer will learn the amount of insurance limits of the car that Mrs. Smith was driving. ABATE LEGAL requires the insurance company to certify the amount of those limits. If the limits are inadequate, what options do you have? If Mrs. Smith is under insured, we need to determine whether you have under insured coverage with your insurance policy that could pay for your losses, including medical bills, lost wages, pain/suffering, temporary and permanent impairment, loss of enjoyment of life and your spouse's loss of consortium.

If you do not have enough under insured coverage under your own insurance policy to pay for your losses, and Mrs. Smith has insufficient insurance coverage to pay for your losses, what choices do you have? The obvious first choice is to take the limits of Mrs. Smith's insurance policy, but can you take those limits and also go after Mrs. Smith's assets? Usually not. The insurance company usually has a duty to resolve all the claims you have against Mrs. Smith and not leave her exposed to your additional claims. If Mrs. Smith has considerable assets that would pay for your losses, you could pursue those assets. But what if she does not have assets other than the insurance company's limits? And how do you determine the amount of her personal assets? Good question; because in most states you are not able to subpoena/request personal asset information until you have a judgment- which usually means you have to go to the expense of a trial to get a judgment. That adds insult to injury in that you do not want to incur the cost of a trial in an inadequate asset/insurance situation.

What can you do in order to maximize your recovery and stop the futile chase of a no asset person for more dollars? A search of public records is a must. You should look for exempt and attachable real estate, vehicles and other property. The internet is a valuable source for this information. After you or your lawyer have conducted a search of Mrs. Smith's assets and learned that she does not have any assets (or at least she says she has no assets), how do you protect yourself if she misrepresents the truth or hides her assets?

Here is our advice. Prior to accepting Mrs. Smith's insurance limits as a complete release for your losses, demand that Mrs. Smith provide a statement under oath affirming the extent and value of her assets. If she has very little, that is one case. If she owns 500 acres of good farmland or just hit the lottery, that is another. Armed with the statement under oath, you can now rest assured that if Mrs. Smith lies to you about the lottery she won or the farm she owns, you should be able to set aside the Release you signed based on her misrepresentations to you. The theory being: if she would have told you the truth about her assets you wouldn't have accepted only the limits of her insurance policy. You would have insisted that she part with some of her lottery winnings and/or some of the farm.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM IMRE

Rod, it was great to see you last month at the ABATE of Indiana state seminar in Indianapolis. I hope to see you again in Springfield for the ABATE of Illinois seminar next month. I've attached an article (brought to our attention by a member) I thought you might enjoy (original at http://www.oregonlive.com/hillsboro/index.ssf/2013/11/skiers_beware_recreational_lia.html). It reaffirms your strong position that liability waivers are essential to protect organizations and individuals. Your presentations on why we should take waivers seriously are among the most important of the SMRO state seminars.

Imre F. Szauter, Government Affairs Manager – On-Highway

American Motorcyclist Association

GUNS, AMMO AND LAWYERS ARE FINE, BUT DON'T FORGET THE WAIVERS

Q. Hi Rod, My wife Tony and I have a 10 acre farm on the Tippecanoe river and are getting more and more visitors. Per your advice at the Seminar, we need a waiver for accidents /lost or stolen items/ and if possible requiring litigants against us to be responsible for all our attorney fees - just like you discussed at the seminar. Thanks, Harold Kleckner

A. Waivers are on the way, good luck and thanks for all you do for ABATE. Rod

STONEY LONESOME MOTORCYCLE CLUB - HOW TO LIVE ANOTHER 60

Q. Rod, Stoney Lonesome Motorcycle Club has been around since the 50's. We own around 300 acres in Brown County that we operate as a private club for off-road motorcycle events, many of which are sponsored by the AMA. The AMA events usually involve minors. Having dodged a few lawyers/lawsuits involving minors in the past, what do we need to do to make sure that we are not cleaned out by a lawsuit that could exceed our insurance limits? And can you help us? Roy Garrett - ABATE/Dirt Off- Road Director.

A. We will do our best to prepare waivers that will help protect your organization against lawsuits. In today's litigation world, courts are routinely recognizing the validity of waivers and are enforcing them so long as they are clearly written and are fair.

Imre Sauter of the AMA sent a letter (printed above) referring to a lawsuit filed by an 18 year old alleging negligence against a ski operation. Sadly, that 18 year old was severely injured. Although he was 17 at the time of signing the waiver and 18 at the time of the injury, the court held that the waiver was clear, fair and that he had reaffirmed that waiver by subsequent use of the ski facility. I cite this case as an example of how the courts will work with us and enforce waivers, if they are done properly.

My greatest fear is an injured minor who was accompanied by an adult that arguably did not have the authority to sign the waiver for the minor. I also recommend that the Club form an independent company to lease your facility for all the AMA events involving minors. That company would have complete control and responsibility for the activities on race days and would include requirements to inspect for safety.

Stoney Lonesome's responsibility should be limited to the leasing of the facility and the complete delegation of the AMA event activities to this new leasing entity. That company should endeavor to obtain the signatures of the custodial parents of the minor's involved in the AMA event. This should be done on site at registration, or in advance if possible. In a pinch, a waiver could be sent to the custodial parent by email (iPhone and the like) with a text consent and acknowledgment. This would be better than nothing and I believe the courts would uphold such a waiver.

And don't forget my "YOU ARE A TRESPASSER IF YOU DIDN'T SIGN A VALID WAIVER" sign, that should be posted prominently on the property at the registration point and other high traffic areas. I know that does not look very neighborly, but you and yours want to be around for another 60 and those signs will help me help you with that.

A SWEET RIDE FOR YOUR BIKE AND FOOD FOR YOUR SOUL

Q. Hello Mr. Taylor, I have been looking at the back of the ABATE magazine (Hoosier Motorcyclist Magazine) and was wondering where that road is located. If you know, please tell me the location? Thank you, Todd Stipp

A. Todd, Marc Falsetti, Editor Supreme of Hoosier Motorcyclist Magazine, tells us this photo was taken by Michael Farabaugh on Highway 42, Dorr County, Wisconsin - a wonderful place to ride. Michael Farabaugh, as you may know, is renowned for his incredible photography. His work can be seen in most motorcycle magazines, including Easy Rider, Super Cycle, American Iron etc. Thank you for noticing and the next time I ride that way I will give you the GPS coordinates. It is a sweet ride for your bike and food for your soul. Rod

ROADHAZARD.ORG SAFETY

RoadHazard.org promotes safety, encourages governmental agencies to make road improvements and holds them accountable when they fail to do what is required for the safety of all motorists. In Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and most other states, governmental agencies are not usually responsible for an accident, even if the accident resulted from their faulty roads, unless they were put on notice. So keep those reports coming and help prevent motorcycle crash victims.

Ride Safe and Free,
Rod Taylor
ABATE Legal Services

All questions from ABATE members are answered confidentially unless otherwise authorized and only after the matter is concluded, except when authorization for publication anonymously or otherwise is given for pending matters. Remember, injured ABATE members pay only 28 ½% of total recovery and expenses as approved by client, consistent with and conforming to applicable state law. Elsewhere, you may pay 33 ⅓%, 40% or even 50% of your recovery. ABATE members are not charged for recovery of damage to your motorcycle, and have access to a 24-hour toll-free telephone number. Call us at (800) 25-RIDER. Questions? Submit them to RodTaylor@abatelegal.com. © 2013.

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13NR41 - MRF News Release - Motorcycle Riders Foundation Testifies Before Environmental Protection Agency

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

12 Dec. 2013

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Testifies Before Environmental Protection Agency

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a field hearing on the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) in northern Virginia where the MRF had the opportunity to testify. There were over 140 panelists that represented a variety of concerned parties. The majority of the panelists were very pro-ethanol, with most of them coming from corn growers and biofuel associations. There were only a handful of people from vehicle-based associations. The hearing was open to general public.

The reason for the hearing was unclear, as the EPA does not have to adhere to any of the panelist's suggestions. One possible reason for the hearing could be to give the pro-ethanol types a forum to vent after the EPA announced that it is considering lowering the amount of ethanol to be produced according to the RFS in 2014. The EPA specifically said that one of the reasons for the drop in production is a shrinking market place and customer base for the higher blends of ethanol, like E-15. MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie, had this to say, "Our message to the EPA is simple, first halt the sale of E-15 then conduct a comprehensive, independent, scientific study on the full effects of E-15 on all types of vehicles."

To date the only study that has been conducted by the EPA on E-15 is on the tail pipe emissions. The purpose of the study was to make sure the higher ethanol blend did not pollute more than E-10. Prior to October 2010 the EPA had not allowed the sale of the higher blend according to the Clean Air Act (CAA).

When they issued the waiver the motorcycling community at large approached the EPA and told them we are opposed to E-15 for various reasons, one of which is the possibility of voiding any warranty work if the higher blend was used in the motorcycle. They tried to make various assurances that the pumps would be clearly labeled and that new pump technology will reduce the in line fuel from the previous customer. Currently blender pumps can hold 2-3 gallons and the new technology will reduce this to just a fraction of a gallon. The proprietor of the gas station must purchase the new pumps so that solution seems unlikely to happen anytime soon.

This is the perfect time to contact your Federal Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 875, a bill that would stop the sale of E-15 until a trustworthy study of E-15 is complete.

You can reach the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and if you need help finding your Federal Representative you can use this website <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

The MRF will keep you informed on this issue.

13NR42 - MRF News Release - NHTSA Chief Resigns

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

13 Dec. 2013

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

NHTSA Chief Resigns

Administrator David Strickland announced Thursday, December 12th that he is stepping down from the top spot at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports. Strickland has led the traffic safety agency for the past four years. He has done extensive work with distracted driving as well as driverless cars. The NHTSA deputy administrator, David Friedman, will be taking over as acting administrator.

This is the second Department of Transportation (DOT) official to resign this week. John Porcari, Chief Deputy Administrator NHTSA, Secretary Foxx's right hand man, also announced his departure earlier this week. Replaced by Federal Highways Administrator, Victor M. Mendez.

It will be telling, as Secretary Foxx replaces the top seats at two major positions of the DOT, just what direction he plans on taking the Department under his watch.

JR DeGraffenreid has stepped down a the Missouri STATE MRF Rep. Amy Allon (Local 5) has stepped up from Asst Rep to being the State Rep. Welcome Amy! And thank you JR for all of your hard work and diligence.

The MRF will celebrate their 30th Anniversay here in Kansas City in September at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Minds.

Any questions please contact Amy at aallmon@kc.rr.com. Please continue your support for the MRF.

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Senate EPW committee to hold oversight hearing on the future of E15

The American Motorcyclist Association urges you to tune in to a live webcast of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m., discussing the future of domestic renewable fuels.

The webcast may be viewed by visiting the EPW's website and clicking on the link to the live webcast.

The EPW Committee exercises oversight over the Renewable Fuel Standard, part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which sets the minimum requirements for the number of gallons of ethanol that must be blended in the nation's fuel supply.

In recent years the RFS has required increasingly larger amounts of ethanol to be included in the fuel supply. This has led to the increased use of E15, a mixture of fuel that is potentially harmful to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicles engines, as well as small powered-equipment engines.

On Nov. 29, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed a rule that would modify the blending requirement for 2014. This would slow the introduction of E15 into the retail marketplace.

Send your senators a letter today asking them to support the EPA's decision to recognize market realities and slow the release of E15, a potentially dangerous fuel that has yet to be proven safe for any of the 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in operation. You can send a prewritten message by clicking the "Take Action" button above.

For a complete background on the E15 issue, go to <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/amafuelthought.aspx>

Bipartisan motorcycle only checkpoint bill to be introduced in the U.S. Senate

Within the coming weeks, supporters of the motorcycle lifestyle in the U.S. Senate will introduce a bipartisan bill to ban federal funding for motorcycle only checkpoints.

The Senate bill will prevent the Secretary of Transportation from issuing grants intended to support the creation of "checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle."

Currently, only New Hampshire, Illinois, California, Missouri and Virginia have restrictions on motorcycle only checkpoints. This has allowed other states to continue to employ this discriminatory and ineffective practice, especially during rallies and other large motorcycle events, such as Rolling Thunder in Washington, D.C. and the Daytona Bike Week in Daytona, Florida.

This will be the Senate version of H.R. 1861, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act.

For further information regarding MOCs – and the motorcycling community's efforts to end them – please visit the AMA's MOC webpage. When this bill is introduced the American Motorcyclist Association will call upon you to communicate with your elected officials urging them to support this important measure. Thank you in advance for your support. Additionally, if you have been involved in a MOC, please tell us about it by using the form below.

The EPA needs to hear from you on E15

Submit comments before the deadline, Jan. 28!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a rule proposal to reduce the total amount of ethanol required in transportation fuel nationwide in 2014. The AMA supports this proposal because it could slow the introduction of E15, a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume, into the marketplace. The AMA opposes E15 because it can cause engine and fuel system damage to your motorcycle or ATV.

However, the EPA needs to hear from you to make changes to the ethanol mandate, known as the Renewable Fuel Standard, a reality.

The EPA is seeking public comments now on the rule proposal. You can tell them how this proposal will help protect 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in America -- and the riders who depend on their safe operation -- from inadvertent misfueling.

The deadline for comments is Jan. 28! Act today to ensure your voice is heard.

For the latest information on the American Motorcyclist Association's efforts to protect your access to safe fuels, go to http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/news/rightsnews/13-11-15/Introduction_of_E15_fuel_into_the_U_S_marketplace_may_stall_in_2014.aspx.

The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Editors Note: I realize that the deadline is past for submitting comments regarding E15 but wanted you to be aware of what is going on.

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Calendar of Events

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FEBRUARY

- 8 Local 30 Springfield/Nixa Leather & Lace Dance 417-887-2923
- 10 Local 10 Jefferson City Leather & Lace Dance 573-694-0074
- 15 Local 16 Cape Girardeau Broomstick Pool Tournament 573-768-2534

MARCH

- 29 Local 30 Franklin County Leather & Lace Dance 314-221-7164

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